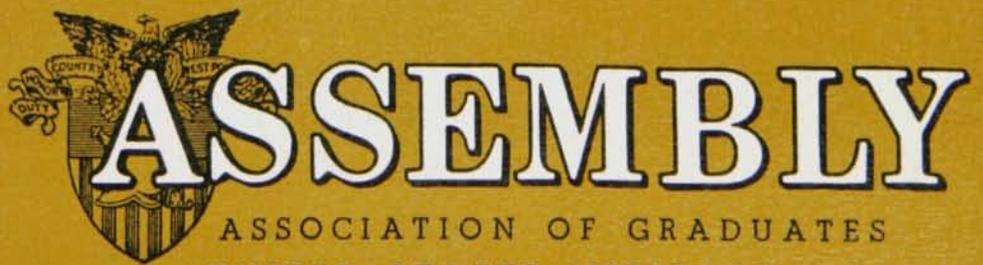


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Dear Fellow Graduates:

As the time arrives for my departure, it seems appropriate to share with you some of my final thoughts, particularly concerning the continuing challenge that West Point faces.

This has been one of the most difficult and demanding duty assignments in which I have ever served, yet at the same time one of the most rewarding. While from a personal standpoint my wife and I would have been happy to stay longer, I concluded about a year ago that it would be best to schedule our departure this year. By last year the special need, and sense of need, to which my assignment here responded had largely diminished. Accordingly, I told the Chief of Staff that it seemed best to plan for the change this year, always of course barring some exigency that might require otherwise. The time for the change has now come.

When I arrived four years ago I said that West Point exists, in my opinion, to provide to the cadets of the Corps an intellectual, military, physical, and moral/ethical experience of such high quality that it can serve as a bedrock on which they as future military leaders can build the capability to take their responsibilities in due time for the security and well-being of our country. I ended my remarks by saying that we would face our problems with confidence and resolution, with integrity, justice and human understanding and, not the least, with good humor and good will -- that our common standard would be excellence and our common inspiration Duty, Honor, and Country.

On numerous occasions over the past months and years I have reported on the wide range of efforts and initiatives that we have had under way, and I will not attempt to retrace that ground. I will say, however, that my broad assessment is that the Corps of Cadets, and the Academy as a whole, are in a sound state.

-- The academic program is of high quality, and is even now receiving some fine tuning which we hope will be of benefit to both the mathematics-science-engineering and the humanities-public affairs sides of the curriculum. The academic quality of the faculty is high and rising, and I have seen some gains as well, I believe, in professional attributes, including institutional loyalty. Of high importance in this area, there is evidence of improvement in cadet attitudes toward the academic component of their lives.

-- The military aspects of cadet life have seen a growing emphasis on development, on training for leadership and on efforts toward building a mature sense of responsibility. Elsewhere in this issue of ASSEMBLY, the duty concept on which we have been working intensively for more than a year is set forth for your attention. I hope and believe that it will serve usefully in focusing the attention of cadets -- and of officers as well -- on just what duty means and what it requires.

-- The physical and athletic areas have been brought into a generally proper relationship with the other activities of the Academy. Our physical/athletic programs provide an excellent experience for cadets who are preparing themselves to be exemplary officers. Our teams are giving a good account of themselves, and are on the way to giving an even better one.

-- In the moral/ethical area, which was the strongest reason that impelled me to return to the Academy, much progress has been made, though significant areas of concern and even weakness still continue, and demand the attention and sustained support of all concerned.

The governance of the Academy has been strengthened by an improved capacity for overall direction; by the establishment of a basis of policies, decisions and regulations to guide the activities of the Academy; and by a rising assurance that the manifold and unique activities of the Academy are being conducted in compliance with law, regulation, and proper methods of management. In this regard, the discontinuance of the office of Deputy Superintendent by decision of the Office of the Secretary of Defense poses in my judgement a deep threat to the future health and sound operation of the Academy. I can only hope that this decision will be promptly reconsidered when and if difficulties begin to develop, or the Superintendent finds that he is denied the opportunity to consider in depth the

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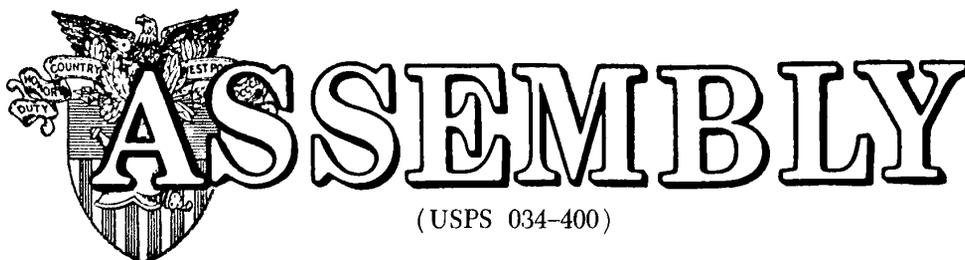
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OMAR NELSON BRADLEY

MOBERLY, MISSOURI

Appointed from Second District, Missouri

"Brad"

Sergeant, First Sergeant, Lieutenant; Sharpshooter; Football Squad (2, 1); "A" in Football; Baseball Squad (4, 3, 2, 1); "A" in Baseball; Indoor Meet (3, 2); V.C.

"True merit is like a river, the deeper it is, the less noise it makes"—Anon

ABUCK for three years, he decided that during his first class year he'd wear a few chevrons himself, and after drilling the plebes in rudiments for three weeks came over to camp as "F" Co. top.

His greatest passion is baseball; football and "F" Co. come next in order of rank. In baseball many an opposing player has trifled once with Brad's throwing arm, but never twice. And a batting average of .383 is never to be sneezed at.

Although raised as a plebe in "A" Co., you couldn't pry him loose from "F" Co. with a jimmy or a percy. He swears at, by, and for the Second Battalion Flankers, and witness his now famous remark—"Sir, I would rather be first sergeant of "F" Co. than captain of any other company." And he really meant it. His most prominent characteristic is "getting there," and if he keeps up the clip he's started, some of us will some day be bragging to our grandchildren that "sure, General Bradley was a classmate of mine."



General of The Army OMAR N. BRADLEY 1893-1981

Born in Clark, Missouri, February 12, 1893, General Bradley was named Omar for an editor friend of the family and Nelson for the local doctor. His parents, John Smith Bradley and Sarah Elizabeth (nee Hubbard) Bradley, remained in the Clark-Higbee area until the father's death in 1908, when he and his mother moved to Moberly, Missouri. General Bradley married Mary Quayle of Moberly, Missouri, December 18, 1916. They had one daughter, Elizabeth Bradley Dorsey, who lives in Washington, D.C.

General Bradley married Kitty Buhler, September 12, 1966.

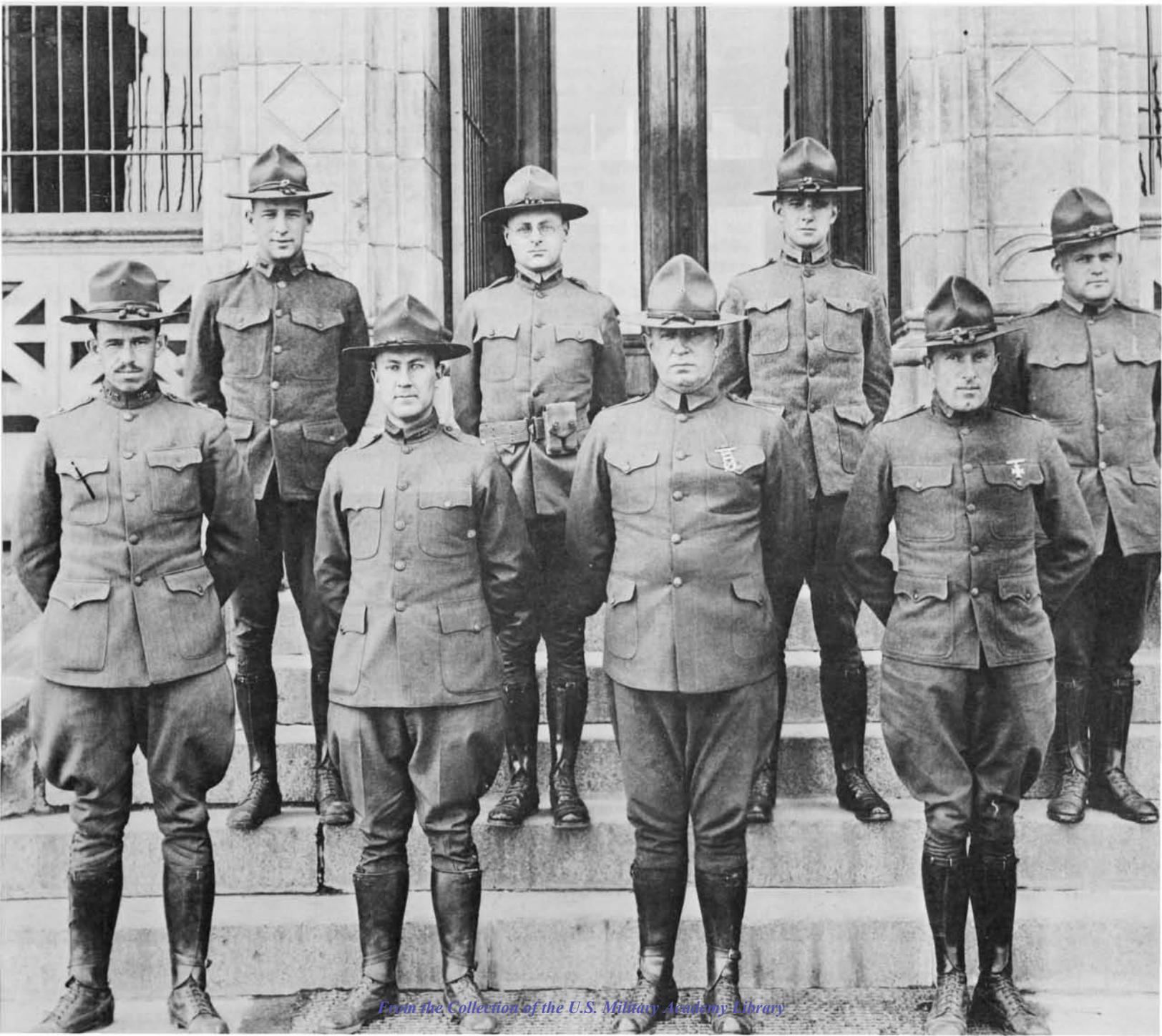
Of his class, General Bradley was the first to become a brigadier general. His promotion came in February 1941 when he was a lieutenant colonel, and at the recommendation of General Marshall became Commandant of the Infantry School. In this post he set up the Infantry Officer Candidate program that eventually commissioned more than 45,000 combat leaders before the end of World War II.

General Bradley's commissioning as a

second lieutenant of infantry on graduation from West Point June 12, 1915, was followed on July 1, 1916, by promotion to first lieutenant. He rose to the temporary rank of major in World War I while serving with the 14th Infantry Regiment, but reverted to captain in 1920 in the general postwar reduction of the Army.

After World War I General Bradley was assigned to ROTC duty at South Dakota State College, and then was ordered to a four-year tour in 1920 as instructor in mathematics at the U.S. Military Academy.

Bradley as Captain 14th Infantry, Butte, Montana, 1918.



In 1925 he graduated from the Advanced Course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, and was ordered to duty in Hawaii. In 1927 and 1928 he was in charge of National Guard and Reserve Affairs for the Hawaiian Islands.

General Bradley graduated from the Command and General Staff School in 1929, and then was assigned as instructor in tactics and weapons at the Infantry School. Assignment to the Army War College, from which he graduated in 1934, followed his four-year tour at Fort Benning. After graduation from the War College, he was assigned to the U.S. Military Academy as an instructor in tactics and later became plans and training officer of the Academy. He served there until June 1938, when he reported to Washington for General Staff duty. In 1939 he became Assistant Secretary of the General Staff and served in this capacity until February 1941 when, as a brigadier general, he was sent to Fort Benning.

General Bradley was given his own division—the 82nd Infantry—within two months after Pearl Harbor. His promotion to major general came on February 15, 1942. Four months later, in June 1942, he was transferred from the 82nd—which was soon to be designated the 82nd Airborne Division—to command the 28th Infantry Division at Camp Livingston, Louisiana.

Early in 1943, General Bradley was selected by General Eisenhower as his personal representative in the field in North Africa. Then, on April 15, 1943, he was given command of the II Corps. It was the II Corps that smashed through units of the Afrika Korps in Northern Tunisia to reduce Hill 609, take Bizerte, and with the British 1st and 8th Armies end the war in Africa.

The day after the collapse of the enemy

in Tunisia, General Bradley was en route to Algiers to help plan the invasion of Sicily and on 10 July 1943 invaded Sicily with his II Army Corps.

In the summer of 1943, General Bradley was selected to command the First U.S. Army in the Normandy Invasion. His release from command of II Corps, then in Sicily, was arranged during the last week in August and effected on 7 September. After conferences in Washington, Bradley arrived in the United Kingdom in October. On the 20th of that month, he opened the Headquarters of the First U.S. Army in Bristol. Also, in October, General Bradley was given additional duties as Commanding General, First United States Army Group which later was to become the Twelfth United States Army Group.

On June 6, 1944, General Bradley landed in France with his First Army to break the Atlantic Wall. On July 26 the First Army smashed through the German lines at St. Lo and opened the way through Avranches for the speedy liberation of France. On August 1 he divided the American forces into two Armies, the First Army and Third Army, and committed General Patton's Third Army through the breached enemy wall. He relinquished the First Army to General Hodges and assumed command of the U.S. 12th Army Group, which eventually comprised the combat forces of the First, Third, Ninth, and Fifteenth American Armies with more than 1,300,000 combat troops—the largest body of American soldiers ever to serve under one field commander.

In the spring of 1945, after his American armies had smashed the German winter attacks and broken down the Siegfried Line to push on to the Rhine, General Bradley was given his fourth star.

Except for his original divisional assignment—a pre-combat training job given him as a result of his experience as Commandant of the Infantry School—General Bradley won his wartime advancement on the battlefield. A corps commander in North Africa and later in Sicily, he took an Army across the Normandy beaches and ended the war in Germany in command of an Army Group.

On August 15, 1945, General Bradley became Administrator of Veterans Affairs. He relinquished this post on December 1, 1947, in order to familiarize himself with Army problems before taking on new duties as Chief of Staff.

On February 7, 1948, General Bradley became Chief of Staff, United States Army, succeeding General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower.

General Bradley was sworn in as the first chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Department of Defense on August 16, 1949, and on August 16, 1951, was reappointed for a two-year term. General Bradley brought to that highest military office a unique background of military and civilian experience.

He was nominated by President Truman for promotion to General of the Army on September 18, 1950; was confirmed by the Senate September 20, and was appointed to that rank effective September 22, 1950, making him the fifth five-star Army general officer.

At the first meeting of the 12 Atlantic Pact nations in Washington on October 5, 1949, General Bradley was appointed the first chairman of the Military Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, consisting of the military chiefs of staff of the 12 American and European countries then united in the North Atlantic Treaty for mutual defense. The number

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Bradley as Tactical Officer USMA, 1935.



Bradley on field exercise with Division, 1942.

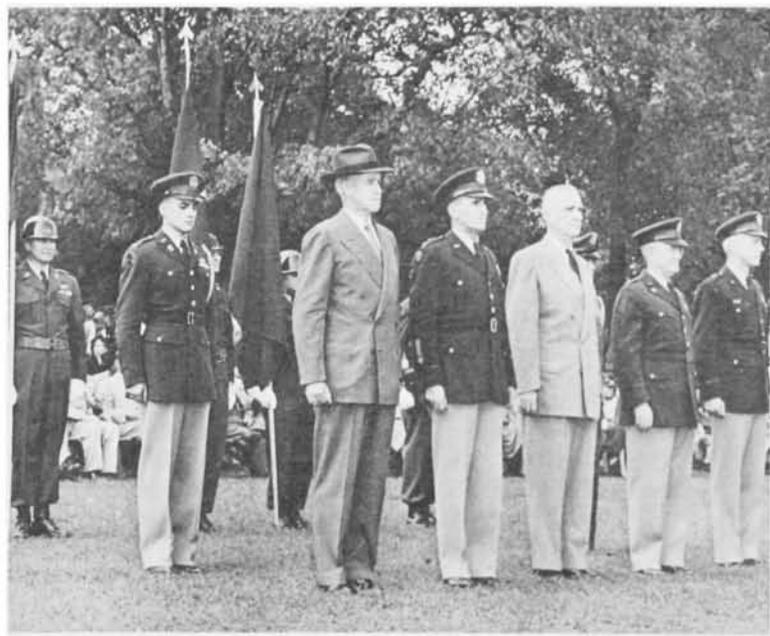




Bradley with soldiers, 1947.

Bradley at dinner for Russians, May 1945.

Bradley at West Point, 1953.





LTG Andrew J. Goodpaster



LTG Willard W. Scott Jr.

GOODPASTER RETIRES; SCOTT NAMED 52d SUPERINTENDENT

SECRETARY of Defense Casper Weinberger announced that LTG Andrew J. Goodpaster will revert to retired status in the grade of General effective 30 June 1981. Goodpaster has served as Superintendent of the United States Military Academy since July 1977, and will have completed 39 years active service.

LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr. has been confirmed as the 52d Military Academy superintendent. Currently, he is the Commanding General, V Corps, U.S. Army Europe.

A 1948 USMA graduate, Scott holds a masters degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Southern California. He was born 18 February 1926 at Fort Monroe, VA and was commissioned an artillery officer.

As a West Point cadet, Scott was a regimental commander and played lacrosse all four years.

During his 32-year career assignments include: Commanding General, Special Troops, United States Military Assistance Command Vietnam; and Commanding Officer, 23d Artillery Group, U.S. Army Vietnam. He also commanded the 25th Infantry Division, Hawaii and VI Corps Artillery, U.S. Army Europe.

Scott is a graduate of the United States Army War College and the United States Army Command and General Staff College. His wife is the former Justine Dorney. They have seven children; six daughters and one son.

LTG Andrew Jackson Goodpaster was recalled from retirement after 35 years of military service to become the 51st superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy.

Although he served in the grade of lieutenant general at West Point, he retired in 1974 with the four-star rank of General. At the time of his recall to active service, he held the John C. West Chair

of Government and International Studies at The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina.

Born in Granite City, Illinois on 17 February 1915, General Goodpaster attended McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois for two years before entering the U.S. Military Academy where he graduated in 1939 as the second man in his class.

During World War II, he commanded the 48th Engineer Combat Battalion in Italy and then served from 1944 to 1947 on the general staff of the War Department. He spent the next three years at Princeton where he received a master's degree in Engineering and a master's degree and PhD in International Relations. Following a brief stint with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he joined General Dwight Eisenhower at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe.

General Goodpaster has served as a key aide to four presidents—Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon. After commanding a division in Germany, he was assigned as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, DC. In August 1966, he was appointed to the post of Director of the Joint Staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

His next assignment was as Director of Special Studies of the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army. During this time, he also held a position as Senior Member of the Military Staff Committee with the United Nations.

In August 1967, he assumed duties of Commandant of the National War College at Fort McNair, Washington, DC. His next tour of duty was in the Republic of Vietnam where he served as Deputy Commander of the U.S. Military Assistance Command.

Following his tour in Vietnam, General Goodpaster was assigned to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium, where he served as Supreme Allied Commander and Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command.

General Goodpaster was retired in December 1974. He remained active in intellectual and educational pursuits through his associations with The Citadel and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars at the Smithsonian Institution.

He is married to the former Dorothy Anderson. They have two daughters, Mrs. Anne Wilson of Richmond, Virginia and Mrs. Susan Sullivan of Arlington, Virginia.

During Goodpaster's four-year tenure as superintendent, many significant changes took place at the Military Academy.

The most notable was the continuing integration of women in the Corps of Cadets. Other major changes include the introduction of a 40-course curriculum, a shift in the academic calendar which placed the semester break at Christmas, the establishment of a minimum Quality Point Average for graduation, and the establishment of a program to permit cadets with heavy institutional burdens to defer one course until the summer period to allow them a greater chance of completing the academic requirements successfully.

One of his first actions was to establish a concept for the academic, military, physical and moral-ethical development of cadets. Also established was the Deputy Superintendent's position, the Office of the Special Assistant to the Superintendent for Plans and Policy and the USMA Policy Board.

In the area of military development, Goodpaster instituted a new Military De-

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WHAT YOU CAN DO TO ENHANCE THE ESTEEM OF THE ARMY

by EUGENE P. FORRESTER

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Highlights of Lieutenant General Forrester's military career include Company Tactical Officer at USMA; attendance at the British Staff College at Camberly, England; G3 82d Airborne Division, Dominican Republic; Military Assistant to Secretary of the Army; Commander, 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division; Executive Officer to the Army Vice Chief of Staff; Assistant Division Commander, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile); Commander, United States Army Administration Center; Commander, United States Army Recruiting Command; and Commanding General, Sixth United States Army. Lieutenant General Forrester assumed command of I Corps (ROK/US) Group in Korea on 14 December 1979. The I Corps (ROK/US) colors were retired and it was redesignated as the Combined Field Army (ROK/US) on 14 March 1980.

WEST Point graduates, and especially those who are now in civilian life, have a tremendous opportunity to enhance the esteem of the United States Army in the eyes of the American people. In reviewing recent news events, to include the release of the American hostages from Iran, I am convinced that the American public is experiencing a great surge of patriotism. Americans want to be proud of their country and have America stand tall among the nations of the world.

The vast preponderance of United States Military Academy graduates who are now civilians still hold very closely to the precepts and values they learned as cadets and so ably demonstrated while on active duty. And although they are no longer in the service, I know they wish to help perpetuate the full meaning of Duty, Honor, Country. As leaders in their respective communities, these graduates are in an ideal position to take advantage of the resurgence of national pride and love of country now being manifested throughout America.

My purpose in writing this article is to remind each of us of the excellent opportunity we have before us and to suggest tangible ways in which graduates can enhance the public esteem of the Army. The results of these efforts in the community will include more young men and women coming into the Army with a better appreciation of not only what the Army has to offer, but also what America has to offer.

My interest here is in the contributions West Point graduates can make in fostering a better understanding of the Army by the American people. I care deeply what the future holds for this great country, as you do; and if we can enhance the image of the Army during this time of patriotic exhilaration, it will stand us in good stead in the years ahead.

Many of the suggestions offered here are from my personal experience in the United States Army Recruiting Command. I discovered there that it was absolutely imperative to link the support of the community leaders with support for the Army's recruiting efforts. I found that this could be accomplished only through energetic involvement with community service organizations, careful management of Recruiting Command and public affairs office assets, coordinated planning of Armed Forces Day activities, use of personal and professional contacts, and open and objective support of the soldier and his military benefits.

Every community has a wide array of organizations, clubs, and associations which also have a common theme of patriotism. I will not attempt to enumerate all of them here, but some that readily come to mind are Rotary, Lions, Optimists, Kiwanis, Moose, Elks, Eagles, Knights of Columbus, Masons, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Jaycees, and Parent Teachers Associations. Certainly there are others, and almost every one of these organizations sets aside a portion of its meeting for a patriotic gesture or acknowledgment. Often, meetings are begun with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag or with singing the National Anthem. It is at these meetings, across the nation, that the Army's story can be told. The environment is there; the community leaders are there; and the desire to have timely and significant topics discussed is there—an ideal opportunity to present the Army.

Some graduates may feel they have been away from the military for so long that they need experts to help them tell the Army story at these meetings. The United States Army Recruiting Command is prepared to provide excellent speakers, and

local Army recruiters, as well as their area and district commanders, stand ready to make formal presentations to civic groups and other organizations. Many of them actively solicit such opportunities to speak, but, unfortunately, they often have difficulty in getting invited. In some communities, they even have difficulty in getting invited to the local schools. In these instances, sensitive community leaders can assist by coordinating with the local school board and laying the groundwork to get an invitation for these speakers to come talk about the Army. In addition, the Office, Chief of Public Affairs, Department of the Army, supports a variety of public and community relations activities which can be used locally to assist efforts to enhance the image of the Army.

Every year our Nation has Armed Forces Day. These are big events in many communities, but almost nothing in others. In every case, their impact is a function of the imagination, creativity, energy, and enthusiasm of the people involved. United States Military Academy graduates are among the best members of the community to help plan and direct Armed Forces Day in a positive and results-oriented manner, due to their military background and wealth of contacts. Those contacts include active duty personnel, members of the Association of the United States Army, Navy League, Air Force Association, Retired Officers Association, and Reserve Officers Association. Certainly, the members of the military orders of World Wars, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans, and the American Legion can also provide concerned leadership to ensure a successful and well-publicized event.

Today's soldier deserves the best we can afford. From my experience in Viet-

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CONCEPT FOR

Introduction—For the last year, numerous efforts have been underway to foster development of a military sense of duty. Many discussions with cadets and members of the staff and faculty helped produce this paper, which seeks to give focus and direction to this essential aspect of becoming an officer. All Military Academy personnel have been issued a personal copy.

Through the activities of the Initiative Teamwork Program, in conjunction with information from other sources, I became concerned as to whether a sufficiently clear and strong sense of duty was being instilled in the Corps of Cadets, as well as in other members of the West Point community.

In particular, a meeting with a group of honor representatives on 28 November 1979 was instrumental in pointing out that a lack of well defined duty concept could lead to undue burdens on the Cadet Honor Code and System.

A Duty Concept Working Group (DCWG) was then formed in early January 1980 to expedite the development of a USMA duty concept. The specific taskings of the DCWG were to develop a definition of the duty concept, to study the effects of peer pressure on duty, to evaluate techniques for presenting the concept to the community and to prepare the necessary education programs.

Colonel Jarold L. Hutchinson, then Deputy Commandant of Cadets, was in charge of the initial efforts before Colonel Jack W. Dice, Deputy Director of Military Instruction, assumed control of the group in the fall of 1980. Members of the group who had a key role in writing the duty concept were: Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Verdier, English Department, Major Frederick Zilian Jr., Social Sciences Department and Major Stewart H. Bornhoft, the Superintendent's Aide. Many other members of the staff and faculty provided helpful comments which were incorporated into the final version. I myself, took an active part in its development.

It is well recognized that this publication of a concept for duty development must be supported by a well executed training program. Classes and lectures on this important topic are now scheduled for both the remainder of this academic year and during summer training.

Superintendent, USMA

Needs and Objectives.

The Army has need for officers imbued with a strong, well-ordered sense of duty, and this need expresses itself at the Military Academy in ways that reach every member of the institution. Officer members of the Academy staff and faculty—and all other members as well—can best fulfill their functions if they possess a strong sense of duty and demonstrate to cadets its application in all aspects of daily activity. Cadets them-

It is the objective of West Point to nurture both these elements of duty—1) the ability to assess and decide what ought to be done, and 2) the desire to do it. Both rest on well-recognized legal, moral, and social underpinnings.

Legal Basis.

The ultimate legal basis of duty, for officer and cadet, is our country's Constitution. Its preamble sets a broad and demanding

“Duty goes further than mere obedience to orders. It implies willingness, loyal execution and the sacrifice of personal interest, if necessary.”

(Maj. Gen. Bryant E. Moore, USMA Superintendent Jan. 49-Jan. 51)

selves need to develop the initial essentials and the enduring foundation of a sense of duty that will enable them to perform as exemplary junior officers, and to continue to build and strengthen their devotion to duty throughout their service. While still cadets, they encounter the need to develop and put into practice a sense of duty to guide them in preparing themselves for being officers through every phase of Academy activity and, at the same time, in performing their further essential role of helping to prepare other cadets for being officers as well.

What is “duty” in this sense? Though an understanding of its full meaning can only be approached through a lifetime of study and experience, its basic principle is well and simply conveyed in “doing what ought to be done.” An unremitting internal urge to act in all things in this way is the first requirement and serves as a distinguishing mark of the exemplary officer and officer-to-be. But given even this strong desire, the individual quickly confronts a second essential: to know where duty lies; that is, to know how to assess and decide what it is that “ought to be done.”

framework of guiding purposes: to form a more perfect union, to establish justice, to insure domestic tranquility, to provide for the common defense, to promote the general welfare, and to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. It is this Constitution, serving these purposes, that every military man and woman swears to support and defend. In accepting their appointments, officers accept an expression of “special trust and confidence” in their “patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities”; as honorable individuals they thereby shoulder the full range of obligations those words impose. The commission they accept charges and commits them to “carefully and diligently discharge the duties of the office to which appointed,” and “to observe and follow such orders and directions . . . as may be given by . . . the President . . . or other Superior Officers acting in accordance with the laws of the United States of America.” (The requirement, let it be noted, is to carry out the *legal* orders of one's superiors).

At West Point, the cadet experience is delimited by two oaths, the Cadet Oath of Allegiance and the Commissioning

DUTY DEVELOPMENT

Commitment...

"...we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

(Declaration of Independence)



Oath, which provide the specific legal basis of duty. Service as a cadet, in preparation for service as an officer, begins with the Cadet Oath of Allegiance:

... that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and bear true allegiance to the National Government; that I will maintain and defend the sovereignty of the United States . . . and that I will at all times obey the legal orders of my superior officers, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

And it ends with a solemn promise, the Commissioning Oath, which is given by all who serve as officers:

... that I will support and defend the Constitution of the

United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. . . .

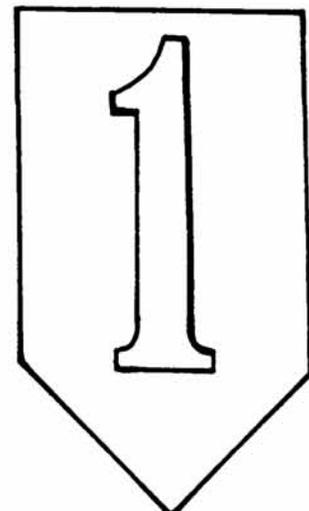
Moral Basis.

Duty for cadets and officers has a deep moral basis as well. It goes beyond the orders, standards, and regulations that spell out "ordinary duties" to embrace something more profound. Whoever accepts a commission takes on a special commitment to perform a service to the Nation, and in the name of the Nation, with the understanding that he or she must be prepared to sacrifice life itself if need be as part of that service.

Spirit of service...

"No mission too difficult, no sacrifice too great, duty FIRST!"

(Motto: First Infantry Division)



Duty, Honor, Country ...

“Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying points: to build courage when courage seems to fail; to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith; to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.”

(General of the Army Douglas MacArthur upon his acceptance of the Sylvanus Thayer Award. USMA, May 12, 1962.)



But the moral basis of duty is to be found not so much in documents or oaths as within the individual. Compulsions of conscience, rooted as they are in parental guidance, religious upbringing, education, and life's experiences, play a prominent role in determining "what ought to be done." A sense of duty for the cadet combines values specific to the profession of arms with the moral virtues brought from home, church, and school. The blending process itself is a key part of the moral preparation for duty needed to help each individual see where his or her duty lies, particularly in cases where multiple obligations or demands come into conflict with each other. An understanding of the moral basis of duty is needed in making the tough decisions demanded of leaders—an ability to deal with matters of conscience in relation to the requirements of military tasks and operations.

Conflicting obligations and requirements often raise moral issues. Where duty and friendship collide, for example, cadets who hold high the virtues of integrity, loyalty, and justice may face painful dilemmas. The Cadet Prayer asks for the strength "to live above the common level of life . . . to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole can be won." Choices must be made, and responsibility must be accepted for the choices and their consequences. To resolve these complex dilemmas, military men and women need commitment, perseverance, and balance, built around a strong core of personal character.

No single, simple code can elaborate adequately the values and qualities to which cadets and officers must aspire. For each individual, strength must come from the understanding of ethical issues and from the ability and courage to grapple with them effectively. The individual progressively establishes a distinctive pattern of performance and becomes known through ever-widening circles for the quality of his or her individual commitment. Moral courage is at least as important as physical courage, perhaps more so, and the readiness to sacrifice for an ideal measures the true value the individual places on that ideal.

Social Basis.

One may identify a further basis, social in nature, for the sense of duty of cadet and officer. In a democracy, the interaction between military institutions and the society at large poses special needs. Moreover, interpersonal relations among the members of the profession of arms itself can greatly influence the successful accomplishment of the task entrusted to the military by its parent society.

Issuing, receiving, and obeying orders are a part of this social interaction closely linked to the concept of duty. By their actions and orders, that is, the manner in which they perform their duty, officers and cadets influence their associates—seniors, contemporaries, and juniors—for good or ill. One's service as

exemplar to fellow members of one's profession is for all a constant part of duty. Officers, of course, have personal goals and aspirations which they are encouraged to pursue; but the "special trust and confidence" reposed in them must not be compromised in the process, especially for self-gain. Officers are bound together in a close and unique relationship by virtue of their common oath and the commitment they share to the Nation's preservation and defense.

By accepting the role and responsibility of guardian of society, an officer signifies that he or she places the interests and values of society—of which one remains a part—above concern for self. Entrusted with control of deadly weapons which safeguard our Nation and its deepest values, the officer must fulfill high standards of duty and be governed by well-understood moral and social principles supporting that duty.

General Concept and Approach

Possessing and practicing a sound concept of duty are proper and fundamental concerns of the Academy staff and faculty, as well as cadets. These are shared responsibilities which fit well into West Point's programs of cadet moral development. Academic courses and practical experiences provide a healthy mix of information which will promote the formulation and realization of a well-rounded concept of duty.

For the Academy, a central task is to further the development in each cadet of a duty concept and pattern of duty performance that will meet the kinds of needs earlier cited: (1) to guide and support his or her preparation while a cadet for exemplary service as an officer, and (2) to provide the foundation for the further development of his or her duty concept and pattern of duty performance throughout service as an officer.

For cadets, the development of the individual's duty concept begins with Cadet Basic Training, but is by no means completed during that period or even during the remainder of plebe year. A cadet who has learned only how to follow orders, however essential that lesson, is not yet equipped with the means of deciding where duty lies, or resolving a conflict of duties. Developing a fully realized duty concept is a continuing effort which recognizes the progressive nature of dealing with duty requirements. It begins with compliance with requirements, which is derived from the learning and mastery of standards; it proceeds to support for requirements, which stems from the acceptance of values; and continues with the determination of requirements, which comes from an understanding and appreciation of the underlying ideas and purposes.

Such a duty concept is highly dynamic and can only be developed over a period of years; as experiences occur and values are more clearly defined, they are translated into practical actions and are steadily assimilated. For most officers, the duty

concept is something which evolves throughout a full career from a basic foundation that is established during the pre-commissioning educational experience. The Military Academy staff and faculty thus have a responsibility for presenting to cadets, and explaining to them, the values and standards that pertain to the profession of arms, and for assisting cadets in understanding and examining the human values that are shared by military and civilian alike. Cadets themselves are asked to reason with cases of conflicting requirements, approaching such problems in a combined military and academic environment, with the aim that they will be able to deal with such problems in later settings conscientiously, with intelligence and with moral sensitivity. That does not mean giving them a template to be applied blindly or indiscriminately to such situations. Rather, their educational experiences are intended to furnish cadets a basic approach that may be used in the spirit of independent thought and responsibility to grapple with problems on a firm legal, moral, and social basis.

To foster cadet cultivation of a sound duty concept, the Academy uses a progressive approach encompassing three principal elements: obedience supported by supervision; self-discipline supported by commitment; and a spirit of service supported by a sense of responsibility.

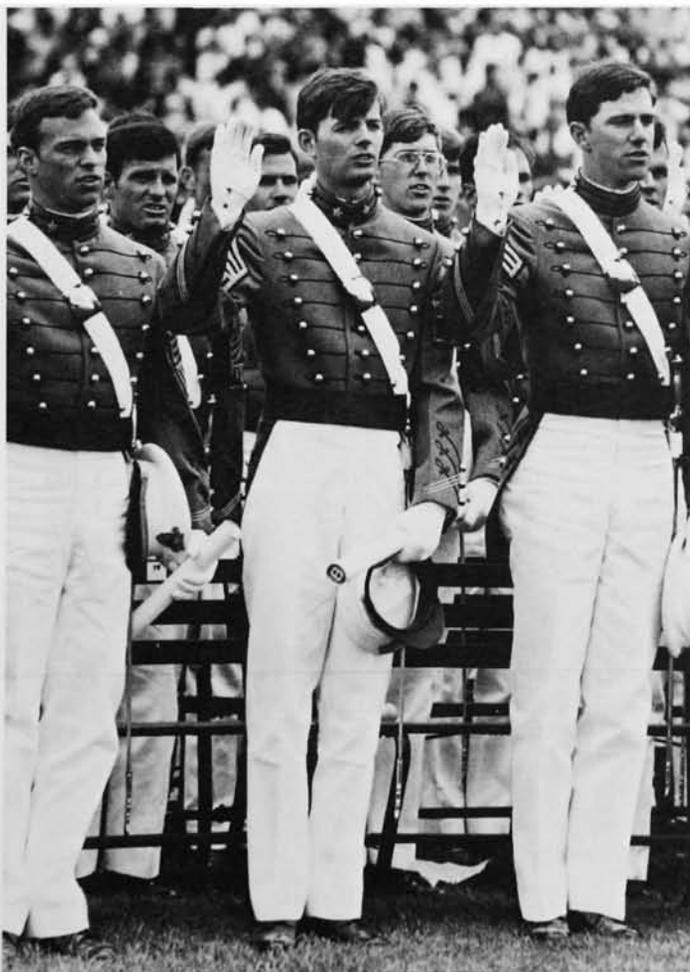
Obedience to the orders and directions of higher authority is required from the outset. Instruction and close supervision are essential at that point; they commence immediately upon the arrival of new cadets at West Point and continue throughout the plebe year, playing a key role in instilling in cadets a strong sense of loyalty and obedience—fundamental attributes of a soldier, regardless of rank or experience. Typically, incoming cadets bring with them worthy ideals and a broad commitment to service of their country, but much remains to be done in developing these ideals in the concrete terms of military and academic life. Gradually, cadets gain a personal awareness of the national values that are involved and applied in military service. They also come to understand their own moral and legal position with regard to duty, as well as the ideals, commitments, and

prohibitions that guide their society, and their own public service.

The requirement for obedience continues, but the need for close supervision diminishes as cadets gain in self-discipline; that is, as they come to recognize and accept the obligations that derive from military service and learn to resolve the issues that arise when these obligations compete or conflict. Increasingly, self-discipline is expected to guide decisions to act, and actions are expected to grow from a sense of commitment to the purposes of the Academy, and from the personal desire to perform well and to make a maximum contribution. Initiative and imagination take on special significance as cadets increasingly act from their own sense of duty, not merely according to duties that are prescribed for them. At this point, setting an example and assuming increased responsibility are expected to be seen and accepted as part of the development of a sense of commitment.

Ultimately, the concept of duty should show itself in the cadet's personal sense of satisfaction and in a spirit of service that derives from the knowledge that one is doing what ought to be done, not because it has been directed, but because of a sense of responsibility impelling action on one's own initiative. At this last stage in the cadet's development of a duty concept, the appropriate course of action frequently is not spelled out clearly or in specific terms. Experience and maturity help the cadet identify the proper action, and a deep personal desire to do what is right gives the motivation to overcome all obstacles in fulfilling a responsibility, in keeping a promise, in meeting a challenge, in treating others with fairness, or in standing up to be counted. By this stage, cadets are expected to appreciate and understand the intrinsic value of duty and to feel a personal sense of duty in taking actions and making decisions. The intent and quality of the effort, not merely the act itself, assume the greater importance. Further, the Military Academy expects cadets to distinguish between blind and reasoned obedience, and to possess the self-mastery and sense of responsibility es-

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“...that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office which I am about to enter...”

(Commissioning Oath)

Uses Of West

General

THE West Point Fund is now entering its third decade of existence. Originally created in 1961 as the West Point Superintendent's Fund, it took on its current name in 1969 and in 1972 became a responsibility of the Association of Graduates under a reorganization of functions. From 1961 to 1972, the fund raising mission was performed by the West Point Superintendent's Fund Committee of the West Point Alumni Foundation. Since the reorganization of 1972, its successor, the West Point Fund Committee, a standing committee of the Association of Graduates, has had the responsibility for soliciting for both the Association and the West Point Fund.

The basic rationale for the existence of the West Point Fund, unchanged since its inception, is to enable West Point to finance, with private contributions, projects and programs of benefit to the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets for which appropriated funds are unavailable or unlikely to become available. As the Superintendent has said on many occasions, the projects and programs available to USMA and the Corps of Cadets through the monies from the West Point Fund serve to add a margin of excellence to improve the quality of cadet life. The broad range of support includes such areas as academics, athletics and cadet extracurricular activities. It also includes many class gift projects.

Typical Expenditures

Contributions to the West Point Fund fall into two categories: restricted and unrestricted. There have been numerous major restricted gifts this year, most of which have been announced in previous issues of ASSEMBLY. Examples include the Blaik gift (ASSEMBLY March 81) to enhance the Cadet Indoor Athletic Facility, which is not yet approved for construction, and the Pinkley gift to the Eisenhower Memorial Project (ASSEMBLY March 81).

A major restricted category involves the funding of class gifts to the Academy. This is a continuing process from year to year as some classes complete projects initiated in earlier years and other classes establish and develop new projects. These gifts are of great value to West Point and could never be realized through any other source. A listing of recently completed and on-going class projects follows:

Donor	Project	Completion Date	Cost
Classes of			
1930	Pre-WWI Cadet Room	May 1980	\$ 35,000
1931	Restoration of Lee Hall to Memorialize Thayer	May 1981	\$110,000
1933	Landscaping Eisenhower Hall	Oct 1980	\$ 63,000
1934	Granite Benches for Trophy Point	Oct 1980	\$ 28,000
1935-36	Statue of the American Soldier	Oct 1980	\$125,000
1940	Renovation of Fort Clinton	May 1980	\$ 41,000
1941	Honor Committee Meeting Room	May 1981	\$ 84,000
1942	East Terrace of Eisenhower Hall	May 1980	\$ 60,000
1945	Eisenhower Hall Patio and Exterior Wall	May 1980	\$137,000
1946	South Fill Area Park (Enhancement of Picnic Site)	Design	\$150,000

1950	Restoration of Thayer Collection (a continuing project)	1972-Feb 81	\$ 40,000
1951	Support of American Institutions Course Lecture Series	On-Going	\$ 15,000
1960-69	Southeast Asia Memorial	Oct 1980	\$ 49,000

The other category of gifts, those unrestricted as to use, are of vital significance to the Military Academy because these monies enable the Superintendent to fund projects and activities which are important to the cadet experience and for which appropriated funds are not available. This point is illustrated by the following tabulation showing how the unrestricted monies provided by the West Point Fund during 1980 have been used:

Academics	
Faculty Development and Research	\$ 31,525
Student Conference on United States Affairs	6,994
Operation Crossroads Africa	6,000
Senior Conference	2,544
Travel To Support A Research Seminar	1,487
Programmable Calculators	7,500
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	\$ 56,050

Cadet Activities	
Support of a variety of Cadet Extracurricular Clubs and Activities, e.g., Sailing Team; Ski Team; Cycling Team; Women's Lacrosse Club; Sport Parachute Club; Riding Club; Scuba Club; Cadet Band; Choir Trips; Visiting Artist	\$ 39,474

Athletics	
Exchange Track Meet to England	\$ 10,000
*Travel For Winter and Spring Athletic Teams	53,400
Football Recruiting Film	6,800
Michie Stadium Annex	33,500
Letterman Sweaters	10,900
National Smallbore Championships	750
Cadet Pentathlon Competition	200
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	\$115,550

Admissions	
Campus Visit Programs (Minorities)	\$ 2,000
Admissions Support-Field Force	1,400
Host Support in Admissions Conference/Visits	1,527
Membership, West Point Society of New York	150
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	\$ 5,077

Miscellaneous	
Army Family Symposium in Washington, D. C.	\$ 255
Arthroscopy Equipment	4,055
Mooring Equipment West Point Yacht Club	1,000
1851-1855 Cadet Room	3,500
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	\$ 8,810

	SUB TOTAL	\$224,961
	Fund Raising Costs	\$105,484
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	GRAND TOTAL	\$330,445

* As an example of the great benefit derived from one single

Point Fund Monies

item of unrestricted expenditure, let us look at the \$53,400 in support of travel for winter and spring athletic teams. This past year thirteen teams, a total of nearly 200 men and women athletes, participated by giving up time to travel to warm climates to prepare for their outdoor seasons. The live competition with other colleges provided much valuable training which would have been unattainable except for the generosity of graduates and friends who made unrestricted contributions to the West Point Fund. In recognition of this valuable service to Army Athletics, the captains of the various teams receiving support gathered in the Regimental Room of Washington Hall on the evening of 17 February 1981 with two representatives of the Association of Graduates who were the honored guests for the evening. In the adjacent photograph we see the captains of twelve of the varsity teams which benefitted from this program. Shown in the photograph with them are Brigadier General Paul W. Thompson, Chairman of the West Point Fund Committee, on the left, and Hon. Robert T. Stevens, Former Secretary of the Army, a charter member of the West Point Fund Committee and a recipient of the Sylvanus Thayer Award.

Monitorship of Expenditures

The Superintendent, who makes the final determination as to how West Point Fund monies are to be utilized, receives advice and recommendations from the West Point Fund Advisory Committee, established in 1973. This key committee is under the chairmanship of the Deputy Superintendent, with membership drawn from the Staff and Faculty of the Academy (the Director of Development, AOG, attends all meetings as an active participant but without vote). Every projected expenditure is subjected to critical review by the Advisory

Committee before recommendations are submitted to the Superintendent. Items requiring the allocation of unrestricted funds are brought under closest scrutiny since the amounts of such funds are limited. Thus, the Committee cannot give favorable consideration to many worthwhile requests. Incidentally, at each of its meetings (three each year) the West Point Fund Committee is briefed on the actions of the Advisory Committee and on the status of projects approved for implementation.

Need For Additional Unrestricted Funds

Recognizing a potential need for an increase in the flow of unrestricted funds, the West Point Committee treated this matter as a priority agenda item at its meeting on 26 February 1981. General Donald V. Bennett '40, a former Superintendent (1966-68), led a discussion on this subject. General Bennett submitted a paper which is being staffed and, while no definite recommendations have yet been adopted, it appears that there may be a call upon Class Presidents to lend their assistance. Some success was achieved two years ago when all classes which had passed their 50th Anniversaries (through 1929) were asked to donate the residual in their accounts to the unrestricted category of the West Point Fund. This one-time approach netted nearly \$40,000 in unrestricted funds.

Acknowledgment

The West Point Fund Committee, the Superintendent's Advisory Committee and the Superintendent acknowledge with much appreciation the support of graduates and friends. From time to time the West Point Fund Committee will publicize to ASSEMBLY readers items which describe how contributions are being used.



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Founders Day West Point—Principal speaker, Meyer '51, and oldest grad, Lasher '29.



Founders Day West Point Society of Michigan—Griffith '46, Pres; Carl Ullrich, speaker; Judson '60, Secy/Treas; Rogers '46, VP-Admissions.



Camm '43, VP, West Point Society of DC, presents Ben Castle Award to Starbird '33 at the 1981 Founders Day dinner.

Founder's Day 1981 and

West Point Society of DC

The annual Founder's Day dinner, sponsored by the Society, was held at the Bolling AFB Officers Club on 20 March. There were over 400 in attendance.

General Volney F. Warner '50, CINC, United States Readiness Command, was the guest of honor and principal speaker for the evening. In a short, light-hearted address, General Warner made several important points.

"Soldiers are different than others in that they are always ready to lay down their lives in defense of their country," Warner said. "But they are also the same as their countrymen, too, in that they need to be needed," he noted.

Warner believes we are on the edge of a new military renaissance. "Finally," he said, "the administration is doing something to bring about adequate pay and to equip the forces for the missions which they are tasked to perform." He said, there is again an interface between strategy and policy. He is convinced the military is back on the road to the number one position where it should be.

"West Point has an important job to play," Warner said, "in the leadership of soldiers." He pointed to the academy's motto, "Duty, Honor and Country," as an inspiration to all, saying that West Point must be the one willing to move the system and set the standards. Its graduates rise to service and lead the forces, he averred.

"We are never too old to lead," he said. He pointed out that West Pointers are trained to lead the way, to risk all and to share the dangers of those under their command.

Holding that it is far different to lead in peace than war, Warner said, "The bond between men in war grows as they fight. It is more difficult when the danger isn't there, focus is lacking." He expressed amazement at how well our young officers overcome the obstacles.

He said he is heartened by the cadre which continues to put the mission and troops first. However, Warner noted, the United States does not have enough forces—they are overcommitted. He made this point to Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger during his recent visit to the 82d Airborne Division.

Youngest graduate present was Second Lieutenant Douglas Sommer '80. He brought the house down with his whimsical account of how the Corps has gone to "Hell." Present for the first time was a female graduate. Second Lieutenant Terry Teppers Walters, also of the Class of '80, whose husband is Second Lieutenant Wally Walters '80, 1/38 Infantry, Camp Hovey, Korea, is enrolled in the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. She will become an Army doctor on completion of her training.

Winner of the Society's prestigious Ben Castle Award was Lieutenant General A. Dodd Starbird '33. This award is made annually to a West Point graduate who has distinguished himself in exemplifying the ideals of West Point in military or civilian endeavors. Society President, Lieutenant General Collins, pointed out that selection emphasis for recent recipients has focused on "unsung heroes."

In presenting the Ben Castle Award, 1st Vice President Frank A. Camm '43, pointed to Starbird's brilliant performance over many years in a succession of inno-

vative and demanding assignments. Camm said, "I don't know anyone who has had as many real tough jobs. Time and again he performed in an outstanding manner often working in obscurity because of the highly secret nature of the project. For all that he has done, recognition has been fragmented and without perspective as to his special and total contribution."

Starbird's achievements commenced early when he entered West Point as seventh youngest in his class and graduated in the top five of his class. Shortly thereafter he became a member of the 1936 Olympic Team and placed high in the Modern Pentathlon.

After teaching Military Art at West Point, he was selected at the beginning of World War II to serve in Operations Division, War Department General Staff, which sent him to participate in the landings in North Africa and in Normandy. Later he took command of a key unit supporting General George Patton's march to and across the Rhine, Camm noted.

Starbird was with the planning group that set up SHAPE and a year later he was selected for the demanding job as first Secretary of SHAPE.

As Director of Military Applications in the Atomic Energy Commission, Starbird managed the design, testing, and production of our burgeoning nuclear weapons program. Several years later when the Soviets unexpectedly broke the 1958 moratorium on nuclear testing, he was selected to lead our 1961 crash program of nuclear tests in the Pacific. Following this he was appointed Director of the Defense Communications Agency for four years, then Director of the Defense Communications Planning Group



Head Table—Founders Day Fort Ord, CA.



Nichols '11—Oldest grad Founders Day San Francisco.



West Point Society of North Texas: Dixon '40, Pres AOG, guest speaker, and Colvin '53, Society President—Founders Day.

News from the Societies

managing the high priority sophisticated anti-infiltration program in Vietnam. In 1967, he was given the highly complex and controversial Anti-Ballistic Missile System which he managed for four years until retirement from the Army.

Not content with his 38 years of unusually productive military service, Starbird continued to serve his government for four years as the first DoD Director for Test and Evaluation and then for almost three years more at the Assistant Secretary level in ERDA and the Department of Energy. To this date, he continues to serve his country leading special studies for the Department of Defense and other agencies.

Quoting from the award nomination, Camm added: "In length and quality of service to his country he has set an outstanding example of quiet, unassuming and selfless dedication. Any one of his achievements in itself would have been a fitting capstone to a career in government service.

"The recognition for his outstanding services in many roles has been infinitesimal compared to his achievements. He has demonstrated that he is a man for all seasons and for any task that is critical to the country. For all of that, his reward and recognition has been small indeed."

Camm said it is most fitting that General Starbird receive recognition so richly deserved from his West Point Associates.

The United States Army Chorus provided a rousing medley of Army songs earlier in the evening. William R. Rairford '52 led the assembly in singing the *Alma Mater* to cap the annual Founder's Day dinner.—Wilson '46.

United States Army, Europe

The Reverend Doctor James D. Ford, Chaplain of the United States House of Representatives and former Chaplain of the Military Academy, was the featured speaker at this year's dinner. With Chaplain Ford as the draw, the attendance was 830 graduates and drags, which should once again validate USAREUR's claim to the largest Founder's Day dinner in the world. Those in attendance who had been married, baptized, counseled, blessed, dedicated, or shriven by Jim Ford were legion, and the evening was superb.

The host was Lieutenant General Pat W. Crizer '46, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, USAREUR, and among the many distinguished guests was Lieutenant General Willard Scott '48, Superintendent-designate and current commander of V Corps. General Scott took notes on the younger graduates so he would know what he will be up against; General Crizer later commented that after 15 minutes of this activity, General Scott could see his work was cut out for him.

Toward the end of the meal orders were published by a nameless ex-cadet who appeared on the newly constructed poop deck, complete with functioning class lights, a memorial gift from Locurcio '65. While the majority of the announcements were serious ("The Superintendent-designate will answer questions concerning next year's football team from the phone booth in the sinks of the Abrams Building after Taps tonight."), some recalcitrant graduates received slugs including Feir '49, for singing an unauthorized hymn in chapel ("Work, for the Night is Coming") and Peixotto '51, USAREUR Comptroller, for overdraw

his fixed account by 16¢. The working chaplain for the evening was the Reverend Ted Hepner '58, and our chairman of the last two years, A. E. West '56, departed for CONUS the next day for reassignment to Fort Leavenworth; the reassignment was *not* a function of the dinner, however.

Traveling from his home in Munich, the oldest graduate was Colonel John W. Pauley '30. Born in Mississippi in 1908, Colonel Pauley was later commissioned in the Infantry. Colonel Pauley told of missing a month's pay because his class was commissioned during the depression, an experience which, thankfully, has not occurred since. During the Second World War, Colonel Pauley was a battalion commander and G3 of the 26th Infantry Division. After the war, he served with the headquarters of United States Forces, Austria, and later as commander of the Linz Military Post. He also served as a commander in Italy, and as Senior Advisor to the Montana National Guard. A Silver Star winner, Colonel Pauley retired in 1960 after 30 years' service and is currently living at Robert-Kochstrasse 3, Munich 22. Colonel Pauley's service in speaking as the oldest graduate was as distinguished as his active duty career.

Colonel Pauley was followed by the youngest graduate, Second Lieutenant Carol Barcalow '80 a platoon leader from the 32d Army Air Defense Command who was advised beforehand that her career was "on the line." Lieutenant Barcalow told of changes which took place at West Point during her tenure, such as optional breakfast and beer in Eisenhower Hall. She also brought good news of an Army victory over Navy in women's basketball and noted that West Point, like history,

repeats itself. Lieutenant Barcalow concluded her talk by noting that "the Long Gray Line now has curves." Ladies, Lieutenants, welcome! In thanking Lieutenant Barcalow, General Crizer almost instituted a custom of kissing the youngest graduate, but refrained at last.

It was a pleasure to have Jim Ford as the guest speaker. Jim "joined the Corps" in 1961, and in 1965 was appointed by President Johnson as the Cadet Chaplain, a position that he held until 1979 when he was called to accept the position of Chaplain to the United States House of Representatives. The only man in the world to go off a ski jump backwards on a 24¢ bet, Jim gained additional notoriety for celebrating the bicentennial in 1976 by sailing a 31-foot sailboat from Plymouth, England, to South Dock with Olvey and Garn, both of the Class of 1955. In addition to speaking at the SHAPE and USAREUR dinners, Jim conducted services for USAREUR soldiers in Berlin and for 3d Infantry Division soldiers on border patrol duty on the East German border near Coberg.

Noting that he had attended "college" in Heidelberg in the 50's, Jim paid tribute to the graduates of West Point who are contributing to the nation's defense and welfare in a variety of ways, citing the lieutenants and captains whom he

had visited at the border as well as other graduates whom he had encountered around the world.

Jim told of the some 500 weddings he had performed and he noted that the first couple whom he'd married (Harringtons '61) and the last couple he had married (Griffins '78) were in attendance at the USAREUR dinner. For the budget analysts in the crowd, Jim added that he had dedicated projects costing more money than most countries' GNP, but still preferred holy water to champagne.

His conclusion, and indeed the thrust of his speech, wove together the threads that united leaders and servants of the country at West Point as well as in Washington: a "comaraderie of common goals." Belief in the welfare of the institution, whether the Point, the Army, or the country, is the shared value and, when these beliefs are coupled with the enthusiasm it takes to sail a boat across the Atlantic or to withstand the rigors of border duty, the result is impressive.

"For 179 years, West Point has been a setting where people have come and found the atmosphere to grow and develop their God-given talents for leadership and responsibility.

"That setting has given encouragement to those values that are honorable and

true, that are worthy of sacrifice and devotion.

"Yet, by itself, West Point cannot claim to give its graduates the decisive qualities of integrity and leadership.

"It really provides only a place, a haven, a unique laboratory, an arena of testing, where the values espoused in the motto, by the plaques and monuments through the Academy, in the music and songs, in The Cadet Prayer, and in all the hallowed words and good deeds of its graduates, can be nurtured, encouraged and sustained.

"I'm not sure we know why some individuals seek out the higher good of sacrifice and service and others choose another way.

"Qualities of leadership or integrity, for example, are certainly not learned, as one learns a skill, but rather, like religion, they are caught, or taught. The classic virtues of fairness and commitment and responsibility grow from family and friends and faith, and are most certainly mightily developed by age 18, and dramatically overshadow such considerations as SAT scores or mathematics knowhow.

"Thus, the really critical moment in the mission of developing leaders is to attract those individuals to the Academy who wish to dedicate their time and talents to something greater than them-



West Point Society of Charleston Founders Day: Ethel Wohlfeil, Hines '37 (VP), Jean Sundin, Marcia Hood and Eubank '37.

Founders Day West Point Society of Cleveland—Mack '61, Heffron '71, Ullrich (guest speaker), McCarthy '49 (Pres), Willoughby '60 (VP).

Founders Day, West Point Society of Philadelphia—Popielarski '63, Bell '59, Pres; Thomas '59, Mullane '52, Mrs. Mullane, Hemphill '51, Mrs. Hemphill, Griebbling '50 (Treas); and Mrs. Griebbling.



selves. And while West Point can't produce the traits of the spirit, yet it can so conduct itself that it will be an option for those so minded.

"People always will be drawn to West Point because they have read of its history, or they have met graduates, or they know their best ideals and their finest qualities will be encouraged and nurtured and strengthened.

"West Point will continue to be a beacon for those who wish to develop their lives from the inside, and to share those same ideals with colleagues who have committed themselves to a better way.

"From my vantage point, I call this the 'Camaraderie of Common Goals,' the substance that has provided the record for 179 years, the record we honor tonight, a record that, God willing, will go on and on.

"May each person who has ever been touched by the spirit and purpose of West Point, carry on this hallowed tradition, 'til death us do part.

"Good night, and BEAT NAVY!"—Swensson '65.

United States Forces Korea

More than 200 United States Military Academy graduates, wives of graduates, and invited guests gathered at the Eighth

Army Officers Club 21 March to mark the 179th West Point Founders Day.

Master of ceremonies for the annual event was Brigadier General Charles E. Teeter, Class of '58, who is the assistant division commander for support, 2d Infantry Division. After the posting of the colors and an invocation by Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Curry N. Vaughn Jr., Class of '63, and the assistant staff chaplain of United States Army Garrison, Yongsam, toasts were offered to the President, the Corps, sister academies and the ladies present.

After dinner, the graduates were entertained by a female trio, who presented a musical salute with the theme "Born Free," and the Republic of Korea Air Force Combo. Congratulatory messages from the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, Commander-in-Chief United States Army Europe, the Southern Command in Panama and the Commander-in-Chief United States Forces Korea, were also highlighted.

Next, the oldest and youngest West Point graduates present were asked to speak, observing a West Point tradition. This year the oldest was Lieutenant General Eugene Forrester, commanding general of the Republic of Korea/United States Combined Field Army and a graduate of the Class of '48.

The youngest graduate in attendance was Second Lieutenant Patrick St. Pierre, Class of '80, who is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 23d Infantry, 2d Infantry Division.

Key-note speaker for the occasion was General John A. Wickham Jr., Commanding General, Eighth Army, and a graduate of the Class of '50. Also in attendance was Air Force Lieutenant General Even W. Rosencrans, Class of '48, the soon to retire deputy commander, United States Forces Korea.

The gathering of the Long Gray Line alumni was also marked with the presence of distinguished guests from the United Nations Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission. On hand were RADM Gote Blum, Swedish member, and Major General Otto Bornhauser, Swiss member of the commission.

Another special guest was Brigadier General Charles Geoffrey Keith Underhill, military attaché at the British Embassy in Seoul.

West Point Society of Venezuela

The Society culminated a year of monthly luncheons and renewed camaraderie with the commemoration of the 179th Anniversary of the founding of the Military Academy at a formal dinner held
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Collins '38, Pres, West Point Society of DC, introduces Guest of Honor, Warner '50, CINC REDCOM (third from left) 1981 Founders Day. Others from left, Loomie '46, Camm '43, Johnson '51, Smithers '50 and Sommers '80.



Founders Day Caracas, Venezuela: Moorefield '65; Oettinger '70, Mrs. Oettinger; Bethancourt '53, Mrs. Bethancourt; McGrath '56, Mrs. McGrath, Baldwin '31, Mrs. Baldwin; Mrs. Poirier, Mrs. Lugo, Lugo '77, J. Sanjines, Ex-'45; Poirier '55.

Founders Day Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD: **Front Row:** McNeil '47, Bottoms '55, Lambert '59, Van Sickle '38, Swenson '38, Young '58; **Back Row:** Moe Jun '43, Soper '58, Wallace '46, Oliver Jun '43, Chuck Lien (Speaker), Woodside '72.





BG Joseph Franklin

THE COM REPORTS...

There's an old film about Third Class Summer called "West Point Summers Are Something Else." It's ironic but that film title, appropriate enough years ago to tell a story about Camp Buckner alone, is now more apropos to the cadet summer experiences in each of their four years here. Accordingly, that's the focus of this edition of The Com Reports—Summer Training for the Corps.

Simple summers as you and I remember them are relics of another day. The names of those training programs of summers past are as distant to cadets today as are the names of such places as Normandy, Verdun, Ploesti, Ypres and Kasserine. The First Class trip, Second Class trip, June Encampment—all have receded into Old Corps memorabilia.

The new plebes still come to the Plain, and Cadet Basic Training (CBT) is still "affectionately" called "Beast Barracks," by us all. That label may never die. Also as before, the new Third Class still goes on leave after recognition, returning as Yearlings to Camp Buckner and Cadet Field Training (CFT). I have provided insights into both of these summers in an earlier column. So my focus in the next few paragraphs will be on the new Second Class, the Cows, and the First Class, the Firsties, who are incredibly busy. The acronyms for their many assignments are mind-boggling: CTLT, DCP, CMST, CBT/CFT, SSO.

At the outset, let me explain how the summers are organized. There are two five-week cycles each summer, separated conveniently by the Fourth of July. For the Second Class this means they can expect one assignment in each cycle. This coming summer is actually the first one where we will use the two-cycle concept, so there will be some transition situations this year that do not match the descriptions I give here. With that understanding, let's look at the programs.

CTLT, Cadet Troop Leader Training, places Second Class cadets as junior officer leaders in Army units from Alaska to Panama, Hawaii to West Germany. Opportunities for both field and garrison duty in combat, combat support, and combat service support units make CTLT duty one of the high points in their four years, cadets say. For it is on CTLT our Cadets can expect to be introduced to the romance of the motor pool and the allure of the ARTEP.

The Drill Cadet Program (DCP) is a relatively new summer program that is designed to develop individual

leadership qualities while the cadet learns and performs the duties of a mid-grade noncommissioned officer at Army Training Centers at Forts Knox, Leonard Wood, Jackson, and Dix. A cadet in DCP experiences the demands, fatigue and rewards of a drill sergeant in a Basic Combat Training (BCT) unit. In the future we are looking at expansion of the Drill Cadet Program to include One-Station-Unit Training posts (eg: Forts Benning, Sill, Bliss, Leonard Wood, and Gordon) so cadets will receive some branch exposure as well.

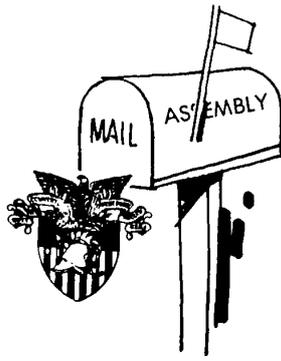
Cadet Military Specialty Training (CMST) sponsors cadet attendance at six military schools—Airborne at Fort Benning, Georgia; Air Assault at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Jungle Operations at Fort Sherman, Canal Zone; Northern Warfare at Fort Greely, Alaska; Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) at the Air Force Academy; and Flight Training at Fort Rucker, Alabama. This provides a well sought after opportunity as a motivational and confidence-building experience and a chance to learn a useable military skill and see the military in a training role. A beneficial spin-off that does not go unnoticed by the underclasses is the returning to the Corps in August successful CMST attendees who now sport a newly acquired special skill badge on their Dress Grey. CMST is available to Cows in conjunction with CTLT or DCP and to Firsties in tandem with a CBT or CFT detail. As an exception to a standard Cow summer of CMST and CTLT or DCP, highly selected Second Classmen serve as squad leaders in Cadet Basic Training (CBT) while First Classmen continue to provide the senior leadership details for CBT and CFT. The two-cycle summer is structured to accommodate these special cases.

The mantle of leadership first worn as a squad leader and then on CTLT or CMST or DCP becomes all the more apparent, and cherished, during Firstie summer. First class summer as a member of the CBT or CFT details places Firsties in their most demanding roles of their cadet tenure—that of leading their peers.

Special Summer Options (SSO), primarily for First Classmen, are the more exotic of the summer training programs but do not take priority over CTLT, DCP or CMST programs. Included here are Intern Programs with the Department of Army and Defense Staffs, District En-

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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.

We reprint here with permission of Wray '80 and the Editor of *The Stanford Daily* this letter which appeared in that student newspaper.

Of Duty, the Draft and Price of Freedom

This is not an easy column to write. The reams of print which have already appeared in the *Daily* on the topic of draft registration (most of it in opposition) would seem to have exhausted the subject. I have attempted to argue my point of view on the topic in page after page of facts and figures and forecasts which ultimately ended up in the trash can by my desk. But I think that the core of the debate does not lie in statistical justifications—no one volunteers to risk his life in a war merely to redress a numerical imbalance between his own forces and those of an enemy.

I am an officer of the United States Army.

I think that fact gives me a far greater personal interest in peace than anyone who is presently a civilian.

I am an officer in the United States Army because I feel that the historically unprecedented degree of personal freedom which we so much enjoy and so much take for granted in this country has been bought with blood, and maintained at a cost of human lives, and is in jeopardy.

That is an ugly thought—"bought with blood." It is not a nice thing to believe, and certainly not to say. It almost causes one to cringe.

I think we need to cringe a little in this generation. I think that we are profoundly ungrateful, not to mention intensely naive.

There are no such things as "human rights."

There *should* be human rights; there should be universal peace, or at least a desire for it; there should be universal disarmament.

But those who think that we can safely lay down our arms and inspire others to follow our example are living in a Rodgers and Hammerstein world of illusion.

We can not take the lead in advancing the cause of world peace until we have made known our determination and our

ability to resist inroads upon the rights of free people on all parts of this planet.

No, we should not attempt to be the "world's policeman."

But when we left Vietnam, and the "popular uprising" succeeded, the North Vietnamese Army (with considerable help from the USSR) "united" the country and conducted a systematic slaughter of the political, cultural, and intellectual leaders of the South. They caused the death of (quite literally millions) of humans through execution and starvation. They have pursued an aggressively imperialist policy with the obvious intention of aggrandizement of power in Southeast Asia.

If we do not stand up against that, who will?

If the Soviets invade Poland, who will stand up for the rights which will be brutally stripped away from the Polish people? They do not yet enjoy even a fraction of the almost obscenely underappreciated civil liberties in which we wallow.

I hope to God (and I mean that sincerely) that there will never be another war. I believe that peace is an attainable, overwhelmingly desirable state—that it is the most important way of life but one: freedom. Freedom is better than peace, if one is forced to choose between the two.

That is why this paper is being printed—why you stand free on soil bought with your ancestors' blood—why you have a right to resist the draft.

But if you resist the draft (a perfectly justifiable position) and go to jail or to Canada—*stay* in jail, or *stay* in Canada. You forfeit your right to enjoy the freedoms of the United States by refusing to defend them.

A reactionary attitude? A gross oversimplification of a complicated moral issue? You're damn right.

But I don't want to risk my life to protect the rights of someone who does not want to pay a price for those rights. I don't want to risk my life at all—I want to sit under the stars with a guitar and the girl I love and be at peace with the world and myself, always.

As long as there are people in the world who can *not* stand on free soil under their

own stars, though, I can not do the same with a clear conscience. As a free man, I owe others the right to be free.

The United States has erred in some instances by supporting oppressive regimes—but a right-wing autocracy is no worse than a left-wing autocracy, and we have done far more good than harm in our attempts to improve the lot of other peoples in this world. It is pointless to reduce our effectiveness with ruthless self-castigation. I find it hard to believe that many demand a higher standard of morality in our international relations than they are willing to apply in their own personal lives.

There is no such thing as absolute morality in this world—to use a worn phrase; it is all relative. Even I know that by now, and I am still a victim of a high degree of ideological gullibility.

To end this sermon-diatribecatharsis, let me modify a statement by Theodore Roosevelt:

"Speak of peace with eloquence, with vigor, with conviction; pray that it will result—but keep a big stick within ready reach, because you may need it regardless of your oratorical facility or obvious sincerity, and big sticks seem to be helpful in getting the other guy to listen to what you have to say."

I recognize that a column like this will provide many opportunities to formulate vociferous replies. Feel free. I just grew tired of endless columns which ranted of the sins of the U.S., of the lack of freedom in this country, of the sinister motives of the military establishment, etc.

I am one of those sinister types, and I lurk here in your midst. I am not noticeably bloodthirsty, nor am I particularly courageous. I am frightened of war, because I may be killed in one. I, like all soldiers of all epochs, cherish peace with every new day. But I cherish freedom with every breath—and so I choose to serve. So must we all serve, in one way or another, for democracy demands a duty and freedom is not free. Decide now how you will pay for your share.

Wray, USMA '80

(Bill Wray is a graduate student in civil engineering.)

Mounted Review 1928

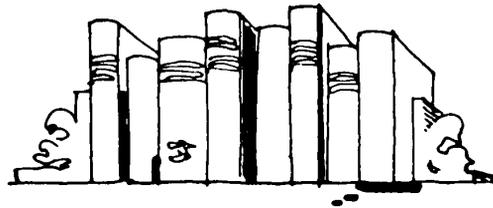
The picture on the front cover of the March 1981 issue of ASSEMBLY—Cadet Cavalry Drill on the Plain—recalls vivid memories of the "mounted review" of the Corps when Major General William R. Smith became Superintendent in 1928.

General Smith decided to receive his first review of the Corps mounted. That posed quite a problem because there were not enough mounts available for the Corps and it was finally decided to have the Regimental and three Battalion Staffs mounted.

I commanded the First Battalion and all went well until the Battalion Adjutant trotted out to take position to my left rear and I turned my mount to face the reviewing party. My horse did not like the idea of this horse off the rear flank

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Book



Reviews

THE OFFICERS' WIVES

By Thomas Fleming, Doubleday and Company, Inc., 1981. 645 pages. \$15.95.

Reviewed by Major Charles W. Ricks, Instructor, Department of English, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

Whenever taken to task for any of a variety of social problems, the military claims, quite correctly, that such criticism must be tempered by an awareness of the military's role in American society. The fact is that the military draws much of its character from the society it represents. So it is that many of the significant changes in the ways of military life since World War II reflect the tumultuous changes wrought upon American society. In his newest novel, *The Officers' Wives*, Thomas Fleming considers several familiar contemporary themes, brought with skill into the world of the military. The results are often uncomfortable.

Using fictitious members of the USMA Class of 1950 as points of focus, Mr. Fleming ranges across the political and military history of the past thirty years. We meet Peter MacArthur Burke, a combat veteran of the Korean conflict and of seemingly countless back-to-back tours in Vietnam. He turns down Pentagon assignments and war college training to stay in Vietnam and gain what he sees as the final victory. Burke's roommate is Adam Thayer (nicknamed "Supe,") whose often indiscreet criticism of Army policy in Southeast Asia overshadows his accomplishments under fire and results in his eventual banishment to menial positions. George Rosser, the unobtrusive political member of the group, completes the trio of major male characters.

Yet *The Officers' Wives* is more a story of the women than of the men. In some written comments about the work, Mr. Fleming notes that social contact with Army wives in the mid-1960's led him to the realization that "The wives had almost as many stories to tell as the men." His decision to present the military experience from the perspective of the Army wife gives a special view of what it is to be in the military. The reader experiences war, professional intrigue, and personal ambition through the eyes of the women, the Army wives. As readers, we are usually set apart from the actual events and see them only through feminine "filters."

From this unique perspective, the reader views the wrenching loss of idealism and innocence which is the heritage of post World-War-II America. In flashback fashion, we see the Class of 1950 graduate under a canopy of bright, ideal hope, only to face the sudden recall from blissful honeymoons as the Korean War erupts. The optimism of June Week and its affirmation of DUTY, HONOR, AND COUNTRY crumble bit by bit into the confusion and disillusionment of the 1960's and 1970's. It is wrong to say that the novel stands without hope, but characters survive only when they have been brutalized into the realization that time-worn beliefs have become useless platitudes. While engaged in a passionate rendezvous with Mrs. Peter Burke, Adam Thayer speaks of lost hope and desolation as he mourns, "So here we are, without honor, without country, without any particular reason for duty."

Just who are Mrs. Peter Burke and the other officers' wives? We see them as women trapped within a system they do not entirely understand and for which they have, at best, mixed loyalties because of their alienation from their husbands. Joanna Burke is one whose spiritual beliefs and emotional fortitude are challenged and slowly ground away. Honor Prescott Thayer, a ravishing southern beauty, is completely alienated from her husband, her children, and her mother. She is alone, set apart. Amy

FROM CORRAL TO CHAMPIONSHIP

By MG Perry B. Griffith, USAF Retired, Charger Productions, Inc., P. O. Box HH, Capistrano Beach, CA 92624. 227 pages. \$12.95.

Reviewed by COL Richard L. Gruenther, USMA '46, Director of Development, Association of Graduates, USMA, former member of the 1948 Modern Pentathlon Team.

Equitation has, through the years, played an important part in molding West Point's character and that of its graduates. Nurtured during his days on the Plain at West Point and honed during six years as a Cavalry Officer, the author, Griffith USMA '34, has produced this book covering all aspects of horsemanship from mane braiding to show jumping, to high schooling, or dressage. General Griffith's enthusiasm for the horse is "unbridled." His book is more than a fine manual on equitation for it is sprinkled with interesting anecdotes of some of the great riders of our past. He has drawn on his personal association with many of these fine horsemen, on his own experiences as a competitive rider of national acclaim and on his own articles appearing for years in one of North America's most respected equestrian magazines, *Horse and Horseman*.

The 1930's saw the absolute zenith of American military riding. The U. S. Equestrian Team and the Olympic Team were one and the same. Military professionalism and mastery in equitation were almost synonymous. Many of our great commanders of World War II developed their own brand of leadership through experiences in mounted units.

West Pointers were among the foremost of the world's great equestrians. The Olympic Plaque in the foyer of the North Gym at West Point contains 96 names of West Pointers, 65 of whom participated in equestrian events on one or more of the U. S. Olympic Teams from the Stockholm Games in 1912 through the most recent Olympics. Twenty-two of these West Pointers won gold, silver or bronze medals in Olympic equestrian competition. Names like Major General Guy V. Henry (1912 Games), Brigadier Generals Harry D. Chamberlin (1920, 28 and 32) and J. Tupper Cole (1932), Colonels John "Gyp" Wofford (1932) and Earl F. Thomson (1932, 36 and 48) are legends, just to mention a few. Their teachings and experiences are synthesized and presented here in an entertaining and professional manner.

It was in 1839 that West Point received its first five horses and its first Riding Master and formal riding instruction was enjoyed (for some it was sheer drudgery) until 1947. Graduates from most of these 108 horse-year classes have gone to Fiddlers Green, as the author calls it, but for those of us still around, this book will bring back memories of our riding instruction and experience. And anyone who seeks a sound reference, which ranges from good riding rudiments through judging and scoring of high levels of dressage competition, will certainly not be disappointed with this well written book.

Rosser knows that she wants to be a general's wife, and she "plays the game" vigorously to ensure her goal. Yet she too is separated from her husband, a realization she comes to when she hears of his unexpected heroism as a battalion commander during the Tet Offensive of 1968.

This is not a traditional novel about heroes; it is, instead, a tale of survivors, and in our admiration for those survivors we see a complex reaffirmation of Duty, Honor, and Country. Even the cynical Adam Thayer pursues his brand of loyalty to the
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down the field...

by WILLIAM L. HICKLIN, PAO, USMA

ARMY'S spring sports squads have been victorious in almost two-thirds of their matches with golf, women's track and women's tennis teams sporting undefeated records. Highlighting this fine effort are two wins against arch rival Navy in men's track and lacrosse.

The lacrosse triumph over Navy was Army's first in nine years. Men's tennis, men's track and lacrosse all have winning records to date. Baseball, one game off the breakeven mark, and women's softball are the only teams with fewer wins than losses.

New head golf coach John Means, coming to USMA from Colorado State, replaces coach Colonel Ed Temple of the Language Department. His squad's perfect 9-0 individual match play record signals a highly successful spring.

Lacrosse (5-3)

Although losing to defending national champion Johns Hopkins, 17-5, Army lacrosse took a giant step forward with a stirring 9-8 upset victory over arch rival Navy on the Midshipmen's home turf.

Coach Dick Edell's team is the only Corps squad ranked nationally. In the most recent United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Coaches poll, Army was ranked ninth.

In their upset of Navy, a win that snapped a nine-game losing streak against the Midshipmen, it took some clutch play by several cadets. To earn its first lacrosse victory over the Middies since 1972, Army was forced to battle back from a 6-3 halftime deficit.

Heroics by attackman Paul Cino (Derry, NH) and Midfielder Harry Jackson (Manhasset, NY) along with outstanding defensive efforts by goalie George Slabowski (Brentwood, NY) and defensemen Bob Henry (Uniondale, NY) and Tony Orsini, (Annapolis, MD) proved the margin of victory.

Jackson, who scored three goals and added one assist, fired a low, hard shot through the legs of Navy goalie Scott Bartkowski with just 19 seconds remaining to notch the win. Cino led the Army offense with three goals and two assists, scoring the tying goal with just under four minutes remaining in the game. He also set up the winning shot by Jackson.

Against Johns Hopkins, a team that coach Edell feels, "is the finest lacrosse team around," Army was simply outplayed.

"They are awesome on both ends of the field," said Edell. "They are so deep

in personnel that it is extremely difficult to defend against them."

Offensively, Cino, who scored one goal and had two assists against Johns Hopkins, leads Army scorers with 13 goals and 12 assists. Frank Giordano (Port Washington, NY) is second with 15 goals and four assists.

Defensively, freshman goalie Slabowski has allowed but 46 goals, while making 90 saves.

Golf (9-0)

One of three undefeated teams to date, the Army golfers can certainly be considered a contender for the District Championships.

Although the team boasts a 9-0 record, first year golf coach John Means feels his golfers are not playing up to par.

"We just haven't been playing very well, and we don't have any excuses," said Means. "We intend to go back to the basics, getting more work on just hitting the ball, chipping and putting."

In tournament play, matches not included in the overall record, Army placed fourth in both the West Point Spring Invitational and the Bucknell Invitational, causing Means concern.

In the West Point Invitational, Army golfers netted a 385 score, eight strokes behind tournament champion Central Connecticut.

The Smith brothers, Bob and Marty, (Redlands, CA), paced the Cadets. B. Smith finished tied for second among individual leaders with a 74, four over par. M. Smith fired a 75, while Mario Ramirez (Lubbock, TX) and Max Hughey (Del City, OK) added 78s.

Against the six-team field at Bucknell, Army tallied a score of 638 for 36 holes, 20 strokes behind champion Bucknell. Team captain Mike Lessel (Suffern, NY) posted the best cadet score, finishing second with a 152 total.

Women's Track (4-0)

Shooting for its third straight team championship at the Hartwick Invitational, the women's track team has jumped off to a perfect 4-0 record.

Several female cadets have turned in outstanding performances for coach Chuck Hunsaker. Setting the pace is Tracy Hanlon, (Huntington Beach, CA) who has already qualified for the nationals in the long jump, and Alma Cobb (Knoxville, TN) who is just a few feet shy of qualifying in the discus.

Hunsaker also feels that Army's mile relay team which includes Debbie Pittman (Sterling Heights, MI) Ann Buckingham ((Huron, SD), Marianne O'Brien (Bowie, MD) and Corine Hall (Hollis, NH) has the potential to qualify for the nationals as well.

Another cadet, Harlene Nelson (Wayne, NJ) recorded a record-breaking performance in a non-scoring meet at Shea Stadium. Doing it in dramatic fashion, Nelson set a new Army record in the 3000 meter run with a time of 10:47.7.

Both Pittman and Cobb set Academy records in the 400 meter dash and the discus event, respectively. Pittman clocked 59.3 seconds in the 400, while Cobb tossed the discus 39.9 meters, shattering the Army record by nearly two meters.

Women's Tennis (4-0)

Army's women's tennis team, presently 4-0 this season, extends last year's consecutive victory streak to 16. Cina Delmonora, Gail Petty (Lookout Mountain, TN) and Tia Sargent (Los Alamos, NM), all have fashioned perfect 3-0 individual singles marks to lead the team.

Monique Thevenet (Albuquerque, NM), Debbie Williams (Oklahoma City, OK) and Bonney Epstein (Baltimore, MD) have been instrumental in the victories in doubles competition throughout the season. Victories were over Vassar (5-4), N. Y. Tech (9-0), Albany (5-2) and Hofstra (6-3).

Men's Tennis (6-4)

Army's coach Paul Assaiante is tailoring a rebuilding effort this spring. "We're young in many respects and will make our share of mistakes," but we continue to play hard and hang as tough as we possibly can," he said.

Captained by Fred Wright (Niceville, FL), Army has defeated St. John's (6-3), Upsala (9-0), Wesleyan (8-1), Rutgers (6-2), East Stroudsburg (6-0), and Bucknell (8-1). Three of the four losses were at the hands of Ivy League powerhouses Yale, Columbia and Brown. Penn State was the other loss.

Jon Bell (Dallas, TX) and Jeff Todd (Ellicott City, MD) set the pace as Army's No. 2 doubles team with victories against Brown and Yale. George Geczy (Washington, DC) and Grant Hayne (Hammond, IN) are close behind in doubles with a victory at Brown.

Bell, Todd and Wright also lead Army in singles competition.

Coach Assaiane summarized. "I feel we are making strides. We still have some holes in everyone's game, but we are improving, primarily because of hard work."

Men's Track (2-2)

Notching a solid 98-65 win over Navy at Annapolis, the Army track team, under coach Ron Bazil, is off to a fast start.

Against the Middies, the cadets set four meet and Academy records in capturing 14 of the 19 events.

Kevin Kullander (Little Rock, AR) and Cardell Williams (Edgewood, MD) were double winners in the meet. In winning the long and triple jumps, Kullander broke Academy marks which had been on the record books for a combined total of 46 years. He won the long jump with a record leap of 24-10, setting a new Army Navy meet record and shattering the Academy mark of 24-2 set in 1947. He came back to take the triple jump with a 49-2½ effort to break Ron Knight's mark of 49 feet which was set at Annapolis in 1971.

Williams set the pace in both the 1500 and 800 meter events. He posted a win-

ning time of 3:53.0 in the 1500, and came back to beat the field home in the 800 meter run with 1:53.2 clocking.

Joining Kullander in the record-setting circle were Mike Fahnestock (Sellinsgrove, PA), Blake Hawkey (Lugoff, SC), Trent Cuthbert (Washingtonville, NY) and the 400 meter relay team. Fahnestock won the 110 meter high hurdles in 13.9 for a new meet record, while tying the Academy mark set by Mike Willis in 1978. Hawkey cleared 16-2 to take the pole vault for a new meet mark, while Cuthbert set meet and Academy records in winning the 100 meter dash in 10.3 seconds. Cuthbert cut three-tenths of a second off the existing records which were set by teammate Jerry Blow (Spring Valley, NY) last year.

The 400 meter relay team set a new academy record as Nick Liberatore, Blow, Babers, and Cuthbert combined for a 41.55 clocking. Liberatore, Blow and Babers broke their own mark which they helped set at last year's Heptagonals.

Women's Softball (4-8)

After a disheartening seven game losing streak to open the season, Lieutenant Lorraine Quinn's diamond squad has rebounded to an overall 4-8 record. Team

captain Lori Utchel (Heidelberg, PA) along with Maria Stangle (Alpha, NJ), have been Army's primary offensive weapons.

Peggy Laneri (Manchester, CT) has been the pitching mainstay, with a strong one-hitter against RPI, her best effort to date. Laneri has three of Army's four victories. Most of Army's defeats seem to develop in the late innings of the game. Falling one or two runs short.

Baseball (13-14)

The Army baseball team has a 13-14 record and, according to coach Bill Permakoff, "we're in a position where we can control our own destiny."

Permakoff, who is in his fourth year as baseball mentor adds, "We still have eight Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference games to play, and that includes a doubleheader with Navy among others. A lot can still happen, especially when there's only one game in the loss column separating four teams."

Pitching is a must if Permakoff and team are going to earn a post season play-off berth. Senior hurler John Brudvig (Los Angeles, CA) anchors the pitching staff. The righthander currently sports a 4-2 record with a 3.60 ERA. Other starters include plebe Chris Wright (Daytona Beach, FL) and sophomore Eric Sine (Largo, FL). Both are 2-3 on the season.

Carrying the team offensively is a trio of seniors. Third baseman Paul Divis (El Paso, TX) leads in hitting with a .410 average, while shortstop Jim Bagwell (Chattanooga, TN) is hitting .398 and catcher Dave Toth (Brick Town, NJ) has his average up to .359. Bagwell, at one point of the season, had a 14-game hitting streak going. Divis has hit safely in the last 10 games.

Pistol Team All Americans

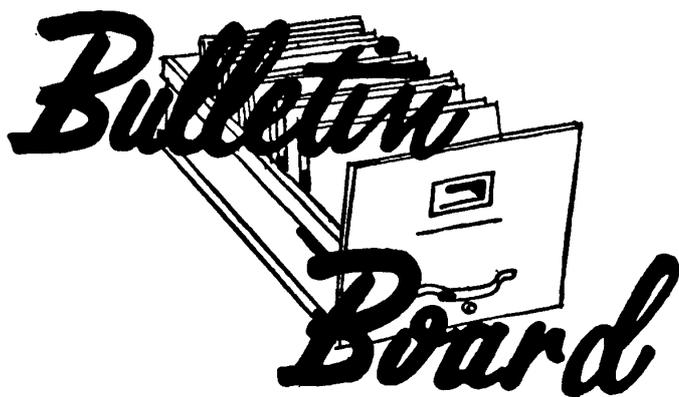
Members of the USMA Pistol Team, coached by SFC John McClellan, demonstrated their superiority in capturing two of three team championships at the First National Collegiate Pistol Championships held at MIT 4-5 April 81. The championship meet was sponsored by the National Rifle Association. Competition consisted of the top seven teams in the country as determined by scores in sectional matches held earlier. The three events are Free Pistol, Standard Pistol, and Air Pistol. This completed the second undefeated season with a record of 9-0, and extended the winning streak to 21, dating from 1979.

Kent was selected All American in Free Pistol (also was All American Pistol Team 1980). Ron Humphreys, All American for 1979 and 1980, was selected to the 1981 All American teams in Standard and Air Pistol. David Lemauk was selected to the All American Standard Free Pistol Team. Duane Nessel, All American in 1980, was selected to the 1981 All American Free Pistol Team and honorable mention in Standard Pistol. David Lee, also All American in 1980, achieved recognition accorded to only three shooters, selection as 1981 All American in all three categories.

1980-81

Varsity Sports Summary (to include 20 April 81)

Fall	Contests	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Navy
Women's Cross Country	6	6	0	—	1.000	—
Women's Tennis	9	9	0	—	1.000	—
150 lb. Football	6	6	0	—	1.000	Won
Women's Volleyball	31	13	18	—	.419	—
Soccer	13	6	6	1	.500	Lost
Men's Cross Country	13	8	5	—	.615	Lost
Football	11	3	7	1	.318	Lost
	<u>89</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>.573</u>	<u>(1-3)</u>
Winter						
Pistol	9	9	0	—	1.000	Won
Gymnastics	11	6	5	—	.545	Won
Rifle	14	12	2	—	.857	Won
Women's Indoor Track	13	11	2	—	.846	—
Squash	23	18	5	—	.783	Lost
Men's Swimming	13	4	9	—	.308	Lost
Wrestling	23	19	3	1	.839	Lost
Women's Swimming	12	7	5	—	.583	—
Hockey	34	20	13	1	.603	—
Men's Indoor Track	10	8	2	—	.800	Lost
Women's Basketball	34	21	13	—	.618	Won,
						not count
Men's Basketball	26	7	19	—	.269	Lost
	<u>222</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>.639</u>	<u>(3-5)</u>
Spring						
Men's Track	4	2	2	—	.500	Won
Golf	9	9	0	—	1.000	—
Women's Track	4	4	0	—	1.000	—
Men's Tennis	10	6	4	—	.600	—
Lacrosse	8	5	3	—	.625	Won
Women's Softball	12	4	8	—	.333	—
Women's Tennis	4	4	0	—	1.000	—
Baseball	27	13	14	—	.481	—
	<u>78</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>.603</u>	<u>(2-0)</u>



Our Association membership of 27,845 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.

Board of Trustees Meets at West Point

The Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates held its regular late winter meeting at West Point on 27 and 28 February. Prior to the Board meeting on the 27th the West Point Fund Committee and the Association's Admissions Committee held regular meetings. All of the sessions were exceptionally well attended.

Among the main items of business for the Board of Trustees was the consideration of a proposal that a new Association Constitution be submitted to the membership at the Annual Meeting on 22 May. After considerable discussion and some modifications to the draft Constitution the Board approved the proposal. The Board also approved the Nominating Committee's slate of Officers and Trustees to be submitted at the Annual Meeting and the recommendation of the Thayer Award Committee for 1981. (Reported elsewhere in this issue.) The Board approved the tentative FY 1982 operating budget, which showed expected revenue and expenses of \$854,500 and \$762,600, respectively, and with the Superintendent's concurrence, approved the appointment of a member of the Association as a liaison representative to the Army Athletic Association.

The Superintendent addressed the Board on the current status of Academy programs and activities and the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics briefed the Board on the intercollegiate athletic program.

In addition to the other important items on the agenda, the Chairman of the Association's Finance and Investment Committee, Saltzman '25, presented to the Board the results of a detailed study of the investment of the Association's Endowment Fund. The report concluded that Chemical Bank should be retained as the investment manager for the Endowment Fund and that the objectives for the Fund should include provisions for the investment manager's discretion regarding specific securities in the Fund.

Admissible Candidate Status

	Class '85 As of 24 Apr 81	Class '84 As of 24 Apr 80	Class '83 As of 25 Apr 79
Files Started	11001 (1315)	9820 (945)	9145 (844)
Files Closed	1017	1084	1285
Nominations Received	5562 (658)	5274 (530)	5080 (469)
Offers of Admissions	1811 (232)	1902 (203)	1760 (165)
Acceptance	747 (101)	926 (108)	1018 (96)

Figures in () indicate women.

Branch Selections

Three years of deliberation and crossed fingers ended on 22 January as the United States Military Academy's Class of 1981 selected the branches of the Army that they will enter after graduation on 27 May.

Of the 960 cadets who drew their branches, 85% were awarded their first choice, 6% drew their second choice, and 4% and 5% received their third and fourth or higher choices, respectively.

Infantry led the way with 204 selectees. Other Branches selected by a large number of cadets were: Field Artillery—181;

1981 THAYER AWARD

The President of the Association of Graduates, USMA has announced that James E. Webb has been selected to receive the 1981 Sylvanus Thayer Award. Webb served with great distinction under three Presidents as Director of the Bureau of the Budget, Undersecretary of State, and Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and contributed significantly to the security and welfare of the United States. Presentation of the Thayer Award will take place at West Point in September 1981.

Engineer—117; Armor—110; Air Defense—78; and Signal Corps—44.

Over one-half of the 62 women cadets chose five branches: Air Defense—11; Field Artillery—10; Military Intelligence—9; Quartermaster—8; and Signal—8. Women are restricted from serving in the Infantry and in Armor as well as some units of the cannon Field Artillery, low altitude Air Defense, and combat Engineers.

One woman and 96 men chose the relatively new aviation related specialties. This is only the second year that aviation has been offered.

Homecoming 1981

The following is a tentative schedule for alumni Homecoming 16-18 October 1981. A firm schedule will be published in the September 1981 ASSEMBLY. For additional information contact the Alumni Affairs and Gifts Program Division, USMA, West Point, NY 10996 or telephone 914-938-3700/3024, or Autovon 688-3700/3024.

Friday, 16 October 1981

- 1200—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
- 1200—1600 Fort Putnam Open for Visitors
- 1200—West Point Alumni Foundation Board of Managers Meeting, WPAM
- 1500—AOG Board of Trustees Meeting, USMA Library
- 1700—Reunion Class Picnics, Dinners & Social Activities
- 2400—Alumni Headquarters Closes

Saturday, 17 October 1981

- 0800—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
- 0900—AOG Board of Trustees Meeting, USMA Library
- 0900—Open House at the following:
 - Cadet Barracks
 - Various Academic Departments
- 1000—Assembly for March to Thayer Monument, Jefferson Road***
- 1015—Alumni March to Thayer Monument***
- 1030—Alumni Exercises, Thayer Monument* ****
- 1100—Alumni Review, The Plain***
- 1130—West Point Army Mess open for lunch to graduates and their guests
- 1230—Concert, Elizabeth Philips Irwin Carillon
- 1400—Football, Army vs Princeton, Michie Stadium
- 1900—Alumni pre-dinner Cocktail Hour, Washington Hall

- 2000—Alumni Dinner & Superintendent's Reception, Washington Hall
(Dress—Civilian, Informal)**
- 2100—Informal Alumni Dance, Washington Hall
- 2400—Alumni Headquarters Closes
Sunday, 18 October 1981
- 0800—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
- 0800, 0900, 1030 & 1200—Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel
- 1030—Protestant Service, Cadet Chapel
- 1100—Reunion Class Brunches
- 1200—Alumni Headquarters Closes
- 1215—Concert, Elizabeth Philips Irwin Carillon
- * Conducted indoors in event of inclement weather.
 - ** Admission by ticket.
 - ***Cancelled in event of inclement weather.
 - ****Alumni wives & dependents to be seated by 1025 hours.

Upcoming Reunion Schedules

In accordance with the USMA policy of supporting the 25, 35, and 45 year reunions at West Point on a football weekend other than Homecoming, the following classes have elected to hold reunions at the indicated times:

Class	Reunion Period
1956	25-27 September 1981 (Army vs Brown)
1947	17-19 September 1982 (Army vs Lafayette)
1957	1-3 October 1982 (Army vs Harvard)

Some experience with the new policy was gained last fall when the Classes of 1935 and 1936 held a joint 45th reunion during the weekend of 10-12 October. More than 50 rooms were reserved for returning alumni at the Hotel Thayer for the Class of 1935. The Class of 1936 was able to obtain billeting in the nearby Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery area. The dedication of the Soldiers Statue highlighted Friday's activity (see December 1980 ASSEMBLY). A light drizzle kept everyone in suspense as to whether the review would be held on Saturday morning, but in no way dampened the enthusiasm of the returning alumni. A luncheon in the Cadet Mess, an inspiring football game, and some reminiscing at class dinners made for a full day. Several reported to the Alumni Affairs Office that it was the best reunion they had ever attended.

Special Appeal for the Eisenhower Monument

The Secretary of the Army, the Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr., has accepted the Association's proffer of the gift of the Eisenhower Monument, which is contingent on the availability of the necessary funds. The overall cost of the statue and monument is expected to be around \$300,000, of which over \$75,000 in "leadership gifts" has already been received. In June 1981 the West Point Fund Committee will launch a special appeal on behalf of the monument to graduates and friends of West Point.

Contributions to the Eisenhower Monument project are tax-deductible. They may be made by check payable to "Association of Graduates-Eisenhower" and mailed to Chairman, West Point Fund Committee, West Point, New York 10996 (telephone 914-446-5773).

Model of Eisenhower Statue Approved

The last three issues of ASSEMBLY have included brief descriptions of the progress being made toward the erection of a statue on the level of the Plain at West Point as a memorial to General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, '15. The Eisenhower Monument Committee, under the chairmanship of General Lyman L. Lemnitzer, '20, met at West Point on 27 and 28 April and approved the 30-inch model of the statue submitted by the sculptor, Robert L. Dean, Jr., '53. The Superintendent has also approved the model, and Mr. Dean has been commissioned to produce the nine-foot statue.

The Superintendent has also approved a site for the monument in the southeast corner of the Plain near the junction of the diagonal walk with Thayer Road.

General Alfred M. Gruenther



Major Gift by General Al Gruenther

General Alfred M. Gruenther recently made a gift of \$25,000 to West Point which will be split equally between the Eisenhower Monument Project and the West Point Fund Unrestricted Account. The strong professional and personal ties between General Gruenther and General Dwight Eisenhower are well known to West Pointers. These relationships started when both were together in General Walter Krueger's Third Army before World War II, continued through World War II and into the early days of SHAPE Headquarters in Paris, when Gruenther was Eisenhower's Chief of Staff. Later, their close relationship extended into the Eisenhower presidency, when Gruenther was President of the American Red Cross a few blocks away from the White House. Prompted by a deep and abiding respect and admiration for his old friend, General Gruenther decided to make this gift to West Point.

Recognizing that the current needs of West Point are also important, General Gruenther decided that half of his gift should be given to the West Point Fund Unrestricted Account, where it could be used by the Superintendent to support high priority projects and programs which cannot be provided through government funds. West Point and the Association of Graduates are indeed grateful to General Gruenther for his great generosity, coming at a time when a broad appeal for money for the Eisenhower Monument is about to get underway.

Memorial Giving

Giving in memory of Classmates, friends and loved ones continues to be a popular mode of making tax-deductible contributions to the West Point Fund. Over the past several years the number of memorial gifts has shown a steady rise with an especially large number being recorded during the 1979-1980 Fund Drive in support of the Southeast Asia Memorial sponsored by the Classes of the 1960's. Such gifts may be made as unrestricted or for any of a variety of purposes. The name of the person memorialized is inscribed on a handsomely illuminated page and the names of donors are listed thereon. A new page is individually created for each person thus honored and becomes a permanent part of the West Point Memory Book in the Academy Library. (An article in detail on the Memory Book was featured on page 7 of the June 1979 ASSEMBLY.)

Bob Miser '60, Elected to Lacrosse Hall of Fame

In February the Lacrosse Foundation, Inc. announced that Robert S. Miser Jr., USMA '60, has been elected to the Lacrosse Hall of Fame. One of five new members of the Hall of Fame for 1981, Bob Miser met the criteria of the Lacrosse Foundation which honors "men, past or present, who by their deeds as players and coaches and by the example of their lives personify the great contribution of lacrosse to our way of life."

Bob Miser was selected to the All-American team in 1960. He played on Army's unbeaten 1958 lacrosse team that won the National and Open Championships, the 1959 team that tied for the National Championship, and he captained the 1960 team that won 8 and lost 2 games.



Ullrich, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics examines plaque commemorating gift to memorialize Clifford, USMA 1936.

Gift by Anonymous Donors to Memorialize Thomas E. Clifford, USMA 1936

A group of anonymous donors have provided \$2,000 for the free weight lifting equipment which is now in the weight lifting room on the second floor of the new Michie Stadium Annex. The excellent gift was provided to the Army Athletic Association in memory of Colonel Thomas Edgar Clifford Jr., USMA 1936. He was killed-in-action in the Philippines in July 1945 while commanding the 19th Infantry Regiment. While a cadet he lettered in football for two years and in basketball for three.

Munich American High School Graduates Try to Find Each Other

Did your son, daughter, or you, attend Munich American High School in Munich, Germany, from 1947 through 1953? An attempt is being made to locate anyone who graduated from the American High School. This is a tough job because they are scattered to the four ends of the earth. Your help would be appreciated if anyone in your family, or anyone else's family that you know about, would contact and give them a lead.

Mac Gosser, a graduate of the school is coordinating efforts to locate everyone. With just a slim lead, Mac has been able to reach over 35 of the graduates. If you can point him in the direction of someone, he tracks them down like a blood hound.

Please take time and search your memory and see if you can let them have any names you might think of. If you can recall where any parents are living, that would help too. Please drop a post card with name and last known address of graduate or parents and Mac will do the rest. Just to find out where everyone is living means much to the group. With this group of alumni, reunions of classes has just been a dream. Everyone will greatly appreciate any help you can give. Send whatever information you might have to: Bill (Mac) Gosser, 1735 SW Terrace Drive, Portland, Oregon 97201.

USMA grads, wives, and widows on Joint Service Academy Alumni Association sponsored tour in the Caribbean on SS *Statendam* in February 1981. USMA Classes from 1920 to 1950 are represented.



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

Orienteering Teams Sweep Championships

Each spring the national orienteering circuit warms up to one of its feature events—the intercollegiate championships.

Over the past four years the USMA Orienteering Team has taken the lion's share of the collegiate trophies and has gained much recognition on a national level. The meet this year was held March 21-22, and was sponsored by the Southern Illinois Orienteering Club in Carbondale, Illinois. Over 400 competitors assembled from all points of the compass to compete for intercollegiate titles in Senior and Junior categories, and additional awards in open intermediate and advanced classes.

The team of Bob Forbes '81, Neil Murray '81, Mary Costello '83, Bruce O'Neill '82, and Mike Peffers '82 garnered the Senior Intercollegiate team title, which gave the United States Military Academy the rights to the title of Collegiate Orienteering Champions for the fourth year straight. At the junior level, Larry Kinde '83, Brian O'Leary '82, Gregg Pearson '82, Eric Geige '83 and Anita Baker '82 dominated the Junior Intercollegiate Team Title competition, gaining a championship in that class. The team showed its depth by winning an intermediate team title, the Junior Intercollegiate team runner-up award, and a third place Advanced Open team award as well. This team effort was led by the sterling individual performances of Baker, this year's National Junior Intercollegiate Women's Champion, Costello, National Senior Intercollegiate Women's Runner-up, and Kinde, National Junior Intercollegiate Men's Runner-up.—Bob Forbes

USMA Bookstore Sale

The USMA Bookstore has for sale at reduced prices the following books which should be of interest to graduates:

Name	Author	Price
WEST POINT ATLAS OF AMERICAN WARS (2 volumes—boxed)	Esposito	\$68.00
ATTACKS	Rommel	14.50
SUMMONS OF THE TRUMPET: U.S.—VIETNAM, IN PERSPECTIVE	Palmer	12.75

Through a special arrangement with the Association of Graduates and the publisher, Indiana University Press, the bookstore is able to make this special offer:

NEITHER ATHENS NOR SPARTA: THE AMERICAN SERVICE ACADEMIES IN TRANSITION
by John P. Lovell (regular \$17.50) \$15.00

*All prices include postage and handling.

Please send check, mailing address and indication of books desired to USMA Book Department Fund, USMA Bookstore, Thayer Hall, West Point, NY 10996.

Cadet Prayer Books Available

On the recommendation of Chaplain Richard P. Camp and the approval of the Cadet Chapel Board, the office of the Chaplain USMA is offering without charge, about 1,000 copies of the old Cadet Prayer Book to graduates, cadets, and USMA staff and faculty. The books will be replaced with a copy of the Holy Bible in the near future. The Cadet Prayer Book was copyrighted in 1948 by the Chapel Board, and has been used in the Cadet Chapel continuously since that date.

The books are now available on a first come, first served basis. Only one book will be supplied per request, and applicants should be aware that the books are used, and many are in a badly worn condition. Mail orders should include \$1.00 for postage and handling, with checks made out to "The Chaplain's Fund." Requests should be sent to: Chaplain, USMA, West Point, New York 10996.

White Studio Photographer

Charles W. Wielert, operator of the old White Studio at West Point, died 17 February 1981 in Cornwall, New York. Many of the older classes remember him well since he produced many photographs during their cadet days and at their weddings. Many of his photographs are part of a valuable collection in USMA Archives.

General Bradley

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has since grown to 15. At the termination of his office as Chairman in 1950, he continued until August 1953 as United States Representative to the Military Committee (NATO) and United States Representative to the Standing Group of the Military Committee, consisting of representatives of the United States, United Kingdom, and France. In these assignments he exercised great responsibility in the coordination of the military efforts of the free world.

General Bradley's decorations include: the Distinguished Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Distinguished Service Medal of the United States Navy; the Silver Star; the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster; Bronze Star Medal; Mexican Border Service Medal; World War I Victory Medal; American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; European-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 1 bronze arrowhead and seven battle stars; World War II Victory Medal; Army of Occupation Medal with clasp for Germany; the Combat Infantryman's Badge; and the Presidential Medal of Freedom (10 January 1977).

He also has the following foreign decorations: Grand Cross—Order of the Crown with Palm, and Crois de Guerre (Belgium); Knight Commander of the Bath (British Empire); Order of the White Lion Star for Victory, First Class; and Military War Cross of 1939 (Czechoslovakia); Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor, and Croix de Guerre with Palm (France); Grand Cross of the Royal Greek Order of George I; Grand Cross of Couronne de Chene, and Croix de Guerre (Luxembourg); Grand Cross of the Order of Ouisan Alaouite Cherifen, Degree of Grand Officer (Morocco); Knight of the Grand Cross, Order of Orange-Nassau (Netherlands); Commander's Cross with Star, and appointed Chevalier of the Order of Polonia Restituta (Poland); Order of Kutuzov, 1st Degree; and Order of Suvarov, 1st Degree (Russia); Order of Military Merit; Degree of Grand Officer (Brazil); Order of General San Martin, Degree of

Grand Officer (Argentina); Grand Cross of the Military Order of Italy.

General Bradley died in St. Luke's Hospital Center, New York City, on 8 April 1981 from cardiac arrest. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington Cemetery on 14 April.

A detailed account of his leadership qualities and his character may be found in the Spring 1970 issue of ASSEMBLY.

Goodpaster Retires

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velopment System, which reduced peer ratings and involved the faculty to a greater degree in furthering the military development of cadets.

Other significant changes are the continuing development of a Duty Concept and training programs to strengthen that concept; the ongoing effort known as "Initiative Teamwork," designed to improve cooperation among staff, faculty and cadets; an annual "State of the Academy" report submitted by the departing first class; and the execution of a number of sharply focused recommendations to improve Army football.

What You Can Do

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nam and here in Korea, soldiers today are just as good as any soldier we've ever had. They are no less qualified than the soldiers led by General Marshall on the eve of World War II—soldiers about whom there is no dispute as to their professionalism and gallantry in action. So also do today's soldiers respond to good leadership—leadership that is professional, competent, sensitive, and compassionate. Our challenge today is the same as has always faced the Army—to take these young people provided by our society and transform them from civilians into soldiers—from amateurs into professionals and, upon leaving the Service, to have them return to civilian life as better citizens. In my judgment, that is exactly what we are doing!

Along these lines, we hear much today about needing a draft. I will not attempt

here to debate whether there ought to be a draft; that's a political subject that is better left in the hands of the politicians. However, graduates and other responsible citizens can endeavor to have these issues debated in open forum. As a result, wherever our soldiers are serving, they will become aware of this public dialogue and will have a greater sense that the American people are aware of their problems and are trying to find better ways to solve them.

Finally, and along these same lines of letting the soldier know that we care, we read a great deal about benefits. We've seen in the last few months a real effort at the national level to reexamine the benefits that are available. It's been mentioned, for example, that the GI bill should come back. Once again, this is basically a political issue that will have to be resolved in the Congress. However, United States Military Academy graduates, because of their military experience and their association with large numbers of people who have participated in post-service educational benefits, can be an articulate group of spokesmen and can outline to the American people not only what the individual gains, but, more importantly, what the Nation gains by having this vast reservoir of talented, educated, and experienced people moved forward by using their educational benefits. Education is but one worthwhile benefit; there are many others that graduates can help explain the need for.

In closing, let me suggest that each of us examine our own philosophies and conscience and, wherever and whenever possible, offer meaningful assistance to enhance the esteem of the Army. In your own community, you are the leaders in military matters, and you can lead the way in supporting a strong national defense by improving and enhancing the American public's perceptions of the United States Army and the United States Armed Forces. If we are prepared as a Nation to fight, then the likelihood is very remote that we'll have to. If, however, we are not prepared, we can expect to be subjected to indignities around the world which are not in keeping with American ideals.

Concept for Duty Development

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essential in using the greater latitude they are given in deciding how to accomplish the tasks for which they are responsible.

Methods and Resources

Within the expanding framework of obedience and supervision, self-discipline and commitment, and a spirit of service supported by a sense of responsibility, the Academy incrementally aids cadets in formulating workable duty concepts: it begins with the basic individual foundation that exists at entry, then builds, layer upon layer, while a person is a cadet. The approach respects the talents, traits, and values cadets bring to West Point and enhances them with the institutional and professional values and standards of the military service presented and explained after their arrival. Various means and various teachers are involved; whether in the classroom, on the sports

field, in the barracks, at lectures, in preparation for parade, or at studies, the concept of duty is a matter of constant emphasis and high priority.

While all activities of the Academy make their contribution to the duty concept, several stages of development are of crucial importance.

—Cadet Basic Training and Fourth Class System. The plebe learns and practices obedience and task-accomplishment, under close supervision and evaluation. At the same time the plebe observes, in officers and upperclass cadets, higher aspects of duty, including self-discipline, sense of responsibility, and support for institutional values and efforts. By carefully designed and carefully monitored delegation of authority and assignment of responsibilities, upperclassmen are given an important role in the plebe's training—important both to the plebe's development and to their own. Upperclassmen in the plebe's chain of command bear the principal and most direct responsibility. All upperclassmen receive sufficient authority to make corrections

necessary to assure plebe compliance with orders and instructions. At selected points during plebe year, marking progress achieved, the plebes shift from "Attention" to "At ease" and finally "At rest" in order to facilitate the transition to yearling year. Standards of bearing, appearance, room arrangement, and responsiveness are not lowered; it becomes less necessary to support them with the earlier requirements.

—Third Class Year. Special duty requirements arise during this year. Cadets will assume, in the form of self-discipline, much of the burden of assuring compliance with orders, instructions, and standards that was shouldered by superiors during their plebe year. Only limited authority over others is vested in yearlings. Their special responsibility is for themselves as individuals—notably in the manner of accomplishing, with less strict supervision, their academic and military tasks, their physical activities, the moral standard they maintain, and the example they set for others, particularly the plebes. Yearling year tests whether and to what extent the individual can and will attain self-discipline and excellence, grounded in commitment to the Academy's mission and purpose. The third classman observes closely the leadership methods by which officers and cadets of the first and second classes carry duty requirements into effective action.

—Second Class Year. Leadership experience and preparation for further leadership responsibilities characterize this stage of cadet development. Compliance with requirements continues, well-supported by self-discipline and commitment. As squad leaders, second classmen have direct responsibility for the fulfillment of standards by those under their charge, with special attention to the plebes. A particular responsibility, associated with the maturing of their duty concept, is to see that authority over plebes is exercised in faithful adherence to the terms and the intent of the instructions for the Fourth Class System, and that abuse and improprieties are prevented. Second class year should include a substantial advance in learning what it is to have others placed in one's care. Throughout the year, but especially in the spring, second classmen should be preparing to assume the responsibilities, burdens, and satisfactions of Corps leadership in their final year.

—First Class Year. As cadet leaders of the Corps, first classmen share heavily in the accomplishment of the Academy's mission of preparing cadets of all four classes for being officers. Supervision over first classmen is greatly reduced. With much-increased freedom to set priorities and choose their activities, they must guide their performance of duty by their sense of responsibility and spirit of service. The example they set to

classmates and to the junior classes becomes an extremely important part of their duty concept in action. They look increasingly to the role of an officer that lies just months and finally weeks away as they establish in their town terms what will make them exemplary officers.

Measuring Success

The development of "duty" is not easily charted, and its strength is not easily measured; it has too much of an emotional and intangible component. It can, however, be cumulatively absorbed, and there is value in enabling cadets to sense the duty concepts of other people. The duty concepts of military people are not unrelated to those of the great philosophers, scientists, religious leaders, athletes, or statesmen of the world. In stories, novels, poems, and speeches about duty and the people who have exemplified it, there are experiences which cadets are given the opportunity to learn about and to emulate. The process of building a duty concept profits from an environment that makes clear what is expected of them, fosters their progressive development, and exposes them to officers at many levels who themselves manifest exemplary and mature obedience, commitment, and sense of responsibility.

Over the four-year period, cadets should gain a mature appreciation that duty—and their own oath—requires adherence to orders and directions, to requirements, assignments, tasks and standards, to regulations and instructions, whether written or oral, general or specific. But duty requires much more; it demands commitment to the purposes and values of the Academy, the Army, and the Nation, and it requires as well the acceptance of responsibility and faithful exercise of authority, as one assesses and decides what "ought to be done" within a framework of moral purpose and spirit of service.

How can it be known when a strong duty concept has been developed? For cadets, the full answer cannot be found in the demerits they receive, the grades they get on term papers, or the scores they make on PT tests. These items, though related to duty and quantifiable, are the consequences of many factors, just one of which, though a vitally important one, is a duty concept.

The sense of duty itself is not directly measurable, but its results may be. The understanding and experience gained as a cadet, in the interval between the oaths of Reception Day and Graduation Day, are a foundation for dutiful and honorable service to our country, its people and its value. It is the character of that service that ultimately manifests and measures the development of a strong, mature duty concept.

News from the Societies

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on 16 March 1981 at the Hotel Tamano. Eight of our ten active members were in attendance, and only illness and a MILGP Commander's Conference in Panama prevented us from having 100% attendance. Our dinner was also attended by our lovely wives and ladies.

Dinner was preceded by the traditional Benny Havens Hour, introduction of the events of the evening by the Society's Secretary, Major T. Oettinger '70, and various toasts, including the Presidents of the United States and Venezuela. After a very filling Venezuelan/American dinner, all in attendance enjoyed remarks by the oldest graduate, Colonel (USA-Ret) C. Baldwin '31, and the youngest graduate, Lieutenant (Ven) J. Lugo '77. The evening terminated with the singing of "The Corps" and "Alma Mater" and everyone left ready to begin a new "West Point" year, and to meet again in April at our next monthly luncheon.

The past year, although perhaps not as eventful as with some other larger societies, has nonetheless seen a return to monthly luncheons of our Society, and although we lost two of our members to Washington, DC, and Texas A&M University, we have been lucky enough to add two new members during the year: Colonel (USAF) John Poirier '55, who is the Defense Attache in Caracas, and Mr. Michael McGrath '56, who is here as president of General Motors Venezuela. We are sure they will help the Society continue to prosper in the future.

From one of your Southern neighbors, the West Point Society of Venezuela sends warm regards to all our friends and graduates on this Founder's Day 1981.

West Point Society of St. Louis

The Society observed Founders Day on 20 March 1981 at the Missouri Athletic Club, St. Louis. There were sixty-nine attendees, which included members, wives and guests. Jim Giles '54 gave the invoca-

tion. Jim Carroll '54, the outgoing President, acted as master of ceremonies. Jerry Smyser '28 presented his remarks as the oldest grad, followed by Myles Crowe '68, as the youngest.

Colonel Gilbert W. Kirby Jr., Professor, Head of the Department of Geography and Computer Science, delivered the main address, which was warmly received.

George Sloan '37, chairman of the nominating committee, nominated the slate of officers for 1981. The slate of officers was elected by acclamation, and the following members are the new officers:

Tom Heisler '67, President; Leonard Griggs '54, First Vice President; Joe Martinez '45, Second Vice President; Bill Watson '43, Secretary; Myles Crowe '68, Treasurer

Tom Heisler, the new President, gave an impassioned plea for assistance in expanding the membership in the coming year.

Iowa Founders Day

On 14 March, the first Founders Day to be held in Iowa in quite some time was

celebrated at the Ronneburg Restaurant in The Amanas, Iowa. Organizers Bill Holm '40, John Herrin '74, and Bob Wilson '73 welcomed a group of over fifty that included twenty-seven West Pointers.

Before sitting down to an all-you-can-eat, family-style dinner, everyone got acquainted (re-acquainted) in the rooftop beergarden that overlooks Main Amana. After the meal, guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel Michael Bartelme '62, PMS at the University of Iowa, talked about recent happenings at West Point. The evening's formal program closed with the entire group singing the "Alma Mater", then everyone headed back into the beergarden to swap embellished stories about USMA.

A written survey among those who attended indicated strong enthusiasm for an annual get-together, as well as the establishment of a West Point Society in Iowa. Anyone who was not contacted this year, but who would like to receive an invitation to next year's dinner should drop Bob Wilson a note at 701 Eastmoor, Iowa City, Iowa 52240.—Wilson '73

West Point Society of Fort Leonard Wood

The Society celebrated the 179th Anniversary of the Academy on 25 March 1981. The guest speaker was General Volney F. Warner '50, Commander-in-Chief Readiness Command. Over 100 attended representing classes from Colonel Robert D. Durst '20, to a large contingent from the Class of 1980.

The program was conducted under the chairmanship of Colonel Frank A. Partlow Jr. '60, and Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth M. Wallace '62. The honor class was the class of 1950 represented by General Volney F. Warner, Major General Louis G. Prentiss Jr., Commander of Fort Leonard Wood, and Mayor Frank H. Duggins. In addition to the guest speaker, General Warner, Colonel Durst evoked memories of his training at the Academy and Lieutenant Stone (youngest graduate) highlighted some of the changes taking place at the Academy to a chorus of "The Corps Has" from some of the older graduates.

During Benny Havens hour, music was provided by the 399th Army Band and slides provided by the Association of Graduates were shown. During supper the guests were entertained by a medley of West Point songs, sung by a chorus from the 399th Band. A fast paced evening was concluded by a portion of MacArthur's famous speech and the singing of *The Corps*. We look forward to next year, when perhaps the youngest graduate will be a female.

West Point Society of Philadelphia

On 14 March 1981, the Society hosted its 54th Annual Founders Day dinner-dance at Valley Forge Military Academy and Junior College in Wayne, Pennsylvania. 150 graduates, friends, and parents of West Pointers attended the affair. The guest speaker was Denis Mullane '52, President of Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. Remarks by the oldest

graduate present were delivered by Lewis (Stone) Sorley Jr. '19; and the remarks by the youngest graduate present were delivered by Robert M. Maiberger '80. Officers for 81-82 are as follows: President—Randall Bell '59, Vice-President—Bill Seaver '52, Secretary—Marvin Thomas '59, Treasurer—Alfred Griebing '50. New members of the Board of Governors are: Ed Willford III, '49, Ed Knoff '54, Ron Naples '67, and Bill Lord '71.

The evening began with the traditional Benny Haven's Hour followed by toasts, dinner, speeches, the singing of the "Alma Mater," and dancing. Steve Popielarski '63 was the chairman. Among those present were Major General John Hemphill '51, Commanding General Readiness Region II at Fort Dix; Tom Hayes '47, President of Philadelphia Gear Corporation; Lou Tomasetti '52, Senior Vice President and Group Executive of General Electric Aerospace Group; Jim Dixon '46, new Dean of Valley Forge Military Junior College; and Cadet Susan Bottorff '81 and her parents.

Graduates moving to the Philadelphia area including Delaware, Southern New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania, please contact the Secretary, Marv Thomas '59 (215-688-9148), for information about the West Point Society of Philadelphia and its many activities.—Thomas '59.

West Point Society of Rochester

The 21 members of the Society hosted the annual Founders Day dinner on 14 March at the Monroe Golf Club in Pittsford, New York.

There were 37 attendees including USMA and USNA graduates and their wives, associate members, parents of cadets and friends of the Academy. Honored guests were John and Anne Schaefer, local residents of Penfield, New York. John's brother, Colonel Thomas Schaefer, was one of the recently returned hostages from Iran.

The evening was introduced and conducted by our Rochester Society President, John Veenstra '70. Secretary-Treasurer Mitch Craigmile '74 had done most of the work. Back for a return engagement for the second year in a row, as the oldest and youngest graduates, were Dwight Burnham '46 and this year's society Vice President, John Lacek '74. The door prize was won by Dave Clemm '68 since his wife Jean sat in the chair with the yellow ribbon underneath it.—Veenstra '70.

West Point Society of Chicago

The annual Founder's Day dinner dance of the Society was held on 14 March 1981, at the Elmhurst Country Club. Over 200 members of the Society, as well as the West Point Parents' Club and other guests, assembled at 6:30 p.m. for Benny Havens Hour. Prior to this hour, Dick Gallagher and his able recruiting staff assembled guests. In the receiving line were Lieutenant George Telthorst '70, who as the youngest graduate in attendance had not only that honor, but also the "Munich" honor of being the aide de camp to a

Navy-type Admiral who is part of the Joint Command at Fort Sheridan. Denny '65, and President of our Society, and Judy Coll were joined by Joe and Connie Franklin, as well as our oldest grad and his lovely wife, Dr. and Mrs. Mussil '18.

Following dinner, Joe Franklin addressed the group on the theme of the importance of major collegiate athletics to the Army and the Military Academy. He emphasized the importance of not only fielding winning teams, but more importantly, fielding an honest athletic effort which does not fall prey to the dishonesty that seems to be sweeping major sports in our country.

The new officers and directors of this Society are as follows:

President—Dick Gallagher '63; Vice President—LTC Ed Squire; Recruiting Secretary—Denny Coll '65; Treasurer—Peter Meyer '64—Coll '65

West Point Society of Charleston

The Society celebrated the 179th anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy at a dinner held at the Country Club of Charleston. Graduates, their wives and guests enjoyed a very pleasant evening that featured an address by the Superintendent, General Andrew J. Goodpaster. The Supe was warmly welcomed to Charleston by his classmates, C. H. Wohlfeil and F. J. Kobes.

The oldest graduate, General Mark Clark, once again regaled the Society with his humorous stories of "the old army" and to the occasion by flaying the "new Corps." The main address by General Goodpaster was masterfully done, and upon its conclusion the Society took pride in joining the choir in the "Alma Mater."

The Charleston Society is continuing its project of identifying and rewarding outstanding high school juniors in this area.—Hood Jan '43.

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gineers, various government agencies, Operation Crossroads Africa, Analytical and Engineering Projects with Army agencies and commands, Foreign Academy Exchange, Camp Smith (New York Officer Candidate School), and the Invitational Academic Workshop (IAW). This latter program sponsors some 300 High School juniors to come to West Point for five days. Started in 1976, the IAW, supported by approximately thirty cadets and members of the staff and faculty, introduces these highly select students to college work in Math, Engineering and the Humanities. Should a Cow take part in an SSO, then the next summer he or she would elect a CMST assignment in tandem with a detail at CBT or CFT. Each of the SSO's has its own purpose, but in general they involve individual opportunities for cadets to broaden their personal horizons and professional knowledge.

Sound complicated? Not really. Cadets attack their last summer here with real
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REPORT



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

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'09

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Again pickin's are pretty slim for "Notes" from the old Class of '09, but your scribe understands that at the average age of '09 survivors at 81, writing is not an easy matter.

Krog, through his son who lives with Krog in his lovely home in the mountains of TN, inclosed 5 lovely colored photos of the place but, unfortunately, they would not reproduce satisfactorily in ASSEMBLY. Krog looks well and healthy and happy surrounded by members of his family. His home appears to be lovely in the midst of grounds replete with flowers and trees—Krog's "love." It also adjoins a fairway of the golf course. As he grows older, Krog still keeps his sense of humor, unquestionably one of his greatest assets

Stokely, too, also has a good sense of humor, thank goodness. About all he has to report, so he says, is that he has to change from taking one pill to taking 2. He adds: "That's important news to the person taking the pill, but hardly comes under the heading of news."

No replies to my request for news to: Perego, "Peep" Reed, or E. R. Van Deusen, or Farman.

Dorothy North says she lives a quite life in Norfolk, VA. Little or no Army news as that's strictly a Navy town. She says her daughter Betty and husband have moved to Nashville, NC, to live.

Tony Goetz says she will be going to her home in Greenwich, CT, 06830 around the middle of this coming Apr.

Jake Dever's widow has moved from her beautiful house in Georgetown to Alexandria, VA.

No word from Effie Van Deusen, though usually she is a good correspondent.

Your scribe and wife, formerly Mrs. Garesché Ord ('09), attended the West Point Founders Day dinner at Ft McPherson last Fri night, 27 Mar. Scribe was the oldest living grad present. He was called on for a few words and chose to speak, briefly, on "Discipline," which is so very badly needed

in our country if we are to survive as such. The dinner was said to be the largest Founders Day dinner ever held in Atlanta, about 435 present. GEN Meyer '51 was the principal speaker.

'10

COL Carey H. Brown
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1910: 1910 and 1942, Brown and Hanst, classmate of Carey Brown Jr., at Ft Myer Officers Club.

Our perennial traveler, Fritz Strong, has been at it as usual with visits to relatives and friends in Florida and elsewhere but he got back to his "pad" (synonym as home station for a loner) in Newark, Ohio, in mid-March. This was in time for the Founders Day celebration by the Michigan area's grads, and their ladies, at his former Orchard Lake Country Club as in the past. Fritz will be



1910: Strong, oldest grad present, with daughter and granddaughter.

prepared to do whatever is expected of oldest grad present. Brown functioned in a similar capacity at the DC Founders Day event at Bolling Field on 20 March. Even here, where retirees have settled in numbers, a single table accommodated all who graduated before 1920. We must have seemed like "founders" to those of later years. Chipman did not get to the celebration in San Antonio; there must have been a goodly group there where many West Pointers have seen active service and have, like Chip the Kentuckian, settled there in retirement. Comment from Texas indicates that the current enthusiasm for electronic games has made no significant encroachment upon the popularity of poker.

We join in best wishes for all.

'11

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1911: Oldest grad BG Nichols—Presidio of San Francisco, Founders Day.

'14

BG Benjamin G. Weir
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The re-entry of 1914 in Class Notes should be dedicated to Bruz Waddell. Since his attendance at our 65th Reunion he has been anxious to renew this quarterly report. In reply to letters sent out, answers were received from Waddell, Villaret, Haskell, and Monroe.

Waddell reported by phone from L.A. that he had attended the Founders Day dinner. Of some 200 graduates present he was the oldest, and has been for several years. He did give me the exact number but my telephone ear being as it is, I thought it best not to give the exact figure.

Monroe attended the Founders Day dinner



1914: Monroe—Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

in San Fran. He found Carruth's daughter there and learned from her that Carruth died last Jan after a long illness. I knew that he had been sick for a long time but could not find out where he was. Earll is still alive and comfortable in a home.

He also reported that he was beaten by Nichols of '11 for the honor of being the oldest graduate present. He had that honor last year.

More news reported by Tom. Muriel Thurber is very well and spends her winters in HI, and her summers at American Lake in Washington State. He also has had cards from Mary Ryan and Agnes Royce.

Tom seems to be quite busy around his estate in Eureka, CA, is embarking on a solar heating project, and writes feelingly of fresh dug clams and clam chowder. I hope he makes the New England type. Makes me hungry.

Villaret writes from DC that his health is good except for a few slight infirmities (who hasn't?). He also mentioned that he will be 93 next Jul. I believe he is the oldest of our Class and I think his name should be put in nomination for the oldest living graduate.

A very cheerful letter from Jim Haskell. He reports himself in good physical condition and spoke of the good time he had at our 60th Reunion, and how much Charlie Gross did to make it a happy occasion, and Whitten too. He also spoke of the difficulty of getting there. "It is hard unless you can drive or pick up a car at a NY airport. The very thought of driving through NYC scares me. I do have a great grandson who might be able to help me in 84."

My mind seems to have jumped the track. I was writing about Jim Haskell, but his statement about the difficulty of reaching WP set me to wondering if and how I could make it 3 years hence.

I was both saddened and relieved by a letter from Dorothy Herman telling me of Fred's death last Nov. Fred and I were roommates for 3 years and no one ever had a better roommate than I did. I was always sorry that our different branches of the Service never permitted us to be stationed together. The few times that we got together after we retired were always most enjoyable. Why any-

one like Fred had to have a long and distressing illness is one of the great mysteries of life.

As for myself I seem to be holding out fairly well. Of course I do have the customary aches and pains that come with advancing years but really nothing to complain about.

By the end of this year we will all have graduated into the nonagenarian class. I do not know what the odds are but as a Class we have done very well.

If I continue this substitution I would like to include notes from the wives of those who have gone on ahead. Monroe seems to have made a good start. Any ideas, anyone?

'15

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TAPS: On 2 Mar Elinor Peabody gave up her year long battle with Big C and died peacefully in her sleep at our home in Chaptico. Graveside services were held Arlington 5 Mar followed by a memorial service in Leonardtown.

Our sympathy to Blackburn Hall whose sister, Mrs. Terese Hall Vernon, died of cancer at Distaff Hall 24 Feb. She was the widow of the late LTC Percy McCay Vernon, USA Ret, and daughter of the late MG William Preble Hall, a former Adj Gen.

TRAVELOGUE: Mid Feb saw Det Ellis take off on his semiannual checkup of kith and kin. Jacksonville produced nice chat with Blackburn Hall. Stopped Fayetteville to see the Whites. (See Sick Report, below). Continued down the East Coast and lunched at Pompano Beach with Elisa MacDonald who got the latest Class news. A brief pause at Key West and then on up the West Coast and a nice chat with the Gerhardts who are enjoying life midst kids and grandkids. For Ned Zundel check Sick Report. Dunedin found Mary Welby Cochran at home and they fanned the breeze for a while. Then on to Brooksville for a chat via Ma Bell with Mrs. Paul B. Parker, widow of our Paul who was with us until a slight difference of opinion with the Academic Brass caused his banishment to '16. The Parkers' son William, COL USA Ret, is married to the daughter of P.J. and Margaret Mueller, by the way. A short stay in Tallahassee to see a few Ellises and then back to SC and the bulk of the family plus possible lunch with the Moales. (Continued next issue.) Now let's travel to Wellesley from where Jack Harris writes that his metamorphosis to Yankee is complete.

SICK REPORT: Det found Doc White in VA Hospital, Fayetteville, recovering from a stroke suffered last Nov. Therese is in almost constant attendance and sees that he takes his therapy. Also in bed was Ned Zundel, who had an operation, spent some time in a nursing home and was now at home. His daughter Eleanor told Det that Ned was recuperating normally but was a bit vociferous about having to stay in bed. And not to be outdone by these 2 goldbrickers, yours truly slipped descending our stairs, and became airborne for the last five steps. Made a good crash landing. (For the benefit of those in the lesser Arms of the Service: "Good Landing—Any landing from which you can walk away.") What with a broken rib and innumerable contusions, ambulation is slow and painful!

So long for now.

BEAT NAVY

'16

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In the Mar 81 issue of ASSEMBLY Britton requested that words to the song he composed as a cadet called, "Furlough Moon" be forwarded to him since he has lost them. A reply was received from Bryon Evans (Nov '18). He forwarded the song and stated that his class has been singing the song since 1916.

"Furlough Moon"

Oh Furlo Moon up in the sky
Our time is coming soon,
We won't be here this time next year
We're going home in June.
And when the stars are in the sky
We'll sit and softly spoon
Shine now upon us then and now
Oh Furlo Moon."

You may be surprised to learn that Britton, who spent his life coaching football, is interested in songs, "Furlo Moon," azaleas, red-bud trees, camellias and other flowers.

Maurine Townsend has made a substantial donation to the West Point General Fund, credited to the Class of '16 honoring the release of the Hostages. The Class thanks you, Maurine.

Juanita Berry has 2 lovely helpful nieces who live near her in Santa Barbara, CA, and share her weekends. She lives alone in her apt after 46 happy years with Julian.

Madeleine Sharrer Poland keeps busy with painting portraits, teaching and arranging art shows in NYC and New Haven. Daughter, Honore, a brilliant painter, will have a show in Apr at the Forum Galleries. Son Steve, a successful dealer, has a gallery on Madison Ave, NYC. He will be at the opening of Honore's show. We are also invited.

Cramp Jones is the only '16 classmate now living in El Paso, but the sister of Bob McBride lives there and reminds him of the times they served together in World War I. Harriott is recovering from a serious operation for an aneurysm in Feb. They both are in reasonably good shape and very cheerful.

We are delighted to hear from the daughter of Jean Brundred that Jean is recovering nicely from a hip operation and leads a quiet life until visited by her 8 grandsons and 9 great-grandchildren who live near her home. Jean wishes she could join the Class Reunion in May.



1916: Shugg, Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

Jo Newgarden has purchased a "condo" in Austin, TX, and loves it. She likes a place that will do the cleaning and cooking and other chores. Good luck and much happiness to you Jo.

Babe Weyand may have difficulty in attending the Class Reunion in May. He has a severe arthritis and bladder condition which restricts his movement. His son, Sandy, commands the 25th Inf Div in III. Henty, (Mary's husband) has a part in a NY show, *Fantastic*, which has been on the board for over 20 years. His oldest grandson, Sandy Squillance, operates his own investment company in Sioux Falls, SD; his son is studying law in San Fran. The 2 children of their second daughter, Alix Marie Berry, (a son and a daughter) are both married. Babe expects his 6th great-grandchild this summer.

Fay Prickett has had a 4-week bout with flu but is back to normal now.

Charles Haskins' health is better and he has resumed his walks downtown. Maybelle is convalescing slowly. They both regret missing the reunion.

Dick & Elizabeth Birmingham spent 7 winters on the West Coast of FL and 2 in downtown Scranton, PA. During this period of 9 years they lived 8 months in their rural home 10 miles north of Scranton. This rural home is a well built 125 year old barn, converted into a dwelling with a 15 mile view westward to the Allegheny Mts. Elizabeth had a serious operation in Feb but made a fine recovery and is now doing very well. They plan to be with us on our 65th Class Reunion in May.

Mab DuHamel observes that growing old is boring. She enjoys her friends, her twin sister and daughter who live nearby, but no more traveling. She sees her son's family too. They live in Montclair. Her daughter Betsy is in China for the school year (on leave from Smith College).

Marjorie Moses has completed an intricate needlepoint all over floral design, for a seat cover. She had an artisan at Sturbridge design and build the chair which was so admired by a visiting grandson that he was presented the chair on the spot. Too bad it was too far away to display at the Woodlawn Needle work exhibit in Nelly Custis' home at Woodlawn Plantation. Marjorie is now knitting afghans for 2 little great-granddaughters, the last one born to the Schwabs in Dec.

We are sorry to announce the death of our classmate, **Bill Houghton**, on 20 Dec 80. He was buried at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery, Miami, FL. He was survived by 4 sons and 3 daughters, 18 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Another classmate, **Pat Flanegen** died 9 Feb 81. Pat and **Bob Whitson** were roommates for the entire 4 years they were cadets at West Point. They first met when they were students at Braden's Prep School in Highland Falls.

Fannie Tully's son, COL Robert B. Tully '46, was able to get his family and possessions out of Iran shortly before hell broke loose there. He is now employed by the Bell Helicopter Co and is looking for a house in Dallas.

We were pleased to receive a letter from **Doris Pickering Hall**, the daughter of **James Pickering** stating that her father is in fair health but his activity is pretty limited due to severe arthritis of the back, hands and feet. She remembers the Shuggs at Benning, and the Blankenship party for her and her future husband before they were married.

Her husband, who was a physician, died in 1975.

The DC '16ers met for the monthly luncheon at the A-N Club on 10 Mar. Present in the Bull Pen were DeWitt, Gallagher, Prickett, Scott and Walsh.

Bobby O'Hare took her turn as hostess in the main dining room for Sevilla Bliss, Peggy Prickett, Marian Scofield, Sidney Walsh and Mary Scott.

The Pricketts have the honor to announce the arrival of 2 new great-grandchildren making a total of 24 for them. No. 23 is Kristine Cohen, granddaughter of Ginger and Lee Cage '42; and No. 24 is Christopher Rohr, grandson of Peggy & Frank Miller '38.

Virginia Doney, our reporter from west of the Rockies had dinner with the McBrides. **Bob McBride** has had a set-back which may keep them from the Reunion. Shuggs are still happy in their Oakland home as is **Laura Johns** in hers. The **Woodwards** are planning their annual trek to their summer home in the Tetons, and **Virginia Doney** looks forward to the bus trip from Ft Myer to the Thayer Hotel, in May when the '16 and '26 local classmates share the ride to the Reunion.

Helen Lieb is now living in Berkeley very happily with her daughter **Helen Lieb Calver**. Their home is upon a hillside where they enjoy the birds and wild life. She sees **Loretta Draves** occasionally.

Ronald Shugg is still breathing, as he says, so he is moving about on occasions to the Yosemite and other spots in CA.

Hazel Marriott, in fair health, is happily settled in HI. She spends her time in her large garden when she is not reading or sewing. She invites you to come and eat her mangoes in season.

A P R
'17

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We have in the past been indebted to **Bill Chapman**, brother of our classmate **Hank**, for information of interest to our Class; and now his letter is the first information we have received of the death of **Doug Wahl**. Doug died 24 Mar at Beverly Manor Convalescent Hosp in CA after a long illness. Bill wrote on 27 Mar, "I attended **Doug Wahl's** funeral in the old Catholic Mission in Carmel this morning, and I inclose his obituary from the local paper. His sister **Gretchen** and his sons were there and about 100 others. Doug has been an outstanding man all his life and he also did so many things for others. Doug was a classmate of my brother **Hank**, and his father was a classmate of my father, **USMA '91**. Likewise, **Bill Heavey** and **Hank** were classmates, and **Jack Heavey** and I in Aug '17, and our fathers were in '91. As an after thought—in case you remember him—so was 'P' Echols in '91! I just talked to **Milt Halsey** on the phone, and he sends his fond regards to you, classmates and friends." For many years **Doug Wahl** was the dist rep for admissions to WP. He was a member of the **MOVV**, the **Vets of WWI** and of the **Assn of the US Army**. He was past cmdr of the **Carmel Legion Post 512** and of the **American Legion Dist 28**. In 1974 he was the recipient of the **AUSA's Pres's Award** for outstanding service to the chapter and community. He is survived by sons **John** and **Robert** of Carmel; sisters, **Gretchen** of Carmel and **Barbara Roberts** of VA, and 5 grandchildren. Burial took place 23 Mar at Arlington.

Fred Irving has made plans for our spring luncheon to be at Ft Myer on 30 Apr. We very much enjoyed having a number of our children and their families with us at our fall luncheon and hope that they and others will be with us this time. **Sam & Evelyn Irwin** plan to be there, from Oakland, CA, with their son, COL **Bill** of the Marines, and his wife, from Quantico. Also our Class godson, **Jimmy Green III**, COL '41.

We very much regret to report that **Steve Sherrill's** widow, **Dorothy R.**, died on 3 Feb '81 at Manor Care of Arlington, VA. She leaves a sister, **Elizabeth Bentley**, a brother, **Wm. Roberts Jr.**, daughter-in-law, **Bernice A. Sherrill**, grandchildren, **Stephen III**, **Stephanie** and **Taylor Sherrill**, and great-grandsons, **Stephen H. IV** and **Wesley J. Sherrill**. **Fred & Vivian Irving** attended the graveside services, which were held at Arlington on 5 Feb. As you remember, Steve wrote these notes until his death 25 years ago, in 1956.

A U G
'17

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Hi Ely is blest of the Lord. Of his 400 acres of manorial lands, 80 are wooded. His maintenance helper is an experienced woodcutter. So, when Hi has spent the day wrestling with the problems of his 5 tenants, he can relax before a blaze in the fireplace and sneer at the price of oil. His doctor says he is physically among the elite of his age group. The whole family gathered at his son's place in Jersey to celebrate his 85th birthday. And he will be at our 65th, ready to assist weaker classmates. Truly his cup runneth over!

When **Billy & Gertrude Reinberg's** daughter was bringing her mother back from a visit to Coral Gables, both were killed in an accident. This news from **Kit Carson**. **Kit** and **Helen** are quite happy with their new home. **Kit** is doing much better. **Helen** was fighting a "bug" which we hope has been subdued.

Virginia Harloe returned from Xmas in L.A. with what seemed to be flu. Her family rallied round and after a spell in hospital moved her to where she could be near **Jack**: new address, 713 Via de Leon, Placentia, CA 92670. She had a light stroke and still has difficulty with her speech and a too rapid pulse.

On the distaff side **Georgina Whitelegg** matches **Hi Ely** in sprightliness. She flits about and is thinking of going to college and starting to write. She suggested that we octogenarians try eating garlic for our arthritis. Says arthritis is unknown in Italy. Guess why. Sniff, sniff.



Aug 17: Chapman.

Bill Chapman reported himself and Toodles in reasonable health. He had talked with Jack Knight and found him content. In the past year, Tiny Bellinger had heart troubles and a slight stroke. He dropped down to 101 lbs but Margaret, with tender loving care, has brought him back to 115.

Leo & Miriam Conner did not feel quite up to joining the parade so they went out to lunch on St. Patrick's Day and had a green salad. The following to whom Your Scribe has talked are listed in order from fair to bouncing: Bob & Marjorie Hasbrouck, Loessa Coffey, Dorothe Matlack and Lois Stamps.

A mean attack of bronchitis caused Anne (and Ed) Hart to give up their Feb in FL. Anne had finally to go to Walter Reed. She is much improved and is expected home in a few days.

JUN
'18

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Pat Casey is playing golf again. Dorothy now has an interest in fishing. Had some nice catches in the Gulf. The Grenatas were in FL in Apr. Saw the Caseys in Naples.

Charlie Hoffman had a hip joint replacement last Feb 1. No more arthritic pain! He was walking by mid-Mar. Alice Kramer will spend Jun & Jul on the East Coast, including a visit with family in Cleveland. Anna Mary Lorence is back at Woodley Acres.

Last Mar. Bud Miley was playing golf tri-weekly. Speaks well for MS weather and implies—health AOK. Bee Rundell flew back from Maui and into the flu at her granddaughter's in Eugene, OR. Is now also AOK back in Walla do.

NOV
'18

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Extreme and record-breaking weather conditions were the pervasive topic of concern from every quarter of the US for the first 3 months of 81. It was too dry or too cold. Travel was curtailed and real news reduced. It impinged hard on Ken Leslie who just wasn't accustomed to waiting until Sat night for a shower and then being very restricted in it's use. Trichels were piping golf in Apr after spending Easter holidays with son Charles in IL. Fitzpatrick's did make their usual visit to Daytona Beach during the worst of the winter, until 15 Apr. Dad Miller, who recently ret from his long career in the practice of Pediatrics, finds little which is very exciting now. Em & Frank Cunningham celebrated a great 60th anniv with all 5 grandchildren present. Frank sent in a very interesting card put out by, "The West Point Hotel, reading, "Guest Rates, (as per regulations) \$4.00 per diem, except on cadet hop nights between Oct 1st and May 1st the rate will be \$5.00 for one day, \$9.00 for 2 days—" The card is dated Nov 1, 1916. Chloe & Felix Usis are very interested in a new lake on their place, covering about 3 acres, which they are landscaping with the thought it be of interest to animal and bird life. Horseys did make the Delta Queen trip on the Mississippi in Mar. Muriel Searby has recovered slowly from a bad sprain caused by tripping over a sleeping dog at a party. We think that's a new one! Kathryn Elleman went off to FL after weather im-

proved, to be with son. Eleanor Dickson had a fine brunch given her on her 80th birthday by her sons with 80 guests and music from the '20's and '30's. Both sons are on sabbaticals, Colin and France. Bill is Dir of Athletics at Devon Episcopal Acad. Eleanor is still in real estate.

The DC area classmates have lunch together the first Tue of each month at Ft McNair. Nine may be present and usually are: Canan, Evans, Hastings, Hixon, Holbrook, Norman, Valentine, Wanamaker and Whelchel. Charlie Hixon missed a couple following a heart attack which resulted in a pace-maker and surgery for an aortic aneurysm. John Binder, at our age, is starting on a typewriter due to his failing eyesight, and he does well at it. Ethel Conrad and Mary McCone missed some of the cold, Ethel by driving to AL and Mary by spending several weeks in San Fran.

Tiny & Bob Schow after considerable medical attention are greatly improved. Art Pulsifer still studies Spanish and gets in his essential daily walks. Johnny Hinds has fully recovered from a hernia operation brought on by lifting a too heavy trunk, he claims it as a self-inflicted wound. And B. G. Stevens is doing well but Polly went through a bout with pneumonia. In Jan Mike Jenkins had a very serious car accident in which a girl passenger was killed and Mike badly injured. He had 2 broken leg bones and his pelvis. He's now around with the use of a walker; prognosis good. The accident was not at all Mike's fault. Helen Williamson had some heart trouble which a pace maker has resolved.

Hal Cocks has quite recovered from those long, weakening, gloomy but few, months. Chorpenings took a well deserved break after a strenuous campaign by a trip to New Orleans. They are anticipating a visit to their Aiello granddaughters, the twins, now over 1½ years old, in VA. Jim & Carolyn Christiansen returned safe and sound from their Dec-Jan trip. Dunk & Lella Dunkelberg planted a slow growing live oak in their yard and will let us know in ten years how it has fared. Weather didn't stop the usual surge of visitors to McAllen, TX, which always overwhelms Jake & Henrietta Freeman. Jim Styron says his health is real good for one of our vintage. The Knudsens became great-grandparents for the 3d time with the arrival on 3 Jan of a little girl. Julius Piland made a visit to son Julius in New Orleans and later to another son in L.A. and Long Beach. And Joe Glasgow telephoned that his writing and eyesight have become so bad that he must resort to the phone. Alex Mackenzie was improving after his stroke of months ago but other problems have hospitalized him a few times recently.

The doctors would not let Elmer Barnes go up to Seattle to help celebrate son John's 60th birthday, so all the family gathered in Salem, OR, where Elmer and Dorothy make their home. Chief Brimmer was boasting about daffodils in his home in Cheyenne at 6,000 ft up in full bloom in Feb. Lee Gray's physical check-up came out OK so off he went to CA, Las Vegas, Phoenix, and Tucson. Bill Blair wrote that he's living in the same house he occupied when he ret in 46. He was 85 in May and still spends the greater part of the day in the saddle running his ranch.

Mc Monroe, who has quite a place in Oakland, was really handicapped by a broken right hand, but daughter Barbara was there to help out on the garden, home and as the secretary. They enjoyed the Bay Area's WP Society's dinner and thought that Gen'l Brown, the Deputy Supe made a fine talk.

The Butlers, Gillands, Gillespies and Gorklinskis all seem to be doing quite well. Ruth Miller (Alison) attended the wedding of grandson, Kim Miller, and Abby Wester, and the reception with over 300 guests. Florence Trower is busy on a charity project of collecting bottles for recycling, her source being 2 local bars. Juliette Wilson is elated over a new grandchild named for her. Alice Pope was on a trip into Yucatan and saw some very interesting things in Mar. Tom Ramsey was very impressed with McMonroe's garden where trees are so close together you need a compass, and Mc's bulbs are famous. Tom himself had over 50 cymbidiums which created quite a show. Paul Kendall remains the same, Ruth is OK.

At the Founders Day dinner in San Diego Chuck Gildart was the oldest grad present and of course he did his duty. Charley Morrison made another trip to Las Vegas but no hotel fires this time. A lawn bowling reunion of Charley, Bill Mendenhall and Chuck Gildart had to await the recovery of Bill from a hard case of flu. Murry Carter lost her sister on New Year's Eve—Dorothy, wife of COL Rankin ('32). Her son Skip took her to AZ to attend the funeral while daughter-in-law, Joy, came to care for "Gram," age 102. Betsy Bly, Dick Ericson's daughter passed away 17 Jan after a long illness. Al & Eleanor Riani are very well and send greetings to all.

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Dick Ovenshine has tried to check on sons of '19 who are still on active duty, but says that it is very difficult to do; for instance, he would have to call a number in Indiana to find what officers are on the active duty list. Our latest information shows the following on active duty: LTG Robert G. Card Jr, MG Drake Wilson, BG Richard T. Drury, COL Charles C. Phillips, COL James H. Phillips Jr., LTC Robert A. Flory. This is not accurate and we have no data on sons who did not attend USMA. Merritt Booth, Class Treas, reports some generous contributions to the Class Fund in memory of deceased classmates; also, thanks from charities for similar donations. Stu Barden, in DC, sent Scribe the typescript of Elaine McFarland's trip to "down under," which she had sent to Stu. Elaine, strongly addicted to freighter travel, sailed from San Fran on a Norwegian container ship for Australia last Jun. The ship had class; the officers were well educated, immaculate, ate with the passengers at meals; the passengers were congenial and the food, drinks and service were super. Touching at Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, Wyndham, (N. coast of Australia), they arrived at Fremantle, (near Perth), after a delightful voyage. In Perth Elaine boarded the transcontinental Indian Pacific Express for Sydney, a trip lasting shortly less than 3 full days. It was great fun; all the passengers except Elaine were Aussies, friendly and convivial; Elaine played the piano in the lounge car and they loved to sing. She was fascinated by the passing scenery—strange and amazing flora and fauna, much of it uniquely Australian. Arrived in Sydney she took tours in eastern areas—the Great Barrier Reef, Melbourne, Snowy Mountains, the Great Dividing Range, a ski resort. Then to New Zealand with its really spectacular scenery, snow-capped mountains, glaciers, volcanoes. She spent 5 weeks as a paying guest on a sheep ranch. Then another freighter, past the Galapagos Is. to

Panama. At anchor for 3 days at Balboa awaiting their turn thru the canal; then the passage, the voyage to Charleston, her flight home to Phoenix. She had been away just over 5 months. Elaine enjoyed her trip hugely—and by not being in a mad rush she stayed in many areas long enough to get the “feel” of the people—so to speak—learned much about the geography, the customs and language peculiarities of the places she visited.

From the DC area **Joe Odell** reports that on 27 Dec **Les Flory** held open house at his lovely home in Chevy Chase, MD, where about 30 old friends and neighbors gathered for a bit of visiting and savoring of tasty refreshments. Shortly after Xmas **Al & Dade Wedemeyer** visited HI. On his return home **Al** turned himself in to **Walter Reed** for minor repairs and is now at home taking it easy for a while. **Maxine Cranston's** home was burglarized during her temporary absence. **Herb Jones** was the only one of '19 to attend the DC Founders Day dinner, held 20 Mar at Bolling Field, and he gave details to **Joe Odell**. It was a stag affair except for the attendance of one female ex-cadet. Well over 400 were there. Guest speaker was **GEN Volney F. Warner '50**, head of REDCOM; oldest grad was **Cary H. Brown, '10**, youngest was **W.C. Sumner '78**, and former CSA's present were **J. Lawton Collins, Apr '17**, **Lyman L. Lemnitzer '20**, and **Harold K. Johnson '33**.

David McLean reports from Clearwater, FL, that a well-attended Founders Day dinner was staged on 10 Mar in St. Ptsbg, FL. Guest speaker was **LTG Andrew J. Goodpaster '39**, Supt USMA, who spoke of the situation and the programs at WP. None of our Class attended. **Virgil Shaw** entertained the **McLeans** in his beautiful 13th-floor apt. with its magnificent view. **Virgil** is very active socially. **Marjorie Winn** stays close at home, enjoys her new swimming pool and her 2 Shelties. **Margie Lawrence** was well at last reports. **Alex Raean** was enjoying visits to **Errol Estates, Apopka, FL**. Her son **John**, now ret, sells real estate in Apopka. **Maude & Nate Twining** still await a definite date for moving into **AF Village** at San Ant, perhaps in Apr. Their dau **Oddie (Olivia)**, wife of **COL Hansell Hayward, USAF**, and her husband live there and are building a home near **Randolph AFB**, where he is stationed. **Ken Pierce** lives with his son and dau-in-law in their new-old home near the water in **Dunedin**, a location they enjoy very much. **Ken** says that he doesn't do anything but walk.

From San Ant **Bob Springer** reports that **Bobby Gard** is recovering well from his stroke, but not fast enough to please the latter, who complains about slow renewal of his strength. In Jan the **Gards** had a bizarre experience. One noon a young woman walked boldly into their home thru the unlocked front door, entered the kitchen, where she asked **Whitey** for a job. **Bobby**, watching TV, had not seen the intruder. A second woman, seen by neither **Bobby** nor **Whitey**, then entered the house and, while roaming thru the bedrooms, was discovered by the maid, who pushed her out of the house. The first woman joined in the struggle. Both intruders got away, and the **Gards** soon found that much jewelry was missing. Later the police caught the 2 women but found no jewelry. The **USAA** reimbursed the **Gards** for the full amount of the insurance, \$8000, but **Bobby** is still “out” considerably more than that, (he blames himself), because, like so many of us, he had not increased his coverage enough to compensate for inflation.

Held in the large main dining room of the **USAA Bldg** in San Ant on 18 Mar was

the Founders Day dinner of the **WP Soc of S. TX. GEN Ralph E. Haines Jr., '35**, made a fine address. The 60-man **WP Glee Club** sang exciting and traditional songs which stirred deep emotions in the more than 300 grads and their wives who were present. '19 was represented by **Bob & Rhoda Springer**; Nov. '18, the only class senior to ours, represented at the dinner by **Claude Chorpening** and **Wilbur Dunkelberg** and their wives.

Bob says that **Alex Bennet** is so busy that he does not have time for lunch; even at **Bob's** expense, as **Bob's** guest. Among his many projects **Alex** is advising the **Reagan Admin** how to run the country and this takes much correspondence and time. To ameliorate the time crisis, **Velma** even mows the lawn. One win for **Alex**: he has lost 6 pounds, thus bringing his blood pressure down to normal.

George Elms reports from El Paso that **Adna & Vivian Hamilton** plan to sell their home there and move to San Ant for health reasons. **George** still loves horses, often goes to the races. They have some real she-woman female jockeys in west TX who race in the **Powder Puff Derby** and similar events, having overcome the opposition of the male chauvinists, but who still sustain very serious injuries in the sport. Ah, estes **Tejanas**—**George** says that he has a copy of **Rosalee Porter's** “The Rhyming Reporter,” which he enjoyed. The Founders Day dinner was held 11 Mar at Ft. Bliss. **GEN of the Army Omar Bradley '15**, as oldest grad present, said a few words, **BG Joseph P. Franklin '55**, **Cmdt-Cadets, USMA**, was the guest speaker; and all the '19ers in El Paso, **Elms, Hamilton** and **Barlow**, were there, as one '19 son, **R.C. Barlow Jr., '49, USMA**. As it was last year, the dinner was co-ed. A distinctive feature of the dinner was the presence of a large number of grads of **USNA** and **USAFA**, plus officers from Britain, Germany, France, Canada, Japan, Egypt, Jordan and the Netherlands.

In the Mar 81 issue of **ASSEMBLY**, Scribe mentioned **Rosalee Porter's** new book of poems, “The Rhyming Reporter.” He has now been reading the poems and finds them very enjoyable. **Rosalee** is a poetess par excellence and her talent is beyond question. To obtain a copy write to **Rosalee G. Porter, (Mrs. F.B.), 1312 La Paloma Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80906**.

From the San Fran Bay area **Jack Vance** informs that he has had the flu, an infection and an operation; but these mountain men from ID are rugged types and he is getting along all right, recuperating at home. The doctors have put some temporary restrictions on him, however, so he relaxes a lot reading biography and history. **Jack** and **Betty** had short but most enjoyable visits with **Al & Dade Wedemeyer** in Jan and Feb as the **Wedemeyers** passed thru en route to and from Honolulu. **Jack** says that **Babe Ruth** said that he would not attend the Founders Day dinner, and **Jack** cannot attend because of medical restrictions, so, for the first time in years '19 will not be represented at the San Fran dinner.

From Scribe: **Emily McNamee** is well, is getting settled in her apt. in Newport Beach, CA (see below), lives close to 2 of her sons. Also **Lambert & Pauline Cain** are well and enjoying life in Leavenworth, KS. The **WP Soc of Phila** held its Founders Day dinner in Wayne, PA, a 5 minute drive from where Scribe lives. As oldest grad present he spoke briefly. The youngest grad, **Maiberger '80**, from Ft Dix, natural, self-effacing, gave a sparkling speech, crackling with humor; a smash hit. He had his audience “rolling in the aisles.”

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DEATHS

Carolyn Sarah Tousey Booth, wife of **COL Merritt B. Booth**, died 25 Feb 81 of cardiac arrest at Andrews AFB, where she had been in the hosp after she and **Merritt** had been in a serious auto accident. She was a member of the **Daus** of the **US Army** and of the **DC Chapter of PEO**, a philanthropical organization; and of **St. James Church, Lothian, MD**, where she had been **Chairman of the Library Cmte**, member of the **Vestry** and, recently, **Senior Warden of the Parish**. In a letter to those of '19 who had contributed to the **Library Fund** in **Carolyn's** memory, the **Rector** called her a remarkable person, dearly loved in the Parish. She was buried in Arlington. **Dick Ovenshine, Herb Jones, George Rogers, Doc Martin, Ed Hopkins** and **Joe Odell** were honorary pallbearers. She is survived by her husband; a brother, **Thomas G. Tousey Jr. of Carmel, CA**; dau **Carolyn B. Smith, of Ossining, NY**; dau **Susan E. Wood of Los Angeles, CA**; son **William S. Booth of San Ramon, CA**; 11 grandchildren.

Georgina L Hammond, wife of **BG Elton F. Hammond**, died of cancer in Arlington, VA, on 4 Mar. A native of Fall River, MA, she graduated from **Bridgewater, MA, Normal College** and taught school for a year before her marriage in 1921. While **Elton** was chief signal officer of **US Army forces** in Tokyo she served as dir of a school for **US-bound Japanese brides of US servicemen**. In the 1970's she was a tutor for the **Homebound Instruction Program** in Arlington public schools; also, she was active for many years in the **Hookcraft Guild**. She was buried in Arlington on 6 Mar. Pallbearers were **Herb Jones, Dick Ovenshine, Les Flory, George Rogers, Doc Martin, Ed Hopkins** and **Joe Odell**. She is survived by her husband; a son, **Elton F. Jr., of Lima, OH**; two daus, **Georgina Lamb of Silver Spring, MD**, and **Diane Wick of Huntsville, AL**; 10 grandchildren.

Irene M. Hayford, wife of **MG Bertram F. Hayford**, died in Eustis, FL, 23 Jan, victim of heart problems which had kept her confined for nearly 3 years. The **Hayfords** were married in 1919, among the first in our Class. Since **Bert's** ret in 1955 they had lived in Eustis, FL, where both had been active in **St. Thomas Episcopal Church**. **Irene's** ashes are interred in the columbarium of the church yard there. She is survived by **Bert**; son **Bert Jr.**; dau, **Mrs. Carol G. Snyder**; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

William Benjamin Kean died in Winter Park, FI, on 10 Mar 81, of pneumonia, though he had been in poor health for an extended period of time. During **WWII** he served as **CS of First Army** and after the campaigns in Africa and Sicily he went to England to help plan the **Normandy invasion**. After **VE day** he went to the Philippines and helped plan the invasion of Japan; and he witnessed the formal Japanese surrender aboard the **USS Missouri**. He commanded the 25th Div in the Korean War. He had the **Silver Star** and numerous other **US** and foreign decorations. After ret he and **Katharine** moved to FL, where he held important positions in civil life. He was a member of the **Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Dunedin, FL**. He was buried 16 Mar in Arlington. Present were **Al Gruenther, Herb Jones, Doc Martin, Dick Ovenshine, George Rogers**. He is survived by his wife **Katharine**; a son, **William Kennedy**

Kean of Columbia, SC; a dau, Mrs. Harold W. (Katharine) Grossman, of Winter Park; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

ADM Merlin O'Neill, USCG ret, died of cardiac arrest at the Naval Hosp, Patuxent River, MD, on 28 Feb 81. He was once a member of our Class at USMA. After leaving WP he attended the Coast Guard Academy, where he graduated in 1921. He served in cutters and destroyers patrolling the N. Atlantic, plus 3 tours in the Bering Sea guarding whaling stations and sealing grounds. During much of WWII he commanded an attack transport, saw much combat duty in the Atlantic and the SW Pacific. After the war he held additional important assignments, the last being 4 years as Cmdt of the USCG just before his ret in 54. He is survived by his wife Esther, of Lusby, MD; two daus, Patricia T. Penn of Thurmont, MD, and Marilyn L. O'Neill of West Chester, PA; a brother, Edwin, of CA; and 3 grandchildren.

The Class extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

VITAL STATS

Living grads, 83; missing, 2; deceased, 199; widows, 95.

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Very sadly I report that Virginia Lastayo, Pop Lunn, Frank Farrell and Bill McFadden have died.

Virginia Lastayo died 9 Jun 80 and was entombed in the crypt in Miami's Woodlawn Mausoleum beside Eddie, who died 10 Dec 73. This news came from her brother, Wendell O. Dillard. Our deepest sympathy to him and to Eddie's and Virginia's daus, Virginia Riorden and Ann Howard, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

Frank Farrell died 27 Jan 81 at his home in Arlington, VA, of a pulmonary embolism. Services were conducted in the Old Ft Myer Chapel by his old Airborne friend, Monsignor Francis L. Sampson (Ret MG USA and former Chief of Chaplains), who came from SD to celebrate the Mass and deliver a warm eulogy. Adding a beautiful touch was the individual participation of each of the 6 grandchildren. Frank was laid to rest in Arlington with full mil honors. Attending with his widow Anne were dau Mary, husband Bryan Jackson, and 3 daus of Atlanta; son LTC Frank Jr. ('60), wife Jean and 3 sons of Ft Sill, OK; Anne's brother, Hansell W. Ramsey and wife Jeanne of Savannah; and Frank's



1920: The Singers at cocktail party in San Antonio, Nov 80.



1920: Three former Army CS's at Founders Day dinner, Bolling AFB, DC—Lemnitzer '20, Collins '17 and Johnson '33.

nephew, Neal J. Farrell and wife Joan of St. Louis, and son Michael of Hartford. Classmates attending as honorary pallbearers and their wives were the Burns, Coes, Densons, Hinds, Hines, Holles, Lemnitzer, Loupret, John Mitchells, Routheaus, Samouces, Seybolds, Shattucks and Strattons (The Rhems were ill and could not attend). Frank was an outstanding combat commander serving with great distinction in WWII in the Pacific as CS 11 Abn Div 43-44 and its CG 44-55 (SS-LM-2BSM-AM-OR); in KW as Ch KMAC 50-51 (DSM-AM); and went on to be Dpty G3 DA, CG 82 Abn Div, JS, CG V Cps, and



1920: The Planks—Founders Day, Presidio of San Francisco.

CG 7 Ar (DSM) in Europe before ret in 60. He was the personification of the character and integrity that West Point strives to instill in its graduates. He had a great love of the Academy and our Class, and of God and Country. We shall all miss him for his ready wit and the special brand of dry humor he always laced it with. Our deepest sympathy to Anne and her loved ones.

Ann Farrell planned to fly to Atlanta end Mar to be with Mary and Bryan; and to Savannah with her brother and Jeanne. The 6 of them had a glorious 3 weeks late Oct-early Nov in Portugal where they rented a fabulous restored 15th Century Palace through Foreign Service friends.

Pop Lunn died 28 Mar 81 at Schumpert Medical Ctr, Shreveport, LA, after a long illness. Services were conducted at the Shreveport First Presbyterian Church. This news is from a clipping of the 29 Mar Shreveport-Bossier Times sent in by Chesty Haswell. Pop had resd in 22, acquired a law degree at Tulane in 27 and was a very successful lawyer, Pres Shreveport Bar Assn, member LA

and U.S. Bar Assns, and served as LA Gov Kennon's counsel 52-55. He returned to active duty in 41, attained rank of COL and served with distinction in ETO as ExO 35 AAA Brig 43-54 (LM-BSM; Croix de Guerre and Italian Mil Valor Cross). Our deepest sympathy to his widow, Mary Blanche, 3 sons, 6 grandchildren and sister, Mrs. Edwin L. Blewer of Shreveport.

Bill McFadden died 4 Apr 81 of cancer at his home in Salt Lake City, UT, and was buried in the Ft Douglas UT National Cemetery with full mil honors. This news came from his son Raymond of Reston, VA. Bill had written over a year ago that he kept in pretty good health except for glaucoma in his right eye on which he was awaiting a 3d operation to restore normal vision. Bill served with distinction in the Pacific in WWII as CO 69 AAGp & Pers Ctr Saipan 45-45 (LM BSM-2CR). After ret in 54 he acquired LLB degree UUT in 58 and became Atty Trust O of Tracy Collins Bank & Trust Co in SLC. Our deepest sympathy to his widow Pauline, son, Ret COL Raymond '45, dau Margaret Springer, 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

The West Point Soc of DC quarterly luncheon 13 Jan in Patton Hall, Ft Myer, VA, was attended by Burns, Denson, Hinds, Holle, Loupret, John Mitchell and Samouce.

Founders Day Dinner 20 Mar at Bolling AFB DC was attended by Burns, Hinds, Lemnitzer, John Mitchell, Rehm and Samouce; at St. Petersburg, FL, by Lichtenwalter and the McNultys; and in San Ant by Pierson.

The activities of 2 illustrious members of 1920 are cited in the Mar 81 ASSEMBLY: Red Blaik's major gift of \$100,000 to West Point, on p. 22; and the Eisenhower Monument Cte, of which Lem Lemnitzer is Chmn, on p. 23. Red's gift is also the subject of a feature article in the 2 Feb 81 NY Times by the noted veteran sports writer Red Smith.

The McNultys were in Houston in Mar for the meeting of the American Orchid Soc in which Kathryn is on the Board of Trustees.

Last Dec Van Sickler harvested 1363 of his 24,000 trees on his Maine tree farm. It takes 8 years for a tree to mature for harvesting.

Anne Rousseau writes: "1980 was not an easy year for me with 4 trips to ME, the last in bitter cold Dec. Settled my brother's estate there, accepting his death after a long painful illness. Sold his house there and mine in Miami Shores and moved to Village Towers Ret Ctr in Pompano Beach after unwinding with a beautiful cruise in Jan to South America.

Kay Coe has been having heart problems since Apr 80 with several hospital stays. Will perhaps have a pacemaker put in.

Helen Harriman is catching up on news of old Army friends via the ASSEMBLY "after 28 years away from my beloved Army," she says. For the past 12 years she has lived at the Mayflower Apts in Virginia Beach, VA, "enjoying walks on the beach and daily sunrise dip in the Atlantic in the summer. In 73 I lost my Louise (Mrs. Hastings Keith) to cancer and life seemed to stop—Now recovered my spirits. . . ."

The Hinds spend several winter weeks in HI each year. Sid's 3 Feb card said: "The skies are blue, the flowers in full bloom, Mom (Gina's mother) is OK and we are nicely settled in a hillside apt."

The Kreuters also vacationed Feb-early Mar in HI's beautiful island of Maui in historic Lahaina, former whaling capital of the Pacific until the 1840s—"Enjoying daily swims, warm weather and much sunshine. Jack Goff



1920: The McNulty's and Lichtenwalter-Founders Day, St. Petersburg, FL.

phoned from Honolulu but couldn't get to us during his short stay."

Eddie Plank, our Class Rep for CA, has regretfully found it necessary to give it up. I am most grateful to him, as we all are, for his superb coverage of our CA classmates for the past 6 years, a task he has tackled, as he always has all endeavors, with his characteristic "hammer-and-tongs" way so familiar to all of us. Kudos and all good wishes to you and Dottie, Eddie!

Bob Krueger, who has been Eddie's mainstay for news from southern CA, has kindly consented to "volunteer" to take over from Eddie. Bravo!!

The Watts' annual Xmas letter cited their visit to San Leandro, CA, to see their first great-grandchild, their dau, Marilyn Newcomb's, dau, Carol Simonson's little Jennifer Anne—"A real doll," Bob says. He and Winn are happily surrounded by their busy and growing family. Son Dick has been with the Cubic Corp 25 years working mainly on AF projects; wife Su is with Sea World; 1 dau just married, 1 in college and 2 in HS. Dau Marilyn, with Bank of America at the Nav Tng Ctr, helps Saudi Arabian Navy students in training there, and their wives. Besides her dau Carol, she has 2 sons, 1 married and all busy as beavers. At 84, Bob still keeps up his gardening—"Had no decent harvest last year except for tomatoes, many and excellent."

The Watts heard from Anneliese Long from West Germany this Xmas. Her older son Walter, who earned his doctoral degree at U of Munich under Dr. Fischer (probably the Chemistry 1973 Nobel prize winner, Dr. Ernest Otto Fischer), is an Exchange Chemistry Prof at UCA San Diego. Her younger son, also a chemist, is at Christian-Albrecht U in Kiel.

Carl Engelhart has furnished to the US Mil History Inst at the Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA, a copy of his manuscript "Trapped on Corregidor" about his 3½ years as a Japanese POW. He is sending the original to USMA Library after he finishes "fussing with it."

The Dec 80 ASSEMBLY Notes show "Duffner not too well." This is in error. Sorry. It should have been "Claudia Duffner not too well." Carl is well and active as ever. In Jan he wrote: "Claudia is recovering but has to take it easy. I do all the hard work around the house, and you should see me do the laundering and ironing which I am good at." Ret from teaching at the AFA HS after 16 years on the Palmer Lake (CO) City Planning Commission and lay reader in the Episcopal Church. He keeps his hand in education by being on the local school board. His deep interest in education goes back to his younger years. Though born in Phila, his parents took him to Switzerland and Germany for his early schooling. After

ret from the Army in 53, he took 3 years post-grad studies in education, 1 at UKC MO and 2 at U of Munich.

The Singers' 19 Jan letter was an annual roundup. After our 60th Reunion they motored to Bar Harbor, ME; then to Baltimore to visit son Tommy and his family and see grandson graduate from HS; then to relatives in Atlanta, Gatlinburg and Biloxi. On 26 Dec they drove to Cuernavaca, Mexico, via Laredo, Monterey, Saltillo, Matehuola and Mexico City. Through a Cuernavaca friend they and 3 other American couples rented the spectacular Casa de la Bolla while the owners, an Italian Count and Countess, were away traveling—"Real luxury, deluxe baths, heated pool, and waited on hand and foot by 4 maids and a yardman . . . New Year's Eve at beautiful Las Mananitas with peacocks, balloons, champagne, dancing, kissing . . ." Visited the famous Cuauhnauc Museum of Mexican artifacts and lore. On returning to US they visited the extensive Big Bend National Park along the Rio Grande, putting up at the Park Hq in Panther Junction. From there they toured the features at Castolon, Casa Grande and Rio Grande Village before leaving the Park via Avery Canyon, Fossil Bone Exhibit, Dog Canyon and Persimmon Gap—and home to San Ant by 10 Jan. In Mar they were again on the go to Waco to attend the Pan American Round Table State Convention, of which Nena is a 30-year member and Past Director President. Then to Monterey, Mexico for the 50th annual SW Conference of Building Owners and Mgrs, of which Dick is a Past Pres and life member after many years as Bldg Mgr of San Antonio's extensive USAA. They have attended all such annual national conventions (in USA or Mexico and TX State Conventions (in Houston) for the past 20 years.

Louise George and Frances Villaret (widow of COL Gustave, Purple Heart vet comdg Machine Gun Co 23 Inf Div in WWI, and Military Aide to Presidents Harding and Coolidge) had a fabulous 3 weeks of music and opera in Rome, Florence, Venice and Milan's La Scala. Louise's son Bill, Chase Manhattan's Director for SE Asia in Bombay, India, is visiting Louise in May with his family. Frances' son COL Gustave III ('51) is at Ft Bliss on S&F ADS; dau Mimi works in the Terrace Theater of DC's Kennedy Ctr, and her husband CE LTC Raymond G.



1920: Durst—oldest grad—Founders Day Ft Leonard Wood.

Clark Jr. (Notre Dame PE) ret in '75 to join a civil engrng firm engaged in construction of civ airfields in US and elsewhere, and son, CPT Gordon Clark, CE (VPI), is on duty in West Germany. The 3-week tour in Italy was arranged for Louise and Frances by Louise's dau Louise Clubb, Prof Comparative Renaissance Lit at UCA, Berkeley, now Exchange Prof at U of Padua. Louise had the lead in the Broadway musical "Rosemarie" when Alex courted her as a cadet; she gave up her very promising career to become a lowly 2LT's wife. And Frances, a renowned concert pianist, was courted by Gustave (a tenor of distinction) in music circles in Washington, New York, Germany, France and Spain. To hear Louise and Frances together is a rare musical feast!

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At about the time that these notes were due at WP for the Mar issue of this magazine, I developed some kidney trouble. The doctor thought I might have to enter a hospital. So I called Bill Lawton and asked him to write the notes which he kindly consented to do. Bill did a great job and I thank him most kindly for the wonderful job he did. As for myself; even though I was not uncomfortable I did not have to go to the hospital. After 1½ months of medication, X-Rays, sonograph and computerized axial tomograph (CAT) scan it was determined that whatever had been the trouble had subsided and I was returned to "active duty" again even to the point of having an evening cocktail. Again, Bill, many thanks.

Some sad news. Mary Strong died on Feb. 11th, and Wy Schuyler also died in Feb. Mary had always been very active in municipal and educational activities. Wy had been ill for the past several years. We also received word that Helen McGrath had died in Jan. On behalf of the Class I extend to Pat and Cort and the McGrath children our heartfelt sympathy.

By the time you read these notes there will be only 5 classmates who have not joined the "Octogenarian Club." As a matter of fact I had the honor of being the oldest grad present at the North FL WP Soc last Mar. (Is that an honor?). The several cards and letters that I have received generally made reference to getting old and the aches and pains. The following ditty pretty well sums it up, it was sent to me by Harry Stout:

"Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work. You feel like the night before, and you haven't been anywhere. You get winded playing chess. Your children begin to look middle aged. You finally reach the top of the ladder, and find it leaning against the wrong wall. Your mind makes contracts your body can't meet. You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions. You look forward to a dull evening. You walk with your head held high trying to get used to your bifocals. Your favorite part of the newspaper is 25 years ago today. You turn out the light for economic rather than romantic reasons. You sit in a rocking chair and can't make it go. Your knees buckle and your belt won't. You're 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist, and 96 around the golf course. You stop looking forward to your next birthday. After painting the town red, you have to take a long rest before applying a second coat. You remember today, that yesterday was your wedding anniversary. The best part of your day is over when your alarm clock goes off. You burn the midnight oil af-

ter 9 p.m. Your back goes out more than you do. A fortune teller offers to read your face. The little gray haired lady you help across the street is your wife. You get exercise acting as a pallbearer for your friends who exercise. You have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine cabinet. You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.”
—Author Anonymous

Charlie Dobbs has a new address: 1902 Culver, Midland, TX 79701, Tel: (915) 697-7370. Charlie and Kathreen like their new ret home very much. Charlie has recovered nicely from the heart attack he had in 79, however Kathleen has been undergoing treatment for high blood pressure and some eye trouble. The ret home provides facilities for the care of its residents. Their son and his family and a granddaughter live just a few blocks away so the Dobbs are not lonesome. Their daughter and her family live in Winnsboro, TX and come to visit quite often. The Dobbs have 3 great-grandchildren. Last issue we showed the 4 generations of Sprys, how about some of you other great-grandparents sending us a picture of your clan.

In reply to my inquiry the AOG notified me that there were only 3 classmates who were not subscribers to this magazine. I wrote to the 3 of them. Bob Murphy called to tell me that he is officially blind as reported in the last issue. He cannot read print. Another classmate wrote me that he had sent in his subscription and that he hoped that it would make it 100%. So that leaves only Henry Woodbury with a “No Excuse, Sir.”

The Class roster that I sent to Ariana Raynsford was returned. If anyone has any information about her I would appreciate hearing from you.

A note from Mark McClure stated that he had a pacemaker installed in his chest (if that is the proper nomenclature) and it was not properly adjusted. He was about to get a scan of some sort to correct the trouble. Since I have not had word to the contrary I conclude that the pacer is functioning properly.

Max Taylor has written several articles for magazines and newspapers. The one that appeared in Parameters, Journal of the U.S. Army War College, drew some criticism from someone at the Harvard Divinity Sch. Another article was in the Washington Post entitled, “Should they fire GEN Jones?” The article probably had some effect because GEN Jones was not fired. The last article appeared in our local Jacksonville paper. It was headed, “Reagan Must be Wary of DOD Plans.” If you are interested I would gladly send you a copy.

The DC class luncheon in Jan was well attended. The only absentee was Al Kastner. You can imagine that just before inauguration the topic of conversation was mostly political. Those present at the Mar luncheon meeting were: Conway, Lawton, Leedy, McClure and Taylor. Geo. Olmsted had his Monday dates tied up so he missed it. The topic of conversation at that meeting was our 60th Reunion. It is time we start thinking about it and start making some plans, especially at the Thayer Hotel.

Bill & Marge Lawton took off on 26 Mar for a couple weeks furlo in HI and a visit with Bill's 2 brothers on the west coast.

In Mid-Jan the Kleins returned from their yearly Xmas visits with their daughter in Austin, TX where they attended the marriage of their granddaughter. They also visited Art's brother and his family. While in Austin Art had a conversation with PD Lynch who manages to keep busy with all sorts of outside activities. He also talked with Bob & Janet

Taylor, both of whom, Art says are in good shape. Art had intended to call Rummy Rumaggi during his stop over in Dallas, but time did not permit. (This reminds me, when we returned from CA last summer I did call Rummy during our stopover and had a nice conversation with him. He sounded at that time like he did 60 years ago.)

Since her divorce is final, Beverly will hence forth be known as Beverly Kane. Bev went to Gettysburg to visit her daughter and her family and see the new farm they had bought. Unfortunately Bev developed terrific pain in the hip and was hospitalized for 10 days. Upon return to DC she entered Walter Reed for another 10 days. This hip arthritis can be very painful and I hope by the time she reads these notes she is lots better.

Ollie Hughes had intended to visit his son and his family in Dallas, but could not make it because he was in the hospital with a minor operation, prostrate. As he put it, “They say it is minor, I hope so.”

Gertrude McClenaghan spent a few weeks last fall visiting her children in KS, MO and IN. While in KS one of her grandchildren was married.

The 2d Cav Assn held an “Honor Hank Reed Night” in Phila last Oct. It published a 19-page history of Hank's life and accomplishments.

One more time—Our 60th is now just about one year in the future.

'23

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This letter starts off on a sad note as we sorrowfully report the following: Donald H. Galloway died in FL and was buried at Arlington on 17 Dec 80. Kenneth E. Webber died at his home in CA on 17 Dec 80. Private ceremonies were held for his burial at Green Hills Mortuary in San Pedro. William S. Biddle died in Alexandria, VA, on 24 Jan and was buried at Arlington on 27 Jan with full military honors. Sylvester J. Keane died 10 Feb at the Ft Sam Houston Hospital and was buried in the National Cemetery in San Ant on 13 Feb. Oscar C. Stewart died 12 Mar of massive injuries suffered in an auto accident a week earlier. Memorial services were held at Moffett NAS Chapel on 27 Mar.

Letters expressing personal sympathy and condolence from the Class were sent by Breidster to the widows in each instance. Each of the above served his country with distinction and will be missed by his classmates who join in sending sincere condolence to the families. For the burial of Galloway and Biddle, DC area classmates served as



1923: Gettys, Tredennick and Canoe.



1923: Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

pallbearers. Those serving were Carter Magruder, Joe Smith, Jim Fry, Forstall Adams, Bill Despinosa, and Santiago Guevara.

In addition to the above the following sad news is reported: Lela Gettys, wife of Charley, died on 10 Mar and was buried at WP on 20 Mar following memorial services at the Old Cadet Chapel. The Tredennicks and the RB Papes (WP '24), with other friends and relatives attended the service. For the present Charley intends to remain in FL.

Notes from our DC Group Chmn, Lee Shafer, inform us of the following: Charlie & Elizabeth Bromley have moved to Wilmette, IL, to be near their son. Their DC area friends will miss them very much, and wish them best of everything in their new home.

Damon & Helen Gunn vacationed in FL for several months. Damon has recovered sufficiently from his stroke so that he could make the journey. Best wishes Damon for your continued improvement. Both Dorothy Torrence and Dorothy Kehm spent the winter in FL.

Next co-ed luncheons of DC Group will be held on 16 Sept and 18 Nov at Ft McNair. All are invited but if you can't make it in person send a message to the group.

Santiago & Carmen Guevara, with their daughter Carmen and their granddaughter Mary Jo have returned from their Caribbean cruise having had a very enjoyable time with excellent food, plenty of entertainment and pleasant tours to Dominican Republic, San Juan, PR, St. Thomas, St. John and Virgin Is.

On 9 May Jim & Helen Fry flew to Sand Point, ID, to visit relatives and the high school from which they graduated.

Founders Day for DC area was held 20 Mar at Bolling AFB. Classmates among the more than 400 grads attending were Jim Fry, Joe Smith, and Lee Shafer. They were seated with a number of friends of 20, and together joined in singing “Old Pop Waffles on the Poop Deck stood” etc. How many of you remember that? Lemnitzer '20 recalled that they substituted “Slimey Joe” for “Pop Waffles!”

Here is an important notice for the attention of all! Joe Smith has accepted the chairmanship of the '23 60th Reunion Cmte. This is an early effort to get everyone thinking about May 83, to start our planning for billeting, transportation and program. No need to make a firm commitment now, but Joe requests that each classmate and widow write him stating whether (1) plans are being made to attend the reunion, circumstances permitting, and (2) any suggestions for consideration of the Class cmte. Write to LTG Joseph Smith, 1400 35 St NW, Wash., DC 20007.

Wendell & Ruth Johnson left Camden, ME, in late Jan to visit their son, Wendell Jr. and family in Potomac, MD, then continued, via stopover in Williamsburg, VA, to FL for the months of Feb and Mar. While

in DC, the **Johnsons** hosted a luncheon for classmates who were quickly available on short notice.

The purpose of their stopover in Williamsburg was to visit Ruth's older brother (age 86 yrs). In FL the **Johnsons** vacationed at Siesta Key, Sarasota. They attended Founders Day dinner on 10 Mar in St. Petersburg. Joining the party with them was the widow of Johnny's first cousin, COL Wilbert E. Shalene '20. The **Johnsons** stayed overnight with Mrs. Shalene at her home in Seminole, a suburb of St. Pete.

The **Johnsons** had a phone call of welcome from Charley Gettys (our Class AR in FL); they visited the Roosmas ('26) for cocktails; enjoyed lunch on 1 Mar with the Harris F. Scherers '19; talked with Bob Dulaney by phone and visited RB & Dorothy Evans in late Mar. The **Johnsons** returned home early in Apr. Before leaving ME, Johnny received a nice note from Ralph & Mary Alice Bing in Warner, NH. They report being well and enjoying life in spite of infirmities that come along with age!

From PD land Roy & Mary Dwyer sent in the following news; Frank & ME Wilder continue to maintain reasonably good health, participate in minor work projects and few social activities. They now live in their newly built home next to their daughter's home in Wall, NJ. Jimmie & Helen Carroll returned in Jan from their enjoyable visit with Helen's family in Syracuse but were glad to get away from the cold weather in NY (20 degrees below zero). Jimmie reports having received a letter from John Pitzer, still confined to his convalescent home in Phoenix, AZ. John, if you read this please write your scribe a note. Jimmie attended the Founders Day dinner at Carlisle Barracks on Mar 18 with Tredennick. The main speaker was GEN R.G. Stilwell '38 and Tred supplied the "Old Grad" comments. Charley Gettys, who had just arrived from FL, stopped by at the beginning of the party to exchange greetings and join Jim and Tred for a group picture. Charley was in Carlisle to visit his daughter (Mrs Jack Coon, COL USA) before going to WP for the memorial service for his deceased wife, Lela.

Roy & Mary Dwyer, with their granddaughter and her fiancée, and the Tredennicks attended the Jan general membership dinner meeting of Valley Forge Chapter TROA at the Covered Wagon Inn in Stafford, PA. Although living a quiet inactive life during the winter months, there has been much family activity for Mary and Roy in the spring. Their grandson Steve '80, stationed as LT with 7th Inf Div at Ft Ord was married to 2LT Gail O'Sullivan in Boston, MA. Ann Honebrink, their granddaughter graduated from Med School in May and was married to Dr. Shane Saris in Phila on 25 Apr. Another granddaughter, Emily Honebrink in Cincinnati and grandson Joe Dwyer in Phila graduated from high school. The Dwyers are rightfully proud of their family and knowing Roy and Mary for these many years it is easily understood how the on-coming heirs are so outstanding and successful. The Dwyers, accompanied by their friendly neighbors, the Baldwins attended the Founders Day dinner dance sponsored by the WP Soc of Phila, held at the Valley Forge Mil Acad in Wayne, PA on 14 Mar.

Greetings have been received from Doug & Lolita Pamplin plus a report of their interesting trip to Egypt. Leaving Huntsville in Jan they flew to Egypt via Casablanca. After several days in Cairo where they were delighted to see the King Tut exhibit they went to Alexandria, then flew on to Luxor

where they boarded a Sheraton Floating Hotel Cruiseship for a 7-day journey on the Nile. Their ship stopped daily for trips to temples and tombs such as Tut Ankh Amon's tomb in the Valley of the Kings. Then on to Aswan from where they flew to Abu Simbel, 180 miles south, to view the colossal quartet—all images of Rameses II carved 3200 years ago. President Sadat made a trip to Aswan while the Pamplins were there so they with thousands of others lined the streets to watch him pass by. They are home again, glad to have visited Egypt—but to sum it up, they say "once in a lifetime is good enough."

Replying to a quip in the Sept 80 ASSEMBLY, Paul Laning did write to me, telling of his many visits with classmates, of his impressive days at his "exam-cram-school" in Marion, AL, and particularly of his respect for and admiration of the WP heritage. By coincidence, Paul, in following an interest in steam locomotives, modern and ancient, corresponds frequently with a railroad buff living here in Reading. They pursue such recidite affairs as what happened to a locomotive built in 1937—and other facets of railroading. Are there any other hobbyists in the Class?

From San Ant, Clyde Rich reports that he is walking again (after hip replacements) without pain; his therapy is swimming 3 times a week in the warm water pool at Ft Sam Houston. Clyde had the opportunity of talking with Charlie Lawrence and Pat Timberlake in Feb and learned that Charlie is on oxygen 16 hours per day but can go shopping from time to time so he gets out a lot. Pat is undergoing chemo-therapy treatment once a month and while uncomfortable for a short period he is in pretty good shape. Emily Timberlake and Marjorie Rich were guests at a luncheon given by Sally Anderson (Mrs. Sam Anderson '28).

Jazz Harmony visited San Ant in Mar and while there he and Clyde met at Ft Sam Houston for a long bit of conversation. Clyde and Marjorie went to Paris in May—to visit their daughter Robina who lives and works there, and to celebrate their golden wedding anniv, which was 29 Nov 80. Before returning home they visited Madrid—where they lived for 14 years.

After her husband's death in 75 Mrs. W. Harold (Edythe) Schaffer remained in San Ant, has many friends there and keeps in close touch with her family; sons, Donald C. (rtd LTC) from Crofton MD; William from Charlotte, NC; Harold from Miami, FL; also her daughter Shelley (Mrs. George Millener Jr.) from El Paso, TX. Schaf was my roommate for the 3 upper class years at WP and it's great to maintain contact with this fine family. And a bit of nostalgia: I wonder how many in I Co recall the famous drag that Schaf, Duke Albrecht and I received in Dec 22!

The following news was received from Lyle Rosenberg in San Diego: Dave Fowler suffered a heart arrest several months ago, has recovered quite well and is doing more every day. Their local paramedics responded to Rhoda's call within 2 minutes and definitely saved Dave's life. Best wishes Dave, we hope you will continue to improve. The WP Society of San Diego held their Founders Day dinner on 13 Mar at the Adm Kidd Club in the San Diego Nav Tng Ctr. A good crowd well over 100 attended, including the following of '23: Deke & Louise Stone, Lyle & Louise Rosenberg and Dave Stone. The Warren Robinsons could not attend because Dorothy was laid up with a cast on her right leg. She broke her leg shortly after recovering from a similar accident to her left leg last

Oct. BG Harvey Frazer '39 gave quite an inspiring talk. He is currently Academic Dean of the CA Maritime Academy. Chuck Gildart, Jun '18, greeted the group as the oldest grad.

From Glenn Palmer, our San Fran Bay Area A.R.: Following a postal card appeal for news (timed to beat the rise in postal rates) he received about a 50% response from Bay Area classmates. Mike Buckley forwarded a news clipping which detailed one anon individual's recital of his physical ills but bore the theme, "I'm fine for the shape I'm in" which probably could apply to most of us. We conclude that rather than give a complete organ recital it seems best to say just that! Mike had just written to John Pitzer who is now confined to a wheel chair because his knees are showing the delayed effect of many football blocks in kaydet days. John and Rula now share a room in their nursing home and some of their family are near by. Buckley also reported seeing the Garrechts. Art says things are "The Same as yesterday," which is good enough for anyone. Agnes Garrecht has difficulty walking but her weight has increased from 79 to 86. Mike also sent word that Harriette Pesek is doing well, having had a group in for lunch in Feb. At the memorial services for Mark in Dec, Mike read the Epistle and Ray Pierce the Cadet Prayer.

Frank Gurley, from marvelous Marin County, stated that he has just completed his second year in the Redwoods, his retirement residence. He rarely travels out of the county but does have a daughter, Alice Long, living nearby. Like many, he quickly "runs out of gas" when on the go!

Ruth (Mrs. Francis R.) Johnson reports her replacement hip is doing OK, but she's approaching the possible need of a replacement for the other hip. Ruth sees Mary & Roy Pierce frequently in their ret village, the Sequoias, where Roy is busy as pres of the Residents' Council.

Jud & Verne McGehee stayed at home for Xmas and since; but shortly before that Jud had been ill with the flu and Verne in Stanford U. Hosp for evaluation. Palmer writes that if friends were missing Xmas cards from the McGehees, please know it was because Jud just didn't have the chance to get them out. Verne requires full-time care.

Virginia Post wrote a full report of herself and family, the latter now includes 2 great-grandchildren, a 3d expected this summer. Ed Jr. is attending Nav WC in Newport, RI, where Virginia visited last year in Dec. She also made an earlier visit to HI with a stay at Hale Koa after Ed Jr. had left his command of a bn at Ft Carson.

Louie Rutte wrote (hunt & peck) news of same tenor as most others: limited activity, and acquaintance with nearly all inner workings of Letterman Hosp; 17 grandchildren and 3 greatgrands at latest count, scattered between London and across US to nearby Vacaville, CA. Lucille drives Louis everywhere (and Pink adds: "perhaps that's why men marry younger women, so they'll be able to look after the men in their declining years; I never thought of that before!").

Polly Barton continues to enjoy her limited activities in Santa Clara plus visits from the younger generation. Polly keeps in frequent touch with the Palmers by phone. As for the Palmers, Elizabethh is in tip-top shape and Pink is doing fine "for the shape he is in" and once in a while the medico says he still doesn't look his age!

In late Feb at Letterman Hosp Pink encountered Einar Gjelsteen who exhibited a hand whose utility had been renewed through

a zig-zag incision and sutured (no zipper) so apparently the Dr didn't foresee having to do the job again.

In Feb John & Alice White visited the Palmers in Oakland for lunch. The Whites hosted a Class of '23 party on 14 Mar. Those attending the luncheon were Einar & Genevieve Gjelsteen, Glen & Elizabeth Palmer, WR & Mary Pierce, EH & Loriena Price, Jazz Harmony, Virginia Post, Harriette Pesek, and the EG Planks '20. Glenn stated that all attending thought it good to have the group together and he extends their thanks to the Whites for their kindness. The Buckleys did not attend the Whites' luncheon because of the arrival of their son, Fletcher ('54). Here's a bit of nostalgia, can anyone match it? Trooper Price reminded us that 3 plebe roommates, Price, Rich, and Palmer are one of few (if any!) sets of plebe roommates still going strong!

Attending the San Fran Founders Day dinner on 13 Mar were Mike & Eleanor Buckley, Virginia Post and Jazz Harmony, just back from 10-day trip to San Ant (see report from Clyde Rich). The main speaker was BG A.E. Brown Jr., Dpty Supt.

Breidster reported that the Founders Day meeting of the WP Soc of WI was held on 22 Mar. The main speaker was Carl F. Ullrich, Dir of Intercollegiate Athletics. The WI Soc always invites parents of cadets, nominees and their parents, and cadets if home on spring leave.

Word from Breidster is that he continues to remain healthy, although "still on the cane" which is a great help to him. Roma has had some problems with intense heartburn and emphysema. She has undergone all sorts of tests, and fortunately the doctor insists that there is no malignancy showing.

The Breidsters send their best regards and greetings to all. And with that we close. GRIP HANDS.

P.S.: After submission of the above we received the following from Roy Dwyer: Birney K. Morse died 19 Mar at Taylor Hosp in Ridley Park, PA. A memorial service was held 24 Mar at the Swarthmore Presbyterian Church. Our Class extends sincere sympathy to Birney's wife Edith and family.

P.P.S: Change of address for COL Charles R. Bloome: 2714 St. Johns Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32205.

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We are indebted to Charlie Palmer for a report on the doings of The Thundering Herd in HI. He and Jean are among several classmates who journey to that Paradise annually for the apparent reason of escaping the vicissitudes of the winter weather on the mainland.

Peter & Bunny Hains were in Honolulu for a couple weeks in Dec and did the islands from stem to stern. Herb & Lo Vogel appeared on the scene in Jan and joined the Palmers for tours of the familiar places. They also visited other friends and acquaintances in Honolulu. Then on 30 Jan the cruise ship Rotterdam showed up in port and Thelma Brinson stepped down the gangway. She contacted the Vogels but did not find the Palmers until later in the day. They all had dinner and got Thelma back on board in time to continue her cruise around the world. Thelma almost decided to jump ship and stay there. Frank & Mary Beth Gillette arrived in Honolulu before Xmas on what is



1924: The Gillettes and Vogels in Hawaii.

becoming an annual event for them. They also got together with the Palmers and the Vogels on a few occasions. Otto & Milrae Nelson arrived in Dec and worked over several golf courses. On one occasion, Charlie and Milrae thought they had Otto counted out at the next to the last hole. They had both gotten on the green for easy pars, while Otto had hit his ball so far over the green that only the top of the pin was visible from his lie. Not at all discouraged, Otto hit a blind approach shot, the ball landed favorably, started rolling and did not stop until it dropped in the cup, thus scoring a birdie.

The Palmers' Xmas was enlivened when son Chuck and his bride came out and stayed with them for a week before returning home by way of Maui.

In the dismal world of economics, the trade advantages held by the Middle Eastern countries can be said to be partially offset by the continued demand on the part of the Arabs for the acquisition of American feminine pulchritude. Sandra Hincke, one of the attractive granddaughters of John and Mae, and the daughter of COL John, Jr., USMA 1954, accompanied her mother Peggy on a tour through Egypt, Israel, and Palestine during the Xmas holidays. While in Jerusalem, Peggy was approached by an Arab gentleman, clad in a flowing burnoose and obviously well heeled, who wanted to buy Sandra. He offered Peggy fifty camels, which he considered a fair price. However, Peggy declined by asking, what would she do with 50 camels back home in Maryland? Sandra, the subject of the discussion, did not know whether to be flattered or disappointed.

Susie Smythe received a letter from the Supt enclosing a copy of the 1980 Army-Navy Football Game Program and Record Book, and inviting her attention to a notation on page 119 which stated that George still holds the record, made in 1922, for total yardage in punt returns, 129 yards. The Supe



1924: Eddleman and Coach Cavanaugh at West Point Society of DC luncheon.

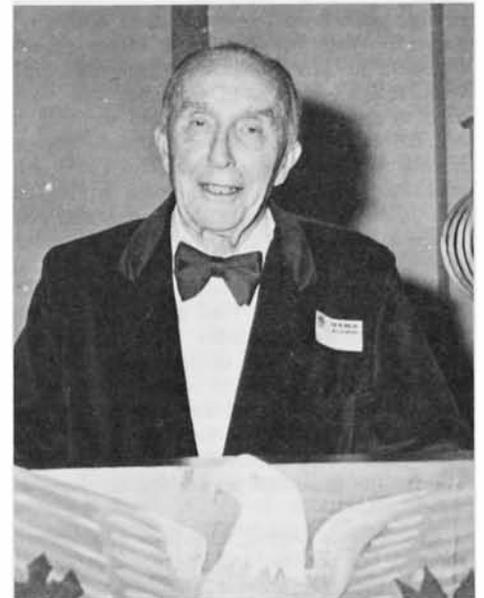
also commented that this record is likely to stand for a long time.

Rod & Gladys Rodieck have moved to Seattle in order to be near their son Bob because Rod's health has not been good. Bob is with the UWA where he holds the chair of Bishop Prof of Ophthalmology. Polly is still with Mobil Oil in New York City.

Mary Helen Baughman wishes to notify all of her classmates and friends that due to a loss of vision in one eye last Oct, she was unable to respond to the many Xmas greetings she received. She takes this occasion to extend her best wishes to all who have been so kind to her.

The guest speaker at the Founders Day dinner in DC was GEN Volney F. Warner, Class of '50, CinC REDCOM Cmd. His speech was quite informal and included personal experiences with the troops during field exercises and an inspection by the new Sec-Def, Mr. Weinberger. Several hundred attended the dinner, including John Hincke representing the Class of '24.

On 1 Mar, during the fellowship hour of the National United Methodist Church in DC, the congregation honored Ralph Glasgow on the occasion of his ret after 25 years of service as an official of the church. The



1924: Bingham—oldest grad, Founders Day Ft Bragg.

ceremonies included refreshments consisting of punch and 3 cakes, each suitably decorated and marked to commemorate respectively Ralph's 25 years of service, 15 years as head usher, and lastly, his 80th birthday. The refreshments were consumed, the choir sang the Alma Mater, and the pastor made a short speech to which Ralph gave an appropriate response. On the following Tues eve, the Admin Bd of the church adopted a suitably worded resolution citing Ralph's many years of conscientious service and making him an Hon Member of the Admin Bd. Ralph expects now to leave his church duties to the younger members but he will continue to do the audits for the Finance Cmte.

Word has been received that Dave Page is spending the spring months this year in Vacaville, CA, accompanying his daughter Mary who is taking her senior high school year at Travis AFB. Dave wanted her to have some experience with American schooling. The family expects to remain together in Australia for some time until the children, of whom there are 4, complete their college education.

In the Mar ASSEMBLY we referred to a party given by Carroll Griffin. We should have said that it was given by Dorothy Griffin. Dorothy is Mrs. Carroll Griffin. The mistake is regretted.

Ralph Clement Lawes died after a heart attack on 22 Feb at his home in Burlington, VT. Private services and interment were held at Fort Ethan Allen.

Lawrence Wendall Adams passed away on 20 Mar at Lubbock, TX, after an extended period of illness. The Class made contributions to the West Point Fund in memory of both these classmates.

'25

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We are recently in receipt of the 1980 Annual Report of the English Speaking Union of the United States. There are 86 branches in 36 States and the DC. Aim: To expand the use and comprehension of English through-out the world. The branches are educational as well as social. Dues are small. Members may obtain rates in certain accommodations in England. We noted in the report that Charles E. Saltzman was president of the U.S. Assn from 61 to 66.

From Don Mitchell. "Pat and I are enjoying our 54 years of life together—both in good health and very happy. Two sons, 7 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren at last count. We moved to Kent, CT in Mar 80 and have the perfect ret home: 5 rooms, two baths and garage within walking distance of all vital shops. We have a going business of antique doll houses and miniatures. The Mitchells have published a book, "Doll Houses Past and Present." For those interested the publisher is Collector Books, P.O. Box 633, Kent, CT 06757.

To Hoppie from Art Ruppert. "You will note that I am still breathing with 2 lungs. My right lung collapsed last year and it took 40 days in the hospital to get it functioning. After getting thru 2 heart attacks and this lung in the last 10 years, I wonder what is coming next. Cataracts maybe? I received the 1980 REGISTER OF GRADUATES, and was stunned to note the number of classmates who have left us to join the



1925: Bruce Clarke's Ehren Award.



1925: The Meyers, Mrs. Cleland, Mrs. Barnes, the Newmans and Mrs. Roberts—Founders Day St. Petersburg, FL.

Long Gray Line. My memory is mostly as I knew them as cadets, because I resigned while still a 2LT, and saw only a few during WW II. But the memories are pleasant, even tho their passing is not."

Hoppie also reports a fine letter from Kitty Alspach thanking the Class for the donation to the West Point Fund in Russ's memory.

From El Paso Bill Nutter reports that he will be at the Founders Day dinner. But from all indications he will be the sole rep from '25. In a phone conversation he had with Gosco Gose, Gosco stated that he could not come down from Las Cruces for the affair. Diet, night driving and a couple of other problems precluded his coming. He did say he was playing 9 holes of golf frequently—but no mention of his score. He and Eleanor are located near their children and grandchildren which pleases them greatly. He sees Sandy Chilton, our English P, on occasion. He does not get around well, but Gosco says his mind is as sharp as a tack—a whole lot better than others of his age—95 in a few months. No news of Ollie Neprud. Have not seen him in months—will check on him in the near future. Peter Hurd is reported to be in a nursing home, but have no details. See Betty Westphalinger and Elinor Evans on occasion. Enjoyed Sunday brunch with them about 2 weeks ago—both seem to be getting along well. As for Peggy and me, we are slowing down considerably. Arthritic joints and sciatic nerves create problems for us. We may be down, but not out yet. Had our 50th wedding anniv in Feb.

Don & Amy Bailey attended the 25th reunion of his WW II combat outfit (Omaha Beach to the Elbe) on Labor Day. Friends sent them a box of photos made up as Xmas cards. Don says he appreciated the gesture, but it is sobering to realize that the aging process cannot be ducked—so Amy and I have decided to duck photographers in the future.

It was noted in the Mar ASSEMBLY that Edgar T. Noyes died on 26 Dec. This scribe received from the AOG a copy of his obituary published in the San Ant Light and furnished by an old friend, Harry H. Weiner (Ex-Class '28). COL Noyes was buried with full mil honor on 30 Dec in the Ft Sam

Houston National Cemetery. No other details. He was the youngest commissioned pilot in WW I.

In the Mar ASSEMBLY it was noted that Bruce Clarke made an address to the Bethesda Chapter of the Retired Officers Assn, on manning our Armed Forces in the 1980's. At the request of Sen Harry F. Byrd Jr., the entire address was published in the Congressional Record of 24 Nov. On a copy I have, Bruce wrote in the margin: "To excuse poor training based on the quality of the soldier is inexcusable."

The Senate of the U of Heidelberg on 7 Apr 62 conferred the dignity of an EHREN SENATOR (Senator Honoris Causa) on General Bruce Clarke for fostering good German-American relations during the following periods: 1956-58 as CG Seventh Army and 1960-62 as CINC USAREUR and CG CENTAG during the Berlin Wall crisis. When given in 1962, only 23 Ehren Senators were in existence: 3 Americans, one Englishman, one Swiss and 18 Germans, bestowed on only one person a year. Bruce delivered his Ehren Senator award to the USMA Museum for a permanent home on April 20th.

A letter to this scribe from Genevieve Johnson on 30 Dec. I quote in part, "Our 2 sons, both of whom live in Dallas, came down at once, and were a real comfort and



1925: The Longs, Bartons, and Densons—Founders Day San Francisco.

help. We are all grateful that Johnny did not live to suffer a helpless invalidism—he would have hated that as you know. I know that Johnny would have been proud and happy to know that most of his classmates in this area were at the services at Ft Sam Houston, and I was deeply moved to see them all.”

A note to Hoppie from Evelyn Sears to thank the class for our memorial donation to the West Point Fund.

A note from Eleanor Ritchie to Hoppie. “Will you please thank the class for their generous donation to the West Point Fund. Bill would be very pleased that this was given in his memory.”

Hubert Cole reports from the DC area that Class luncheons are still being held on the first Thurs at the Army-Navy Club, 17th and Eye Sts, NW. Attendance recently has dropped off due to casualties. However, classmates, wives and widows visiting in the DC area will be enthusiastically welcome! Luncheon is at 12 noon (your scribe has noted that there is a parking area in the Club grounds).

Hubert also reports all is well with the family; their daughter, son and 3 grandchildren located nearby.

Hoppie reports in early Jan Sophie had a welcome Xmas note from Anne Fowlkes—a very happy sounding note, because Anne’s daughter Fonce had just made Anne the grandmother of “a precious baby girl.” She adds a little sadness. “If only Ben could see her he’d be the happiest man ever.” Hoppie also reported that he and Sophie were about to depart for the Florida Keys for their annual winter higer. Red Newman reports that the Hopkins’ stopped in Sarasota to visit friends, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Duane, who pitched a cocktail gathering for them that included Bill & Liz Wood, Elaine & Mike DeArmond, Dorothy & Red Newman and Charlotte Roberts—a very nice evening. The Newmans also shared a most pleasant evening at the beautiful water-front home of the DeArmonds with John Roosma ’26 (ex ’25) and his Marge. After a gourmet dinner there was a musical-medley evening with Mike at the organ and Johnny vocalizing. Then followed a “This is your life John Roosma” musical program—a professional quality recording on Mike’s electronic equipment. The scenario pattern: “This is your life John Roosma at West Point” leading into recordings of WP music. Among others, “This is your life John Roosma in HI,” then some Hawaiian music including Aloha and Song of the Islands . . . and so on thru Johnny’s career. Mike put the show together and was the announcer.

Hoppie further reports: “Our route to the Florida Keys took us to Ft. Lauderdale, where Nick & Frances Nicholas (wonderful hosts) put us up for the night and entertained us with delicious food and intelligent conversation. I was telling Nick about the 55th Reunion; I mentioned that the young woman graduate (1980) to whom we presented Chuck Scoville’s miniature, had won a Rhodes Scholarship and would go to Magdalen College (which I pronounced “Maudlin”). Frances came into the room just then, and Nick said ‘Frances, Hoppie tells me that that young woman who graduated so high in her class at West Point is going to Modelin College.’ Frances was shocked at this waste of female intelligence—until explained. Nick is older but no wiser, and still perpetrates his puns on unsuspecting family and friends.

The coffee table was too low for us to put him under.”

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MG Ray (R. C.) Maude reports by ltr 06/03/81: “. . . about 2 yrs ago after Bertha passed away, I sold our house in PA and moved back to the old hometown to live with Bertha’s brother and his wife Alice—both retired. Bertha’s brother passed away last Jul. Now, Alice and I are carrying on at the old homestead living a normal life as a couple of senior citizens. We have just finished a complete re-do of our kitchen and took out everything except the refrigerator and started all over. That took all of our planned visit to HI this spring financially. Alice’s dtr lives close by and she has a dtr, 4 yrs of age, and a son aged 3 months. Alice’s son lives about 2 hours away in NH and he has 3 dtrs, the eldest, 13 yrs. So now I guess you can call me a grandfather-in-law. I plan to see you at our 55th.”



1926: Hamilton, Black and Murphy with wives.

Our associate scribe, Spud Murphy, reports from the Great SW: “The Van Sickles traveled east, Feb 80, to visit son John and family. He and Edith had sadly lost their eldest child, Becky, after a 2-yr struggle with a brain tumor. This being the 1st Xmas without her, they were taking the 2 younger children to Europe, visiting Vienna and Venice. Anne and Van are spending their Xmas in HI, Dec 18-Jan 15. Upon their return, Anne will have a cataract operation so she will be all set for the 55th Reunion. Van says that his health is all that we can expect at 79. That startled me and I looked him up—I am exactly 10 days older than he, so we must both be in fine fettle. Had Xmas cards from Hal Brusher and the Kaylors in the San Fran Bay area. Both were, as Van put it, as well as can be expected. Marge (BW) Brady has been doing a lot of interesting work over the past yr or so. Son, Brookner Jr., lives in AK and is married to Carol Feller, part Tlingit Indian of an Alaskan tribe. Carol was writing a book describing transition of a Tlingit Indian girl thru her girlhood, her education in a Presbyterian Indian school, and on into the modern world. Marge helped by digging out suitable maps, C&G Survey, screening files of the San Fran Legendary Mechanic’s Library for timely maps and photos, and assembling data on flora and fauna. The book has been and is a success, going into its 2d printing. The title, “Through the Storm Toward the Sun.”

The Nurses beat the Xmas pilikia by going to HI for 3 wks in Nov 80. For Xmas they are having Sis, her husband Bob and young



1926: C. Rodney Smith, oldest grad, with wife and son, USMA '58, at Fort Belvoir.

Bobbie, now 5 yrs old, at Mount Vernon, WA. Strangely enuff, last yr they spent Xmas with Huck and family at Mount Vernon, VA.

Aline Kirchoff reports that Art is still holding his own but is much confined to the house. She says that the Fordes who live nearby are doing as well as can be expected with Hal as usual up to his neck in projects. Seeing the following notice in the Sunday paper (Monterey Peninsula Art Calendar)—“Elizabeth Baskerville (K.P.) McNaughton, Solo Show, Fireside Gallery, thru 15 Dec.” I hurried down to said Gallery and found that Beth had the Gallery to herself. There were 30 canvases on the walls, another dozen on the floor against the wall . . . Missed Beth who had a luncheon engagement. The proprietor took me in hand. I was enthralled with the sight of so many pictures in one place, watercolors, pastels and acrylics on canvas, scenes from Tahiti, Japan and Monterey Peninsula. Beth has great talent and is rapidly becoming famous in the art world.”

The Murphys secured reservations at the Hale Koa, HI, in Feb 80 for the period 20 Dec 80-06 Jan 81. In Aug we sought air reservations to match and were flabbergasted to find that none were available. We tried unsuccessfully until Dec to match the dates of the hotel and air reservations—finally we had to cancel. It was unfortunate, as in Oct Gen had unexpected surgery and 2 wks on Waikiki would have been ideal for her recovery. Oh well—like the Navy game—NEXT YEAR.”

Report by ltr from the great Mid-West: Ted (T. C.) Wentzlaff says: “Since Frieda and I lead such commonplace lives, we seldom make the ASSEMBLY class notes. I do want to report, however, that I made my 2d lifetime hole-in-one on the Elk’s Golf Course in Hastings, NE, last 8 Oct. It was a par-3, 190-yd hole. Like all holes-in-one, it was a lucky accident. But it did go in, as the other 3 in my 4-some attested. Scribe: Congrats Ted—I’m still looking forward for mine.

In letter (06/01/80) Oka Wade reports from Kailua, HI: Jessie and I of more than 53 years of more or less blissful marriage, being of good health and broke, decided 25/11/80 to fly to HI and visit our younger dtr, Jane Ann Benoit, her husband Kemal and their 3 sons. Kemal is prof and teacher of European languages at UHI, Honolulu. We drove to Birmingham, AL, stopping overnight with Ty Cobb (Ex-'26) and his wife Mary. The next morning we took off for HI via Dallas arriving Honolulu 16/12/80. We



1926: "Church" and Fran Hutton in action.

stayed with the Benoit family until departure for AL, 08/01/81, arriving home 08/01/81. We learned of Pinky Burns' death in HI by letter from Edwina & Tommy White. We enjoyed several UHI faculty parties with Jane and Kemal. We also attended an Awards Ceremony for 16-17-yr-old-boys (AYSO) Soccer STATE championship team—our grandson Ian was a 1st string member. Kemal took Oka for a tour of Schofield Bks one day including Post Hqs, 25th Inf Div Hqs, also the 35th Regt Hqs in which Oka served, 1935-37. Oka ran athletics. He was shown some of the old championship trophies—football, track and baseball. Reminiscing at and about Schofield aroused my emotions as I recalled individual officer and enlisted men asses and happenings. Many of those athletes turned in splendid combat performances—WWII, Korea, and some in Vietnam.

In ltr (06/03/81) Herx (H. R.) Baxter reports: he is still restricted to "taking it easy" since his heart ailment of about 7 years ago, with resulting angina, but bearable. He and his wife do some traveling restricted to when they can afford it. Herx states "the Athletic Assn of WP will be happy to receive at my death the Navy Goat blanket which my team won at the 1925 football game."

Our reporter in So. TX country reports: "Johnny (A. H.) Johnson has indeed recovered from that shingles bout—he recorded a hole-in-one last fall at the Harlingen, TX, CC. He received congrats and compliments from many friends and some he didn't know that he had. His bar-bill escalated at a rate exceeding the Federal cost of living. A review of ancient history reveals that his recent feat was his 2d hole-in-one. Long ago 4 quite junior LT's paired off, one fine TX day, at Willow Spgs CC, San Ant, TX, for a rugged game of golf. Johnny was one of them. It was nip & tuck coming up to No. 16. All tee shots were reasonably good. Only 3 balls could be seen as they approached the green—Johnny's ball was missing. Search began about trap and heavy grass. As one player crossed near the flag stick, he let out a yell followed by expletives and pointing at the cup. Johnny's ball was in it. That did it. Johnny and his partner led the way thru No. 18. Their take home winnings were one U.S. quarter each, and that was no small sum back in those days."

Report by ltr (07/03/81) from Mac McFarland: He and Kay have been wintering down on the AZ-Mex border at Sonoita, AZ, and have been staying only a qtr of a mile from

son Tony and his family, seeing them quite often. They are staying in AZ a bit longer. An old friend, a retired colonel, asked them to stay a while longer at their house and keep an eye on things while he and his wife visit 2 or more weeks down in Mexico. So Mac is riding, playing golf quite a bit, in addition taking care of 6 horses, 4 dogs, and 2 cats—off and on. Kay and he are in good health and still plan to make the 55th. As he has not heard to the contrary, he expects the other NW 4—Mills, Thurston, Watson and Matthiases to be there also.

Flash report from Johnny Roosma, 20/02/81: "I am happy to report that Margaret Ada, dtr of Garret G. Roosma, WP '58, and granddaughter of John S. Roosma, WP '26, has received her appointment to the United States Military Academy from Sen Harrison Williams of NJ. She will enter in Jul as a member of the Class of 1985 . . . Marjorie and I are enjoying our yearly stay in our little beach cottage at Siesta Key. We will be back in NJ in Apr and then to the Basketball of Fame Reunion."

Report in from Trooper (J. P.) Doyle: Effie and Trooper have been living a quiet and enjoyable life and are in good health. They've moved from their house in NW San Ant, TX, into a condo which they like very much. New address: 7500 Callaghan, 248 Lafayette Hill Place, San Ant 70229. Last fall they flew to Athens, Greece, where they boarded a cruise ship for the classic Tour of the Greek Is and Mediterranean waters, thence to Miami, FL, where they disembarked—then jetted home. Trooper says they plan to go by auto to the 55th Reunion after which they plan to spend some time in NE USA, touring, particularly New England states.

Report in hand from Church (R. C.) Hutton 13/03/81: ". . . with one son at SHAPE and another (a lawyer) in Hong Kong, Fran and I decided to keep on heading East and only 2 days ago we returned from 'Around the World in 82 days,' after stop-overs of a week or so in UK, Belgium, Paris, Athens, Singapore, Bali, Bangkok, Hong Kong and HI, with a few days in Mainland China. What an experience for 2 septergenarians like us! Did my best to absorb all the culture Fran tried to feed me, but some of it went down kind of hard. Fran and I think we'll pass this one up (55th) but we just might change our minds at the last minute and take our chances about finding a place to stay. . . ."

It is with regret that we report the death of BG Pinky (J. R.) Burns because of congestive heart failure, in his sleep at home 27/12/80. Memorial services were held at Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC. Interment was in Beaufort National Cemetery 30/12/80. Graveside services were conducted and full military honors were rendered. We extend condolences and deep sympathy to his wife Lucy and their dtr, to 4 grandchildren and to 2 great-grandchildren for their grievous loss of husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Scribe: Letter from Lucy is quoted: "Dear Class of 1926. Your floral offering to Pinky was most beautiful. It looked so lovely under the beautiful Oak trees in the Beaufort National Cemetery. It was a lovely assortment of blue and white irises, carnations and roses—one of the loveliest I've ever seen. Thank you very much. It meant a great deal to me and was a great comfort. Sincerely, Lucy Burns."

BEAT NAVY

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

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Founders Day reports before deadline were limited. Paul Berrigan forwarded data on the dinner at the Presidio, 13 Mar, embellishing it with that snapshot which shows us the 6 there from '27; that the Presidio dinners are not stag is again attractively shown. Paul commented: "The high-light was the 2 LT's, Class of 1980—husband and wife—who made a joint speech that was terrific. The husband's father, also present in the audience, had a part. It was both interesting and entertaining."

The DC Founders Day dinner was held at the Bolling AFB, 20 Mar. The guest of honor and principal speaker was GEN Volney F. Warner '50, CG, REDCOM, who gave an interesting presentation. Present from '27 was loyal Mone Asensio, all others not making it for a variety of reasons, not the least of which are the night-time driving problems to and from Bolling.



1927: Presidio Founders Day dinner: Berrigan, the Davidsons, Margaret McManus, Whittle and McManus.

Now to current events, so to speak, of travel and enjoyment. Mac & Jean Miller took a fine Xmas holiday trip, comment upon which was too late for the Dec ASSEMBLY. They had a rough air trip, 23 Dec, to Bangor, ME, to visit son Rusty and family, where Rusty is now on ROTC duty at the UME. They had a great time, "good fun in the house," especially enjoying their now 3-year-old grandson. They returned to Chevy Chase on 30 Dec: "a smooth flight—what a contrast to the flight up!"

In mid-Jan George Martin sent in those 2 fine Oahu snaps. The one featuring the ladies was taken "in the garden of the Hutchisons' beautiful Kahala home." The other was at the Martin's Xmas party and includes Charlie Palmer of '24, that "Thundering Herd."

Ray Bell furnished welcome data, as usual, of his traveling about between Cornwall and Pensacola. He told of driving in early Nov through Raleigh, NC, and talking with Vachel Whatley, getting "some hot poop on his China trip." Ray also touched base with Ty & Mary Cobb—"both are getting along well." Then Ray wrote a month or so later of getting down to Bradenton and talking with Spike Webb, who reported "all going well." He also got in touch with Al & Gwyn Dickerson—"both well." Then Ray moved on to Cocoa Beach and spent a few days with Hal Jordan; "he brought me up to date on his world travels, which interested me very much." Ray's final comment for these notes was that he was planning a foreign trip:



1927: San Antonio luncheon: Lepping, Watlington, Griffith, Williams and Towner.

"Apr 9th will find me on a 14-day safari to China. It ought to be a very interesting one." Yes, indeed, and let's hear about it for the next ASSEMBLY!

Chris Nelson contributed that photo from a San Ant Group luncheon, in which, unfortunately, only he and Bob Aloe are not seen. They continue to have good attendance at the monthly luncheons. Chris reported in early Mar that Jack Griffith was still having trouble with his knees, keeping him largely bed-ridden, except that he had been induced to come to luncheon in his wheel chair. Hope he is better now! Then later in Mar, Chris came bouncing in to get a forward place in the great-grandfather category: he now claims proudly 4 great-grandchildren, 2 boys, 2 girls. Hooray!

Howell Jordan surprised the Scribe just before deadline with a fine report of a most interesting year of travel and of generally good living. In Apr 80 Hal flew from NY to Johannesburg for a week, and then on to Cape Town, Buenos Aires, Asuncion, Santiago, Lima, and, in early May, on to Miami and Orlando via Quito and Bogota. In Sept he spent 3 days in CO, but had returned to FL before he learned that he had been "fairly close to Ed & Mary Mechling at Pueblo." In Oct, after visiting daughter Susie in VA, Hal put in ten days "doing the mountains of western NC and TN," getting "lost in the Smokies for a few hours." Also in Oct, he visited daughter Gladys in Belgium and "did the capitals of Scandinavia." Dec and Jan saw him do 2 motor trips to visit again with Susie, after which he remained at home in FL, including among other fun projects a daily 3-mile walk on the beach, on which, as he put it, "I walk as fast as I can (a little faster than 128 per minute, I believe)." So we must admire Hal's traveling and living. He will certainly be in shape for that 55th.

Chuck Stone reported that he has moved to an apt. He is keeping busy, too, with "golf, bridge, dominoes, parties, etc., and a first cruise next Oct." His new address is: 10635 Wilshire Blvd, Apt. 501, Los Angeles, CA 90024, with tel. no: 213-470-2197.

Now we must turn to sorrowful facts of life. This has been a quarter marked by sad losses. Perhaps some have already heard of several of them, but doubtless few will have been informed of all 5. The Scribe therefore has the mournful duty to identify those who have left us.

The first to go was Joseph Alton Williams who died 17 Dec 80 at Birmingham and was buried on 18 Dec at Trussville, AL. A loyal ex-member of '27, he became an outstanding civil engr, serving during WWII, constructing an airfield in S. America for ferry operations to Africa. He later became mayor of Trussville, and he and his Ruth attended the 50th.

The condolence of the Class is extended to Ruth, who will continue to reside at their present Trussville address.

On 17 Jan 81, at Corrales, NM, Peggy Paxson, wife of our Harry, died after nearly 4 months of heroic effort to recover from her Sept cancer operation. She and Harry had been married for almost 54 years. Harry plans to stay on in NM. He has the deepest sympathy of the Class.

Then, on 12 Feb 81, Gilbert McKee Allen Jr., passed away at Banning Hosp, Banning, CA, of complications resulting from pneumonia and emphysema. In accordance with his wishes, his remains were cremated and scattered over the surrounding mountains. Eleanore will continue to reside at their home in Cherry Valley. Pach Pachynski and Betty, Gil's sister, were present for the memorial service on 16 Feb conducted by Amer Legion Post No. 426, Yucaipa, CA, of which Gil had been a 50-year member. Condolence of the Class is extended.

Then our 4th death was that of our pres, Woodbury Megrew Burgess, who died of cardiac arrest on 9 Mar, at Tucson, AZ, after



1927: Xmas cheerers: Martin, Hutchison, and Palmer.

the past several years of physical suffering which he had met with valor and determination. He left his beloved wife Geneva, sons, George M. and W. Megrew, daughters, Mary E. Maxwell-Clark and Marianna B. Rowe, 13 grandchildren, and one sister, Louise Burgess. A memorial service was held on 12 Mar at Davis-Monthan AFB Chapel, of which Bob White wrote that the service "appeared to have been what Woody would have wanted, featuring a cadet choir recording of 'The Corps,' 'Benny Havens,' and 'Alma Mater,' concluding with 'Cadet Prayer' and the playing of taps by an airman." The final memorial service was held at Ft Myer Chapel, 16 Mar. Attendance included his many friends in the DC area. From '27 came all who could physically attend; pallbearers were Asensio, Collins, Lillard, Lowe, Matthews, Miller, Shaw, Trapnell, Wood, and Zwicker. Stu & Mary Wood had come up from Fayetteville. "Alma Mater" was again a lovely final solo at the service, followed by graveside services and interment of his ashes in Arlington. The condolence of the Class is extended to all of the survivors.

The fifth loss that occurred, shortly before these notes were to be dispatched to WP was that of Charles Boal Ewing, who died of cancer at Pompano Beach, FL, on 21 Mar. He is survived by his Mary, daughter Judith Ceggis, son Charles Jr., and 5 grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the Ft Myer Chapel, 27 Mar, with full military honors, and interment of his ashes in Arlington. Present as pallbearers were: Zwicker, Trapnell, Miller, Matthews, Lowe, Lillard, Collins, and Asensio. The deepest sympathy of the Class is extended to the survivors.



1927: Aloha nui nui! Hutch and Esther and Joe Martin.

Now we have reached the end for this quarter, and turn briefly to business. You will have received and read the latest bulletin sent out in preparation for our 55th, which is now but a year away. Despite the departure of Woody for that Long Gray Line, work must continue to formulate reunion plans for a splendid gathering in 82. After the decades of work Woody had devoted with enthusiasm and efficiency to past reunions, we must continue to do a masterful job for the 55th. Mac Miller also wishes to urge those who have not yet responded to the post-card questionnaire of the Nov 80 Bulletin No. 2 to please do so without further delay. All should be heard from! And that last comment goes for the eager Scribe too! A happy, healthy summer!

And finally, late word was received of the death of MG Willis Small Matthews who died 29 Mar 81 in Washington, DC. He was buried at Arlington.

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During the period I have had 2 notes from Skippy Harbold (the 1st came just too late for my last report). Steve and Skippy had been in Charlotte, NC, for a visit with son Butch and for his daughter's wedding. In addition they had a granddaughter then visiting in W. Germany after a summer in Turkey with the AFS program, a grandson playing high school football, and 2 great-grandchildren to spoil. George Cole, George Willette, Howard Hastings, Harry Weiner, and Skippy attended Founders Day dinner. As for others who might have been there; George Baker's wife was very ill (still hospitalized), Red Brown has a very serious eye condition, Harry Kirby is recovering from a heart attack, Ned Sirmger has come up with gall stones, and Sam Anderson is yet not too chipper after his stroke of a year ago. I hope that all are now much improved.

Web Anderson reported that '28 had a



1928: Spivey and Myers Largo, FL, 3 Mar 81.



1928: Morrow and O'Brien.

reunion dinner in Mexico this past winter at the home of Russ & Sunny Blair in Lake Chapala. The Andersons, Butchers, Bains, Currans, and Joe Warren were there. The Andersons had been on a beautiful cruise up the Orinoco River and flight over Angel Falls and the Venezuela jungles.

Sam Meyers has just returned from a 3-week trip to FL. They saw Del & Ginny Shivey. Del is thin, well, and energetic. Ginny was having a bit of trouble and has since been hospitalized but is now out. In Winter Park they visited Puddy Bartlett, daughter of Gillespie '06, widow of Gordon Bartlett '33, and the other grandmother of a couple of their grandchildren. On their return trip they picked up S.L. Meyers III (freshman at UTX) for his spring break. A phone call informed them that S.L. Jr. will be stationed at Ft Knox come June. Skippy Harbold informed me that Sam organized and led the Republican effort in Val Verde County last year and as a result said county went Republican for the first time.

Ruth and I are most pleased to announce the birth of our first granddaughter, Rebecca Martha Shwalb, on 16 Feb in Brookline, MA. The mother, our daughter Sandra, is a senior associate with the architectural firm of Jung and Brannen in Boston. Her husband Gene is with a large CPA firm in Boston. After Ruth got through playing grandma we motored down to Ft Bragg to attend the change of command ceremony whereby son, Bill (W.D. Jr, '63) took command of a FA Bn. Bill and family are just back from Germany.

Howdy Howard reported in from Sun City, AZ. Eleanor Born has moved to San Ant on the way to settling in AF Village. In packing she unearthed a large box of 35 slides of our 30th Reunion. Howdy has same and says that if anyone would like to have a few of them, just drop him a line. Howdy and Peg had a family reunion on Vancouver Is, B.C., Canada last summer, with a week on the Georgia Straights and a week in Portland, OR, and enjoyed being surrounded by 6 beautiful granddaughters, 2 lovely daughters-in-law and their 2 sons. For their 50th wedding anniv they are taking off in May on a Tauck Tour of HI. To escape the heat they have signed up to spend 5 weeks at Rockmont College, Denver, this summer.

Paul (Shud) MacLaughlin died in Honolulu on 9 Jan. I do not have details of the funeral and etc. but do want to express here the sympathies of the Class to Beth and the other members of Paul's family.

Tom Moran died on 15 Feb in Athens, GA. Again I am without details but do want to express all our sympathies to his widow, Cary Clark.

And on 26 Feb Bill Hennig died in Colo

Spgs. Again no details. Heartfelt sympathies of the Class to Bill's wife and family.

Charlotte Cummings died in Alexandria, VA, on 8 Jan. This came shockingly close after the death of Charlotte's and Ed's son Fred, USMA '63, in San Ant on 29 Dec. Charlotte was buried in Arlington and the DC contingent of the Class was there to give our support to Ed and the other family members.

Thanks to those of you who responded to my last appeal for news items. Keep up the good work and would more of you please join in. Next deadline is 30 June.

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After regaling you in the Mar issue with a description of a trip taken by Kirk & Edie Wee Kirkpatrick, I must now make a correction—the trip was cancelled in late Dec. As a substitute, they left Ft Lauderdale on 14 Apr bound for Madeira, and Mediterranean and Adriatic ports. They visited with son Terry and family in Naples and then flew home from Rome. This summer, Terry will leave Naples for the AWC at Carlisle Barracks, PA.



1929: Lasher, Oldest Grad—Founders Day West Point.

Kirk enclosed a portion of a letter from his brother John (ex '29; USNA '31; he attended our 50th Reunion) from which I quote: "last year I instituted Trust Funds with the Oklahoma City Community Foundation for each of the service academies . . . My purpose for establishing the Trust Funds was to express my appreciation of our 3 service academies. I know others share my sentiments. Hopefully, the Trust Fund for the USMA will be augmented by contributions from others. . . ."

Out in CA, Johnny Theimer wishes classmates to know that he still spells his name "ThEImeR" in spite of the misspellings in recent issues. (Ye scribe insists that his retained copy of the Notes carry the EI spelling.)

The San Fran Bay Area Founders Day dinner on 6 Feb at the Presidio was an enthusiastic and happy affair for Dave & Char-



1929: Vittrup in deep discussion with Coach Ed Cavanaugh at West Point Soc of DC winter luncheon.

mian Angluin, George & Lois Carey, George & Gerry Coolidge, Mary Lo LaPage Murray, Ducky & Martha Hail, and Johnny & Gracie Theimer.

The Careys are ecstatic about their 2 months cruise last fall on the freighter Edna G. around Micronesia and Melanesia. They reported that a slow boat to China is the only way to go.

John Phillips has been doing a steady follow-up job on the Memorialization project. As reported previously, our original proposal was rejected by the Supt as being contrary to current policy. An alternative proposal—to provide a covered, lighted lectern on which would be displayed on parchment a roster of the 29 individuals to be memorialized—was rejected by the Museum, Historical and Memorialization Cmte. John has undertaken to prepare an article for submission to the Editor of ASSEMBLY setting forth, in an objective manner, the situation as it now appears. By this means, other classes will become aware of the situation and can plan accordingly. Bill McCulla had a long talk with the Supt at the Tampa Bay Founders Day, in which Bill expressed his personal views on the appropriateness of our proposals and his understanding of a provision in Academy Regulations that would permit at least a portion of our request.

John has curtailed his activities since year-end because Sara has been seriously ill. She has completed radiology treatments, but an evaluation had not yet been made by 31 Mar.



1929: Theimer, Founders Day San Francisco.

Slim Vittrup visited his Mother in Dallas in Mar and was doing fine until the day came to return home. Somehow he fell on arising and broke his right hip. However, with everything laid on for the return trip, he decided to go ahead. Muriel & George Flowers were a bit taken aback when he appeared at National nicely ensconced in a wheel chair. At DeWitt Army hospital he was promptly put in traction, and then operated on a couple days later (lots of hardware). He found the operation a bit fascinating as he was conscious the entire time (epidermal spinal) and overheard such statements as "Screwdriver," "Drill," etc. He has progressed well and rapidly. For a look at Slim in an advisory mode, please see photo of him and Ed Cavanaugh.

The DC gang held a stag luncheon on 25 Mar. Present were: Caraway, Chaffee, Conner, Ghornley, Hubard, Jones, Nichols, Parr, Rasmussen, Stubbs, Sykes, Thompson, and Vickrey. A couple canes were in evidence (Caraway, Conner) and Randy Hubard reported that Tom Conley was planning a hip operation in May. Bozo McKee was absent due to a fall he had suffered while he and Gertrude were on vacation at St Croix; nothing broken, but a painful twist to his back and a mild concussion. Considering the above, and Slim's broken hip, Jackie Nichols was moved to suggest that we might consider obtaining a Class emblem that could be fastened to a cane, and then urging class mates to begin using them.

Stan Jones was our rep at the DC Founders Day dinner, while Slim Vittrup did the honors at Ft Belvoir. Slim was particularly impressed with the vim and vitality of the younger officers and their wives.

Bill McCulla had a cataract operation in late Mar and was doing fine at last report.

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Dear Gang:

It always hurts to start these notes with sad news, but we've all reached the age when such is not unexpected. Nonetheless, it is with special regret that I must report the death of Mary Lou Herbert, who passed away in Feb. She was buried at West Point, with services from the Catholic Chapel there and the Class sent an appropriate floral arrangement. Our sincere sympathy goes to Jim on losing a loving wife of nearly 47 years.

Those of you who belong to the Retired



1930: Duehring greets Head Coach Ed Cavanaugh following West Point Society of DC winter luncheon.



1930: The Webers and Royall—Founders Day Ft Bragg.

Officers Assn are aware that George Duehring has been a particularly active member of the staff of that organization for some years, not to mention his very useful efforts on behalf of our various Class functions. He is also a regular attendee at luncheons and meetings of the WP Society of DC, see the accompanying pic.

A note from Ted Kimpton tells me that he has ret from his long association with Bethany College and moved to Carlisle, PA. He and Rita winter in FL, where he continues to teach French and Spanish classes at the Brannon Memorial Library in New Smyrna Beach. Their new addresses are: 1710 Douglas Dr, Carlisle, PA 17013 and 2307 Hill St, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32069. Jim Richardson reports: "After 10 years of doing income taxes for H&R Block I have slowed down to doing only volunteer work now. The American Assn of Retired Persons (AARP) has a program for assisting the elderly with their taxes. The IRS conducts a school each Jan to bring the volunteers up-to-date on changes so it keeps us active and out of trouble." And from Hal Smith: "I very much enjoyed the excellent article by Ster Wright in the Mar ASSEMBLY. In the picture of new plebes, 1926, I can identify myself in the rear rank to the left and next to Crawford. I can also identify Porter and Kowalski. In order to clarify, I may add that I suffered a stroke several years back and a loss of memory occurred. My Academy days are within the time frame of skimpy recall. While I had memory difficulty during our 45th Reunion, I really did enjoy our 50th. I am gradually getting used to the memory loss episodes."

It has been remarked several times before that a gratifying number of our classmates turn to a variety of useful and productive endeavors after retiring. It seems only proper to report that some of the distaff side are similarly busy, as the following 2 examples indicate. Sally Carter, for example, has this to say about her major preoccupation: "As you know, Bill and I lived in Brazil in 1972-1974. While Bill was busy with the feasibility study for the Itaipu hydropower dam, I studied the textured Brazilian needlework technique under Madeline Colaco, the foremost designer of needlework wall hangings. I returned home to found the Brazilian Needlework Studio here in Falls Church, and my book, 'Handbook of Brazilian Stitches for Wall Hangings and Rugs,' came out in 1978. My work is primarily that of a teacher and designer, and I have been asked to teach workshops in various cities across the country. I also have a Master class twice a year in my home studio for out-of-town students. Bill is going in to his office every day. His work as an engineering consultant keeps him as busy as he'd like to be, so you see both Carters

stay very busy." (Anyone disagree?) And Libby Curtis last summer joined Martin Travel (of Salem, VA) as one of their travel agents. Her very first cruise was with a group of 100 travel agents participating in a "seminar-at-sea" on the "SS NORWAY," the world's largest cruise ship, and it turned out to be "one for the book" when some 300 miles out of Miami on its intended cruise to St. Thomas, San Juan and Nassau, the ship suddenly lost all power and lay dead in the water for 24 hours with no lights, no water for toilets, no air-conditioning and no way of preparing hot meals for 1,609 passengers! It turned out that Rita Moreno was among the passengers, and after power was restored she put on an impromptu show and brought down the house with the comment, "That first flush was the most beautiful sound I ever heard!" The cruise ended on a happy note when the company served free liquor during the power outage and made full refund of the travel fares. We can assume that Libby has many more cruises in her future, but hopefully none will be as spectacular as that one.

And so it goes. There is the occasional—and inevitable—loss here and there, but it's fine to see that on the whole "The Gang" still prospers. May it be so for many more years.

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As noted in the column last time, I did go into Walter Reed and am now home with what I went in with cured. I am now voiceless, but I can do everything else. Since I can't talk I guess I will have to write the column.

There is some sad news to report. Those of you who get the ASSEMBLY noticed the news that Walker Milner died in Jan and Nosebag Bays died on 24 Jan, I have had a letter from Lily May McGowen that Clarence D. died in a hospital on 2 Feb. If you want to write to them, Betty Milner is at their house in MO, and Lily May is in MS. For Nosebag you have to write to his son Harold C. Bays, 21 North Lake Shore Drive, White Meadow Lake, Rockaway, NJ 07861.



1931: The Kruegers and Parkers in Aca-pulco, Mexico.

There are still some cards left here that came after I sent the stuff to Curly Wilson. A note from Fred & Val Berg says that they are doing well. Fred is a tough Yankee who survived five months at Bethesda Naval Hosp. Gus & Alice Wirak are enjoying life at Sun City where there is no violent crimes. Sid & Betty Brown are doing what most of us are doing these days, looking forward to the 50th. Maggie & Agnes Weber say that when they came to the area before Xmas, they had to



1931: Rog and Maggie Moore.

leave early and so didn't get to see any of the people they had hoped to.

This is coming up to our 50th and there are other 50ths coming up. So we have a picture of George & Tommie Speidels' wedding at the West Point Chapel at 9:00 a.m. on 12 Jun. In case you can't recognize all the people in the photo, Chet Young was the best man and Carol Waltz was the maid of honor. The ushers were, from left to right, Chet Ott, Carl Damberg, J.D. Sams, Bob Hackett, Ted Decker, Paul Walz. Chet & Gin Diestel see people around the Bay area, Herb and Vesta, when they aren't in Australia or Seattle, Helen Irvine and Bill & Betty Chandler, Roy & Catherine Kauffman say they are growing older, but keep having fun. Dean & Martha Herman say that everyone in the Class should write me once a year so that I could mention everybody in the columns throughout the year. They also sent a card which said, if you can't go to the reunion looking thin, go looking rich. Big Swede & May Carlson are making plans to visit son Kenneth and family in Germany this year.

I have just finished reading, "Birds in the Squirrel Cage." I think that many of you will enjoy the book. It was written by Don Buchwald and presents many events of an Army career some of which he was witness to, some are common knowledge in the service and some are just tall tales. There are some tales of West Point with many of us mentioned in the events. You can get one of the books from Don at his address in Cornwall for \$12.95, to cover postage and insurance. I think you will enjoy the book.

Leo & Clara Belle Cather are stirring around San Ant and are just waiting for May.



1931: John and Ernie Easterbrook.

Dick & Priscilla Jewett say their family is busy and Healthy and one of their granddaughters making the honor roll at the school in Exeter. Kay Harris writes that life goes on with Red Cross work, blood bank at The Citadel and a center for retarded children under 5. That should keep her busy for a while. She hopes to come to the Reunion with O.Z. & Allison Tyler. Champ & Chickie Buck are now complete and legitimate Floridians. They now have an old house and a new boat. Both are large enough to accept visitors so come visit anytime. Sitting here in DC, your address labels seem to get sold to all people and we get catalogs from all sorts of firms. During Jan we got a catalog from Horchow and in it was an advertisement for a record played by a jazz pianist called Charlie Howze. I don't think it is the one in Seattle.

In addition to me there were some others in the hospital Charlie Densford was in and



1931: Tommie and George Speidel wedding at the Cadet Chapel 12 June 1931.



1931: Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

out in San Ant for thrombo-phlebitis. Duke Burroughs was in Walter Reed, while I was there, but I didn't get to see him. One day while walking around the 6th floor, Betty and I ran into Bill Dick, who was there to see Fran, who had a cataract operation. She is home and fine. Had a card from Mickey Moore from FL. I guess he has joined those of us who are spending part of the winter down south. Bill & Betty Hall spent some time in HI this winter, enjoying the sun over there. A card from Percy & Margaret Lash wishing me well and from Jim & Marge King, Bill & Ella Mae Woddward, Charlie & Tommie Howze. Ernie Easterbrook's son John sent along a picture of himself and father visiting in China at the former home of General Stilwell at Beijing. I think you can tell who is Ernie, he is the one with the beard.



1931: Bond—oldest grad—Founders Day Ft Campbell.

Part of the trip was to Tibet and Ernie walked the socks off everyone even though they were at 12,000 feet in the mountains. Some of us who were at West Point at one time or another seem to remember Ernie walking there on a concrete wall. We also have a picture of the Acapulco gang, with Ockie & Doris Krueger and Ned & Nina Parker down there in Jan. Ockie says he will give a complete report on the Class gift at the reunion and for those who don't come, he will send a report after we get home. Ted and Nina have sold their home in Albany and now will be in an apartment there when not in AZ. Herb Mansfield keeps sending me jokes, but since this is a family magazine, I can't put them in. But I guess this picture will pass the censors. Rog & Maggie Moore had to get a hot tub for their aches and pains. So they bought one and built a room around it, Herb & Vesta Mansfield, Joe & Edie Carroll, Jack & Alice Malloy and Bill & Betty Chandler attended the Founders Day dinner at San Fran. A note from Don & Alice Webber wishing me well and saying that the weather in FL was nice but dry. I'd like the bridge game too, Don.

Happy reunion to all of you.

'32

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If Gilbert & Sullivan were writing this, they would say our own major model of a modern Marco Polo has done it again.

In 1942, Bob Scott holed up in a hotel room and wrote "God is my Co-Pilot" in 3 days, but when he decided to go back to China 38 yrs later, it took a little more effort. He wasn't flying his P-51 with GEN Chenault this time and didn't want to go on a tourist package tour, so things were different. Over the span of a year, Bob wrote more than 200 letters, 3-4 pages each (much more wordage than GIMCOP) to Chinese officials to get the visas he needed to go where he wanted to go. It was a lot of work for the eternal goat, who in his own words splits an infinitive as easily as he dangles a participle, but it paid off.

Bob went directly to the boondocks in China, then east for 2300 miles to Shanhai-



1932: The Lyon enters the zoo: Zitzman, Terri Steele, Fran Godwin, Lyon, McDonald, Glatterer and Louise, Rowan, Longanecker and Dorothy.

kwan, wherever that is, and walked down the end of the ancient Wall into the Yellow Sea. He rode a camel 200 miles from the Cave of the Thousand Budhas thru the desert in 8 days.

His butt wasn't sore as in our riding classes of yore, but his rib cage was. (Camels sway from side to side, not like the horses when Dan Debardeleben said cross stirrups and commanded, "Slow trot, Ho.")

In 63 days Bob covered 39,000 miles, took 3600 pictures and literally traversed the Great Wall from end to end. And he is in the process of writing another book which he says will positively be his last. (Any bets?)

It's just too bad that his lovely Catherine who joined Bob's Co-pilot in '72 isn't here to share it with him.

When our ubiquitous secy, Archie Lyon, visited San Ant with Helen, he arranged for the proper pomp and circumstance. The Pres of the USA was inaugurated that day, there was a full moon that night, and the stock market dropped 20 points.

The occasion was the semi-annual convention of the National Sojourners (Archie is a Past Pres) which is held in various cities about the US. Most participants stayed where the meetings were held, in the historic Hotel Menger next to the Alamo, but Archie & Helen selected Chez Zitzman where the service is lousy, the walk-in customers are congenial and the price is right. They could have used my snappy Fiat convertible to get to the meetings but Roscoe Huggins thought his Dodge sedan was more dignified, so Birdie's niece drove it down from Kerrville to put it at their disposal.

The next day was Archie's only free one, so we had a '32 brunch chez-nous; Liz & Landon Head from Green Valley, AZ, who happened to be visiting Randolph AFB where their son & son-in-law are stationed. Tom McDonald, Terri Steele, Gracia Grunert, Fran Godwin, the Glatterers, Daveys, Ed Rowan, the Longaneckers, and of course, Roscoe & Birdie who drove the 65 miles from Kerrville. That's always an interesting drive because you go through Comfort. Towns to the south and north respectively are named Alice & Louise. There's a motel in Comfort with the whimsical advt, "Sleep in Comfort to-night, between Alice & Louise." (Down, Roscoe, down, Birdie is driving.")

Incidental info picked up during the gabble gabble. When Milt Glatterer ret in '82 he was elected mayor (only the 3d) of Windcrest, pop 3000, twice that size now. Son Milton Jr. is now a full fledged MD in his 1st yr of residency at the UTX Health Sc Ctr. Skeet, as his friends call him, took his first

2 yrs of med sch in Guadalajara, Mex, with some classes in Spanish because there weren't enough openings in US colleges. Skeet got his degree from SW Med Sch in Dallas last Jun and is now well on his way.

Archie's convention was successful and Pat & I were their guests at the final banquet. Beside doing the admin work for '32, Archie is the Secy-Treas for Collingwood on the Potomac, the Fdn for National Liberty & Museum on Americanism which is devoted to the growth and development of the USA from pre-revolution to modern times. It is sponsored by the National Sojourners but not limited to it. It is in operation now with 2000 volumes classified under the Library of Congress System, including a replica of the Magna Carta. Their goal is 12,000.

Tom McDonald wanted to host a bash for the Lyons but their schedule was too full. The last supper was given by Gracia Grunert and Terri Steele at the Crystal Bakery, a restaurant that has to be seen to be believed. Cozy, quaint and excellent food. Small group; just the Lyons, Terry Steele Jr and her handsome fiancee, Tom McDonald and 2 Zitzmans.

Dwight Beach keeps creeping (read bounding) into this column frequently because he writes often with news of everybody. He & Flo attended the UMI ROTC mil ball at



1932: The Deishers afloat in the Caribbean.

nearby Ann Arbor where a fine young captain approached and in the course of the conversation revealed he was Jerry & Jeannette Epneys' son. He is getting his master's degree there, after which he will teach at WP.

Dwight also helps me technically with things I don't understand. He said that even though the uniforms are identical, you can tell the difference between male and female cadets the same way you do between boy and girl pancakes. It's the way they're stacked.

Was delighted to get the current address of Carl Sciple which slipped out of our roster a few yrs ago. Beanie Goodwin got it from his dau in Dallas who saw it in an interstate church bulletin.

Carl had a stroke 3 yrs ago and is in a military nursing home in Ft Myers, FL. Sally lives a mile away at 4813 Tredegar Dr, Ft Myers, FL 33907, Tel (813) 482-2161. Sally was visiting relatives when I phoned but the house sitter said Carl was doing fairly well, not always lucid. Sally would like to get the Class address list, which I asked Archie Lyon to send her, and the '32 news. The AOG sent me 2 copies of the last issue of ASSEMBLY by mistake, so I sent Sally one.

On my 1st tour of writing this column 46-59, I liked to mention Sally Sciple Sciple (no relation before they were married) because

her onomatopoeic name sounded like a gurgling burbling brook, and she was just as ebullient. I'm glad Carl has her taking care of him.

Jim Woolnough made an interesting coast to coast, classmate to classmate, trip in Jan, just too late to include in the last issue. Stayed with Bill & Vivian Kunzig in their lovely San Fran home and got in plenty of golf. A small dinner party included exquisite Reina Bowen who visits her native France occasionally but will definitely do her considerable best to keep America beautiful by maintaining her permanent address in San Fran.

After a 3-day trip through the Monterey peninsula, Jim & Bill took Dottie Lankenau & Ann Cochran to lunch in San Fran. Jim said both of our gals looked fine and were in good spirits. At various other functions they found the Frank Johnstons and Chris/Phil Dreyer in good shape with Bill Fraser supplying the laughs as usual. Todd Slade joined the act when he went up to view the Bing Crosby golf spectacular.

The day before he left, Jim Woolnough drove north with Bill Kunzig to Oakmont for a final round of golf with Charlie Carrell, whose drives were a tad shorter than in the old Benning days of 45 yrs ago but were still down the middle. On the way to Oakmont, Jim & Bill dropped in on Dan & Nana Gilmer. As reported some time ago, Dan is still having a rough time but under Nana's t.l.c. is gradually improving. Keep going, Dan.

In mid-Feb, Fran Godwin took the alumni cruise organized by the Assn of Grads; 11 delightful days in the Caribbean—Haiti, Martinique, St Thos, etc, de luxe everything. There were 250 in the congenial alumni group from USMA, USNA & AF Acad, with several in the WP '32 bracket. Frank & Hilda Deisher, Jim (guess who) Woolnough, Dick Lawson '31 who drew those lively Pointer cartoons, & Patty; Milt Somerfelt '33 captain of the Army football team, Leslie; John & Patsy White '34, from Deep in the Heart of.

Also, my ex-roomie, Ed Suarez, wrote that in May, he & Bee, with Don & Marian Hardy will be basking aboard the SS Sagafjord near the North Cape. I hope when they get back they'll give me a saga of the fjords aboard the Sagafjord.

Lou Coutts wrote from Rome of a different mode of transport. Heavy snow in Garmisch (in my book the most beautiful winter resort in the world.) Lou & Mary took a horse drawn sleigh, the better to watch the skiers, then an easy drive through the Brenner Pass to northern Italy & Venice. Thence to Rome & home.

And Herb Thatcher wrote he put the Web-



1932: Pat Zitzman, Maureen Davey, and the Longaneckers.

sters & DB Johnsons on the plane for "½ a world cruise." I sure hope that Benny & DB get up the scratch for the return half before our 50th.

Back in the ZI, Eddie & Dottie Hartshorn drove from Tucson to Dallas to pop the buttons on their respective chests with pride to see dau Ellen graduate from college Cum Laude as a history major. A story goes with that but it will have to wait for another day.

Sim & Peg Whipple '33, visited San Ant and gave regards from Walker & Alice Goodrich who live near them in Hilton Head. Over an excellent lunch at the Argyle Club we reminisced about hockey c. 1930 when Sim & Walker were on the forward line and I was in the goal. That time the shots were on me; this time the lunch was on Sim. In the long run, everything evens out.

Only yesterday. At least 2 members of '32 got a vicarious thrill when MG Walter E Prosser, WP '05, 99 yrs old who lives here in San Ant, became WP's Oldest Living Grad. In '33 COL Prosser was the 8th Corps Area Signal Officer with Hq at Ft Sam where I was the lowest ranking SC 2LT in the Corps area. In WW II it became the 4th Army and is now the 5th CONUS Army but Hq is still in the same century old quadrangle.

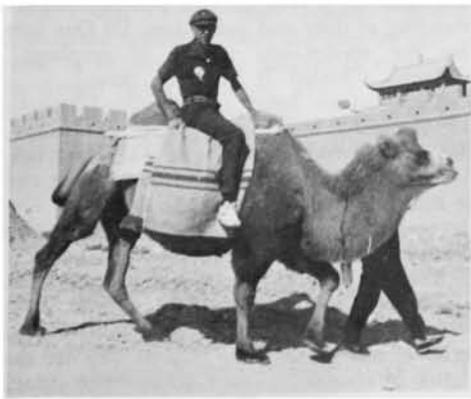
GEN Prosser was CG of the Readiness Force in the Panama Canal Zone when Pearl Harbor was struck and Roscoe Huggins was his SigO. The Old Grad has done his share and we wish him well.

At Random in Quondam. Lib & DB Johnson had all their kids and their kids for a wk of mountain climbing & fishing for "just plain family fun" in CO.

Bill & Lil Powers have a fair division of duties in FL. Bill the builder of Lincoln Center, NYC, built a greenhouse with his bare hands in New Smyrna Beach & Lil fills it with African violets with her bare hands. They golf a little, do some conjugal cooking (Bill is the oyster specialist) and will positively see you & me at the 50th.

Eddie & Dottie Hartshorn's dau-in-law, Margaret, has been promoted to supervisor of photo sv while getting her degree at MI Tech way up in the Upper Peninsula where Chip Lavigne lettered in basketball in, gulp, 27. Son Fred continues his career in journalism and on the side plays the guitar in a popular country music band.

Geo & Billy Mather spent longer than usual on their annual visit to the Keys for sun, swimming and fishing. A pic showed George with rod in left hand and a handsome bonefish in his right. (Geo is still 6' 2", so the fish must have been 3' 1".) Always the humorist & sportsman, Geo said the fish didn't mind having his picture taken before being released into the briny.



1932: Scott and Bactrian at The Wall.

Doris Cairns Wallace, widow of Bugs, & her congenial Neil, WP '33, visited Doris' son Doug in Redlands, CA, where they also had a roundelay with Perry Griffith, WP '34.

Eddie Farnsworth has been working on me to get phone nos, included in the next Class list so I'll give it a go. Archie Lyon prepares the list but he has so much to do, I'll take on the job of collecting them. If you want yours included, please send me a post card and I'll consolidate and forward the list to Archie.

Ruffles & Flourishes. 1st the ruffle. Christian F. Dreyer Jr. (Fred to you, me & the rest of the world), commandant of the Squadron Officer School at Maxwell AFB, has been promoted to BG USAF.

Now the flourish. Fred's dau Catherine Dreyer, a member of the AF ROTC & cmdr of the Angel Flight squadron at E. Carolina State U, was selected as "Little General" at the annual Arnold Air Society National Conclave in Dallas. The item in the AF Times said that Catherine is the 1st ROTC cadet to be named as Little General. Pop your chest up, general, sir, I mean maam.

And Andy Burke WP '78, son of our late Ed & Marion Burke, is well on his way up. His letter from Holland said he loves his assignment and will finish up his master's degree in May.



1932: Schoewe '81, Zitzman '32, Pieringer '83.

Final Farewells. For once I thought I'd get away without bad news to report but didn't quite make it. Gale & Gary Hall wrote that Dottie Rankin passed away in Mesa, AZ, on 31 Dec and was interred in Arlington. Dottie was the dau of the late Inf COL Andrew J. Daugherty, and her mother, now 103 yrs old, lives with another dau, Muriel Carter, widow of COL James C Carter, WP '23. Our deepest sympathy goes to classmate Jim Rankin and his family.

Other news from the Halls was good. The Deishers' grandson, Stephen Sibley, son of COL James Sibley, WP '53, is a WP cadet. The Halls' son Frank, WP '63, LTC, CE, is Dist Engr in Ryadh, Saudi Arabia and goes to the Pentagon in Jun. Other son Geo is VP of a Life Ins Co in Birmingham, AL. The Halls' dau Martha is teaching; Martha's eldest dau Kay graduated from Georgetown U and is now at Sloan-Kettering as a nurse; another dau is at Penn State. As you read this, Gale & Gary will be attending Gale's 50th Reunion at UIN as a tune-up for our Big One next yr.

Class Rings—response to my proposal in the last issue.

2 of our guys have lost their rings irretrievably. One was in the hospital recuperating from surgery when his ring slipped off unnoticed and went out with the laundry. The other lost his while cutting & throwing firewood on the stack in CO—got friends and a geiger counter to help find it but to no



1932: Schrader and Steele.

avail. He contacted Tiffany's who have the original dies, but they wouldn't go into production for less than 4 rings at a cost of \$2300. It's a sensitive, sentimental subject but if any '32 widow has a ring that she would like to have a Classmate wear from here on in, let me know.

Founders Day. There's no formation like Founders Day to give you the feeling for a few brief hours that you are back at WP in spirit with all the grads you have ever known. I have gone to all I could; WW II in 1944 after the Fifth Army was snowbound in the Appenines (the Valley Forge of the Italian Campaign) and 20 yrs later in Paris where J.P. McConnell was the speaker. J.P. was under orders to become Vice CS of the Air Force and it was well known that his performance there would determine whether he would be the CS when Curtis LeMay retired a yr later. Chatting with me after, Mac mixed 2 magnificent metaphors to set a new world record, "I'll be walking a tight wire in a goldfish bowl."

"Never mind," I said, "It's a long rocky road but you'll wade through it." (History records that Mac waded through the last rock and was CS USAF for 4 yrs.)

In Wash DC in 70 our Class was so low ranking we had a table near the fire exit and the next yr in Tehran I was the oldest living grad making a speech, yet.

But the one this yr in San Ant has to be the best of all because we had all the above plus direct contact with the cadets when the Glee Club came and were billeted in our homes. We drew Dave Schoewe, '81 & Gary Pieringer, '83.

To brighten their stay, we imported 2 peachcakes from UTX, one of whom was our granddaughter who makes a Dior model look like a fugitive from the night cleaning shift. Tom McDonald lent us 1 of his Cadillacs so the 6 of us could do the spots-together. (Pat's sedan seats 4 and my Fiat 2½.)

The Glee Club gave 4 concerts in 48 hrs but we had a free evening to do the River Walk and a long afternoon about town plus breakfast talk during which I was brought up to date.

There were 350 present in the magnificent reception/display area of the USAA bldg for Founders Day. '32 included Tom McDonald, Gracia Grunert, Terri Steele & 2 Zitzmans. An added treat was to meet Merle & Zaida Williams' dau, Zoraida Stokes, who lives here. During the yrs since Merle died in 68, we've lost track of Zaida but she is now the wife of a ret Army Medical Corps officer. Her address is Mrs. Zaida R. O'Sullivan, 306 First St, Lake Providence, LA 71254.

LTC Merle Williams Jr., WP '62 (2 DFC,



1932: The Dreyers—Founders Day Ft Ord.

10 AM) is stationed in St Louis and Zaida's other dau, Mrs Daniella Bevacqua, is in Chapel Hill, NC. Naturally, sparkling Zoraida lives on El Simpatico St, San Ant. (I'm leading a drive to rename it La Simpatica.)

When the Glee Club performed, it got all the encores it could handle then went to a midnight party at the home of one of their members whose folks live here. Next day, a pretty co-ed from Dallas said that if that were the only thing she went to during her spring vacation, it would have been her best ever.

And so it went. In a last heart to heart talk with our cadets before they left our house, Dave Schoeme said, "Sir, if the Corps has gone to Hell, it went before I got there." And that left your garrulous Scribe as speechless as a beached whale. (See McConnell syntax supra.) The cadets' visit was a fine traveling display of WP to-day and the sound track was magnificent. 3 days after they got back to Rockpile, Pat & I got a warm note of thanks, and our granddau in Austin received a single yellow rose with no note or explanation.

And this is a good place to say well done from all of '32 to departing Supe Andy Goodpaster, WP '39; Combat Engr C.O. in WW II (DSC-SS-2 PH). Also PhD, Princeton U, founding member of SHAPE under GEN Eisenhower in 51 as a LTC, and later SACEUR himself after commanding a combat Div in Europe, then a tour as Cmdt of the NWC. It was my privilege to serve with or close to Andy in many of those assignments.

And we wish all the best to the incoming Supe, LTG Willard W. Scott '48. Young Dave Schoewe struck a responsive chord but his timing was way off. If the Corps went, it was before 2 July 1928.

Why I do this job for pecans. (I used to do it for peanuts but I haven't let one in the house since Carter's inauguration.)

Sev Beyma, WP '34, wrote to ask for Peggy Nelson's address after reading about her phone con with me in the last issue. Sev & his wife had lost track of Peggy after Russ died in 71 and they wanted to resume contact because "Russ & Peggy treated us royally when we arrived in HI in 1936 and all thru our tour there." Naturally, your obedient servant was glad to oblige. (Obedient servant is spelled "Long Gray Line.")

Carolyn Roberson wrote about the days when she and Gerry, WP '33, lived within shouting distance of us at WP in '41 (shouting to the kids to get them home for supper.) As a cadet, Gerry was the tall, rangy center

half of the soccer team that this dumb goalie needed. He's doing fairly well since his stroke but Carolyn said "the ASSEMBLY is about our only tie with old friends as we are off the beaten path."

Perry Griffith, WP '34, sent me the latest copy of "Horse & Horseman," in which he had a poignant story of a beautiful Chestnut that he was training for the 1940 Olympics but had to turn over to GEN Wainwright to take to the Philippines. GEN Wainwright's aide, Johnny Pugh did the negotiating and saw the horse win many cups in Manila before Pearl Harbor.

After V-J Day, Johnny walked out of the POW camp at GEN Wainwright's side, smartly dressed in undershorts. Perry's story was of his attempt with Johnny Pugh to find out the fate of his beautiful horse Melhap, who had to be left behind when they went to Corregidor for the last stand. Some reading.

4 days after this is mailed to the ed., San Ant will have elected a mayor. Pat & I have been deeply engaged and if our man wins, I'm going to upgrade my classification in the next issue of "Who Ain't Who" from pamphleteer to political hack. Win or lose, I'll continue to follow Fred Allen's credo, "Bait your trap with camembert, you get a better grade of mouse."

Deadline for news to me for the next issue of ASSEMBLY is a week after you read this and I'm not giving you the old roquefort.

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Events often dictate the opening of these Notes. This time we salute two outstanding soldiers, perchance Engineers—one of our class, the other not:

—The one who didn't quite make '33 (having climbed the hill 6 yrs too late) is Andy Goodpaster ('39), who will be leaving his post as Superintendent, USMA as we receive this issue of ASSEMBLY. Others will assess and praise his selfless devotion to West Point in its time of travail, but none will send a more heartfelt "Godspeed!" than do we.

—The other (who did make '33) is, as you will have learned from President Abe's April 81 Class Bulletin, the graduate selected by the WP Society of DC for the prestigious BEN CASTLE AWARD (named for BG F W Castle '30 who as CG 4th Bb Wing at the Battle of the Bulge 24 Dec 44 "took over the controls and deliberately gave his own life to save his crew," for which he rec'd MH).

This year's Castle Award was presented



1933: Gee, White and Johnson—Vero Beach, 20 Feb 81.

by Frank Camm ('43), who said of the recipient "In length and quality of service to his country he has set an outstanding example of quiet, unassuming & selfless dedication . . . Any one of his achievements would in itself have been a fitting capstone to a career in government service."

In accepting the award, Dodd Starbird characteristically spoke not of himself, but of West Pointers as a group: "We of West Point are most favorably placed: To the degree that we live up to our motto, DUTY—HONOR—COUNTRY, we are respected; In the mobility of our profession we acquire a



1933: MiR: Moorman, Jones, McClelland, Dahlen, and Disoway.

diversity of experience, flexibility, knowledge of our country and the world; Even in retirement, our services are in great demand." To the ten '33-ers present at the Founder's Day dinner, it was a proud moment.

Our pride in another Classmate must be touched with sadness, for on 12 Mar 81, after a long and valiant fight, Charlie Chase "wrapped the drapery of his couch about him" and joined our comrades in the Unseen Half of the Long Gray Line. Few among us have been as well known and loved as that stubborn, cheerful New Englander; he will be mourned not alone by us and by his family, but by the many friends he made during his second career at FL Tech. Of him Dr. Bob Searle, Chmn of the Grad Dept of Mgmt Sci, said, "He was not only one of our finest teachers, but one of the finest gentlemen and most loved members of our staff; we have dedicated a conference room to him.

It was in character for Charlie Chase that he responded by postcard to each one of us who signed the "good wishes" card sent to him by the Classmates at our MiniReunion, and that ill though he was, he responded also to my plea for help with the Class History: "As to the history of our times, our participation and how we were affected by them, I believe that (1) Our rapid rally to the cause in WWII; (2) Our thorough understanding of duty and patriotism; (3) Our love for the service—are worthy of emphasis." (Thanks, Charlie! It shall be done.)

Survivors are listed as his wife, Elizabeth of Annapolis, Md; a son Frank of Madison, MS; dtr Astrid Rickards of Marietta, GA; bro David M. Chase ('43) of Indialantic; and a bro and sis "living outside the state." Interment at West Point was attended by Steve Fugua, Pat Guiney, Pinky Webster.

With sadness we report the passing also, on 4 Mar 81 at San Antonio, of Fran "Pan-chita" Pearson, Jim (Pugh) Pearson's beloved wife of nearly 48 years. "Thank you for the letter of comfort," writes Pugh. "The sensed presence of all my Classmates, together with the physical presence of some alongside our



1933: Breit, Betty Gallagher, and Bastions.

grandchildren, has been a source of strength for me . . . Fran's death was unexpected, but at least there was not a long period of suffering. It was in Argentina that she acquired the nickname 'Panchita,' a Spanish diminutive for Frances; she liked it, but most of our old friends still knew her as Fran. She was in any case the same girl I married in the lead-off ceremony in the Chapel on the day following Graduation. . . . Our grddtr and her mother leave today to go back to Tacoma. At the same time Ralph Alspaugh will drive me to the hosp at Ft Sam to have further surgery for a pinched nerve, the result of a back injury of almost 30 yrs ago."

Pugh, we miss her too. And we hope these Notes will find you healing alike in body and spirit.

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In the March Notes we appealed for input from '33-ers who seldom/never write in, promising them 1st priority in the next ASSEMBLY. That time is now, and we have a man who fills the bill. Coyly neglecting to sign his name, he compromised himself with a return address at which he's believed to be the only Lucky Star:

"Since my name has appeared twice in our Notes," sez Pop Risdén, "I think it's time to contribute. One of the two in the pic is your Classmate." (Ed: See 'Guess Who?') "I'm sure you'll have no trouble identifying him—if you do, you should see an eye doctor,—but to make it easy for our Classmates I'll display my name in BIG LETTERS at the 50th, which God Willing I'll attend." (No problem, Pop! you're the one on the left, right?) "Sorry I couldn't make the miR, but I enjoyed the pics . . . Helped by a magnifying glass I could recognize a few of our Classmates (my sight is perfect). I rushed to a mirror to compare my young face with theirs—and was shocked to see what the years have done to me. The pic of the ladies, on the other hand, was excellent. They looked so pretty, young, charming,—and recognizable. A beautiful group . . .

"But I feel strongly that women should not be in the Academy, (even tho) they've performed in an outstanding manner in responsible Armed forces positions. The Academies are designed to prepare potential combat



leaders; there is no place for women on the field of battle. We must look up to and protect our women, and hold them on a high pedestal. Women should be trained for assignments outside the combat area. An Armed Forces Academy for Women may be the answer . . .

"From all reports, the MiR was a great success. Billy Harris and his supporting 'Host Committee' deserve high praise. Best wishes to all. A '33 Classmate." (Ed: And warm thanks, dear Anonymous Pop, for a fine ltr. Come back soon!)

Bob Blanchard flew into the DC area to see his sister (who is ill), then left with only a telecon to mark his passage.

From "T-Bone" Bowen we have the COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM of the 70th Birthday Anniversary of Gen Darby. Presented by the William O. Darby Junior HS with the Darby PTA and the William O. Darby Ranger Memorial Foundation, at Ft Smith, AR—a tile which speaks unmistakably for the event! "I went in an unofficial capacity," sez T-Bone, "as one of ± 300 spectators. E Stewart Bird and Chad Calley (present) are instigators in establishing the Darby Ranger Museum and Library and research material. Stewart Bird was a British Commando who trained with Bill in England; Chad Calley, a Ranger who served in RVN, had both legs and an arm blown off by a land mine.

"Isabel and I greatly enjoyed the MiR. It was particularly rewarding in that we met many friends with whom we had served and could also renew acquaintance with others not seen since graduation. We look forward to the 50th."



1933: The Ryans, Bea Jones and June Sparrow.

Ruth Carroll, with colleague Gladys Willard, put on a bang-up piano recital (well, maybe "bang-up" isn't quite the word?) in Feb, attended by (among other devotees of the Ivory Coast) 33-ers Helen & Dan Parker, Ruth & Jack Schmelzer, June & Bert Sparrow, and Wag Kleitz. One of the pieces went 'Andante con moto e poco rubato' and there were refreshments.

The Carvers' s-in-law, Bill Schneider, went right ahead and got a second star. 'No holding that family down!

Of the peripatetic Douglasses, it is heard that they are (a) selling their home at Cape May, NJ; (b) swelling the ranks of '33 Floridians by purchase of a residence in Bradenton. "We found Dick Montgomery looking fit and well," reports the Slugger. "Also got together with Jack & Lillian Lewis."

"Avoidance of effort seems to be a refuge from aging," says Rod Gott to Abe Lincoln. "Sorry you're having to work so hard with our 50-yr book. How in hell do you keep going

so hard? Things are going on a day by day basis for me" (readers will remember that Lydia passed away last Fall); "I began to get cabin fever a few weeks back, so I chartered a sailing yacht, took along our youngest son and wife, and had a marvelous two weeks sailing the Bahamas. It was good medicine."

—Rod, we feel a severe case of cabin fever coming on . . .

Achievement (Cont'd) "I've had good luck with mylets to New York Times," sez Pat Guiney, "2 in Dec, 1 in Jan,—and the Sunday Times Union (Albany) wants me to write an article! It keeps my retirement days busy and me out of trouble . . . The news from here is the wonderful reception given to the hostages by WP, the Thayer Hotel, and Highland Falls. Nothing like it ever happened in this little village before . . . The Class sundial project was formally approved by the Supe today (30 Jan). Work will start in a month or so."

Ben Harrell, responding to a letter from Abe, speaks of his periodic visits to Letterman for treatments: "So far I feel fine and certainly have no gripes . . . 'Saw Stan Lanning & Bobby Tripp in San Fran. They both look fine and are happy in the service."

"We liked the coverage of the MiR in ASSEMBLY," writes Fritz Hartel in a news-filled ltr. "Dot says we saw more of San Antonio in those 3 days than we did in the 10 months we were stationed there in '42. Eldest dtr Mary w/husband Stan and their 5 chdm spent Christmas with us, and that really livened things up around here. The logistics of having 7 guests is something else—I was Mess Sgt, Transportation Sgt and Motel Mgr all at once! But our home was very empty when they left. (Ed: No comment)

—"Danny & Helen Parke drove Ruth Carroll down in Jan and the 5 of us cavorted in the (indoor) pool like so many teenagers . . . As Danny said, 'Another glass of sherry and all of us would have been skinny-dipping!'

—"Bill & Marge Ryan followed the Parkers by a few days and a repeat of the fun. We covered years of news in a few days, watched the inauguration together and as Marge said, 'It's a good thing the 4 of us are Reaganites!' While they were here Paul Gillon called from Santee SC, and Ted & El Conway called from Durham—quite a coincidence!

—"The Conways will be here 15-16 Mar and the 4 of us will attend Founder's Day dinner at Ft. Eustis." (Thanks for a fine one, Fritz)

"Enclosed," submits Halbard Hurlbut, "is the newspaper pic of that Great Golfer 'Whopper' White, the pride of the CIA! Polly just got her new lens and can see now better than ever, so we're off to FL to check on the above Golfing Great plus the Old Pa Pro W. Jason Ely, and to bail Ned Gee out of any trouble he's encountered at Vero Beach. We hope to see 'K' Kaesser as well . . ."

Two handsome postcards, one of the Sydney (Australia) Opera House, one a colorful street scene in Hong Kong, remind us that Walt & Kay Jensen are rounding the world on the QE-2. "Kay and I recommend it, not only for the full trip, but they also have segments that can be taken separately. It's hard to realize, Bert," writes Walt from Kowloon, "that it was 22 years ago that we met here and had some very pleasant days together." (Note: In Feb '59 Bert Sparrow, under deep cover as a DAC en route to Laos, was shopping in Hong Kong when to his

astonishment he looked up through the glass of a showcase and recognized his Classmate. We staged a 2-man MiR on the spot, dined at a floating palace, and next day toured the circuit of Hong Kong Island to the applause of multitudes lining both sides of the road (the Prince of Wales, it seems, was swinging around the same route, ten minutes behind us! We may have been taken for His Majesty's Secret Service . . .) Thanks, Walt—I'd almost forgotten.)



1933: Guess Which? and Friend.

A slightly incoherent note here says that Mac McClelland's wife Dodie and 4 dtrs staged a munificent surprise dinner for his turning three score and ten, complete with taped pictures, 3 dtr Libba Barnes being a "wheel" in the Republican Party. That's what it says.

And then there's a story left over from our 45th, when one of our ladies arose from her couch during the night (as indeed one might) and mistaking the door of the desired facility found herself eneshabille in the hallway outside her now-locked room in which her husband slumbered peacefully on, unaware of the drama in which she played so diaphanous a part . . . (In consideration of Carol Burnett and the Enquirer, denouement is deleted.)

"Here's a pic of some 33-ers 'at ease' in Bradenton," writes Dick Montgomery, "Kay & Paul Gillon, Lillian & Jack Lewis, and RMN. Bob & Jane Douglas were here and we had dinner with them. They've become so happy with FL they bought a place here then headed North to dispose of their property, unfortunately before we took the pic . . . It's just GREAT to get together again—we all really enjoyed it. I just finished a year-long battle with Lymphoma, a cancer-like blood disease. I was very sick from the chemotherapy, but I have licked the disease and am now nearly back to normal. Praise the Lord!!" Amen, Dick.

Achievement. As if to show that our activities in retirement run the full gamut of human endeavor, we report having found Sam & Kim Otto in the best of shape, and that Sam is a Reader in the Christian Science Church at Annapolis. Nothing further on the turtle.

"Tell all those 'Old Goats' in '33," warns Ivan Parr, "that they'd better start boning up on their 'Oldest Grad' speeches for Founder's Day, because it won't be long before they'll be using them, as I did this year. There were 182 people at the WP Society of N TX (Dallas-Ft Worth); much to my surprise, I was 'it.' No other member of our Class was present. Hoebeke having retreated to Denver.

"I've been involved in Retiree Affairs at Carswell AFB for 3 years. While I occupy a desk there only 1 da/wk, I do get heavily



1933: Kaye Harris (widow of GEN Harris '31), Helen Honnen (widow of GEN Honnen '20) and the Henleys.

involved. I'm a member of the Ft Hood Council and chair the sub-Council for the Metroplex (we have 30,000 mil retirees in the area).

"Sorry we can't make the MiR. Our son Kurt and wife Minie gave us a fine new grdson 5 Sep; our other grdsons and 1 grddtr are in Atlanta. Ivan III is with Forscom."

"Knowing how pleased you are, dear Bert, to get tid-bits of Classmates as others report on them," writes Phil Pope, "I'm pleased to state that Janie P and I returned this week from 5 wks in Naranja and Naples, FL by car. We did not call or see the following Classmates: (Here follows a list of 16 names). How's that for news?"

"If Cal Smith had been in FL we would have stopped by to fertilize his roses." Thanks, Phil. I find your last sentence intelligible.

"Teeny and I still plug along," says George T. Powers III, pride of B Co. "She has a full time job just keeping track of birthdays (8 kids, 8 spouses and 18 grands). And Christmas, of course, is a real riot . . . For the life of me, I can't understand how the Postal Service keeps losing money, considering the amount I pay them every year."

Cal Smith, who must have heard his name mentioned (above), has a grand one for us: "Ruth, Doug and I just back from delightful fortnight in Honolulu. We bring news of Classmates.

"Dot & Gabe Disosway were renting the Hurlbut's condo, so saw lots of them. Had a couple of rds of golf with Gabe at Hickam, one being with Ed Doleman. Ed claimed a 24 handicap and with his strokes he really cleaned us."

Achievement: "Ed keeps very much involved with writing and speaking on military and national subjects."

"We had an excellent dinner with Louise & Carl Darnell, shortly after which Carl caught the flu so had a chance to see them only once.

"Ran into Hap Tubbs at Hickam. Not having seen each other since Graduation, recognition was not immediate—time changes us! Hap sports a 33 handicap (that's loyalty!) and says he's partially retired from business.

"Courtesy of Bobbie & Ben Webster ('32) we had a nice dinner with Disosways, Dorothy & Duncan Hallock. Both of the latter are live wires, and it was great seeing them again.

"Posie & Bob Neely are scheduled to take over the sumptuous Hurlbut condo after the Disosways leave.

"Teleconed Jim Boswell during our stop-over in SF. He was in his usual good spirits &

invited us to dinner after first making sure of our imminent departure for CO SPCS, forthwith!

"Back in the chilly Rockies we found that Svava & Chappie Chapman, Miss Atha & Tommy Moonman had survived the winter in good shape.

"A final note: Please advise Phil Pope & Bill Ryan to cease and desist from further investigation of my handicap. Of 6 times played in Honolulu the results financially and scorewise were very sad indeed." (Fine input, Cal!)

End Jan Bill (WV) Thompson came into WR for R&R; several of us saw him; mid Feb he returned to Pearisburg much restored.

From Dolly Totten Selleck, Bob & Bea Totten's dtr, we have a warm ltr of appreciation "to thank the members of the Class of '33 for the flowers sent to our Mother's funeral. There is a deep feeling of loneliness when your parents die. You just can't know how much it meant to us children to see Daddy's Classmates and to feel their support—you are wonderful people . . . Col & Mrs Guiney kind, compassionate, wonderful representatives of the Class. We shall be keeping up with the Class through ASSEMBLY."

Finally, from the GG Red White, a FL recap and a hark-back to the beginning of these Notes: "Ned & Gladys Gee have been here since mid-Jan, a real joy . . . Milt & Lelia Summerfelt stopped for dinner in Feb; we gathered in the Gees & Vidals for a delightful evening, to include a glowing account of the Summerfelt's nine-meal-a-day cruise.

Also enjoyed seeing Johnny Johnson & Dorothy when they visited the Gees. Hurlbut's are somewhere in FL; we look forward to having them with us after 22 Mar, when we ret from visiting Senters in Tequesta, where Oscar and I will play in a member-guest tournament at his Club.

"We and the Gees will be paying our respects to Charlie Chase at the memorial service at Patrick tomorrow. Harpo was a particularly close friend. He was valiant throughout his long ordeal, and he adds great stature to the Long Gray Line."

(Added per Divine-to-Guiney-to-Sparrow) Other 33-ers at memorial svcs: Divines, Vidals, Kaessers, Shinkles, Kaiser.

WISDOM/USEFUL INFO DEPT. If you hear that the VA is paying back accumulated excess insurance premiums to WW II vets, forget it! This cruel hoax, periodically revived, compels the VA to hire extra staff just to deny it. Normal annual dividends continue to be paid automatically.

GENERAL/MISC DEPT.

—This from Betty Walters: "If any among our Classmates and/or their wives/widows would like to find useful application for their dwindling stores of wisdom & energy," (well, those aren't exactly her words) "they should consider offering their services to the Army Community Service (ACS) Office at their nearby Army Post. The need is real, the predicaments of some of our young Service people & their families cry out for the matur-





1933: Ivan, oldest grad, and Mary Jane Parr—Founders Day Dallas, TX.

ity & understanding which we are so well equipped to provide . . ." Herself an ACS Volunteer, Betty sets an example for us all.

(Note: In the spirit of "The Army Takes Care of Its Own!" the ACS was organized under the aegis of Johnny Johnson when he was Chief of Staff, a proud '33 accomplishment in more ways than one).

—Following what we hope will continue as an annual tradition, we'll lunch with Navy '33 at Annapolis next month.

—Guiney reports that Mr. Edwin Meese left the White House long enough to give a splendid & spirited talk at Eisenhower Hall, where he was introduced to the cadets by his cadet son. Things are looking up!

CLASS PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES.

50-Year Gift to West Point. "The horse is in the barn," says Abe. **50-Year Book (FYB).** "The horse is in the pasture," says Jack Schmelzer, "and coming up the hill, but slowly . . . Cy Dolph has come through with his biography; Harry Bishop called from Santa Fe about it; there are faint stirrings in the hinterland. We now have \$6000 from 180 contributors, and nearly 140 biogs. I'm hoping Abe's April Bulletin will bring in the laggards."

PRESIDENT'S LINCORNER. Our April 1981 Class Bulletin says it all. The FYB is now our principal ongoing Class of '33 enterprise. Let's get behind it: (1) Biogs to Jack Schmelzer; (2) History ideas to Bert; (3) Money to Phil Pope.

SCRIBENOTES. Ken Zitzman ('32), long a Dean & pace-setter for us Scribes, says it all (bottom p 52, Mar 81 ASSEMBLY)—and I believe every word of it (except, of course, the ref to my "knot-headed Classmates"—that I can knot stomach. . . .)

Next Deadline: to me by 15 June, please (grdchdm coming)

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That truth is stranger than fiction is a statement one often hears and probably because what it says is so well said. In a similar vein, but in a more poignant way perhaps, it can also be said that history is an "Open Sesame" to the past and therefore, the greatest of teachers. Hal Edson, ever thoughtful of others, sent in a review of a most interesting book, entitled "The Egg Nog Riot" by COL James B. Agnew who, following his graduation from The Citadel in 1952, received a RA commission. In writing this book, COL Agnew not only did a masterful job of research, but he also put together a true story of an incident which took place during the early history of our Alma Mater and which, because of what occurred together with the people who, in one way or another, were involved in it, has produced an account which should interest and entertain every living WP graduate.



1934: Johnson and Hanley.

It is much too long a story to permit disclosing all the details here, so get the book and read it, for it is unqualifiedly guaranteed that you will have a most rewarding experience. The publisher: The Presidio Press, San Rafael, CA 94901.

A note of particular interest to our Class came from Bob Finkenauer who passed on word that at the time our long-held hostages were week-ending at WP, NBC undertook to tape a TV Special of Trophy Point, a presentation which not only gave our nation a memorable glimpse of the natural and man-made beauty of this hallowed site, but also included close-up shots of 2 Granite Benches, part of the 12 which comprise the gift our Class will formally dedicate to our Alma Mater at the time of our 50th Reunion. It was a timely happenstance, indeed, which enabled the TV camera to capture one bench with the word "COURAGE" plainly visible and the other with the word "DETERMINATION" clearly in view. Under the circumstances prevailing at that time, these 2 great words, each chosen by design on the one hand and by simple chance on the other, were thus accorded the honor of providing a most fitting caption to a documentary which portrayed the meaning behind an historic event in a most historic setting.

In a letter from Bob Bahr who, in response to the question, "Are you planning to attend our 50th Reunion?" bounced right back with, "You better believe I am planning on making our 50th" and then Bob went on to reveal how he had been cheated out of making the 45th. With airline tickets already purchased, he had made a final check with his doctor

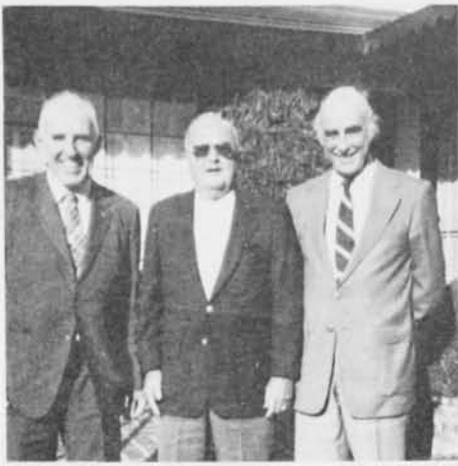


1934: Stanley, the O'Connells and Chizu Stanley.

only to learn that his blood pressure had suddenly gone sky high, a completely unanticipated ailment which was punctuated by hearing his doctor say with an air of finality, "You're not going anywhere but home." Although no explainable cause was ever established, it can be happily reported that this "flare-up" subsided and for Bob, everything except for the 45th, returned to normal. With the 50th, however, things are going to be a lot different, thanks to wise and careful "planning ahead." After ret from the Army in 1960 with a sizeable physical disability involving a heart condition, Bob placed himself completely in the capable hands of a local heart specialist and because of the latter's skill and knowledge, Bob was soon able to go about living a normal life. After 2 successful business experiences ranging from managing, first an adv agcy and then a cement business, Bob finally decided that he was well enough to undertake the challenge of an eng business and this he did with a great deal of satisfaction and success. With 2 boys and one dau, the latter a graduate of Baylor Med Sch, Bob's life since he left the Army has been a rewarding experience in many ways.

Taking a cue from the euphoria which appears to have been the motivating influence behind Bob Bahr's decision to attend our 50th, this seems like an opportune time to pass on the expressed wishes of other members of our Class who hope our 50th will be honored with an impressive turnout, thereby making this reunion a time for not only renewing and strengthening ties of friendship sprung from the mold of Kaydet Days, but also an opportunity to reap the joys and rewards which can only come from attending an event which undoubtedly will be remembered as the lingering bright spot in the afterglow period of our lives.

Through the thoughtfulness of Bill Kern, it was learned that Lee Miller, who resides in Flagstaff, AZ, has been having heart problems. After 2 attacks last fall and following an extensive examination, Lee underwent a 4 By-pass operation on 13 Jan 81. This operation went well, so well in fact, that Lee was released from the hospital on 23 Jan. Lee's incredible recovery can only be attributed to outstanding doctors, modern medical facilities and an amazing patient. From Lee's doctors themselves comes the word that it was Lee's mental attitude, his cooperation and determination which contributed so significantly to his rapid and splendid recovery. We are proud of you Lee and happy too that you have made such great progress on the road back to good health.



1934: Kern, Johnson, and Hanley at Carmel, CA.

Like so many others last winter, Anne & Bill Kern were knocked down real hard right after Xmas with a bad case of flu. Anne was not as lucky as Bill, for she contracted pneumonia and spent 16 days in the hospital at Ft Belvoir. Happily, it can now be reported that Anne has been back home since 21 Jan and while she has made some progress since, it has not been as rapid nor as complete as had been hoped for. May a full recovery soon be yours, Anne, is the wish which comes from all the Class.

It is with a feeling of profound sadness that announcement is made through these notes of the recent death of Ike Walton's wid, Sis. The entire Class joins in expressing to her son, Jay, and to other next of kin, its deepest sympathy.

BJ Richardson reports that he and Farley had a delightful trip to Bermuda last winter. They found the weather unusually warm, but this made it ideal for swimming and golf. For those who may be contemplating a trip to this beautiful island and who would like to assure themselves of a full measure of good spirits while there, BJ strongly advocates BYOB, as such items he says, are commanding sky-high prices. So take your choice: go well heeled or carry a loaded back-pack.

A most interesting letter from Sev Beyma brings word that all is well and going well in the Beyma home in Hampton, VA. Sev indicated that in 79 he had ret from Hampton Inst where he had served as Chmn of the Math Dept and Prof of Math for over 26 years. Most of his time was devoted to teaching undergraduate students, but under



1934: The Northams, Lewis', and Martins in Winter Park, FL.

a program funded by the Natl Sc Fdtn, he also directed a 13-yr effort to upgrade the training of high school math teachers through summer and Academic Year Insts. Sev also indicated that while he was fully retired now, he still managed to keep his hand in by occasionally reviewing math texts for publishers. His son Robert following somewhat in his father's footsteps is a VPI grad who is employed as an aerospace engineer and computer scientist by NASA, currently at Wallops Flight Ctr on Eastern Shore. Of particular interest is the latter's hobby of War Games, a field where he serves as both a developer and consultant. Robert recently invented a game entitled "Guns of August," a novel idea based upon the strategy & tactics of WWI and which is scheduled to be marketed by Avalon Hill Co sometime during the current year.

Most every day, it seems, things look better and better and today is no exception in that regard, for on this beautiful, sunny, springlike day in the promising month of Mar a letter arrived from Okie O'Connell who reports that in Feb he, Joann and dau Ellen (Fasten your seatbelts, readers, for the latter is with American Airlines) flew out to HI. After 4 days together on Oahu, Ellen took off for Tokyo, Singapore, and Hong Kong (Hawng Kawng? You got it, for that's the place where so many lose their American Express traveler's checks). While on Oahu, Okie and Joann had a number of very pleasant vists with Jack & Chizu Stanley. Chizu is still playing top-flight golf and Jack is still writing novels, his latest, Jack thinks, will prove to be the best of all. And now comes the best news: these 4 in our Class have VOWED to make it to our 50th. Things are really looking up!

Our Class President, Lou Walsh who, though saddled with many demanding and time-consuming duties and responsibilities, but without the customary admin spt normally accorded such an office, still finds time to send in news of interest to his truemates (classmates, firstmates and friends). Lou's long letter was supported by enclosures comprising copies of 2 letters from Class widows along with photos and a newspaper clipping, all submitted in an attempt to bolster the efforts needed to make these notes an articulate medium for disseminating timely and interesting Class news. Through Lou's thoughtfulness and an obvious expenditure of a considerable amount of time, there came from Elsie Weitzel Strothers (Geo's wid) word that she and her husband, Dean (GEN USAF, Ret) are enjoying life in Colo Spgs where Elsie keeps busy painting in oil, watercolor, pastel and acrylic. In this hobby, her favorite subject is wild animals and as a former docent at the Cheyenne Zoo, she had many opportunities to pursue this bent. Moreover, she has already made 2 trips to Africa to photograph animals in their natural habitat and for use as subject material on which to base future paintings. Drawing upon her talents in an entirely different field, however, she has just recently published her 5th novel entitled, "A Kiss to Remember." From these most interesting revelations, one can only conclude that Elsie has found the answer many of us are still seeking, how to get 48 hours out of each 24-hour day.

In Lou's 2d enclosure, came word from Rhoda Metraux (Art Proctor's wid) who resides in Craftsbury, VT. Rhoda, a PhD, recently ret from the American Museum of Natural History in NYC in order that she

might have the opportunity of persuing her interest in writing. Rhoda did not indicate in what discipline her doctorate was awarded, but since she was formerly associated with the Museum of Natural History, a good guess might be Anthropology. In any event, Rhoda is planning to make a trip to New Guinea within a year or so, in order to pursue further studies along with her interest in writing. Of special interest to our Class were Rhoda's 2 revelations: (1) that the Hymn Boards installed in the main chapel at West Point were given in memory of Arthur Proctor and James Harris, both of whom were members of the Cadet Choir. This was arranged by Fritz Mayer, former organist and choir director, who was a friend of the Proctor family for 2 generations, and (2) that with circumstances permitting, Rhoda plans to attend our 50th Reunion and that's good news too.

In 76, when Johnny Stevens was Class Pres, our Class undertook the project of attempting to have an obituary written and published in ASSEMBLY for each of those deceased classmates for whom the long-established tribute had not yet been accomplished. Up to that time, almost 42 yrs since our graduation, a total of 34 obits had been published and yet, in that relatively short span of time embracing the 5 yrs since 76, a total of 33 obits were submitted for publication. That so much was accomplished in 5 yrs can only be attributed to the fact that this effort was well organized and supported and, in addition, was pursued relentlessly by a member of truly dedicated classmates.



1934: The Strothers at home.

In an effort to provide the background essential for placing in the proper perspective the nature of the problem with which all of our next of kin (NOK) will be confronted in the not too distant future, attention is now invited to the following statistics which reflect the current status of our Class Obituary Project: Classmates—Living 163, Deceased 87; Obituaries—Published 64, Scheduled 3, In Process 12, NOK Declined 3, Problems 5. These statistics permit some rather interesting observations. With regard to getting obits published, we have now reached 74% of our current goal. When the Scheduled 3 have been published (all by the end of the current yr), that percentage will be increased to 77 and when the In Process 12 have appeared in ASSEMBLY, we shall then be only 9% from our present goal. With respect to the 5 shown as "Problems," this refers to those for whom nothing so far has been accomplished, but this does not mean that we have given up our efforts to have an obit written and published for them. In each case, it simply means that the problem, although ostensibly the same as all



1934: Elsie Strothers and grandson Jamie.

the others, proved to be somewhat different, and therefore, more difficult. Nevertheless, it is planned to continue these individual efforts just as long as we can and with the hope that a way will be found to get them all written and published.

Based upon the experience gained over the past 5 yrs, it is now felt by those who have been especially close to the obit effort that our class has now reached an important crossroad, a turning point perhaps, where all the living members of the Class must change direction a little, if we are to meet satisfactorily Class obituary requirements in the future. Assuming that the In Process 12 will all be completed and published in the relatively near future, we still shall have the potential requirement of eventually publishing a total of 168 obits (163 living classmates plus the 5 "problems" mentioned above). Our best effort to date certainly occurred during the past 5 yrs when a total of 33 obits (including the 3 scheduled for this yr) were submitted for publication and this was accomplished at the rate of almost 7 per yr. At that rate, it would take at least 24 yrs to complete the task of getting 178 obits published. If these statistics are realistic, and it appears they are, there is under the approach we have pursued in the past, no reasonable possibility that we would be able to complete the entire future obit requirement within the anticipated life expectancy of our Class. Obviously then, some other approach must be found.

It is the considered opinion of some classmates who have given much time to the Class obituary effort over the past 5 yrs and who have also given a fair amount of thought to this problem, that the only feasible solution appears to be one which results in getting each of the remaining members of the Class to agree to either write his own obit or accept the responsibility (including follow-up and follow-through) for getting someone else (classmate, relative or friend) to write it for him. Recognizing that no one can foresee the future with certainty and that we, therefore, must be prepared for contingencies, the first step, it appears, would be to get as many of the 163 as possible to agree to prepare a resumé of the data each considers essential for the preparation of his own obit, that is, such data as career info (service, what, when and where; citations, honors, etc), family info (parents, siblings, children, etc) plus other suitable and desired data of a personal nature. With this accomplished and with a copy mailed to the Class Historian (and the Association of Graduates), who currently carry the obit project responsibility, some appropriate and very helpful info would be readily

available to meet contingency requirements, providing, of course, that there was someone available and willing to do the work of drafting an obit from this material to meet each requirement.

Realizing the nature of those problems which we all must face sooner or later, particularly those of declining health and diminishing numbers of classmates, it is urged that every member of our Class undertake without delay to give some time and careful thought to the matter of obituaries so that later on, when this is made the subject of a Class Letter along with detailed instructions and an enclosed form to be completed and returned, each respondent will be prepared to indicate his wishes with regard to having an obituary written and published in ASSEMBLY as well as the responsibility he will accept toward getting his own obituary written along with the arrangements he will make to have his obituary mailed to the AOG at the proper time.

As a matter of particular interest to our Class at this time, it is reported that work is under way to establish a permanent Class Obituary Register. This register will contain 250 3x5 cards on which the names and class roster numbers of the 250 members of our Class have been appended. For deceased classmates, the following data will be added: Date and Place of Birth, Date and Place of Death, Age, and an entry showing that issue of ASSEMBLY (identified by month and year) in which a particular classmate's obituary was published.

Just recently word was received of the great sorrow which has come into the life of Ken Cunin through the loss of his beloved wife, Dorothy. Through these notes the entire Class joins as one in extending deepest sympathy to Ken and to the other members of his family.

In an interesting and most enjoyable letter which arrived just in time to make these notes, Bob MacDonnell reported that he and Sis recently completed a great trip by AMTRAC which took them to the west coast (with a side trip to the Grand Canyon) and a return trip by rail through Canada. This wintertime venture enabled them to accomplish many things including visiting their sons in CA, verifying and checking up on 7 grandchildren, visiting brothers (both sides) and seeing a lot of country which included the breath-taking experience of seeing both the Grand Canyon and the Canadian Rockies in snow. Bob gave AMTRAC high marks for



1934: Wilmeth—Founders Day Dallas, TX.

running their trains on time, operating first-class dining-car service with excellent food at reasonable prices and for enabling the MacDonnells to have a very pleasant trip with reasonably comfortable accommodations. While on the west coast, Bob & Sis took time out to fly to HI where they were house-guests of Posie & Bob Neely ('33). In Honolulu they also had a real nice visit with Jan Tibbets and her twin sister, Al Bone-steel, both of whom at that time were in port on a Pacific cruise. As a special bonus, this trip gave the MacDonnells the opportunity of avoiding most of the DC winter.

It is anticipated that long before these notes have been published and distributed, an announcement will have been made regarding those who were elected last winter to fill various Class offices for the next 3 yrs. I am pleased, indeed, that Dudley Wilmeth, having agreed to accept the responsibility of being the new Class Scribe, was elected to that office, for with his interest, drive and talent, there can be no doubt that he will make a significant contribution to this column. Through these notes I am taking this opportunity to say a few things which I feel my classmates should know. First and foremost, during my tour as Scribe, Dudley has been a pillar of support and a tower of strength in more ways than I am able to cover here, except to say, his response to a scribe's needs has been constant, generous and most helpful. In addition, the many letters which we both have exchanged with one another have been a tremendous source of pleasure for me. For these reasons, I intend to give Dudley the same kind of steady,



1934: Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

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1934: Gerhart and Mrs. Wilson—Founders Day St. Petersburg, FL.

close support which he so faithfully gave me and I sincerely hope everyone else will do the same, for without the continuing flow of news items to the Scribe on a regularly quarterly basis, no scribe can give you the kind of column you all want and deserve. Practically all of us have now reached that phase of our existence which someone has thoughtfully dubbed the $2 + \frac{1}{2} = 3$ period in our lives when everything we undertake requires twice as long to do half as much and causes us to end up 3 times as tired. Make no mistake about one thing, and that is, even though some may enjoy the benefit of a modest deferment in this regard, no one ever avoids the surtax which must be paid for the privilege of getting the bonus of those extra years beyond the long-established normal of threescore and ten. To make the most of that bonus, however, one must plan ahead, start a little earlier each working day and, in the case of Class Notes, shoot for a target date around the middle of each quarter. If, in spite of that effort, you then end up with a 10 to 20 day delay in meeting your mailing date deadline, your Scribe, as a general rule, will still be able to meet his deadline provided, of course, that everyone else in the Class doesn't do the same thing at the same time. As you may know, Dudley does not take office until 1 Jul 81. Moreover, the Scribe's next deadline (for the Sept 81 issue) is 30 Jun and, therefore, I will discharge the responsibility of meeting that deadline by writing up all the news received prior to 30 Jun. It will be Dudley's responsibility to meet the 30 Sept deadline for the Dec 81 issue of ASSEMBLY. For that reason, after 1 Jul 81, please mail all news items to Dudley at 8501 Heron Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76108. Until the Sept 81 issue then, best wishes to all for a pleasant, comfortable and a most enjoyable summer.

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BEAT NAVY

Jack Hickman entered a hospital in St Petersburg last November with what he thought was bronchial pneumonia but was soon found to be cancer. To get Air Force treatment he moved to MacDill and was then evacuated to Keesler, but after only a few weeks that hospital exhausted its capabilities and sent him back to MacDill where he died on 10 Jan. At his request his ashes were strewn over Tampa Bay. His wife, Lois, remains in St Petersburg at 372 Bayview Drive, N.E., 33704.

Ed Ferris learned from Ken Bergquist while he and Marie were in San Diego in March that Gladys Walker of Chula Vista had died a few weeks before. No details. Kim Brown of Williamsburg passing through Washington a day or so ago phoned Bud Schlanser the sad news that Robert H. Strauss, Jr., USMA '61, son of our classmate Bob and his wife Betty, died on 26 March and Bob and Betty have flown out to California to be with the family.

Harriet Waterman is steadily improving from her hip replacement operation last Jan, and Irene Taylor is steadily improving from her heart bypass operation in Feb, and we hope Andy Boyle is doing the same following a similar operation in HI where he and Elaine were on a trip in March. We hear they expect to be home in April. Earl Barr is in a nursing home in Oklahoma City, but improving slowly from the stroke he suffered last Nov. His wife, Betty, still has hopes of their moving to San Antonio. Joe Anderson had spinal disc surgery in Feb, and he is getting along well. Gordon Russell was in Walter Reed for a couple of weeks in Feb for follow-up surgery on the operation he had about five years ago, and he is getting along fine.

Glenn Thompson has moved from his Saracen Rd address to 2104 Lear Lane, Austin, TX, 78745. He didn't say on his card whether his phone number is the same or not. Ewing C. and Eleanor Johnson have moved to C202 Pennswood Village, Newton, PA, 18940. It is a Quaker-sponsored "Life-Care-Community" and they have a comfortable apartment and are enjoying the services provided there.

Tommy Lang married Fern Hughes last July and they live at 1537 Oak Tree Court, Sweetwater Country Club, Apopka, FL, 32703, phone 305-886-5103, and they ask anyone down that way to give them a call. Tommy says that even though he ret from Martin-Marietta in '78 he has been doing frequent consultation work for them and also keeps very busy ranking 4000 kids for the



1935: Fern and Tommy Lang.



1935: Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

FL Tennis Association. He says this will be his last year at that so he can devote more time to his golf.

Eunice Root has moved north from FL, and now lives at Army Distaff Hall, 6200 Oregon Ave., Washington, D.C., 20015.

Tom Gillis reports on a gala surprise 70th birthday party held by Joanne Edwards for Curly on 2 March in the "Attic" of the Club at the Presidio. In addition to various Bay Area luminaries, the Class of '35 was represented by Bernice Means, Kelso & Jean Clow, Tom & Billie Gillis, Al & Marguerite Wells down from Cool, CA, Bill & Eulalie Proctor down from Vancouver, WA, and Mel & Mary Coburn of Hilton Head, SC, who were on their way back from a vacation in HI.

Jack Rhoades wrote to say Harry Harden was down to visit George & Mim Ruhlen and that he and Leah had dinner with them, and that Harry looked well. Jack enclosed a newspaper clipping from the San Antonio Express about a Centennial celebration there which honored fifteen South Texans. Included in this group was our classmate Ralph Haines.

Ray Firehock reports a vacation he and Mary took the first half of March in the Virgin Is with two of their sons and another young man friend. Ray has a nice sailboat in North Palm Beach, but they flew down to the Islands and rented a bigger one, 36', and sailed to St Thomas, St Johns, etc.

Carroll K.J. Bagby, our ex-classmate who graduated in '36 mentioned at our joint reunion last Oct that he still felt more like one of our bunch and that he enjoyed seeing us. His address is 9150-2 S.W. Oleson Road, Portland, OR, 97223.

Our Washington area Founders Day dinner had a turnout of eight: Schlanser, Chapman, Robbins, Wheeler, Fiore, Hill, Simpson, and Rumsey.

Ed & Marie Ferris took a trip out to San Diego and then by boat down the coast of Mexico and back. As mentioned earlier they saw Ken & Allie Bergquist and Pete & Kathryn Glassford. They report that Pete now has his degree in Architecture and is ready to design whatever anyone needs "from a beach cottage to a chalet." Ed also reports that John Cole has had a "hot tub" installed and invites us all to come by for a dip. Ed also reports that Dave Wallace now has another (!) job, this time with the Texas State Board of Water Control and that Dave and Ella usually commute from Austin back to San Antonio on weekends.



1935: The Morris', Sherdens, Maroun and Johnson.

Ken & Allie Bergquist can be justly proud of their boy Kenneth who is now Staff Director of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. He got a very nice write-up in the Washington Post last Jan including a photo. A fine looking young man.

Our Washington Contingent luncheons are coming along quite well with a turnout of 16 in Jan, 27 coed in Feb, and 14 in Mar.

Joe Anderson has in hand a copy of a beautifully composed document containing several "whereas"es and a blue ribbon and gold embossed seal! It is the declaration by the New Hampshire House of Representatives dated 6 March 1981 commending the Classes of '35 and '36 "for their initiation and completion of the Soldiers Statue at West Point.

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Ben Evan's phone is 912 897-3132 if you need to call him immediately in order to join us Jun 4 to 7 in Savannah!

As of 1 Apr those certain of attending were Broyles, Caines, Chaffins, Cliftons, Betty Connor, Maxine Cordes, Currans, Dawalts, Dorlands, Drains, Dunns, Evans, Gages, Hanekes, Holmes, Holterman, Holtons, Hosmers, Kellys, Klocks, Laynes, McCormicks, Packs, Powells, True, Turnages, Waters, Westmorelands, Mimi Whipple, Wort Williams, and Willis.

There's no doubt that the Evans' are going to present and provide a very worthwhile stay for us in their beautiful and historic (Charleston notwithstanding) Georgia town. In fact to further insure success Midge and Ben came all the way to Atlanta to discuss details as early as Feb—we also had a pleasant



1936: Gages, Sani, Midge, and Ben Evans.

evening in this town. Ben has certainly not lacked in offers for assistance: Lucy Chiles was so thoughtful she asked if I thought she could put on a pre-planning party for the Evans'. The only area on which I am quite vague is what part West Point is going to play in providing '36ers with a "real" 45th reunion! Maybe we'll hear later from Bill Jones and Dave Hiester.

Lucy Chiles also wrote that she and Jack are about to be grandparents, finally, and they hope to get to a reunion—also finally. Ted Clifton called about editing the last ASSEMBLY notes; so what you last read was only "half mine." He also promised that he and others from DC were coming to Savannah. I was startled and greatly pleased to have Maxine Cordes call and state she was coming to our ocean-city reunion.

The early part of this year has been witness to the passing of several of our old and beloved friends—two of whom were fortunately with us at the Oct reunion. Honorary Class member, Johnny Geist died 4 Jan in Harrisburg, PA. Wirt Crockett died in San Jose, CA on 9 Feb after many years of illness. And Ray Cole had an unexpected, massive heart failure in Santa Fe on 9 Mar. I felt that



1936: The Crawfords, Wildrick, Stokes and the Currans—Founders Day St. Petersburg, FL.

Nan must have received somewhat a measure of consolation having her wonderful priest son, Roy III, with her at that tragic period.

Three of our socially prominent DC 'mates attended Reagan inaugural balls. They were Dawalts, Laynes, and Packs. The Dawalts went out west in April to visit daughter and Swains. Howell Estes started on an Apr trip to west coast, visiting along the route. We were fortunately number one at the beginning of his stop-overs. Jack Kelly, he, and I had lunch for a pleasant '36 reunion. Myra & Bill Hay liked what they saw at San Ant last year and were very anxious to come to Savannah. Finances unfortunately intervened and will prevent our again seeing these most dedicated '36 boosters. The Hess' will be looking forward to seeing Savannah again after many years. The Holmes' will also be there. Ernie informed me that he has been a great grandfather twice since 1979. In Mar the Persons were in DC enjoying old friends, but not the weather. They visited with Dawalts, Chaffins, Laynes and Saffords. Pete also attended one of the Class luncheons. Bob Safford has kept me extremely well posted on events in the DC area (now your scribe has two impeccable—or should it be "unimpeachable"—news sources: Dawalt and Safford). Bob says the luncheons average about 15 '36ers each month. Howie Snyder came to town in Jan and spent a day and night. He and Lo extended an invitation for our visiting them in Apr, but that pleasant opportunity never materialized.

Last Sept I made contact with Tet & Audrey Tetley in Pacific Grove, CA. I lost my notes and haven't until now remembered. Anyway, the two of them travel around the world engaging in archeological diggings. When not doing that he is rebuilding his house and composing music. I feel that these avocations are unique among the rest of us. Peggy Vincent called from the airport and chatted about our last reunion and her visit to Bermuda from which she was just returning.

See you all soon!

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The Jan luncheon was almost snowed out, but a few hardy souls made it along with our fearless leader who came in from Charlottesville. We hammered out another reunion bulletin which was mailed 15 Jan. A goodly number have already indicated their intentions of making the Mini at Colo Spgs in Jun. Unfortunately, Frances and I cannot attend as we will be awaiting the arrival of a grandchild by Barbara, our first producing dau. And after Judy's wedding 6 June we will be broke anyway.

Jan-Feb has been an active travel period for many. The Fraziers took off for FL where they checked up on our classmates in the St Pete area. Their friends had a cocktail party for them, including Hugh & Polly Sawyer, and Chuck Pfeffer, John's old roommate from Columbia Prep. O'Malley was on jury duty. Hipps was on a trip and Williams was still in MS with his mother. Hugh is a maverick lawyer who advertises and takes on unusual cases. He recently won one for the Seminole Indians. After a Sun champagne brunch at the Belleview Biltmore CC, they met the Pfeffers at their luxurious condo on the Gulf and had dinner with them at the Yacht Club. The next day Sawyer, Hipps, Pfeffer and Frazier met for drinks at Hugh's investment condo on the Gulf. The Fraziers then motored to Miami and boarded the Golden Odyssey, a Greek ship, for a leisurely cruise to Key West where they took in Hemingway's house, the Audubon house and Sloppy Joe's Bar, to the Yucatan and a tour of the Mayan ruins and the lagoons of Xel Ha, to the San Andres Islands, and then to the San Blas Is off Panama where they observed the primitive Cuna Indians and their culture complete with TV's and radios. After passage through the canal they sailed to Acapulco where they caught a plane to LA and visited with relatives in the vicinity. They also visited Bill & Betty



1937: The Fellows and Higgs at Sal's house, Manila, 18 April 80.



1937: Phyllis Clark and Worcester party, spring 1980, in San Diego.

Andrews at their home in San Clemente. San Fran was next where they visited son Doug and his wife who is programmed to make the Fraziers first time grandparents in Aug. Doug is doing marvelously well in earthquake construction consulting and real estate. Dau Suzanne in Denver was next on their itinerary. They had planned to have lunch with the Scotts but Jim had a stroke the week before, so they lunched with Lois and Jim's son Al, Class of '63. Al was ret on a physical in 74 as a major of Engrs and has become a surgeon at Phoenix General Hosp. He was in Denver looking after his father. Incidentally, Jim Jr., Class of '61, is a pilot with Continental in Denver and the middle son, Vincent, AF Academy Class of '61, is also a pilot living near LA. John and Pat visited Jim at Fitzsimons on 13 Mar, and report that he was improving rapidly and could hardly wait to get home the following Mon. Nice to have the Fraziers back in town after their long odyssey with all the news. Address changes: the Scotts moved to 2092 S. Worcester Way, Aurora, CO 80014 (incidentally, it is Lois, not Mary as erroneously carried on our list). Other corrections: Hipps' ZIP-33703; Sawyers' ZIP-33704; Pfeffer-1 Beach Dr SE; Change Duffy Brown's to Route 4, Box 1005; Joe Hodges moved to 54 Deerfield Rd, Hilton Head Is, SC 29928. The Hilton Head chapter of USMA '37 is abuilding. How about some news from the playground of the idle rich.

A Feb note from Willie Williams said that he spent a stretch in a civ hosp in Meridian, MS, and he didn't like it. I likewise was out of action during that time with a bad back. Now I can appreciate what so many of our friends have been through. Willie expects to return soon to St. Pete.

The Luteses' son Bill and wife presented them with a granddau in Jan. From 21 Feb to 7 Mar, they cruised the Caribbean aboard

the Sun Viking. "Highlight of the trip was a stop at San Juan where the Mercados, also vacationing, graciously entertained. There was a daring drive up the mountain for a visit to the renowned rain forest. Never mind that the car boiled over. Luis, dauntless as ever, filled the radiator from a spare bottle of cold water. After a breathless ride back to sea level, there followed a visit to their lovely condo overlooking a palm-shaded beach, then on to lunch in downtown San Juan. After that Luis pointed out historical landmarks including the last barracks occupied by Spanish troops awaiting evacuation. We were most grateful to Sally and Luis and wished that we had more time to learn about the rich cultural background of this beautiful island."

I missed the Feb luncheon because the airline price war put CA within our reach again. Bob Gildart reported that it was well attended by the regulars with the addition of Moe Preston, Hank Byroade and Jack Polk. Jack entertained them with an account of him and his brother-in-law, Harry Wilson, who succeeded in spilling his horse trailer with horse onto the Wash Beltway, snarling up traffic for miles. A young police recruit did a superb job of clearing up the mess while a police Sgt took a dim view of the entire proceedings. The horse survived without a scratch as did the recruit, due no doubt to the training our 2 senior miscreants had had in bull at good ole USmay. While most people our age join the Elks, Moe expects to hunt them and is looking forward to his annual trip to Poulso, MT with that in mind.



1937: Pfeffer, the Sawyers and Pat Frazier at Belleaire Beach, Florida, 6 Jan 81.

While in CA we had dinner with Milt & Phyllis Clark at the beautiful La Valencia Hotel in La Jolla. Phyllis is the very active and successful Dean of Int Educ at the UCA at San Diego. She proudly showed us the Int Cr over which she presides. Her one-year detail has become a career asgmt. She counsels int students ranging from undergrads to Nobel Prize winners doing their things at the Ctr. Milt supports her on the home front and with his sage advice. A camper trip to San Simeon (Hearst Castle is a must) and a tour up the coast to Monterey completed a 2-wks vacation. I talked with Jim Peale who had planned to be in DC to visit his mother in Distaff Hall and promised to bring Juanita to the Mar luncheon, but he never showed. An interesting bit from Jim—in 78 he took his mother to WP to celebrate the centennial of her father's graduation. I also spoke to Dick Fellows. As a result of the last Apr trip to the Philippines, reported in last column, he was asked to lead another nostalgic trip back by a different route starting in Apr for 3 weeks—Honolulu, Melbourne, and on to Darwin via historic airfields and sights in between, then to Singapore, Corregidor and Bataan again. This is roughly the

reverse order in which he did it in early 42. A quote from a letter from Dick that arrived too late for last submission: "On 8 Apr I sat on a balcony overlooking Bataan and Mariveles Harbor to Corregidor, crying in my beer, San Miguel of course, 38 years to the hour that I flew from Bataan Field for the last time. That was the day the lines collapsed. GEN King surrendered the following day." Later he and the group covered the full length of the Death March and O'Donnell and Cabanatuan prison camps. The event was chronicled in Dec 80 Readers Digest, "Back to Bataan." Dick promised to send me info on this year's trip but unfortunately it will probably be too late for anyone else to take advantage of it. He also mentioned that Bill Horrigan had a stroke last summer and is now back on his feet after a rough time of it. A 10 Mar note from Bill Easton informs that he spent some time in the hosp recently with a congestive heart failure, which rules out the Mini-R because of the many restrictions imposed by his doctor. He is still planning on the 45th. He and Gina expect to visit their dau and grandkids in VA sometime this spring.

Frank Harrison reported that Eph Graham and Chester Johnson sponsored a Class party in San Ant on 17 Feb—a luncheon attended by 14 members and wives. They have decided to have 3 meetings each year. Jerrie Stumpf's son Harry and wife presented her with a grandson born in the WP hosp. The little rascal was attired in a "GO ARMY" stocking cap. Jerrie also reported that Betty Spengler spent a weekend in Mar with Kelsie & Mary Lou Reaves. Kelsie and Betty have an ongoing cribbage battle, with Kelsie beating her this time 4 to 1. Kelsie expects some lightweight equipment to increase his mobility.

The Mar luncheon was a big one with Brett, Clarke, Diamond, Diercks, Frazier, Gildart, Hartnett, Oden, Prentiss with Corinne, Shive, Frank Taylor, Unger, Whittemore and Wilhoyt. Delk reported on their trip to El Paso where they saw the Underwoods. Bud and Hiestand are thriving in that climate and are enjoying their golf. Delk also heard from his Green Beret son that he attended the Founders Day dinner at Ft Bragg where he met our classmates Tolson Postlethwait and Metz. Pop and Alpha have moved from Chicago to their ret home in NC. How about an address, Pop! His nephew, CPT Thomas F. Metz, Class of '71, reports to the Dept of Mech next summer after C&GSC. As the only distaff present, Corinne more than held her own between Finn and Delk. There was also much discussion on Class giving to WP, led by Frank Taylor who is a member of the WP Fund Cmte of the AOG. Finn plans



1937: Andrews and Frazier at San Clemente, California, 11 Feb 81.



1937: The Pfeffers, Sawyers, and Hipps—Founders Day St. Petersburg, Florida.

to address this important matter in bulletins twice yearly. Suffice to say now that our goal is \$50,000 by the 45th.

The Founders Day dinner at Bolling AFB was attended by Byroade, Clarke, Frazier, Gildart, Martin, Prentiss, Oden and Shive, together with 592 other grads including a young lady from the Class of '80. The dinner was outstanding and the program both entertaining and inspiring.

And now I have to spoil the good news about the Clarks with a report that Phyllis had a stroke in early Mar. At this date 25 Mar, she is recovering in the San Diego Navy Hosp and we hope and pray for her rapid and complete recovery.

There are many out there we never or rarely hear from. Your friends and classmates want to know how and what you are doing. How about it?

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This column will cover primarily our mini-reunion during Feb in HI. Those of us who did not attend missed a fine occasion. Ref 18 Feb letter from Dick Stilwell to Ben Sternberg, "By any stand of measurement the mini-reunion was an unqualified success—The unanimous reaction was one of exuberance. You and I know at first hand the warm camaraderie from beginning to end—I thank you for the tremendous job you performed for the charting and conduct of Reunion No. 42.5. The Class is deeply indebted to Ben Stern-

berg—and to Elsie too." We owe thanks galore also to Hal Kelley and Chuck Jackson for their hard work and to our Class Pres Dick Stilwell for his leadership and for making things happen, assisted ably by Tracy Harrington. Everyone was well-informed and had ample opportunity to plan ahead to best advantage. The Harringtons were there for a month, so they greeted the earliest arrivals, the Amicks, Harmons, Wallaces, and Petersons "for Mai-Tai-Chi-Chi chatter." Jim Mrazek has agreed to gather the reunion pictures sent to him, select the best, and work up a simple informal black and white pictorial record of mini-reunion. I am deeply grateful to Chuck Jackson, who prepared the following report with minor additions from other sources:

"Sixty-five people gathered in Honolulu 4-7 Feb for our Class mini-reunion. Attendees were April (Mrs. Dow) Adams, Mick & Muriel



1938: Mini Reunion—Sternberg, Kelley and Peterson.

Amick, Dick & Edith Bromiley, JB (John) & Pat Coleman, Nick Chavasse & Sidney (daughter), Ole & Bunny Danielson, Carter Duncan, Leo & Fran Harmon, Bert & Janet Harrison, Tracy & Dottie Harrington, Jeff & Babbie Irvin, Chuck & Dot Jackson, Lloyd & Kitty Johnson & Patricia (daughter), Hal & Mary Kelley, John & Myrtle Kelsey, Bill & Margaret Kieffer, Gailon & Jeanneen McHaney, Jim & Thelma Mrazek, Frank Norris, Pete & Judith Peterson, Bob & Peggy Rhine, Ward & Cha Cha Ryan, Dave & Mechi Sherrard, Art & Jane Smith, Mary Barbour Smith & Mimi Davis (daughter), Bill Smith, Ben & Elsie Sternberg, Dick & Alice Stilwell, Hubie &



1938: Mini Reunion: Mary Barbour Smith, Norris, Cha Cha and Ryan.

Bettie Strange, Frank & Dorothy Sturdivant, Jim & Charlotte Taylor, Bill & Betsy Vail, Hugh & Janet Wallace, and Bob & Pat Works.

"Festivities started Wed eve with an informal get-together in the Hale Koa. It was a happy and boisterous cocktail hour providing an occasion to greet old friends, some of whom hadn't been seen in years. A pleasant surprise was the discovery that this was the first Class function for Gailon & Jeanneen McHaney since they had married only the day before. Thurs morning was devoted to a special trip to Pearl Harbor for a ride on the Admiral's barge to the AZ Memorial followed by a visit to the "Punchbowl," the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. All were thrilled by the historical sights and sounds on this excursion.

"Thurs eve included cocktails in one of the Hale Koa's banquet halls, hosted by Hy Heisel, President of Armed Service Tours and Travel which arranged transportation, room, etc. for many of those present. A delicious dinner followed during which delightful Hawaiian music was provided by a duet playing the guitar and ukelele. As we finished eating, Mary Kelley & Alice Stilwell entertained us with some exceptional hula dances including "Hula Hands." A change in the type of music played brought out Nick Chavasse and his daughter, Sydney, to give us a terrific exhibition of jitterbugging. Songs of the 1930 + era such as "Me and My Gal," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" enticed couples such as the Mrazeks, Kelseys, Sherrards, Ryans, Kelleys and many others out to dance or at least sing along. Jim & Thelma Mrazek cut a rug dancing to "Has Anyone Seen My Gal" while the Amicks really tripped the light fantastic to "My Gal Sal." Switching back to Hawaiian music the duet gave lessons to volunteers, April Adams, Charlotte Taylor, Alice Stilwell, Muriel Amick, Thelma Mrazek and more. Men, relegated to the rear line, were Mrazek, Kelley, Bill Smith, Stilwell, Harrington and Sternberg. They went around the island hipwise but most forgot the hands. Lots of sideliners were going thru the motions, sitting down but swaying to the music. All in all, a fun evening!

"Fri morning everyone was free to do his thing. Kelley arranged a round of golf for those desiring to play. Others spent the time sightseeing, sunning, swimming (the water was great), resting or shopping in Waikiki or the near-by Ala Moana Shopping Center. In the afternoon we boarded a bus for a scenic drive to Bellows AFB beach on the windward side of the island for an authentic luau, a feast of Hawaiian food. The Pacific sunset could not have been more beautiful and the Club lanai was decorated with palms and tropical flora. We had cocktails out of doors and watched the "Imu," the roasted pig, hoisted out of the sand as all good luau pigs should



1938: Mini Reunion Group.



1938: Mini Reunion: Bobbie Irvin, Chavasse and his daughter Sydney.

be. Bob Works raved about the poi (pounded taro root). He liked it so well that he collected all at his table and then tried to palm it off to the other tables—anything to get rid of it. We were entertained by an outstanding troupe of musicians and dancers doing various types of polynesian hulas and other dancers. Their Maori hulas with poi balls (not the kind of poi mentioned above) and Tahitian dancing had many of us including Norris & Bill Smith standing on chairs in order to get a better view of the hip movements. Then came another dancing lesson—Stilwell, Harrington, Jackson, Kelley and Bromiley selected by 5 sweet and beautiful young ladies wandering through the crowd as “volunteers” to learn the Tahitian dance. Someone put the band up to asking the newly-wed McHaneys and the Sherrards who were celebrating their 39th wedding anniv to dance to one of our most famous Hawaiian songs, “The Hawaiian Wedding Song” and other songs of the islands. Both couples looked blissfully happy! All this had Charlotte Taylor and Babbie Irvin reliving childhood memories of being here with their families and learning to do the hula. The luau was a huge success and was enjoyed by all—really the highlight of the reunion.

“At Saturday’s short business meeting we paid our respects to those of our Class who have joined the Long Gray Line since our 40th Reunion as well as to classmates wives who have passed away; voted to contribute \$100.00 to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; and voted to accept having our 45th reunion at WP in the fall of 83 if the Academy can assure us of certain niceties and considerations. Stilwell gave us a run down on his recent activities in the DC area including his ‘transition’ work and short briefs on his analyses of the Reagan team members.

“The reunion ended with cocktails and a sumptuous repast on the lanai of the Cannon Club which has a beautiful view of Waikiki and Honolulu from the slope of Diamond Head. This was the most formal of our activities with the men wearing coats and ties (club requirement) and the ladies long dresses. We were honored to have as our special guests LTC Ralph Praeger and his lovely wife. Ralph, the son of our classmate, Praeger, is now stationed at Hickham AFB. After we dispersed many reassembled in the Warriors Bar at the Hale until the wee hours of the morning clinging to that feeling of camaraderie we enjoyed throughout the few days together.”

From Dottie Harrington, “The 5 volunteers

who joined the hula dancers included 2 open heart surgeries, plus a carotid artery surgery, a slipped disc sufferer, an endurer of angina and heaven knows what else. The wives were a little anxious, but they were panicked with laughter, too. Everyone agreed that our reunion was a super success, and before they left little groups were talking about another next year!” Fr Carter Duncan, 15 Feb. “. . . following the mini-reunion in Honolulu last week several classmates came to the Big Island: Frank Norris, plus the Kieffers, Art Smith, Wallaces, Stranges, were in Kona and I drove down from Hawi and had a pleasant evening with them. Two days later, J. B. Colemans, Sturdivants, and Sherrards showed up at my door, and after a bull-session, we all had lunch at Kamuela, a nearby hamlet, after which they wended their way back to the posh Kona Surf Hotel in Kona—another good mini-mini-reunion. Since everybody else is boasting of his most recent surgery, let me add that, not to be outdone, I allowed the docs to repair a blocked iliac artery and, 3 months later, surrendered 60% of my stomach—and didn’t even get a Purple Heart! Also, to keep up with the Dapprichs and other paripatetic classmates, I spent 6 weeks in Asia last fall, visiting Japan, China and the Philippines as a member of a study group, each member writing up his observations in his particular discipline. Very illuminating. Looking forward to the 45th at WP in 83.” Fr Ward Ryan, 12 Feb: “Ben Sternberg and Dick Stilwell demonstrated their macho with



1938: Mini Reunion: Newlyweds Jeaneen and Mac McHaney.

a daily set of tennis and dip in the ocean. At the luau at Bellows Field Peggy Rhine opened the entertainment with a hula dance as well or better than the professionals. J. B. & Pat Coleman retain their youth and vitality. Best dancers in the class. The Johnsons, Johnny (or Lloyd) & Kitty were accompanied by their lovely daughter, Pat. Preceding the reunion, the Johnsons had taken a 3-wk tour of the Islands. Pete & Judith Peterson, Mick & Muriel Amick, Hugh & Janet Wallace, Ward & Cha Cha Ryan dined together after Dick Stilwell’s cocktail party.” Fr. Hubie Strange, 13 Mar 81: “We enjoyed the mini reunion so much and hope that the idea of another in 82 works out.” Fr. Jim Taylor, 24 Mar, some excellent pictures plus the following, “The reunion was great, as you have certainly heard—missed you. The highlights to me were the Pearl Harbor trip, the evening at Bellows AFB, the great camaraderie generated by being billeted together, the reunion of Mary



1938: The Kujawskis, Erlenbusches, Barnards and Michelets—Founders Day St. Petersburg, FL.

Barbour and Ralph Praeger Jr. Australia, New Caledonia, New Zealand were fascinating. Australia—culture of Melbourne, wide open spaces of Australia, neatness and beauty of Canberra, the fine war memorial in Canberra, the great harbor at Sydney, the busy and modern nature of Sydney. New Caledonia—how Namia has built up, as a French Colony, it is still somewhat turbulent, how desolate and far off were the areas where we camped during the war, even found a retired bank official with whom I had dinner several times during our 10-month stay there 39 years ago. New Zealand—lush with rolling hills, impressed with their large geothermal plant, 3,000,000 people and 60,000,000 sheep! Customs and culture seem to be of several decades ago, cows, horses, and sailboats were everywhere. It was a great trip!” During recent conversations here in the DC area, the suggestion that there be another reunion of USMA ’38 during 82 was frequently mentioned. If any of you are interested, why not let us know your ideas and preferences with a brief note—or a long letter!

Here are some travel notes. Dec 80, Warren & Sara Williams visited Australia and New Zealand and contacted Chuck Jackson by phone during HI refueling stop. On West Coast they contacted Sam Eaton and saw Henry Huglin Xmas day; played golf with Mark Brennan and had dinner with him and Ibbey. Also visited with Jim & Adelle Henderson briefly at Pebble Beach. Mary & Jock Jacunski visited their daughter and family in Wn and stayed overnight with Art & Jane Smith in Richmond shortly after Thanksgiving. Mar 15 the Stranges and Van Sickles took their trailers from San Ant to a lovely trailer park at Vidala, LA, across the Miss R. fr Natchez where they visited the spring festival and many of the historic homes there. Bill & Neil agreed that this was quite a change from their Plebe hike together. The Van Sickles go fishing in AR next and a family reunion in MN before returning home to SD in late Apr. Bill & Dotsy returned to San Ant. Castex & Petey Conner visited their families in LA & TX during Feb after his 2d ret from VP Marketing for the First Natl Bank of Macon, GA. They visited friends and their son who is an AF doctor in San Ant and their other son who is a priest in Dallas. Bill also wrote “Hugh & Jan Wallace toured Russia with Education Grp 2 for 2 wks starting 27 Dec. Jan’s luggage was lost for 4 days and she did a lot of shivering before it was returned with her warm clothes.” During Apr the Bixbys leave on their trip to India; Art & Nim Collins are going to Europe; Ed & Cindy Lahti will go to Nashville to visit their son and on to Atlanta to attend the annual Airborne reunion there. Jim & Dee Lynch are planning a trip to the Orient soon.

Mel Brown had a rough time of it while



1938: The Van Sickles and Swensons, Founders Day Ellsworth AFB.

a patient at Anderson Memorial Hosp, Clemson, SC. On 19 Sept he wrote, "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. In discussing the vascular surgery the surgeon stated that based on laboratory tests he estimated the tubing installed would last in the human body about 100 years; to which I replied, "That ought to work out about right with my other new parts—go ahead." Louise and I regret that circumstances are such that we will not attend the mini reunion in Feb 81. We will try hard to stay alive for 45" and do not look forward to being with you on that occasion."

Tess Kopsak was in the hospital for about 2½ wks recently and was scheduled for surgery 31 Mar at Bethesda Naval Hosp to relieve tension in her back muscles. She will be hospitalized for about 30 days and expects to be on the golf course in time for summer tournaments. Their daughter Terry will stay with Arpad who takes phys therapy 3 times per wk and plans to be at our next Ft Myer luncheon. Frank Izenour is playing golf and walks 2 miles a day, after surgery, reported in our Dec Assy col. Junie Lotz has made a remarkable recovery after 2 hip opns. Ken Wickham made contact with Claire Hutchinson's widow Kitty and her daughter, Katherine Menhennet, across the Bay fr Los Altos recently and reports: "I called Katherine and reaffirmed my offer to assist. Kitty is doing satisfactorily at present. She was in Letterman for 2 wks but is now back home . . . Katharine is a wonderful daughter and has things in hand."

Regretfully we also have 2 deaths to report. On Feb 16 Rose Mrazek, Jim's mother, died at Army Distaff Hall and was buried at Hillside, IL, with other mbrs of her family. She had lived in the DC area for several yrs and had many friends here who sympathize deeply with Jim and his family in their bereavement. On 29 Jan George Rhyne died at Augusta and was buried at USMA on 3 Feb. Bill Wansboro expressed the thoughts of his neighbors and friends, "On 17 Mar Tillson, Lynch, Machen, and Wansboro with their wives attended Founders Day dinner in Augusta . . . This otherwise festive occasion was saddened by the absence of George Rhyne who succumbed to cancer while many of us were en route to the mini reunion. Vivian chose not to attend this dinner but we hope that she will for subsequent affairs. I first noticed George when Jablonski picked him fr intermural for the B plebe team. Later I had the good fortune to serve with him at Benning, Pentagon, Carlisle Bks, Korea, and finally Ft Gordon. He was a soldier, educator

and planner. He was largely responsible for the splendid phys plant now housing the Signal Sch. Always a man of humor and wit, he delighted in informing visiting brass, particularly Commandants of the Inf Sch, they were now visiting the largest sch in the world. George & Vivian were constant companions at home, parties, fishing, baseball games, or planning a course. Dottie & I can never stop thanking the Rhynes for helping when we first arrived at Ft Gordon in 64. George had a splendid career. He endured a long series of illnesses courageously and cheerfully. He educated and influenced countless subordinates. He will live on thru them and thru 3 fine sons . . . We in Augusta will miss our 'oldest graduate.'"

USMA '38 was well represented at Founders Day dinners. Dick Stilwell was a guest speaker for several dinners, Art Collins, Pres WP Soc, Wn, chaired the dinner here which was attended also by Bixby, Damon, Harrington, Lewis, Lotz, Miller, Bill Smith, Ward Ryan and John Voegtly. At San Ant, classmates and wives at the dinner there included Wallaces, Hartmans, Polhamuses, Sawyers, Bayers, Artmans, Van Sickles, Wrights, Preusses, Maccombers, Strands, & Irvins. Ellen Coira was at home with a broken arm so Lou came alone. Frank Norris brought Beno Bruton, Doc's widow. On 13 Mar at San Fran, USMA '38 was represented by Wickham, Danielson, Pat & Ruth Pattison.



1938: The Chambers—Founders Day Dallas, TX.

Two of our classmates ret again recently. Castex Conner ret 27 Feb after having worked since 64 with the bank. He sees Si Sinnreich & wife Emily frequently. Si is a practicing atty in Macon with his daughter Elizabeth. Castex says, "I feel confident I'll have lots to keep me busy—I do have my real estate license if inactivity gets to me." On 24 Jan Art Smith wrote, ". . . 1980 was a watershed year for Jane and me. I completed 30 years of employment with Reynolds Metals Co, and I turned 65: 2 excellent reasons for ret. I planned to go out at year's end, but they stretched it out a month, effective 1 Feb. Incidentally, they did a very nice symbolic thing for me at my ret party. The company got me one of those Bulova Accutron Quartz watches with the gold Academy crest on the dial. Watches are a long-standing token at ret in our company, like most others, but I was truly touched by my boss's speech, in which he linked my 2 careers, with the watch as a symbol of both."

I appreciate the many contributions from everyone, particularly about the mini-reunion. Chuck Jackson, Carter Duncan, Dottie Harrington, Bill Strand, Ward Ryan, Jim Taylor

& Jim Mrazek were very helpful as always. Do write to us whenever you have something of general interest. Deadline for Sept ASSEMBLY is 30 Jun.

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The following letter came from Chuck Medinnis last Jan, too late to make the last ASSEMBLY. "Here is a little I know about classmates living in Southern CA. We've been giving an annual party for a number of years which Bernice labels Grannys' New Year's. It usually occurs the first or second weekend after New Years Eve because grannys are babysitting that evening. On Sun we sometimes drive to the Inn at Ojai for lunch or stay home for brunch and the Super Bowl. Fran Bestic is always with us. This year we are postponing the granny date to wait for her return from Africa and her periodic visits with son John, Kathy and her 3 grandchildren. There finally is a girl Bestic, Laura. BJ & Huey Long come up from San Diego often, when BJ can get Huey off his skate board. He ret from several school districts where he had volunteered as a substitute teacher. Last fall we saw Huey crowned champeen of the Sholo (AZ) Closed Horseshoe Tournament. Jane & Sully Sullivan were there in the jubilant crowd of 5 or 6 other people. Libby & Norm McGowan live nearby in Sherman Oaks. Both are active even though Red is overcoming a back problem. He has his own computer co and running it is full time. He found Jack Pickard's hideaway near La Jolla where he and Bob Miller conduct their periodic review of investment possibilities. Bob ret as trust officer with the Bank of America. He & Helen travel when they feel like it. We were all together at a party Libby McGowan gave. Diane & Bob Cassidy live in Sunland in a delightful home (they have a guest house too), Bob continues to do advanced planning for Northrup.

"Chari & Bob Studer live in Thousand Oaks. She stays very busy in charity work with calligraphics. (Ed. note: so does Medinnis—you should see the beautiful calligraphy of this whole letter. Bob maintains his low 80's and occasionally the 70's, writes articles for military publications and has begun doing



1939: The Plogers and Minahan.



1939: Planning the Mini: The Winegars, Terrie Heisel (VP of Armd Fcs Tour & Tvl), the Boylans, Taylors, FitzGeralds, McFarland, the Whites, and Jacobys.

superb water colors again. Tom Shanley lives in Irvine. He continues to work as Proj Engr for Rockwell Int'l Electronics but insists on taking month long vacations. Typical was his bike and camping trip through Switzerland and Northern Italy with his son last summer. He stays in trim by bicycling 35 mi each day to work and does more miles with his club on weekends. This conditioned him to survive a quintuple by-pass last Nov. Isn't that a Class record? Joan & Danny Nolan live in Huntington Beach. Danny sustained a triple by-pass a year or so ago but is now back on the golf course. I learned of this at a party Tom Shanley gave in his mobile home. The Nolans also attend. Tom doesn't cook, but he does a great job at menu planning. Betty & Stan Dziuban were also there. They are now settled at Dana Point. A year ago this spring we had a party for the Goodpasters. Attending were the Cassidys, Dziubans, Frosts, McGowans, Studers, Longs, Maxwells, Shanley, Fran Bestic and Jerry Greer. I called Wayne O'Heran months ago to check on his health and all was well. Coincidentally he was partying John Scholl up from San Diego at the time. John of course was our built-in medic at the 40th Reunion. I haven't seen Gene Romig for several years. He's a successful realtor in Pacific Palisades. Bernice & I are living happily ever after. She directs a teacher center in the L.A. School Dist. She was selected the outstanding alumna of her college last fall. I am involved in art. I just completed a massive metal sculpture—a new medium for me. After a flood in our living room (rusted pipes under the concrete slab) and unable to find a plumber who would re-do according to my plan, I did it myself in copper. When I finish plastering all the holes in the walls and ceiling I'll start playing golf with Studer again. If any of you are in L.A. we can give a party at the drop of a hat."

Dan Minahan sent in this report on contacts with '39ers during last Xmas time. "Just before Xmas I joined my sister and family in Dayonta Beach all anticipating lots of sun and swimming and got days of cold, rainy foggy weather. Lots of midnight poker helped to ignore the weather. The day after Xmas the Megicas invited us all over to dinner in Orlando. Both Lynn & Marty looked fine and obviously enjoy their newest home at 3227 Wald Rd. (Marty moves so often it is hard to keep up with him). Fortunately it is a big house for there were 19 for dinner. As hosts they can't be beat. Marty advised me that Tim Simpson was back in PA for the holidays so I didn't lose time trying to locate him in FL.

"On New Year's Day I headed for Sarasota where I spent a most delightful 4 days with Bridget & Dave Dillard. Both looked fine and well recuperated from a series of illnesses. Under their tutelage I enjoyed all the attractions of the northwest FL beaches, cultural centers, gourmet restaurants, etc. including a golf session where David proved what a duffer I am. One day we went to visit Chris & Bill Hale at their lovely home in Long Boat Quay. Bill is still much involved with a large brokerage firm and teaches courses at a local college on the intricacies of stocks, bonds, options, puts, calls, futures etc. Bill must know; I would guess he is one of the most financially successful members of the Class. Tied up to the edge of the back lawn, on a canal, Bill has a beautiful sail boat fully equipped with every known navigational device, it is his pride and joy. Along with his expert seamanship Bill also is an expert scuba diver. Oh, I almost forgot to say that Dave told me that shortly before my arrival in Sarasota he had received a phone call from Tom Crawford. Dave asked Tom, 'Are you calling from Verona?' Tom replied 'No, from Venice—Venice, FL.' Tom and Pat had come from Italy to check on a recently acquired condominium. Unfortunately I was never able to get-together with them. After many tries I finally caught up with Carl Buechner who told me the Xmas period was saddened by the death of his stepfather and that he had been busy with funeral arrangements.



1939: The Megicas and Minahan.

"I departed FL well laden with oranges and grapefruit from the Dillard citrus orchard. Upon my return to Ann Arbor Bob Ploger informed me that he was ret from Bechtel effective 19 Jan. Bob is busy in the construction of their final ret home in Owasso, their old home town, 50 mi NW of Ann Arbor. Bob and I plan to take advantage of the super fine ski conditions MI is providing this year."

Mac McFarland provides the following from Honolulu; "The '39 Hawaiians were increased last Jun by the arrival of the Winegars and in Sept by Shep Fitzgerald's marriage to Sue Maginas. Plans are firming up nicely for the fun-time mini-reunion 7-10 May; responses so far indicate that several classmates are extending their stay further to enjoy the multitude of attractions in the Paradise Islands. Too bad this has to be written before the mini reunion, which will be a "Has" by the time you read this but do want to get in a plug and a word of thanks for all those who worked so hard to make the Mini a success."

With a little prodding, a lot of groans and a lot of real hard effort Walt Higgins prepared the following report on the goings on in the Hilton Head, SC area:



1939: Medinnis, the Cassidys, McGowan, the Longs, Fran Bestic and Studer.

"During the past year the Low Country '39ers have continued to enjoy our area, react to the impact of medical problems and travel for a change of scenery. At our Founders Day dinner here on the Island we again outnumbered 11 classes (8 of us). We heard Andy on the tape and basked in the reflected glory of a '39er being Supe. We do have mixed reactions to some of the change and the emphasis on certain programs, but all hope for the best.

"Ann and I had lunch with Fran & Tom Smith while on our recent visit to Clearwater, FL. They spend 6 mo in Bradenton and 6 mo on Cape Cod each year. They had attended their Founders day dinner in St. Pete along with the Jack Shraders and stated they had enjoyed Andy's fine talk. Lydia & Frankie Joe Kobes attended the dinner in Charleston along with Ethel & Carl Wohlfeil. Frankie Joe said Andy's talk was excellent and well received. The Kobes also joined Audrey & Frank Mildren, Page & Freddie Boye and Jewel & Bill Van Harlington at their dinner in Beaufort, SC. The Jimmy Muirs went to the dinner in Columbia as their son Jimmy (LT C) was active in arranging it. There they saw Lucile & Geo Winston, the Pete Cliffords and Shields Warrens. Obviously '39ers honored our Alma Mater.

"During the year we had visits to our Island by the Jay Dawleys, the Dick Moushegians, the Ed Hoopes and Pete Cliffords. All are doing well.

"Concerning Low country medical difficulties. We have had more than our share. We have been "by-passed," "re-jointed," "prostrated," "anuerized," "herniated," "Big 'C'-ed," "chemoed," "Radiated," "stroked," "sciaticaed," "stoned," "ulnarized," "Arthurited" and had "plain old aches and pains." But as of this date most are up and at 'em and doing all that we desire.

"As for the travelers—Ed & Pat Smith, Jeanne & Bob Williams, and Rachel & Jim Keller have gone on golfing trips to other havens about every six months. They have recently returned from St. Martin in the Caribbean. When Allie Lou & Ken Collins are here they join them; however, each summer the Collins continue to return to Ragged Mt, NH, where they join up with the Pete Cliffords. The Ed Smiths took an extended trip to the Far East and included a visit to India. The Boyes to TX, the Mildrens to AZ, Kobes to CA, VanHarlingtons to New England. We still manage to get around.

"Matt Legler is the latest addition to our Island and along with the Dobsons were among those at our dinner. Magnolia continues to keep our ladies in beautiful clothing while Jack has been very active conducting mini-tour series of golf tournaments for young pros.



1939: Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

"Ann & I had a recent visit from son Bob (LTC) and family en route to Ft Riley. He called on arrival to say 'This is wonderful—they have live buglers blowing calls.' Being grandparents is one of our most enjoyable activities. Hope the above shows that we all stay busy and have much to be thankful for. We enjoy visits by '39ers who come our way and look forward to many more."

Norm Farrell got word from Harvey Fraser that he took off from his CA Maritime Academy to give a Founders Day address (San Diego & Albuquerque) and had the opportunity to visit with Art Reed, John Mial, Pat Mulcahy (getting his PhD in San Diego), Ben Miller, and Charlie Brombach. Harvey had also said that some time ago he took some of his sailors on a training trip to Maui (no cruise but better than the Chateau Thierry). Jean joined him in HI. While there they had dinners with the Winegars and the Medinises. With lots of help from Sam Kail in the preparation, a Class roster with names grouped geographically was printed and paid for by our Class Admin Fund (with the approval of the Standing Cmte). A roster was mailed to each classmate at their last recorded address. So far (mid-Mar Norm has had 9 returned by the Post Office as unknown (H.M. Crawford, E.O. Meals, Joe Coffey, J.L. Rogers, Carl Buechner, Ed Schmid, Joe Frost, Ray Odom, J.S. Billups, J.S. Brearley). Should any reader know of a correct address for one of the afore mentioned or of any classmate who did not receive a copy of the roster, please see that Norm Farrell and the AOG get a current address so a roster may be dispatched post haste. Several suggestions were received that names of widows of classmates be included in any future edition. Our list of current addresses of class widows is woefully shy. If any of you know of a class widow who would like—no—rather who would not object to her address being kept on file and included in such a roster, please see that

we get that address. Two new addresses of classmates: Morrison, 212 Green St., Alex, VA 22314, and Dickman 3323 Mantua Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030.

Jack Samuels sent the following from CO Sam was very apologetic that he didn't have more news. He shouldn't be!



1939: The Kails—Bob, Mary Margaret, and Sam—Founders Day Dallas, TX.

"The 2 principal skiing families, Crawfords and Stockings have had a mixed bag out here this winter because of the lack of snow. Rocky just completed what he described as the challenging and exhausting Trail of the Tenth cross-country course which was the day long graduation trek for the 10th Mountain Div troops who were trained out here in WWII. The Bradleys have taken their daughter Betty for a Hawaiian junket during her spring break. The Herstads thoroughly enjoyed their backpacker trip down the Miss. The McCrorys made a 3-week junket to the SE which included a wedding in SC, Disney World, Cape Canaveral, Miami, the Keys, up the West coast and home through TX. The Halls, Bradleys, Lillys, Samuels, McCrorys, Fredricks and Allens made the Founders Day dinner. The Lillys were very enthusiastic about the AOG sponsored Caribbean cruise on which they met the Krismans. The Halls made an enjoyable train trip to CA with one drawback. Mary Jane developed flu on the way back and had a hard time recovering. Apparently Wimpy Walker had to go to Taiwan to help his wife who was on a buying trip there."

Mary Alice & Jack Meyer had a trip to Europe this spring. Got to Vienna just about the time Cynthia & Tom Dolvin were coming back to DC for some home time before returning to Austria.

You'll recall that in the Mar ASSEMBLY I asked for the whereabouts of Chuck Bagstad—Zeke Summers gave the answer, "Chuck & Ruth are on their way to HI and then to Okinawa, where Chuck will set up his medicine show on the outskirts of Kadena. He plans to teach there a while and then move on to Clark AFB/Ft Stotsberg in the Philippines. As far as I can tell, he'll be holding forth on systems mgt. But, just as it was 40 yrs ago—even though Chuck tried hard to explain things to me for the whole 5 yrs we were roommates (including the one at flying sch), I still didn't understand.

"We took the Bagstads for a brief visit with JJ & Claude Smith. JJ was counting his money, as usual, and Claude was busy with her flowers. That lady has some of the most beautiful flowers in the world."

Zeke continued, "I asked Chuck, when he gets to Ft Stotsberg, to make a particular point of checking to see if Qtrs 15 are still there. This is why: I'd been at Ft McKinley when WW II started, but was shortly sent to Clark Field to help fix what P-40s were left after that first raid. I soon found that the Japanese did little bombing at night, so I wandered through neighboring Stotsberg, looking for a billet in the deserted qtrs area. I passed one set, which I recall as Qtrs 15, and noticed the name M. Rosen on the front steps. Since Chuck and I had roomed with Mel at one time, I went in to investigate.

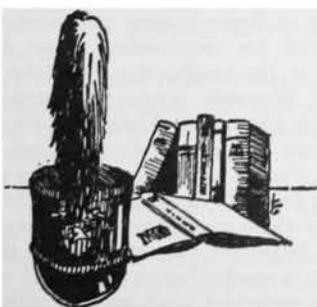
"The place was deserted. The table was set for lunch with salads congealed and ants everywhere. Obviously, the occupants had been having lunch when that first raid came, had left, and had not returned. These were Mel's qtrs, all right. I found some books that we had traded, as well as some other evidence of his identity. I liberated 2 gal of Tanduay Rum and a couple of cases of Coca Cola and never got to repay him until we served together in the Pentagon in 1950."

At the DC Founder's Day dinner in Mar, I talked with Mel about Zeke's exercising squatter's rights in his quarters. Mel allowed that every word is absolutely right and added, "Any time that I evacuate my qtrs and leave 2 gal of rum behind, you can be sure that I left in a hurry!"

Budge Bingham wrote from Aspen, "In the outback of the high country, our activities are unexciting though most pleasant. Rosemary avoids trouble by playing tennis year-round (in the 'bubble' during the winter), while I totter about the handball court or watch the leotard-clad young ladies disport themselves on the gym equipment. Otherwise, I make frequent trips to Denver, Grand Junction, and other whistlestops to lend my wisdom and



1940: Bob Mackin at his summer job.





1940: Monroe and Mueller in Eureka, CA.

expertise to several boards and councils on which I sit.

"Despite reports of snow shortages this winter, the skiing has held up quite well. This is verified by **Bottle & Jackie Kasper** and **Dick Cassidy**, who visited separately during the winter months. And I can assure you that their skiing ability ranks high indeed. Aside from these visits, though, the Class has avoided Aspen, despite the relatively large number of classmates in not-so-distant Colo Sprgs. Locally, I'm still bracketed by **WK Martin**, USMA '39 and **Ray Schnittke**, USMA '41; this helps a bit."

Dick Cassidy confirmed **Budge's** report: "I've been going to Aspen every yr for the past 10 with a group of ex-AF and aerospace industry guys. This yr I finally tracked down **Budge** and we spent a full day skiing together (Even though it has been 46 yrs since **Budge** and I went to prep sch at Ft Scott, we got around like youngsters). **Budge** led me down all the expert trails; we lunched on the top at **Sam's Knob** on **Snowman**."

Dick continued, "All's well with the Class in El Paso, where **Floyd, Norris, O'Keefe, Saunders, Taylor** and **Witt** are now doing quite well. I saw them all at **Lanny's Witt's Fri** the 13th affair in the party room of one of those massive properties that he manages."

Mac Lemley surveyed the Class situation in the Tidewater area and issued the following: "Sally and I stay busy with our various club activities—like the **DAR, SAR,** and **Mayflower Soc**—and related genealogical research. Sally has even discovered that she and I are related by marriage! With spring, we'll soon be spending most of our time outdoors. We had a fine bass-fishing trip to **Lake Okeechobee, FL** in early Nov and toured to **FL** again in Mar to sit in the sun at **Sarasota**.

"Our local **Founder's Day** dinner at **Ft Eustis** drew a number of classmates. **Johnny & Era Wohner** still have their ballet sch in **Norfolk**; it's almost too successful. **Johnny** says that they'd like to ease off a bit, but it keeps on growing. They put on 'Swan Lake' last yr and have another ambitious project for this yr. As an extra, **Johnny** continues to excel at and teach gymnastics.

"**Dick Belt** has worked with the **VA Empl Comm** for 10 yrs and is currently in their **Norfolk** office. **Butch & Ruth Epley** continue to teach, which kept them from our 40th (although they promise to do better on the 45th).

Mac went on, "**Swampy & June Marsh** celebrated their 39th anniv in Apr; they tell that their **USAF LT** son, **C.T., USAFA '77**, is in **Iceland** and their **Army TC** daughter **Sue** and her husband **TC MAJ Larry** are stationed in **Bayonne, N.J.** **Gene Strock's** 3 **VMI** (that's the **WP** of the South, y'all recall)

sons are all in the **Army** with 3 gorgeous daughters-in-law and a total of 5 grandchildren; **Alan** would be proud. **Ann Loewus** thanks the many classmates who have rallied round since she lost **Jim**. One **Loewus** daughter is with her **Army COL** husband at the **AWC**; another is married to an **AF COL**. **Son James Jr.** is an engr with the **TVA**."

From the **DC** area, I report that, after all these yrs, the **Class of '39** has really and truly recognized the **Class of '40**. **Ed "Ham" Hamilton '39**, with support from **Kermit Dyke**, arranged a joint '39/'40 dinner on 7 Mar, right plunk in the middle of gloom period, at the **Officers Mess** at **Ft Myer**. About 40 of our classmates and wives turned out to see how our elders have survived the yrs (The consensus was that they've done right well). In addition to local members of the junior class, we welcomed out-of-towners **Urey & Sugar Alexander** from **Carlisle**, **Frank & Carla Meszar** from **Savannah**, and **George & Fran Mueller** from **Blue Ridge Summit, PA**.

In Feb, **George & Fran** triumphantly announced their return home after 4½ mos and 14,000 mi in their **Xplorer** mobile mansion. They covered the lower 48 states fairly thoroughly and, in the process, found a number of classmates. In the **Seattle** area, they called **Harry Stella, Frank Mandell, Terry Brown** (Hal was out of town), and, for a surprise, **Pomeroy Thurber**, our erstwhile classmate (M Co and A Co) during the first half of our plebe yr. **George** says, "In **Eureka**, on the **CA** coast, we dined deliciously on crab with **Tom & Arlie Monroe**. On an even wilder area of the coast at **Sea Beach**, near **Gualala**, we visited with **Wendell & Charlotte Sell**. Ret at this scenic paradise didn't quite suit **Wendell**; the **Sells** have since moved to **Calabasas** in sou **CA** where **Wendell** can keep his finger on the pulse of the business world."

George went on, "In **San Fran**, I bumped into **Wing Jung**, being treated for a sprained ankle at **Letterman**. I missed seeing **Dalt Green**, who was being discharged from **Letterman** that same day. Both are apparently doing well since. In **El Paso**, **Lanny Witt** confirmed that he and other classmates, including **Dick Cassidy** and **Robbie Norris**, were in good health and spirits. In **San Ant** **Morry Shoss** is still swimming a mile a day (his total is now like 2500 mi); **Flora** treated us to a delightful luncheon; **Babs Briggs** was with us, although **Pappy** couldn't make it. We visited **Les & Thel Schockner** at their home; **Les** cooked the excellent dinner."

John & Alleen Burfening and **Kermit & Bobbe Dyke** have committed themselves to a joint 3-wk trip to **France, Portugal,** and **Spain** this Jun. At this writing, several features of the plan are fixed—most everything else is fluid. It is agreed that they will spend one day in **Paris** to see the **Air Show** (**Bobbe**, as a docent at the **Air & Space Museum** in **DC**, considers the **Air Show** a cultural and pragmatic must). They'll visit **Caen** in the **Cotentin** (**John** seems to be responsible for this). The 4 of them will travel in a rented **Renault** estimated as big enough for 3 (It's not clear who is responsible for this decision; logistic factors, including baggage limits, were not announced). They will visit vineyards in western **France** all the way to **Portugal** (All hands seem to take credit for this). Other details remain to be determined.

I regret to report a couple of items of sad news. First, **Lou Thommen** died on 28 Feb at **Wadsworth VA Hosp** in **L. A.** Burial was at **WP**. **Lou** is survived by his daughter, **Mrs.**

Allan Warne, of **Cherry Hill, NJ** and his son, **Kenneth Thommen**, of **Hillsdale, NJ**.

Next, I'm sorry to say that **Ray Downey** died on 8 Mar at **Tucson, AZ**, following a heart attack. He also was buried at **WP**. His wife **Jean** is staying on at their home in **Tucson**.

Jack & Louise Dibble wrote from **Melbourne, FL**, just south of the **Kennedy Space Ctr** and **Patrick AFB**, describing the action at that ret haven. **Frank & Ann Colacicco, Harmon & Dorothy Rimmer, Bill & Kay Roedy,** and **Ed & Dot Wynne** are in the area. **Jack** comments, "**Louise**, who is secretary to the budgeteer at **Base Ops**, leads the more newsworthy of our two lives, since she knows most everyone on base and what's going on. Her most recent kudo was an award last month by the **Order of Daedalus** (that fraternity of military pilots for outstanding service. It was given to her by their founding member, **George Boyd**, who was an instr pilot in **WW I**. That is indicative of the age group with which I consort. My regular golf foursome (for 5 days a wk) is **John Shinkle USMA '33** and **Harry Hillyard** and **Knox Yarborough**, both **USMA '34**. I've heard others refer to us through gritted teeth as the 'Old Gray Line.' Afternoons, I do my bit as **Volunteer Dir** of **Publ** for the **Chapel** and **Publ Chmn** for the **Red Cross**. Both jobs are all reward and no pain. We look for excuses to visit **Disney World** and **Sea World**—if any classmates come this way, we'd be delighted to show them the unsophisticated wonders of this side of **FL**."



1940: Bethune, Wright, Campbell, Dixon, Loofbourrow, and Rust—Founders Day Dallas, TX.

We've had our very own **Class** wedding, too! Back in early Apr, **Bob & Pat Cassibry** invited a covey of classmates to a dinner celebrating the marriage of their daughter, **Mary**, to **Pete & Vi Kramer's** son, **Rick**. **Mary** told me that she and **Rick** had known each other for yrs and had spent 2 high sch yrs together at **O'Connell** in **Arlington**. **Rick** has been commanding an **Inf co** at **Aschaffenburg** and reported in mid-Apr to **Ft Riley** with his new bride.

We keep hearing good reports about **Peppy Millican** in **Los Altos Hills, CA**. She's apparently keeping quite busy since she lost **Ray**, with some travel and more yet to come. By way of demonstrating permanence, she's transferred her membership in the **Colonial Dames** to the nearby **San Fran** chapter.

Tony Wermuth wrote to describe more about his life in **Mt. Dora, FL**. He led off, "What am I doing? Well, that's not easy to answer. People have been very nice—endorsing me for clubs, putting me on the library board, and so on. However, my house is a bit too large and pretentious, so I think I'll move to a smaller house in which I can realize one important goal: privacy without rec-



1940: Dixon, Mueller, Lewis, Alexander, Swank and Bowlby.

lusivity. I still have my several projects to write, on which I've gathered data and thoughts for yrs—something on ethics, and the media, and leadership, and the great prevailing myths about the Army and Vietnam, and a few others. I'm upset, for example, by the publication of ever more cheap shots at the Army by unnamed Army 'experts' pointing with disdain and self-righteousness at the decay and disintegration of the Army during Vietnam. These books doubtless give new life to some of the great myths about the Vietnam War. I hope to help correct some of those myths. Then I'll turn to fiction—maybe whodunits."

Bryce & Sherry Denno wrote that they saw Scotty & Priscilla Case this past Dec when the latter traveled from Key Biscayne to visit their daughter and count grandchildren. Bryce says, "Their daughter lives in Point Loma, across the bay from our home in Coronado. She is married to a boat-builder—Sherry and I saw some splendid photos of his products.

"During the Cases' visit, the WP Soc of San Diego had a luncheon at the Club on a nearby Navy base, prior to the Army-Navy game. The Cases and Dennos attended, along with 30 or so other stalwarts. Scotty ran across several old friends, including some former cadets he had taught at USMA. However, I must point out that watching an Army-Navy game at a Navy base in Navy-dominated San Diego is especially dismal these days. The subdued chatter in our room contrasted with the triumphant roars in the bar and adjacent rooms. Some USNA grads, I've found, have learned 'On Brave Old Army Team,' as we heard when we left our room after the game. (Thank heaven, they aren't as familiar with 'Roll that score way up!'—seldom heard these days.)"

Sam & Kiki Goodwin say that the gentleman-rancher life continues to be good for them. Sam pointed out that the Founders Day dinner speaker at the WP Soc of Albuquerque was Harvey Fraser, USMA '39 and that he, Sam, had been Harvey's miserable rear rank file as an H Co plebe. Sam makes note of the arrival in Santa Fe of Jack & Jo Kenney and also passes the word that Bob Fate has bought a place at Santa Cruz, a tiny village a few mi north of Santa Fe. Others in the northern NM area include Jerry Addington, P.J. Moore, John O'Brien, Carey O'Bryan, and Babe Rogers.

Walt Winton writes from Newburgh (which, you remember, has been his work-week hq while he teaches at Mt. St. Mary's Coll.) that he intends to "... conclude my 3 yr professorial career on 30 Jun 81. Our Great Barrington, MA, home has been under our beneficial occupancy on weekends and holidays since Dec 78; we'll get it exclusively this summer. Alice and I are looking forward to some R&R, to include travel. Next fall, we

hope to make it to Germany, where son LTC Hal, USMA '64 has a mech inf bn."

Paul & Rita Phillips wrote to explain why they've built another house out there on the Tabernash, CO, skyline. "The new house has many features not possessed by the old one, like a well, septic tank, wandering coyote, elk, snowshoe rabbits, ermine, skiing at the back door, a short walk to trout fishing and hiking trails, no smog, no traffic, 8000 ft more alt., and sunshine 345 days a yr! Tabernash was named for a worthless indian, killed near here by a white rancher after he had killed the rancher's wife. It is the P.O. address for 3 GENS (ret), 5 COLS (ret), 2 LTCs (ret), and 4 senior airline pilots (not ret). The national tng site for our U.S. biathlon and cross-country team is 2 mi away, with 67 km of groomed trails. Haven't seen a classmate for ages, but Bert & Jean Lane swear they'll be here this summer."

Pappy & Babs Briggs sent a right complete story on Class doings in San Ant. In general, it seems all hands are healthy, semi-employed, of high morale, with good morals forced upon them by the passage of time. For Babs and himself, Pappy says that their 40th anniv in late Dec was an all-out affair, with a full scale family reunion, followed by a dinner party for classmates and about 100 other souls.



1940: Swift.

Bart Barton gave up his full time elem sch teaching job last yr, although he now does some part time teaching at St. Mary's U. Bill Francisco is still turning out lawyers at St. Mary's U Law Sch. Don Stewart, after a bout last fall with the surgeons, is reported to have the situation under control now. He, too, gave up teaching at Cent Catholic High Sch, but still works part time preparing the sch payroll and otherwise fooling around with the computer to amuse himself.

Pete Kramer, having completed that complex doll house project, has now switched to serious photography as a means of reproducing an old photo album of his father's. This has involved sacrificing a bathroom to set up his darkroom—Vi obviously recognizes that this keeps Pete out of more serious mischief.

Stan & Kay Smith took a vacation from Stan's job with a local San Ant investment firm to tour the middle west. They journeyed to Ft Meade, SD, to re-explore the post where, back in the 30's, Kay was the only girl of datable age where a whole regiment of cavalry was stationed. Many of the Class will remember Kay's father, COL Nye, as the Post Vet at WP during our final cadet yrs. From Ft Meade, the Smiths went on to visit the Little Big Horn battlefield, since Kay's father was an authority on Custer and had written several books about him. They then went on to Ft Carson to see the vet clinic dedicated and named after COL Nye.

Morry Shoss reports that he's given notice to San Ant Coll that he'll resign the end of his calendar yr. Next yr, Morry will travel to the Philippines for the 40th anniv of the fall of Bataan. He then intends to revisit all the places where he was held captive. He plans to take copious notes with a view to putting all this in writing for the historians.

Pappy Briggs writes that Sissy Bates is doing well indeed following her loss of Ray only about a yr ago. She spent this past Christmas with relatives at Ft Know and is now back at the Bates home in San Ant.

Les Schockner writes that Thel and he celebrated their anniv last yr with crossed crutches at the local hospital, where Las was having a mechanical hip installed. Les says the hip works well for walking or swimming, but that he has had to cut down on some of his ranching activity, for which he is substituting travel. Let & Thel spent an extended vacation in FL this winter, checking out the sunny spots for future visits. "We saw Phil & Grace Cibotti at Lighthouse Point—Phil considers it next door to Paradise. He has his motor boat at the back door of his spacious condominium and looks as well as the day we graduated. We also drove over to Naples and had lunch with Cornelius Murphy, who continues to get along well practicing law in a firm with his son."

Les continued, "I ran into Ed Verner in the Ft Sam PX a couple of months back. The Verners have been enjoying living in Mexico in the Lake Chapala area, but inflation, the large hacienda, and the cobblestone streets are changing their views. They've been looking over San Ant and Austin as alternatives."

Steve & Betty Morrissey are firmly entrenched in the good life of St Petersburg, FL. However, Steve says, "I'm not going to have to go stag to the next reunion. The stories I brought back from the 40th were so gossipy, colorful, and melodramatic that—well, Betty has changed her mind and intends to go with me the next time."

Jim & Barbara Maedler are having just the least little bit of trouble getting settled in a ret location. You will recall that Jim went through a fair amount of research and comparison shopping before the Maedlers pulled tent stakes in the DC area and moved to San Ramon, CA, early in 79. Turns out that they've since moved to Walnut Creek, CA, and now have once again moved to 5543



1940: The Larkins.

Masonic Ave, Oakland, CA 94618. There is no further comment.

A somewhat similar situation is that of Bob Mackin, who wrote from Arlington, MA, that he was just about to move. He said, I'm still playing the game of 'where to retire.' Since I'm without a house at the moment, I think my best address is c/o Graham, 116 Whipple Rd, Kittery, ME 03904. I think I'll probably settle permanently in Kittery, but I'll have to let you know. I'm still working part of the yr, in deference to inflation, but I'm about to say enough's enough. I've some personal projects to do and there are not that many yrs left. In any case, I plan to spend the whole summer sailing."

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FLASH!!! Bud Thompson just phoned to tell me that he has booked Lawrence Welk's Orchestra for our Class Dinner Dance on 22 May. Isn't that great? I was so excited I forgot to ask if Anacanni will sing and if Arthur Duncan be there for a few of his fabulous tap numbers.

Our illustrious leader Jack Norton, reports a record-breaking 280 reservations! The hats have been ordered and Al Muzyk is again shouldering the hectic workload of making all the logistical arrangements. Jog Green is handling the money. All is ready—and aren't we fortunate to have such a pilgrimage to look forward to?

The mail draggers produced a bumper crop—Wally Lauterback wrote to note, "My remark, as printed in the last ASSEMBLY is a bit naked standing alone. Based on the Supe's briefing to grads after the Army-WSU game, we were advised of the rigid rules of the NCAA which in effect prohibit a grad from talking to potential cadet candidates. What the Supe said, in fact, was that we grads may not contact a candidate if in any way he should excel in athletics. Physical prowess has always been perceived as essential to military leadership, therefore, I object to the AAA and the NCAA dictating to us graduates on such matters."

From Zambia, note from Sandy Nininger's nephew, John A. Patterson: "I remain interested in Nininger Hall, have contributed once and will again. I'm ex-1959 having



1941: David, Kitte, Kresten Anne, James and Matthew Wilson.

been discharged due to an athletic injury. Am in the Foreign Service serving as the Representative for AID in Lusaka. My address: Lusaka—Dept of State, Wash, DC 20520."

Pat Cooper wrote in Feb to say, "Just a brief note to tell you I lost Dave 16 Dec after a 2 month bout of ulcers, liver and kidney failure. He enjoyed the Xmas letter." Pat can be reached at 24 Sea Horse Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32960. Joe Reed reported, "Tom Lawson tells me Ellen Stillson died in Hyannis on 19 Jan. Six children, all grown, and 11 grandchildren." Joe went on to say that he was interested in an "all points search" for Isaac Owen "Pappy" Winfree. Anyone knowing how to get an address through the Army Finance Office without being told the Privacy Act won't permit you to contact an old and dear friend, call Joe.

New addresses—John F. T. Murray—710 Robin Hood Rd, Watkinsville, GA 30677, phone: 404-769-6800. Fred Stanford—4068 Petulla Ct, San Jose, CA 95124, Jog Green—6506 Bluebill Ln, Alexandria, VA 22307. The Spillers are temporarily at 401 14th St, Apt 38, Albuquerque, NM 87104, while Harrie picks up an advanced art course. And sadly the CO chapter relinquishes Bob & Audrey Tarbox back to the CA gang. Bob has been promoted to Mgr of Design, Cerrejon Coal Project. New add: Intl Engr Co, Inc., 180 Howard St, San Fran, CA 94105.

Harry Harvey sent a blurb from the NY Times announcing that the White House wanted Ed Rowney for Dir of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agcy. This obviously wise move was expected to draw fire from the liberals and Sen Percy, and apparently they have recently managed to "sink" our brilliant and dedicated classmate. Sort of reminds one of the same sort of Charlie Brown thinkers who dreamed up the sinking of battleships on an "Ante" basis after WWI.

Gregg McKee, soon to be an Oriental Ceramic Tour Dir, will leave in Apr for a second trip to China and still be back for the Fishkill Frolick. He will be with the Southeast Asian Ceramic Society and will visit 11 cities and several important current or historical ceramic mfg sites.

A post-Xmas report from Lid & Fox Rhynard told of a rally of the whole clan. "The star of the show was granddaughter, Lindsey. Mary Ann, our last to finish college will wed in Jul." Fox, forgetting what Johnson taught him about horses did a split-S into an irrigation ditch and broke a few ribs. Lid is doing better with her art shows—they will build a guest house at the Montana ranch this summer which will put the latch string out. The Fox has little time to shoot

pool as he runs his real estate business, Christmas tree plantation and cattle ranch.

Jasper & Ruth Vaughn took a CA trip and reported visiting Carole & Bud Thompson—Bud's CA plates read, "Black 41." "Our daughter (4) grandsons and Rob Pollard USAFA '63 will leave Germany, after 5 years, for the ZI—he is on the latest Colonel's list." NOTE: On the next leg of their journey they phoned from Wildcat Circle to report that Fran & Joe Myers were hosting them royally. They all sounded great and vowed to make the 40th.

A communique from Pucon reports a second O'Connor wedding: "Lita (Marie Gabriela) married Jose Silva, architect, on 17 Jan. They will live in Chile—that leaves our 2 bachelors, Dick and Brian. Dick has started a 3-year tour with the C-130 trash haulers at Rhein Main." Rod says that the horse seen in the last issue of ASSEMBLY has become so famous they entered him in the Santiago Derby.

You may recall that some time ago Jack Kelsey offered to obtain precious stones for classmates at a substantial discount. Having recently taken advantage of his most interesting offer (diamonds are a more stable appreciation investment than gold) I want to give this info to you all again. He has a new shop: Florida Gemological Labs Inc, 226 Park Ave, N., Winter Park, FL 32789; phone 305-644-9088. Another still-active businessman in the gang, Bill Hersbenow, asked classmates who may know anyone considering selling or buying real estate in the San Fran Bay area to give him the word. Bill says despite the "gloom and doom" the expertise in creative financing, which is his specialty, keeps the Real Estate market sound.

From Tapa Way in beautiful Los Altos Hills comes poop on winter golf. According to player-reporter "Mashie" Christensen the Monterey Pro-Am which followed the Crosby was won by "Niblick" Gurnee. Next stop was L.A. and San Diego for the Southern CA Classic which was won by "Baffie" Lauterbach. "Brassey" Gerace was a tough runner-up. In San Diego Jack and Muriel had dinner with Marge & Ben McCafferey and Johnny McIntyre. All reported well and boning the big 40th!

Happily for me and thee Wray White is back to his habit of shooting me a periodic bulletin. Just missing the last deadline was the report that his namesake, Wray Boswell was married in Oct. The officiating minister was Cathy's brother-in-law, Vine deLoria, a Sioux who was the Episcopal Bishop of SD. He enclosed the Boswell Xmas Card with these family details: "Wray begins 'reading law' in Jan, and Marie begins her master's. You may have read about Jeb in Sept 29 Newsweek. Pat is at Chapel Hill getting her MPA, Linda working full time on her degree in Ed.

It is with a very heavy heart that I report that Bucky Curtis passed away on 24 Jan. After several serious illnesses over the past years we saw her with Pooge last Jun during a visit to their lovely home in Monterey—she seemed fine. The family and a few classmates assembled aboard a small cruiser and Chaplain Piirto of the Naval PG Sch conducted the Mariners Burial at Sea while her ashes were scattered followed by her favorite flowers. Pooge came here in Feb for a much-needed change. He plans to stay in Monterey; Steve is Salinas, Martha and her husband are expecting to get Ft Ord next. Only Fallon



1941: The Uptons and Fosters.



1941: Philip, Susan and Esme Nix.

is at a distance, living near Baltimore. Write to Pooge: 200 Glenwood Cir #A3, Monterey, CA 93940.

Got a call from Mills Hatfield regarding the miniature found in Sarasota that was mentioned in Jack Norton's reunion poop-sheet. However a subsequent call found Mills well and planning on the 40th, but no progress on the ring. Moose Male called to report that Mickey Moore is back on the golf course after chest surgery. Johnny Brooks phoned to say all is well and they plan the 40th despite Johnny's recent heart attack. Ray Schnittke dropped a note to attest to "... the worst ski conditions that I've seen in all my experience in Aspen." Bob & Sybil Wilson (Lokker) phoned to confirm that they'll make the 40th—you'll recall that Bob & Jasper Vaughan were made honorary '41ers at our 25th! Coordinating the "M" Co, chair project for Nininger hall have had phone conversations with Arnie Phillips, Merritt Hewitt, Bill Hoge, Walt Mullane and Norm Coker; they are all fine and sounded as though they were "Ready for Recall" in case the Polish thing gets out of hand.

And a true '41 Hats Off to Frank Linnell's lovely daughter, Mrs. Jean Halloran, who has arranged for the color pix of WP which will be presented to our Class son, Ned Armstrong. She has also volunteered to receive and hold the Mug and the reunion hats in the basement of Qtrs 34-B, Thayer Rd. Jack Kelsey has made the arrangements for the mug so all is in order for the presentation.

If anyone is interested in an "... almost new copy of the '41 Howitzer," contact M. Waller '42 at Box 1274, Rockville, MD 20850.

Having been alerted by USC to teach in Germany in Feb, we are (a) delighted and (b) looking for a "house sitter"—If you know of anyone who would like to try "Springtime in the Rockies" tell them to give us a shout. Mal Troup is organizing a convoy to Fishkill—we've joined and hope that we can get other '41 pilgrims to play "Breaker 19" with us.

It seems fitting, as we gather together to refresh our memories of some of the great guys who paid the ultimate price, Jack Lokker, after fighting his way through adverse weather, blasting one of Hitler's few remaining oil refineries, and getting his whole crew out of an exploding bomber was gunned down by a German patrol as he tried to escape through the fast-approaching Russian lines. Ernie Durr was ambushed by a party of Krauts who had announced that they were surrendering, only a few hours before VE Day. Each left a child they never had the pleasure of seeing. Thinking you'd like to hear about each of them, I asked Sybil and Edee to send me the particulars on

David Lokker (now Wilson) and Susan Nix, nee Durr.

"David Wilson (he was adopted by Bob Wilson with the full concurrence of Jack's parents) graduated in '66 as a civil engr from Ohio State. He was in the upper third of his class in Engineering. He met Kitte Walsh at OSU and they were married in Aug 65. She graduated in 3½ years in teaching and taught in Columbus. David had a year to go; on graduation he received many offers and picked Shell Oil. He was more interested in the offer from New York Central, but thought that the railroad business was hardly prestigious. Six months later he came to his dad saying that Shell was not for him. Bob advised him to go where he'd be happy—New York Central (now Conrail) was quick to make a better offer.

"He has risen very rapidly and is now Chief Regional Engr, Northern Region, living in Northville, MI. Kitte disliked the frequent moving (just like the Service) and Bob wanted David to take over his business, so David took a leave of absence and 'gave it a try'—however, after 6 months it was back to his 'cup of tea,' the RR. By the way he turned 37 on Dec 29th.



1941: Wray Boswell and bride Marie with Vine deLoria, Cathy's brother-in-law.

"They have 3 darling children: James Lokker Wilson, 11; Matthew David Wilson, 8; and Kresten Ann Wilson, 5. David remains a son to be abundantly proud of and Kitte is a grand wife, mother and daughter-in-law. David never failed to visit Clarence & Betty Lokker each summer—until they passed away. Even in college and later after marriage he and his family made a summer visit to the Lokkers which, of course, meant a great deal to them. So there you have it—a beautiful young man with a beautiful family—I know Jack would be very proud!"

"I brought Susan home to CA in Feb 43 where we had 2 'normal war years' before life was radically changed. After breezing through 3 years at L.A. Hi, Sue went to Heidelberg with our minister and finished at Heidelberg Castle. Back to UCLA she pledged Alpha Chi Omega and graduated missing Phi Beta Kappa by a half point. Next was Peace Corps training—when I screamed, "Africa?" she smiled and said, "Africa." She met another trainee, Philip Nix, who became the winner in a long line of college suitors.

"The first Peace Corps Volunteer to report she taught English, and Philip, French, in the bush: Okija Grammar School. A 12-year-old named Joshua joined their family and in a small L.A. playhouse I managed a benefit which netted \$2000 for his education. Just before the end of their tour the Nigeria-Biafra Civil War erupted—they escaped with

what they had on. After a short R&R in Nice, it was back to Rutgers for Philip's PhD while Sue led parades and sit-ins for Nigerian relief. Matthew Ellis Nix was born 4 Sept 71; they moved to Bermuda Dunes (near Palm Springs) and Philip took over as Headmaster of Palm Valley School. Esme Edith Dianne arrived on 28 June 76.

"Susan is now development coordinator of the Living Desert Reserve—she raises money, lectures, conducts tours and instructs in desert survival. Matthew, now 9, invests his money in the stock market. Esme, four, is a consummate female. Joshua, now 28, is married, has children, and is doing well in business and politics. Glenn Allen Gartelman and I were married 2 years ago. He's a Civil Engr; just finished a building for the Space Shuttle. Our unlisted number is 805-736-9626—give us a call and our love to the Class of '41!"

Obviously the Lawrence Welk bit was a little on the fantasy side—but it ain't all bad to identify with a guy who is not afraid to admit to patriotism in this day and age and who can still put it all together at age 78. YEA REUNION!!!!

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Having just drained the brain preparing the report of the Board for the AMAA Annual Meeting, your scribe is low on inspiration and incapable of perspiration, what with snowflakes blowing around outside! But the approaching deadline says "do it" so here goes.

Fran Roberts found time to send their recent exhausting itinerary—a month at Bryce Mt skiing, a week in the Bahamas for him to play in the U.S. Seniors while Polly visited the Pricketts, 2 more weeks at Bryce and then to Steamboat Spgs. No subsequent word about matches won or bones broken. He used TROA stationery to prove that he had attended his first Board meeting. His stepmother is interested in Army Distaff Hall so perhaps they'll have an added reason for visiting our town.

Eric Orme called for help in setting up his Congressman's USMA Nominating Cmte, and through my handoff to the AOG, was successful. He had been having a barrel of fun in that 3d career until he realized that because of Dual Compensation, it was providing a negative cash flow! He and Pat had seen the Offleys over the holidays; Butch and Bobbie say they both look super.

Jim Studer penned a note upon receipt of the new REGISTER of GRADUATES. He's puzzled by the situation in El Salvador and having a problem deciding whether or not the anti-junta movement is deserving of his



1942: Gerry says, "How did I get into this?"



1942: Joe and Pappy with the ones that didn't get away.

support. Being an expert in the field, Jim, you must decide between the devil you know and the devil you don't.

Dan Raymond enjoyed a Jan dose of nostalgia when he and Bobbie went to Ft Monroe to participate in son Dan's promotion to LTC. The ceremony took place in the latter's office—the former squad room of the barracks Dan inhabited in 38 as a GI in Hq Btry, 2d Coast Arty! The old soldier gave the captive audience chapter and verse on wrap leggings, '03 Springfield rifles, oh-dark-thirty reveille and all. I hope you mentioned the redeeming feature of reveille, Dan—that wonderful band music!

Dick Scott is obviously having a ball as the PAC. He has been pictured doing his thing at a ceremony dedicating a marker at GEN George C. Marshall's birthplace and on the occasion of the issuance of the first veterans emergency assistance check under a new streamlined (from 5 weeks to 5 days) system of the State Bureau of Veterans Affairs.

Old Bill Seifert wrote regarding an address for Dottie Arms and later filled in the gap. It is Mrs. T. S. Arms Jr, 4330 Chelsea Way, Gastonia, NC 28052, Ph: (704) 866-7383. She'll appear in the address section of the next Newsletter.

Hope you all noted the fine article by Ec Cutler on Herman Koehler in the last ASSEMBLY. Our Prof obviously did a lot of homework to make that old soldier come alive.

On my way to the Jan luncheon, I bumped into Barbara Davies taking her mother to lunch at the Myer Club—but no Jack! Rock Obenchain proved his return by attending that day, and subsequently. Bill Plott was weathered out of a flight here in Feb and so was here the next day, which happened to be the 4th 2sday and got him to the Class luncheon.

The Jan WP Soc luncheon featured Army's football coach and attracted Allin, Clagett, Davis, Hanst, Kraft, Raymond, Sheffey and Westenhoff. The introduction of COL Carey Brown as the oldest grad present raised a rowdy cheer from '42. When I told him later who had made the noise his crusty companion said, "You always do!" What can I say? Mea culpa!

Readers of Armco's Washington Memo were invited to prognosticate the Presidential election in terms of electoral votes. Of 658 entries, John Westenhoff came in a pessimistic second, missing by 12, only 2 behind the winner!

The annual insurance panel for the First Class brought Ted & Joan Michel to WP.

Their No. 1 consideration was arranging for Kathy's wedding in Chicago in Mar. Let's hope that the mother of the bride survived. Ditto for Ted's bank account! They reported the O'Neals as new residents of San Ant and were warned to meet them somewhere other than the first tee. Twas our first knowledge that Ray and Sue had made the move. Your address, please, Ray!

A new DC publication pictured a Board member of the Washington Choral Society, Barbara Burris. The occasion: a performance of Rachmaninoff's Vespers. The verdict: a notable event in DC musical history, to cite critic Paul Hume. The finale: a Russian supper at the Burris' home. Who says we ain't got couth?

Our FL holidays were brightened by ring-side seats at the Orange Bowl Parade and the Orange Bowl game, courtesy of my old WWII cohort with whom I was reunited by Jim Josendale. A marvelously rugged occasion and a real thrill to see such events firsthand. Jim continues to labor mightily on behalf of the AOG Admissions Committee.

Was pleasantly surprised to see Helen Low in the commissary. She must make an occasional commute to see the doctor and is kind enough to leave a little Rhode Island money with us.

A call from Bill & Mary Gernert, primarily to check the communications net. Other than bemoaning the lack of snow and consequent customers for Sun-Pro, both bouncy and happy.



1942: Scott.

Ten pounds heavier and 2 weeks later, I can report on the 3d annual Greenbrier lost-weekend. The Plotts, Offleys, Bobbie's mother and friend plus us made every meal, played a year's worth of bridge, were bathed and massaged, shopped, tennised and danced to Charlie Spivak! Special fun for Barbara and me since our first NYC date was doing the same at the Cafe Rouge—and he lit up when we told him so. Only one "house call" from Security, at 1:30 a.m. Tried to get Bobbie's mother to answer the door, but no soap! Bill and Bette Lou happy to have a new daughter-in-law.

The only recent cloud on the horizon has been the death in Feb of Bill Hamilton's father. He had enjoyed a long ret here in DC, with Vinson Hall as his headquarters the last few years. Burial was in Arlington.

Reversing direction in the generations, Bob & Ali Clagett are busily bragging about their genes since the election of daughter Rita to Phi Beta Kappa at William & Mary. Bobo was concerned about going down there for the induction ceremony and celebration



1942: Munns with Nita Warren and Mrs. Flynn—Founders Day Charleston.

on Good Friday; but their pastor promised a dispensation!

Joe Hennessee delayed sending the enclosed evidence of the piscatorial (love that word) prowess exhibited by him and Peggy Garvin until you all had forgotten Bill Gernert and his muskie! Seward, AK, was the setting and silver salmon are the trophies. Joe says he's ready to go again—and I can see why.

Ink Gates has been dragooned into serving as the Acting Asst Secy for Nuclear Energy in DOE for a few weeks. Lunching with Jeff, Butch, George Allin and me, he confided that the experience has strongly reinforced his affection for the job in Vegas! Esther was in for a visit. Fortunately she had a friend to take sightseeing because Ink's complaint that he was working 12-hour days proved to be true!

Founders Day at Bolling was a big success. Allin, Bringham, Bobo Clagett, Ely, Flor-Cruz, Ford, Mizell Raymond Reid, Sheffey, Sitterson, Terry, Ulsaker, Westenhoff and yours truly helped to make it so! In deference to the Editor, I shall report no further than to say that the remarks by the speakers 3 were well chosen and well received.

The Mar luncheon was a bisexual affair at Ft Myer. John Westenhoff was armed with camera and flash so you may see evidence of the 48 of us in attendance next time. Our new leader is Bill Kraft. (Helen was working to buy his drinks and lunch.) Frank Clay is his eager alternate. (They were off to New Orleans as Frank didn't want to be there if he was voted down!) The rest of the cast is the same. Learned that Lois Newman is recovering nicely from brain surgery, bless her. The Caruthers announced the summer picnic for their place on 23 Jun. A great show. Y'all come. Cockrills had their usual super time on their ski vacation in Italy. John Sheffey is wearing a cast because of a sprained knee from his ski adventure.

A letter from Al Hunter with a reminder that there are about 50 deceased classmates who have not yet been memorialized with an obituary in ASSEMBLY. The REGISTER of GRADUATES shows those who have. Will you volunteer? Al will coordinate and help. More on this later. He advises that Larry Caruthers is Chief of the growing Saint Andrews Society of the Eastern Shore. The Archbishop of Edinburgh will visit on 10 May.

He and Nancy sat with the Kosters and Renee Murray at the Ft Meade Founders Day dinner and had more than their share of fun. They'd spent a weekend with Dave & Edie Clagett who were anticipating 2 weeks in HI. (They reported a good vacation.) As head of the Talbot County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, Al is immersed with conservation projects from more than 200 men-



1942: Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

bers. Your old newspapers, cardboard, tin and aluminum are welcome at their recycling center from which the profits go to college scholarships.

When you read this, you'll be within a year of the 40th. No absences will be excused so put away one or two of those retired pay checks—or whatever—save up your vacation, pump in those vitamins and BE PREPARED! The Holiday Inn in Suffern is our base. Details to come with the Xmas Newsletter. Bobo Clagett will look into a bus from DC. Stir up the recluses. The 45th looks a long way off!

Joe Cannon came through again with a report of the Presidio Founders Day, just in time for my deadline. Other attendees were Jack & Lee Colladay, Jack Crowley, John Finney, Sam Hays, Skip & Grace Young. Joe says he passed "GO," for Social Security purposes, in Feb but decided not to collect \$200—or whatever. He'll keep on charging for awhile.

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Although some may have been hibernating on Jan 19th, a goodly number of our clan were celebrating the 38th anniv of our Jun-in-Jan graduation in such places as San Diego, San Ant and DC. Highlights of these festivities as reported by some of the participants may be briefly summarized as follows:

In San Diego, the reunion was planned and organized by Jim Aleveras and Bob Lacy with the invaluable assistance and "drum beating" of Barbara Barger in L.A. The reunion was staged at the Admiral Kidd OC and, according to Jim, "Big T" Taliaferro "far surpassed the best performances of Bob Hope and George Jessel" in serving as the Emcee—though he had a bit of competition for the mike from Duke Kane, Bob Lacy, Earl Hehn and Bill Brady. Nonetheless, "Big T" had the clan alternating from "rolling in the aisles with laughter" to "sitting up straight and tall for duty, honor and country." Winner of the grand prize during the raffle was none other than Al Hughes who, much to his surprise, was awarded the raffle machine itself. Among the classmates and wives present for this gala event were Marge & Jim Aleveras of San Diego; Charity & Hal Barber from Arcadia, CA; Barbara & Dave Barger from Palos Verdes, CA; Marilyn & Bob Beightler from Oakland, CA; Dottie & Ed Bennett from Alexandria, VA; Jessie & Phil Bischoff from Colo Spgs, CO; Billie & Bill Brady from Torrance, CA; Dot & Cliff Butler from Phoenix, AZ; Regina & Vic Cherbak from Hawthorne, CA; Elaine & John Dworak from Colo Spgs,



Jan '43: The gathering of the clan in San Diego for 38th June-in-January reunion.

CO; Betty & Rex Dettre from Tucson, AZ; Shirley & Bob Fishel from Placentia, CA; Jane Anne & Roger Fisher from Upland, CA; Barbara & Earl Hehn from San Diego; Sue & Russ Herrington from Palos Verdes, CA; Elaine & Al Hughes from El Paso, TX; Ginny & Duke Kane from LA; Glenys & Bob Lacy from San Diego; Jeane Mallory from LA; Jean & Howard Moore from Thousand Oaks, CA; Virginia Murray from San Diego; Peg & Bill Myers from Long Beach, CA; Jean & Fred Porter, whose new address is Star Farms, Box 4260, St. Miguel, CA 93451;

anniv. Following traditional toasts by Frank Shaw (our new Pres), Joe Benson enlivened the evening by reading some cleverly concocted, hypothetical messages of congratulations from such well-known figures as MacArthur, Eisenhower, Montgomery and Stalin. Also contributing to the spirit(s) of the evening, Ted Seith executed a Nureyev-style scissors leap to express his feelings in joining our illustrious group of sexagenarians. Out-of-town participants in this affair were Ann & Tom Flatley from Boiling Spgs, PA; Rose Marie & Bill Pietsch from NY; and Madge & Buck Stahle from Gettysburg, PA.

Finally, from down in San Ant, Bill Starnes reported that the following members of the clan had a "bit of a blast" in honor of our 38th anniv: Tim Brown (Louise was ill); Myrl & Jack Daye; Helen & Mitch Galdental; Kathleen & Iggy Lane; Mary D. & Bill Starnes; Betty & Bill Stewart and Kay & George Sykes. Bob McDermott was still recuperating from a quintuple-bypass heart operation but, according to Bob Fiss, is now on



Jan '43: The Smiths and Fishel at the San Diego reunion.

Ruth & Vernon Sanders from Burlingame, CA; Dottie & Russell Smith from Bellevue, WA; Mary D. & Bill Starnes from San Ant, TX; Helen & "Big T" Taliaferro from Palos Verdes, CA; the John Webers from Seattle, WA; Louise & Don Wilbourn from El Paso, TX; and Alice & George Young from Palos Verdes, CA.

Meanwhile, here in DC 53 members of the clan, including wives and friends, assembled at Andrews AFB OC to celebrate our 38th



Jan '43: New Class Officers: Norris (Secy), Shaw (Pres), Henry (Treas); and Thompson (VP).



Jan '43: Kane, Sanders, Hughes, Barger and Wilbourn.

the road to recovery—we wish him our very best! Before the euphoria of the evening evaporated, however, this jolly group decided that they would like to host our 39th Jun-in-Jan reunion in San Ant—a la Myrtle Beach and San Diego. But first, they'd like a "show of hands"—would you like to spend 3 days in mid-Jan 82 with the clan in San Ant? If so, please let Bill know by letter or phone (4310 Little Lane, San Antonio, TX 78229, tel: 512-341-4376).

Other bits and pieces of information from here and there may be quickly tallied up as follows:

As indicated by the photo elsewhere in this column, the Rev John McGowan officiated at the wedding of Hoppo May's daughter to Timothy Olson in Scottsdale, AZ on 22 Nov 80. Hoppo and John were roommates prior to their graduation, and Hoppo was John's



Jan '43: Our NM State Senator, McGough.

best man when he married Anice shortly after graduation. The McGowans recently moved to Gulfport, MS, where John is the Pastor for the First Christian Church. Their new home address is 2105 15th St, Gulfport, MS 39501.

Our new State Senator in New Mexico, Eddie McGough, claims that his life has literally become one of "perpetual motion"—18 hours a day, 7 days a week. The nearest equivalent is budget time in the Pentagon." According to Eddie, however, "no one has offered him a \$10,000 gratuity or case of whiskey—thus far." As for Romaine, she monitors the floor sessions of the Senate and sits in on selected cmte hearings. More power to you McGoughs!

Although Frank Kajencki did not experience any harassment during his recent visit to his homeland (Poland), he was buffeted by effects of the turmoil—no transportation in some cities, food shortages and rumors and fears of Soviet intervention. His cousins, one of whom is a shipyard foreman, kept him well-informed with regard to the budding Solidarity Union.

Jack Cutler, Pres of B-C Intl Inc., in London, states that he has been working and living in London for the past 13 years, but does spend a good deal of his time in the Middle East on business. Once in a while, Jack and his wife return to FL for a bit of much needed sunshine. But, as Jack suggested, if any of you are visiting jolly old England, just pop into the Byron House at 7 St. James Street and ask for him.

Ken Buell, who has been with GMC in Detroit since 1972, is showing signs of becoming restive and wonders what's going on in DC.

Ed Lowry, who was Ch of the Documents Div in the Secretariat of OJCS, is now the



Jan '43: The Pietsches at 38th reunion in Washington, DC.



Jan '43: The Careys in their new "Mount Vernon on the Potomac."

Records Admin for OSD and, as he remarked, is enjoying the new pace.

The Bill Knowltons are still sorting out 3 shipments of household goods in their new residence in Arlington, VA, but did see the Bob Beightlers and Elvy Roberts in CA when they attended their son (Tim's) wedding in Sausalito. Elvy is Sen Counsellor to several companies in the San Fran area.

Bob Fiss recently accompanied Barbara to a meeting of the Education Committee of the American Compensation Assn in San Diego. While Barbara was involved in the activities of her committee, Bob played and watched golf. Shortly thereafter, however, Barbara accompanied Bob to a NATO working group meeting in Copenhagen where she shopped while he worked. But, according to them, prices in Denmark were just "out of this world."



Jan '43: Benson and the Fausts in New Orleans.

Jim Frankosky recently combined business with pleasure by flying his private plane to McDill AFB, FL—home of the new U.S. RDF. His co-pilot and crew consisted of Bob & Ginny Harrington, who went along to visit their son, Rich—an F-16 instructor and pilot at McDill. Only the "winds aloft" were uncooperative on this trip.

Now that Joe Dover is "one of the Blue Shield gang" in Melbourne, FL, he and Nan are planning a 2-month tour of 16 states in their "35-foot fifth-wheeler" and hope to visit a number of our clan.

Jane & Pappy Doyle became grandparents for the first time on 19 Dec 80, when their daughter, Ruth, gave birth to William Doyle Alexander. According to Pappy, Willie D. is already acting like he's getting ready to join the Class of '01—that is, 2001! Pappy is also looking forward to the reunion of a group of his old P-38 buddies in Dayton, OH, but

"may have to get some extra high hip boots, because it gets pretty deep at those reunions." As Pappy queried, "Have you ever seen World War II fighter pilots with all of the baloney squeezed out of them?"

According to Pappy, Hank Saylor is frequently in the news down in FL as Chairman of the State Republican Cmte. Like Jane & Pappy, Wylene & Hank were delighted over the arrival of a new granddaughter, Mary Renee, on 29 Dec 80.

Pat & Darrie Richards returned from the wedding of their son, Craig, in San Jose, CA—plus a pleasant visit to Carmel and points up and down the West Coast just before Founders Day.



Jan '43: Rev John McGowan completes the wedding ceremony of Robin May and Tim Olson in Scottsdale, AZ.

Speaking of Founders Day, some 17 of us stood tall for the occasion at Bolling AFB Officers Club. Frank Camm, who is Chmn of the Benjamin F. Castle Memorial Award Cmte, announced the selection of the new recipient of the award—Al Starbird, '33.

Finally, in closing, we wish the best to T.Q. Donaldson, who was accidentally run over by his own tractor and suffered 2 broken legs and a crushed chest. And, as they do in the news media, that photo of Bob Harrington and George Rehb in our last column was taken at the wedding of the Dee Armstrongs' daughter, Kate Ellen—not the McDermotts', as reported. Nonetheless, Bob still claims that George had lifts in his shoes.



Jan '43: Flatley, Donaldson and Griess.

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RETURN OF THE NATIVE Yes, I'm back and still ticking—damage minimal, recovery outlook good, behavior poor. My thanks to Will for his short order takeover without which there might have been a blank page in our history. I now have a deep appreciation



Jun '43: "Dan'l Flannel taking the cure."

of what the medical and nursing people do in emergency and intensive care. Many thanks to all for notes and fonecons of encouragement, particularly from some who've "been there." Finally, last and certainly not least, love and kisses to my Peggy who has never found me easy to live with, before or after this "affair of the heart."

SPRING HAS SPRUNG, the grass has riz, I wonder where my golf ball is! For us Texans it is a season of change, all too brief, before the lengthy heat of summer. Bluebonnets are out, birds are dancing beak to beak, crawly things have come out from under green rocks and Will Cover's Lynx is on the prowl again. This issue is mainly to tell all about what happened at the Ringknocker's Ball but I've only heard from a couple of stations and one of those by heliograph. The first was from Joe & Norma Weyrick who report that they and the Briers and Pucketts showed up in St. Pete for the affair. In addition the Weyricks are heading for an Apr 25th wedding of daughter Laura in Columbia, SC. Next, the traditional get-together at Bolling was related to me by Willie who avers that all of the 9 '43ers present were hale and hearty and working at something except Allan Jones who refuses. Lucky Jones' have just returned from a paddle wheel trip on the MS aboard the venerable Delta Queen. As I re-examined the program, liberally spotted with fine old burgundy, I found that in addition to the 2 mentioned above that Heintzelman, McAdams, Schroeder, Baldwin, Naylor, Magathan and Three Finger Grady were present.

YOU LIVE WHERE? One thing this job entails is checking on addresses and now what with our Class almost 100% ret or at least with its members tied to one hitching post, certain street names stick in the old memory bank. I've put some together for your edification and amusement: The Gus Brill's are at home on the StoneyLonesome, the Cobb's hail Cat Mountain, Brabson seeks seclusion in Hidden Bay and Jim Deatherage with memories of WWII camps on Hedgerow Circle. The Art Holderness' call it Green Turtle while Tom & Betty Johnston ride home to Carriage House and Ralph Jones putters around my favorite at Golfview Dr. Old Mountain Man Pete Langstaff ponders at Wits End Farm while Gayle Madison takes a Westward Look and Nobby Oswald consorts with hisn at Devil's Lane. Sam Pinnell takes the Old Stage Coach, the Jim Pughs like things Bittersweet, the Randalls work out on Rabbit Run and the Silvester's and C.A. Wilsons are at home with King Arthur and the White Pelican, respectively. My favorites are that of Carol & Bob deCamp and Don Dargue at Running Water Circle.

Recently we were queried by some '45ers who were seeking support to a project aimed at naming the skating rink in the proposed new cadet activities center for George Casey (CPT Hockey, MG, KIA VN). Since it was patently impossible to touch base with all classmates the living members of our hockey assemblage were canvassed and the findings recommending approval were relayed to Lee Hogan for reply.

SPEAKING OF REUNION and we will be, more and more as time flies by. Here is the latest figure available on the Class Fund: As of 23 Feb we had \$17,252 in the kitty and the indications are that more people are sending in donations all the time. When I relayed this info to Lee Hogan he felt it was time to activate a Class Memorials Cmte and to this end he has gotten Jack (Headcastle) Morris to chair it. Lee will have more to say on this subject but basically we are reaching for a planning figure that will be the amount in our fund as of 31 Jan 82. Meanwhile if you haven't sent something, do it now and if you have a brainstorm that could be a winner for a gift, please headline that to Jack. Also, that intrepid entrepreneur of used rice paddies, ocean bottom estates and Moonbeam Acres, Bill Malone, has taken it upon himself to strike a blow for our 40th. On a recent trip to USMA to visit dau Nancy and her engr husband, MAJ Mike Calkmeyer, the Malones cornered 150 of the best inside rooms at the Suffern, NY, Holidome, and Indoor Fun Center about 40 minutes from WooPoo. In due course a letter of instructions will be forthcoming. A tarbucket tip to the Malones for farsightedness.



Jun '43: Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

WHILE WE WAIT FOR THEIR PASSING TREAD I've heard from Carol Giffin who filled me in on the very trying last years of Sonny's life. He had contracted chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), similar to emphysema but with inevitable deterioration and complications of heart damage. He had been in and out of the hospital, finally more resident than not, and even then when outside was completely reliant on a portable oxygen unit. As his condition worsened he (like others with COPD) lost his ability to cope with daily living, even in the hospital, and Carol was almost constantly by his side taking care of him and his extensive equipment. Some time before he died he started writing poetry and had completed some 45 which Carol plans on publishing. I am taking the liberty of sharing with you his first poem and one that is a favorite of Carol's. Most soldiers are poets but few find the way

to bring them to others: "The Joys of War"
Joy comes when shattered streets
Erupt again with student laughter,

Joy comes when scattered dreams
Return and bloom, forever

Joy comes with hearing children crying
From childish things instead of dying

Joy comes with knowing men are daring
To stand for freedom, peach, and sharing

Joy comes to me, at last
Because I know my wars are past.

By his wishes he was cremated and his ashes were scattered on the Pacific near Carmel. In addition to Carol he is survived by 2 sisters, a daughter, Mrs. W. C. Dowd of Pinehurst, NC; and 3 sons, David, Stewart III, and Michael, all of Carmel. To them all our heartfelt sympathy.

WHERE THE WEST BEGINS, or ends. It behooves me to report on Norm Keefer, who, when last heard from was incorporated in or wrapped around the axle of his beloved 300SL. In his lengthy and informative Xmas message he reported that while visiting in Seattle he saw John & Dorothy Chandler at their lovely home on Mercer Is. The Hertels lived nearby and dropped in for an arm bender or 2. John is ret from Boeing and is working on another master's while Ed is a Fed trying to keep doctors honest on Medicare. Two desert travelers, Nomads of a sort, Wayne & Rosewitha Snavelly, showed up, shook the dust out of their sandals and made contact by phone before returning to the Saudi desert whence they came. The missing Felix (Pepe) Kalinski and his Barbara were in town last Oct in time to do Halloween in Mexican style. And Norm, who is basically a "wheels" type, let Dick Wheeler talk him into a Cessna 182 flying picnic to the top of a mountain on Catalina Is. After some battery problems getting started for the return trip they were wishing the plane was a hang glider. Nonetheless, they made it home where Dick and Alice have their drapery, carpet and decorator business with Norm apparently one of their best customers. Once at Ft Knox Rocky Rhoads conned me into a wild blue yonder trip in a single engine, pedal job. As I remember we spent the late afternoon doing touch and go's. In Nov Pres & Ann Easley provided cocktails and buffet for the Wheelers, Bernie & Stephanie Sherrill, the Dickinsons and some assorted fly-by folks from other classes. A later note from Norm announces that Bernie Sherrill has remarried to a ret AF type named Ed Smythe. In a late note dated in Mar of this year Norm states that he visited Mike & Maura Davis, and had lunch at the Palm Springs Biltmore. Mike is another heart attack casualty also making good progress on recovery. Others that Norm has



Jun '43: The Briers, Pucketts and Weyricks—Founders Day St Petersburg, FL.



Jun '43: The Moes and Olivers, Founders Day Ellsworth AFB.

heard from, all taking ret and new careers in stride are the Dave Schwartz' (real estate). Elaine & Duane Wethe (industrial real estate) who guarantees golf and joke-telling improvements and Bonnie & Wes Maughan (also real estate) in Riverside. Bonnie, by the way, continues to have ulcer problems for which we offer our sympathy. In addition to seeing to the rebirth of the MB, Norm gets in a few sets of tennis per week and travels. The car will be positively the best creation when it gets back on its wheels. Meanwhile Norm limps along with a Diesel Caddy Eldorado which gets fabulous gas mileage. Keep rollin', Norm. Dave Galas writes from Rancho Palos Verdes that recently he and Kaye visited Paula & Danny Shea for cards, whiskey and conversation and to report that Danny is recovering nicely from leg surgery. Dave enclosed a copy of Hazard Prevention, the journal of safety of which he is Technical Editor. The publication is devoted to safety of products and activities. Sure wish they'd been around the first time I tried to reassemble one of those "easy put together" charcoal cookers. In addition to this work, which is primarily volunteer, Dave has found time to add ROT-ORCRAFT to his pilot's certificate. He reports a second grand-daughter to daughter Cynthia whose husband Tom Johnson ('65) is a USMA instructor.

FROM WEST TO EAST THE SOUTHERN ROUTE next comes a missive from Louisiana's Cafe Le Flambeau where roomie Mark Boatner wiggles his wok. Presently he is undergoing a reshuffle in business priorities but does report that oil companies have been drilling on the old family plantation at Penrith. Son Bruce is making A's in computer sciences at La Tech; his eldest Drew, a Syracuse grad in economics, is learning the banking business and the remainder are living in Arlington which Mark quit because of asthma and the 600 or so acres of Penrith which needed tending. Next in line was FL where several stations were heard from the first being Lee, again, who sent a plaintive yelp for help when Anne went West to ND to grandmother a bit and left Lee to his own devices. As he put it: "I'm ready to dump the bachelor program, for sure. Got all the housekeeping done,



Jun '43: Parfitt, Bolling and Coffman, Founders Day Dallas TX.

but don't know what grades I'll get on things like bathrooms, status of supplies, etc." Fortunately, Anne returned to save the day and award Lee only average ratings.

MOVIN' RIGHT ALONG we come to Columbus, GA, and the KB Smith household where Nancy and Ken state that Xmas while enjoyable found them unprepared for the swiftness of its arrival. Nancy relates that with them settling down she has taken up tennis again but finds that speed and coordination eludes her. She and Ken did the Bermuda bit including a room with its own outside patio for dining by the water. Meanwhile Ken called Jamie Philpott who is in nearby Reynolds, GA, and the 2 plan a get-together. When Ken asked for his address Jamie told him first you have to find the town then ask by name since street addresses aren't used. My tour brings me back to DC and Will Cover who reports via a note from Sy Silvester about a joint A/N Valentines party which netted the following: Liz & Quint Atkinson, Deke Childs (solo), Barbara & R. C. Grady, Laurie & Bill Naylor, and the Silvesters. Although the Surkamps had signed up, Art took a horse-fall resulting in 4 broken ribs which has him taped up for sure. As Will noted darkly, "They'll (horses) get you sooner or later."

A pre-Xmas note from Evelyn & Ralph Jones, he of Golfview Dr. in Urbana, allows that they took a fall trip to Canada for fishin', golf and bridge as guests of Joan & Ken Freed in their "picture-book" vacation home in Sioux Lookout, Ont. Ken is Pres of Harrison Steel Corp, Attica, IN. The Jones' Christmas was spent visiting kinder—Michael of Danville, CA, and Nancy in Salem, OR. Their oldest son, Patrick, is Dir of Finance for Int'l Harvester in Paris and lives with his family in Le Vesinet. There is included a picture of me sojourning in Scott & White Hosp, wires attached and complete with teddy bear. See ya, joggin' along the road, Dan'l Flannel.

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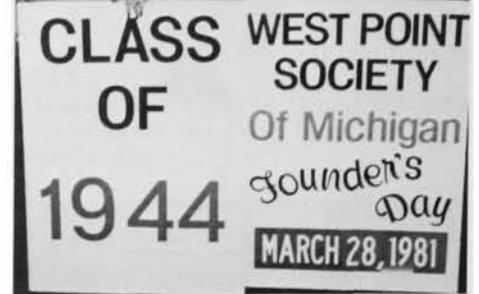
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In the wee dawn of a Sunday morning, all's right with my world except grass and taxes: one needs mowing down and the other is doing it.

My room-mate and I rounded up our 3 to celebrate the 21st birthday of our youngest—and left them same day in early Jan to go skiing in Canada. The snow was deep, sun-bright and powdery. It was good to flush the lungs with some air that one can't see and can breathe. Got several days on the slopes in NM after a good Mar storm, but couldn't bend the schedule to join Fred & Joan Porter in their annual cruise to Vail. Glad to see that George & Betty Wear finally got some good snow at Aspen.

We were saddened by the death on 30 Jan of Mary Grace Cutrona. A host of classmates and friends called at a local DC Chapel to offer condolences to the handsome Cutrona family of whom Joe and Mary Grace have been rightfully proud. Burial services were held at Arlington. We extend our sympathy to Joe and family for the loss of a lovely lady we all cherished!

Bill Stowell wrote from Camarillo, CA, that he will try to make the 40th. Bill Miller is receiving plenty of supervision while recovering from his valve job in the Miami VA hospital; Sandra thinks Barbados is a great place for him to recuperate but finds that TLC



1944: The Heiss' and Rogers.

turns into chubby cheeks; "limited physical activity" unfortunately doesn't exclude self-feeding. Let him fan himself, Sandra!

A note "from the desk of" (Jim) Douglas Editorial Svs, appropriately situated on "Clearview" Drive would earn about 1.5 for scrambled syntax but gets a couple of ideas across: Mary is the only licensed lady auctioneer in Bexar County, TX; the Ed is her gofer/bookkeeper and is ghosting 2 books—in Tex-lish, I presume. That's just to keep him busy after business hours. Gonna try to see him in Jun—before he reads that he's "de" in English Comp.

On the intellectual side, seems like that Nick Fuller is increasing the frequency of his seminars. Bob Day had the nerve to announce attending, Bill McGlothlin admitted it upon my questioning, but Carl Anderson won't own up, even though he flew McGlothlin to Antigua. I'm not quite prepared to believe all I hear and read—but I'm packing a ditty bag with Alka Seltzer and Pepto Bismol just in case an Eastern plane gets hijacked to Antigua. Moreover, Fuller has co-opted Day, who's building a home on 1944 Lane, Ramshead Is.

Another product of the seminary, John Tardy Moore, of late calling to The Cloth, is one subject of his room-mate's annual report from Guam. Johnny has the place well organized: his home office is in NY, he has a couple of asst Episcopal priests to help run the missions to the school children, military population, Agana City, and the Filipino community and has Dottie as the world's greatest PR person, in your scribe's view, and a continuously fissioning bombshell of energy. Dottie did slip off to visit their Judy at WP, married to a '68er.

The Connell Comment and Clipping Service sends one showing Bob Brotherton to be Pres of a new Retired Officer's Chapter in Mid-FL, for which he looks too young to be eligible.

Birdie Bridewell writes that he's back in Forrest City, AR, until 15 May when he'll return to his permanent address in OH.

Among our literary lights, Doug Kinnard has turned his beam on The Sec of Def, as proudly announced by the UKY Press.

Al Dancy is still selling apples as the Dir, Eastern Region, for the U.S.C. in Arlington, VA. He and Marie have a new granddaughter, the child of our runny-nose neighbor boy, Chris. Al says Andy DeGraff is still holding the fort in Hampton, VA.

Buf Norman's round of 74 in Mar makes

one wonder at the authenticity of 2 reported operations in Jan. He is looking for classmates with fat wallets and fast backswings. We're pleased at Buf's recovery.

Randy Cary and Becky announce from Wilmington, NC, arrival of a 4th grandchild. Now that's taking credit for other's work, if I ever heard it! Lin & Jean Ellis write from Stuart, FL, where both work at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, Jean is in real estate and is a notary. (In FL that means she can perform marriages!) For sport, Lin & Jean are into a 27' Hunter sloop and racing. And, un-strange to report, they're looking for a larger boat!! But for the best of reasons; they intend to cruise up to WP in 84 in the Mahoney-Ellis regatta. One reported energy conservation measure: fuel consumed aboard is exceeded by beer consumption, by several magnitudes.

Fred Black and Janice are operating a company in the trade show exhibit field, which exploits Janice's designer skills. It sounds like a great partnership to me: Fred has a strong back for use in the exhibits warehouse, is about 2.5 with a hammer, and responds well to a smile and pat on the head. Is there stock for sale??

Joan Porter ends all doubts: Both Tiffany and Balfour have the Class ring and miniature dies; Balfour has the Herff-Jones set. The Porters are off on a cruise to the Med in Oct with a USAA tour. Sounds great. Fred will requalify with his B-4 bag for their trip to see son Will graduate from Pepperdine in Apr.

For the record, many out-of-towners have been invited by letter to attend the annual Class business meeting cum luncheon on 16 Apr at the Pentagon. The invitation supplements the announcement in the last issue of ASSEMBLY appearing before the meeting. Please remember, all are invited and urged to attend.

The 20 Mar Founder's Day dinner in DC brought out an even dozen of '44: Blanchard, Connell, Graves, Maish, Lew Norman, Ott, Jack Peterson, Robinson Sanders, Schardt, Scott and John Sullivan.

Audrey and I recently enjoyed dinner with the Morrisons and mutual friends in Alexandria. Sally is a star in my Gallery of Gorgeous Grandmothers.

In Feb my room-mate and I spent some time in Cancun, piling American antiques atop Mayan ones. Getting soft, I guess; the accommodations were great but the food was less than gourmet and not exactly cheap. Of course, my room-mate avers that any repast costing more than \$2.95 is "too expensive" for me! Anyhow, our trip should have been longer or shorter: either to the Millers in Barbados or to the Bahls in Vero Beach. We'll correct that shortly. Cheers. GSOYP, A!

'45

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Is anyone missing a '45 class miniature? A lady who works at a High's Milk Store in the DC area contacted a grad she knew and told about a couple of men asking where they could sell a ring they had found (?). She bought the ring from them for \$100 when she saw it was a West Point miniature. Through the help of Sam Pinnell (Jun '43) our Class was notified and Jim Elkey now has all the details. The ring has some



1945: C-2 cadets at Camp Popolopen (1943). On the bench: Hearin, Del Vecchio, Guthrie, and Adkins; in rear: Hardy, McMurdo, Dalman, and Heilbronner.

small diamonds around the stone, is not worn much, and has no engraving. If you think it might be yours, contact Jim.

Speaking of rings, I'm informed that the only dies still in existence for making replacement miniatures of our Class ring are at Bailey, Banks and Biddle Jewelers, 16th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, PA.

Our class gift to WP which was dedicated at our 35th reunion is now in place including the 5 benches. Total cost was \$137,683 of which \$130,627 was raised from classmates and matching gifts from corporations during the fund-raising period.

Harle Damon's wife Bee died on 19 Feb with burial at WP on 24 Feb. Ted & Betty Lou Adair and George Benson represented the Class at the funeral. Our sympathy is with Harle.



1945: Manila Harbor from S.S. Luraline, fall 1945.

Jim Elkey wrote me that 97 classmates, wives, and friends attended the annual Washington Birthday Brunch, which was held on Sunday, 22 Feb at the Ft Myer Officers Club. Great time was had by all.

By this time, most of you have received the letter from Mick McMurdo and Stu Stabley re a mini-Reunion in HI during spring 82. Mick wrote me that as of 19 Mar he's received a 37% response: 99 planning to attend, 93 maybe, and 65 cannot. With wives counted it looks like 200 or more will make it. Class activities will be 3-4 days with one main activity or 2 shorter activities each day. Remainder of time for individual planning. There's a whole bunch who didn't reply at

all. If you want to get the next mailing with details, be sure to write Mick now if you didn't already reply. The next mailing is scheduled for early summer. Mick hopes we'll all support the mini-reunion as he knows it will be a time we'll all remember—AND we're not getting any younger!

Art Fridl sent me a couple of great pictures circa 1943-45. In his letter Art said his daughter Victoria married LT Gerald R. Tabin ('79) at WP in Aug, 80. He also mentioned receiving a card from his cadet roommate, Del Vecchio, who was surprised that he was listed as "among the missing" for a period of time and wondered: "What reunion did I miss?" Perhaps he'll make the 40th.

A phone call from Pete Peterson a few days ago to ask me for an address also brought some news of the L.A. area. He was the only '45 rep at the Founders Day in L.A. His daughter, LT Ann, is to be married this summer. (She's in Germany right now. Son Eric is to be married this summer, also. Pete's still Program Mgr on the MX program with a company called Hydraulic Research—part of Textron.



1945: Love, Stumpe and Ayers at Les Ayers' home, Sonoma, CA.

Warren Stumpe wrote me that during the reunion he and Tom Schwinn decided to try to get C-2 Co to sponsor a memorial bench as part of our Class gift. They located all 47 living members of C-2 Co with 100% pledge commitment. The hardest to locate was Bob Babin lost back in the 50's. He finally located him by calling all the Babins in Bob's home town of Laplace, LA, and finally contacted Bob's sister. Bob is back in Hammond, LA, after stints in CA and Guam and now is enjoying his favorite pastime of hunting and fishing. During his campaign, Warren got a firm invitation to visit from Les Ayers. So Warren and Jean took a 10-day trip away from the WI winter. Les and Audrey took them on a fine tour of the Sonoma (CA) area including 3 wineries. One evening Gene & Laurel Love joined



1945: Stumpe and Ayers at the Sebastian Winery, Sonoma, CA.



1945: McMurdo—See what you'd miss if you don't come to '82 mini-reunion?

them at Les' home for dinner, coming over from San Rafael. Gene has re-ret—the daily commute to San Fran getting to him. The Stumpes also spent a day with Jean & Harvey Fraser ('39) for whom Warren worked when Harvey was Prof of Mech at USMA. Harvey is now Academic Dean at CA Maritime Acad in Vallejo where he lives on the academy grounds overlooking San Fran Bay. Back in Milwaukee, Warren reports that Ken Paape



1945: Burke, the Craigs, the Perrys, the Guthries, and Neville—Founders Day St. Petersburg.

left Allen-Bradley, but present location unknown. Ed Michalak and Nile Soik are still with Allen-Bradley. Nile's son plans to enter AF Academy, summer 81.

Nancy McCarthy wrote us a good letter and told of their news. In Jul she tagged along with Joe on a business trip to Germany where they spent some time in Heidelberg, Stuttgart and Munich. In Oct their daughter Tince was married in Carlisle. She and her husband work at NSA and live in Laurel only minutes from Nancy, their other married daughter. Son Joe (20) bought 3 rental units in Carlisle and spent the summer remodeling them. Now with total of 4 properties he has thoughts of returning from UHI to PA to finish his schooling and keep an eye on the real estate.



1945: McNeil, Fowler, Reuler, Mackinnon, Meyers, Shilstone and Kusewitt—Founders Day Dallas.

Bette Root wrote that this past Xmas she was a month behind the whole season. A week before the holidays she had to have her hand operated on. The Jim Roots have also taken on a business enterprise. It's The

Sandwich Shop in Carmel (hamburgers, hot dogs, FF) which they bought together with another couple. Bette is the Queen of the Cash Register and Chief Adorable Greeter. In Jan they had a visit from the Truscotts who were in the area visiting Ann's mother. Lucian is writing a book about the Army experience and has had it looked at by several publishers. (Is this a case of like son like father?)



1945: Tierno, Wagonhurst and Smith.

I'm sorry to report that Wake Wakefield died on 10 Feb 81 from a heart attack. Wake had had some heart trouble in recent years. Burial was in the Fort Bliss cemetery. Betty Ruth, in acknowledging the class' contribution to the El Paso YWCA in Wake's name, said: "He heartily approved of the much needed services which the YWCA provides in the community and he would be pleased with the gift in his memory." Our best to Betty Ruth and their children.

Keith Nusbaum sent a report on our Class fund's status:

Checking account	\$ 237.26
Savings account	370.99
Investment	7,313.76
Total	\$7,922.01



1945: The Sargents, Hayes' and Rinearsons.

Of this, \$5,425 is committed to back up the 35th Year Reunion Fund. Recent gifts have been made in memory of Harry Maynard (Heart Fund) and Wake Wakefield (YWCA Endowment Fund—El Paso).

John Carley has sold his business and is now writing a weekly column for a newspaper. In addition, he's working on a book called "Dear Congressman." (Wouldn't the Engl Dept be proud of the way our Class has turned out?)

Here's a few short items that filtered through here via others' Xmas cards. Bob Fye has started flying lessons at Scottsdale and the Fyes have bought a 4-seat airplane that has plenty of room for golf clubs. Bud & Joan Rinearson stay busy in Los Gatos. Bud, after 1 year of leisure, found too much time on his hands and has been working at Ford Aerospace and Commo since then. Joan is a volunteer worker at Montalvo—a lovely mansion in Saratoga that houses art galleries, cultural activities, and has beautiful grounds and gardens. Carl & Phoebe Nerdahl re-



1945: The Whittingtons and Campbell.

ported that son Cam, who is in AK, will be going to Engr Sch in Sept. He'll be with them next Xmas. They also hear their 5th grandchild is expected in May. Lee & Jim Morris had a marvelous trip to England for 3 weeks in spring 80. Their first grandchild, a little boy, arrived in daughter Catherine's home shortly before Xmas. Audrey & Les Ayers said that the McGoverns are now living in Redwood City (on the peninsula south of San Fran. That means, they said, that almost all the old Ft Scott Poop Sch crowd is back in the area. Recently they went by Omar's (an old hangout of the Poop Sch crowd and found it still in business. Have a good summer!



1945: The Trustins and Godwins—Founders Day Iowa.

'46

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(138) The 35th will be over now. Sure hope you enjoyed seeing old friends and telling the usual un-believable stories. Next edition of this column I'll do my best to recap the memories we'll all take back to



1946: Estelmann (USNA), Fair, and Victor.



1946: The Wallaces, Founders Day Ellsworth AFB.



1946: Founders Day—Bolling AFB—Beckner and Torgerson.



1946: The Simpsons with Clark '17 and Mrs. Mary Bailey—Founders Day Charleston.



1946: The Montagues, the Parsons, the Philips, and Carlisle—Founders Day St. Petersburg.



1946: Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.



1946: Singapore, Nov 80—The Constants, and Boyds.



1946: Austin, TX: Lengnick wedding: Prices, Readers, Hills, Ehrlichs and Lengnicks.



1946: At Kanés'—Standeeds: Strain, Armstrong, Dayton, Kane, Conner, Hobson, McMaster, Nelson, Ingham, Elsaesser, Fink; Seated: Blum, Hall, and O'Connor.

returns to the states for assignment to a District. The present Co. A commander is my son, Capt. S. W. France, USMA '74, and the new commander will be CPT Patrick Devens, USMA 75, son of George & Mary Devens.

In the last column I made mention of Jack Dayton in a cadet dress coat for the get-together at Kane's for A-N game. Proof positive has now arrived for all to see via the enclosed picture. Squeak Conner sent the shot and said that she and Steve along with Daytons were at Kanés for New Years enjoying the coastal scenes and whale watching.

Also received a long letter from John & Kathy Armstrong, some of which has already been reported. John did include a handwritten invitation he received from LTC & Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Qtrs #1), who had a cocktail party before the 1981 Founders Day



1946: Wives at Kanés'—Standeeds: Dayton, Hobson, Blum, Armstrong, O'Connor, Conner, Fink, McMaster; Seated: a friend, Kane and Nelson.

dinner at the Presidio on 30 March. The Armstrongs will be at reunion and then thereafter watch son Mark's graduation (4th generation USMA). Mark in H-1 Co. Cmdr. In addition



1946: The MacDonalds, Griffiths, and Lochries.

to other news already reported, I will add that their daughter Lee Anne had a most grievous attack of the rare virus-caused disease Guillain-Barre' Syndrome. For over five weeks it was very close, having complete paralysis, but with God's help and the care of many people in the hospital, even on their days off, she has recovered.

With my press date just a few days off, I received a photo of 2 classmates in attendance at Founders Day dinner, Bolling AFB Officers Club, sponsored by WP Society of DC. Photo was taken by Mint Wilson, who reports that, besides Dick Beckner and Al Torgerson, others in attendance were Al Ash, Harl Tucker, Shirley Ashton, Dave Bryant John Callaghan, Harry Floyd, Gene Deatricks, Jim Loomer and Frank Lester.

'47

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I continue the Xmas card news received too late to be included in the last column. My faithful correspondents, Jane & John Mastin, sent the additional batch of cards to me in early Jan. Naturally, if your scribe were to receive news directly, all would benefit in receiving the news earlier. Generally, you need to write to your scribe within 2 weeks after receiving your ASSEMBLY in order to make the next column.



1947: Grampy Geraci with Carol, Christmas 1980.

Mary & John Delistraty remain delighted with CA living but sent no news. . . . Virginia & Jake Jacobson report in from Morris, MN, where Jake is teaching physics at UMN. . . . Bill West continues as Pres of an A/E consortium of 15 firms. The Minnesota Group is setting up an office in Tunisia. . . . Bunty & Pete Karter from Duck River Lane, Old Lyme, CN, ask us to "sprinkle corn in your dooryard, keep an eye on the sky. You never can tell, we might just fly by." Ducks and all. The hearth awaits here in Lubbock. . . . Mary Ann & Bob Gossett are acquiring grandchildren at a fast clip: son Jim and wife produced No. 4 and No. 5 sons as the highlight of their year; Cherie was married in Jun. A low point occurred for MA when she broke her wrist. We hope all is well now, Mary Ann. . . . Jeanne & George Levenback alerted us to watch "Madame X" on NBC. We did on 17 Mar 81 and even video re-



1947: Delistratys and Rosens, Founders Day San Francisco.

corded it. We were proud and delighted to see that Paula Levenback was credited as exec producer of the movie and Meg Sargent appeared as Miss Gilmore, a Scottish lassie, which she portrayed admirably. . . . Like many other classmates at this time, Louise & Hal Richardson are joyful over new granddaughter, Johanna. . . . Peggy & Mc Le Blanc report that they still have one dau, Alyce, at home, but had their 2 grandau visit for Xmas. . . . Althea & Ken Hatch are enjoying Ken's 2d ret. Son David is starting his own Engr firm in Corvallis. Son Keith is working at Oregon St U and dau Ailein has two more years in Ag Engr. . . . Bonnie & Bob McNeil describe experiencing a wonderful and magic year. The highlights occurred in Sept when McNeils and dau Heather visited Great Britain. At Xmas, the whole clan was able to assemble at Barra Wood including son Rod and wife Jan with 2 grandsons. . . . Ginny & Jim Fraser are in Sandy Spgs, GA, where Jim is acting Asst Gen Mgr for Transit Sys Dev at MARTA. Ginny says she had a lively Xmas this year (1980) when all 4 children, 6 grandchildren all under 4 years old, 3 sons-in-law and Jim's mother were all convened at their new home. It was a wonderful holiday period. . . . A long newsy letter arrived from Beverly & Bob Rosen who summarized class activities in San Fran area the last year: from time to time Barb & Frank Boerger, Marguerite & Mike Maloney, Mary & John Delistraty have congregated for parties. Betty & Pete Boerger, Lita & Bernie De Gil and Betty Lou & Bill Reckmeyer, Tobe Crowe were able to make visits into the area. Bob's work with the Moscone Convention Ctr keeps him busy while Bev stays active at the Academy of Science and the Intl Hosp Ctr. It is rumored that the Rosens took bathing suits with them on Mother's Day to Lake Tahoe but were barely able to make it into the recreational area because of the depth of the snow. I'm glad to see that dau Miriam will follow old Dad's career in civil engr. Rosens now live at 132 Galewood Circle, San Fran, CA 94131 (415-664-5152).

The following re 35th Reunion plans is extracted from a letter Frank Boerger sent to Alumni Affairs Office: 17-19 Sept 82 is the requested preferred date of our reunion. Mike Maloney who is apparently moving back to NY this spring is appointed as chairman for reunion plans. . . . The Atlanta Constitution of 14 Jan 81 announced that Bernie Abrams, "a WP graduate and head of a large Atlanta-based Co is being pushed for

appointment as Undersecretary of the Army." I had not heard at the time of writing whether Bernie had been appointed. I certainly agree with an expert GOP source who called Abrams "one of the best qualified people you could possibly have for the post. His expertise is primarily in fiscal and managerial areas, but his heart is in the Army."

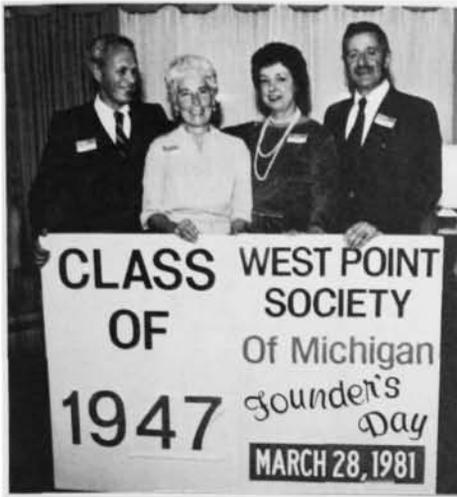
We are pleased to see Al Haig apparently fully recovered from his medical ordeal last year. Video glimpses of both Pat and Al show them vigorous, hale and hearty. Keep charging Al, but stay fit not only for our country but for the 9-star reunion tennis match replay. . . . The Mastins, over Xmas holidays, had the largest gathering of the clan in 40 years. We're glad Linda, Wayne and Kim could make it back for the whole period. . . . Jeanette Bate is reported doing fine after her back surgery. Keep those stomach muscles exercised, Jeanette! . . . The Webbs had a happy, busy holiday period. George and Mary Ann Walkers' wedding in the Cadet Chapel must have been extremely beautiful on a cold winter day. Willy and Kay and new grandson David were able to be on hand from HI. Little David even attended rehearsal dinner and reception and behaved! Bill was the grad class speaker for graduation from Knox of newly-married Webbs. Willy may go to WP to teach Soc Sci after returning from HI to grad sch this year they will return to "Haole" land for a Cindy, a political analyst for a "govt agency." Muriel reports that June & Jean Burner will definitely visit DC this spring. . . . Mary Lou & Jim Edington say that this is the year they will return to "Haole" land for a visit. Their son Mark graduates in Jun and will probably go on to UHI and maybe take ROTC. They report attending a beautiful



1947: The McNeils, Founders Day Ellsworth AFB, SD.

wedding on the beach in Kailua on Valentine's Day where Jennifer Johnston married Harry Rothschild. Fran and Joe D. invited Scovilles and Wildrichs also to what must have been a very beautiful and wondrous wedding! . . . Pauline & Wally Veaudry are happy to announce that dau No. 2, Paula, was married to Howard Cornell in Denver, CO, on 9 Jan 81. Cornells will reside in Stromwood, IL, where Howard is police chief. Dau No. 1, Patti, is still in Germany with husband, CPT Scott Wells, returning this year to MSC Adv Cse at Ft Sam. . . . Barbara & John Culin report in from the Carmel Valley where there is a lot of peace and quiet, for their kinder are far and wide: Johnny in Dallas, Sue in Charleston, and Nancy at Stanford Hosp. John apparently stays busy attempting to raise the level of his brew stocks from his local vineyards.

The Geracis plan a westward trip in Sept. CA contingent prepare! Having received no



1947: The Buehlers and Burners.

pictures and little mail this quarter, your scribe includes a picture of his "super" girl for all to see! . . . Keep healthy.

LTC W. S. Callaghan, 16 Hercules Dr, Pope AFB, NC 28307 (919-497-7764) called me in late Mar to state that he had discovered, in an antique shop in Fayetteville, NC, a 1947 HOWITZER, our 10-year book and other misc items presumably belonging to our Korean War deceased classmate, Henry T. McGill. Anyone interested in acquiring these items should contact LTC Callaghan. It was kind for Callaghan to call me.

'48

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Thanks to one of my staff who reads the morning paper before he gets to work, I learned of the very good news that Scotty and Dusty Scott are returning to West Point. Their address, in case you may have forgotten, is Quarters 100. To have one superintendent in a class of our size is a great honor, but two? Just marvelous, and congratulations and best wishes to you both. Dusty, you're in charge of plans for the 35th!

Charlie & Mary Horn's grandson, Aaron Phillip Karber, aged 5, was killed in a tragic accident at his home in Great Falls, VA on



1948: Berry, Principal Speaker—Founders Day Ft Campbell.

18 Feb. Our deepest sympathies go to the grandparents, and Katherine and Phillip, their daughter and son-in-law.

Just when I had thought we'd run through the entire year, Audrey Kastris overjoyed us with three pieces on Jan, Feb, and Mar. In the dark dawn of the first month of the year, Audrey turns off her alarm and lies there with one eye open, letting the other eye doze for a while. When the open eye begins to droop, she reverses them. Her month is filled with books and word games and needlework. Jack sleds and skis, but she toasts by the fire. Feb, Audrey feels, is the right month to be the shortest—get it over with. Half way through, there is the joy of Valentine's Day and sentiment and sugar (great!). It also requires the semi-annual inspection of the automobile, which the car fails (needs new "upper arm control bushings"—not so great). Mar is the gateway to spring, and men play ball while women clean house. It also



1948: The Osteens and the Petersens—M/S Southward.

brings antique shows and Girl Scout cookies. Jogging comes back from hibernation (Jack staggers in after a good workout, claiming he's keeping in shape; Audrey, after one look, concludes he's wearing himself out before his time). She observes that there's a good reason behind the fact that most sports enthusiasts are men: when a man pulls a leg muscle, he recuperates in bed and has his meals carried to him on a tray; if a woman pulls hers, however, she drags herself downstairs if she wants any lunch. In closing, she reveals (or I think she does) the name of their home—Raspberry Gorge. Nice. Keep 'em coming, Audrey.

Caught John Egbert on the local evening news a few weeks ago. He was explaining Metro's budget problems, and where we go from here. It all keeps him hopping, and perennially young.

By means of a change of address card, I got caught up on some of the comings and goings of the Dennis Patterson offspring. Daughter, Erin, sent it to me. She is now an ensign in the U.S. Navy, and is stationed at the Bethesda Nav Med Cen, close to home. Her brother, Edwin, Jr., USMA '77, is now a captain, and brother, William is in the Class of '82, USMA. No mention made of John (the 15th—born in 1963 during June Week. Great to hear from her.

The annual Washington's Birthday party was held over that weekend at Arlington Hall Station Officers' Club. Monk Doty came up from his seashore "shack" to partake of the festivities. The entertainment and food were top drawer, as usual, but an added feature was present. Gene Fleming came down from PA, and gave all much nostalgia and joy with his renditions of the Cremation of Sam Magee and the Shooting of Dan Magrew, from atop a table. He hasn't forgotten a word, much less a line or a verse. For those



1948: Korea.

who never witnessed his performances in the Boodlers and elsewhere, it's a shame you weren't here this year.

Charlotte Webber sent along this fine picture of her very handsome grandsons, Craig (3½) and Robbie (1 year), and reports that Karen will deliver her third grandchild in April. Young Kenny finished the Armored Advanced Class at Knox and now has Hq Company of a tk bn at Ft Stewart, GA. Mother wonders if DA has forgotten that his branch is still Inf. Kurt is a platoon leader with the 4th Div at Carson. He spent the summer at China Lake, CA., and then his bn was sent to Camp McCoy, WI which had something to do with the Cuban refugees Charlotte says. She closes with the note that it amazes her how rapidly we are getting to the front of ASSEMBLY with our class column. Don't think about it, Charlotte.

The picture you see is not from the comic strip, Hagar the Horrible. They are our own Jack Osteen and Bob Petersen, with Pat and Dolly, at the Viking Feast aboard the Southward last January. The cruise took them to Cozumel, Mexico, Grand Cayman Island, Ocho Riuos, Jamaica, and the Bahamas. They are now probably trying to lose the pounds they gained while eating the standard six meals a day aboard the ship.

The West Point society of New York is scheduled to come to Washington on April 3, and have a joint cocktail party with the Washington group. At last report Bob & Judy Cushing were planning to come with the group.

Have a good, safe summer, and we'll greet you again after Labor Day. In the meantime, what in the world are you up to???

'49

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Tom Marsh was installed as the new Cmdr AFS Cmd on 30 Jan before a large crowd at Andrews AFB. Among the gathering were a number of classmates to honor Tom and Jo on this occasion, including Dick Henry, Jim Stansberry, George Sylvester, Abbott Greenleaf, Jack Cronin, Bill Bumpus and Jack Albert. Jim Stansberry had just received word of his nomination for a 3d star and selection to replace Tom Marsh at ESD. Our congratulations to Jim and Audrey.

Along with the joy, there always seems to be some sorrow and his report is no different. Chuck Spettel has contracted lung cancer



1949: George and Muriel Crall.

and has undergone several months of treatment which has forced his ret from teaching. Norm Hopkins is still undergoing the ravages imposed by Parkinson's Disease and is confined to a wheelchair out in Monument, CO.

Thanks to Charlie Cheever we have some late word on Steve White. Steve has switched speech therapists and appears to be making progress after the change. He has also bought himself a motorized tricycle as a source of transportation in the San Antonio area. It's difficult to realize that 30 years have passed since Steve was wounded so badly in Korea, he's surely earned himself a place of honor in the hereafter, it's been a long struggle for him.



1949: Hugh and Bonnie Wynne.

The Class of '45 requested our support in naming the new ice rink in the proposed Cadet Indoor Athletic Facility in honor of BC George Casey, a former hockey player who was killed in combat in Vietnam. By unanimous vote at our meeting on 19 Mar, the members of the Class voted this support. I wrote a letter to SA Marsh endorsing the Class position.

Dave Bolte reports that the AOG is paying 9.1% interest on our Class Funds held by them. Last year we were credited with more than \$500 in interest.

The annual election of Class Officers was held at our 27 Jan meeting. Elected to serve for the next year were George Hoffmaster—Pres, Hugh Kinney—V/P, Dave Bolte—Treas, and your writer—Sec. To give you an idea



1949: Frank and Pat Brock.



1949: The Normans, O'Briens, Rasmussens and Croonquists.



1949: Dick and Cherry Henry.

of attendance at these luncheons, I am attaching our Jan attendance list—if you're going to be in town, please call and try to join us: Charlie Adams, Malcolm Agnew, Carl Arantz, Tom Bamford, Dave Bolte, Jack Carr, Jud Conner, Hillman Dickinson, Pat Donohoe, Joe Eagers, Al English, Bob Ennis, Al Fagg, Dave Hendrickson Frank Hinchion, George Hoffmaster, Web Ivy, Norm Katz, Don Keith, Art Kingdom, Hugh Kinney, Wes Knapp, Bill Lake, Charlie Lehner, Gene Marder, Paul Monahan, Bob Noce, Chuck Olen-tine, Duane Smith, Bob Springer, Joe St. Clair, Doug Stickley, George Summers, Lee Surut, Ted Swett, Ed Triner, John Vander-Voort.

Dave Hendrickson won the award for the longest distance commuter at the luncheon, he was visiting from CA.

Paul Monahan was hospitalized for a bit fighting off an attack of encephalitis, which he has done successfully, but he followed



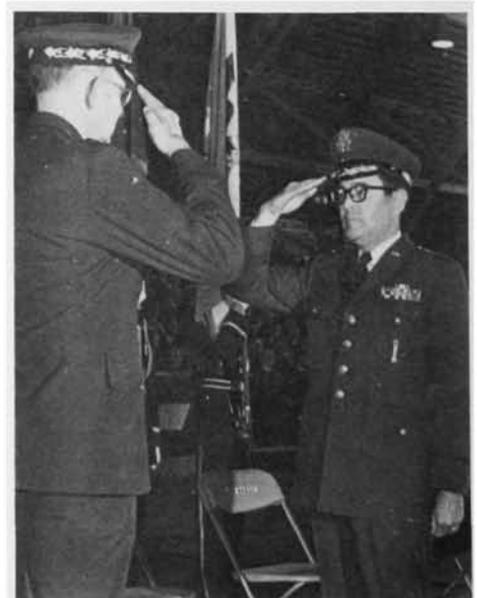
1949: Founders Day Ft Bragg.



1949: LTG Jim Stansberry—Cmdr ESD, Jan 81.

that up by breaking his foot, still getting around in slippers.

Hugh Kinney underwent a double hernia operation which laid him low for close to a month. Geo Hoffmaster took off for FL to see his beloved Phillies in spring training and



1949: Allen, Marsh, and Slay: Change of command ceremony—29 Jan 81.



1949: Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

just incidentally went by way of Spartanburg, SC, to see his new grandchild. While visiting in SC, he was in touch with Pete Palmer who is still in the greeting card business and thinking of opening a 2d store in Greenville, SC. Dene Balmer has left our group for a new FL home in Homosassa on the Gulf Coast above Tampa—he will continue to sell aircraft for OMNI Inc there. Unbeknownst to Dene, Priscilla Milliken and the Lamberts also bought in the same



1949: The Woods, Yeats, and Jones'.

area. Priscilla will probably move there in Jun with Bill and Jean following at the end of the summer. Carl Arantz also departed our midst and becomes a deep Southerner again in Savannah, GA. Kirby Lamar is the Exec Dir for AFCEA, a national Assn of Communicators and he is busily engaged in planning their new Hqs building to be built in suburban VA.

Heard from Bill Stemple still Dir of Govt



1949: Connell—President, West Point Society of Bay Area, at Founders Day dinner.

Affairs for Allied Research in NJ. Had lunch in Boston in Feb with Tim Cronin and Jack Kiely. Jack Finley was to join us but got called away on business at the last moment. Tim has successfully completed the sale of Inforex his old company and is consulting for the new owners but looking for new fields to conquer. Pat & Jane Donahue have completed their move to the Annapolis area and Carl & Ginna Fitz have moved to Shady-side just south of Annapolis—we're gaining strength in that area, have to open an Annapolis chapter of the Class.

Bob Noce has taken on the chairmanship of the Memorial Day cmte and will head a group decorating classmates' graves at Arlington.

Had to work hard to come up with a column this quarter, I need a few letters especially since ret has spread us out pretty well—WRITE!!

'50

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It's nice to begin this column with the good news of 3 classmates picked for perm MG: Chuck Graham, Bill Read and Jim Thompson. Congratulations to all 3.

I had a nice note from Vance Brown last Nov, which slipped under other papers on my desk, so that I didn't mention it in the last issue of ASSEMBLY—apologies, Vance. He and JoAnne live in Mt Shasta, CA, where for the last 3 yrs Vance has been going to school at College of the Siskiyow and at Chico State U. He majored in Accounting and completed his studies Jun 80.



1950: The Jones', Hayes', Johnsons, Samseys, and Milias.

A few Xmas letters arrived after the last deadline. It's always nice when some do come late. The column which has its deadline right after Xmas is always long, but this one with a 30 Mar deadline is nearly always short. Hint, hint: I could use some letters throughout the year.

Chuck & Peggy Tonningsen live in Union, WA, where they are in the midst of spectacular beauty with the Olympic Mtns in the background. They've cleared brush, felled trees, and are half-way finished staining their house. Mowing the lawn takes 4 hours (when everything goes well). They love the town, have helped form a new community church, and are enthusiastic about their work. An early Nov windstorm dropped a 170 foot Pine across the front yard, "and a 100 foot Cedar tried to become a house plant." The damage



1950: Oviver-Smith Wedding.

to the house was slight, fortunately, "and we needed the deck fixed anyhow."

John & Margaret Irwin had all their family together in Corvallis, OR, for Xmas, and they were glad to get "home" after 15,000 miles of driving in a trailer, with their 3 dogs. They had left 1 Mar on their way to the '30-'50 Reunion, and in 10 mos saw all of the coastal U.S. and Nova Scotia, keeping the spring weather shining on their trailer. Patti (who graduated with a BS in Microbiology) and Libby (who is a CPA in CA) joined them for part of the trip. Patti is now job hunting in Portland, near brother Bill who is in the Coos Bay area of OR; John and Lisa live together in Klamath Falls where they both attend OR Inst of Tech—she is working on a Nursing degree, and his field is Accounting. Kelly lives in Pomona, CA, where she attends Mt Sac; Muffin and her husband Dan live in Corvallis. Wonder how long it will be 'til Jack and Margaret get itchy feet again?

Laurie & Jean Eck never seem to pause between all the interests they have in this area of the country. Laurie ret in Jun, and a few months later joined Science Applications, Inc. in McLean, VA. Jean teaches at No. VA. Comm Coll and gives talks as well to schools, TV, clubs, etc. Son Lauris lives at home, and in addition to his job, is a volunteer firefighter and has taken up sky-diving for fun. Daughter Donna Veeve and her husband Jim live in Winston-Salem, NC. Daughter Jeanie is a Jr. at UNC at Charlotte, where she is a Criminal Justice major. Laurie and Jean had a trip to France and Ireland last summer—one of several of 80's highlights.

Warde & Dode Wheaton sent their annual letter from Deephaven, MN. Only 2 of their young people are still at home, which meant Warde had to mow the lawn for the first time in years. The college population has dropped from 5 to 4—that's progress. Warde continues his work with Honeywell as VP of the Aerospace and Defense Group, also served with Junior Achievement, United Way, and managed a good bit of travel, in the U.S. and Europe. Dode is active with many groups including YWCA, Omegon Ctr and Jr. League. She also managed several trips, one of which



1950: Sibbles-Limbert Wedding.



1950: Read-Weber Wedding.

included a flight in the Grand Canyon in a small plane. Their family: Cheryl and Rick Newell live in south Minneapolis where Cheryl is a bank Commercial Loan officer; David works for a bank in the same area, having completed his MBA at Northwestern. John married Kelly Soelberg in Jun and they live in the same area; he is in his 2d yr of law sch at Minnesota. Jim, a Sr. at Brown, is applying to law schools. Susan had a yr in Europe, is now a Jr at UWA in Seattle. Liza is a Soph at U of Western WA. Paul is a H.S. Jr, was pres of his Soph class. Anne, an 8th grader is developing into quite an athlete; she lettered on the H.S. track team, also plays volleyball and basketball. Quite a family.

Dick & Anne Leavitt think Omaha is a great place to live. Dick is Vice-CINCSAC at Offutt AFB. No. 1 daughter Chris (Mrs. Richard D. Whitmyre) lives in Mahopac, NY; their daughter Gracie was 4 in Jan. Son Trig "married a lovely NE girl in Aug 80"; he works in Omaha for Union Pacific as an industrial engr in sys anal. No. 2 daughter Mary is a Jr at Stanford U in Palo Alto, is also in the indl engr field.



1950: Korea.

We have several wedding pictures this time. Graham & Nancy Sibbles' son David married Cindy Limbert on 9 Aug 80 in Cincinnati, OH. In Vicksburg, MS on 29 Nov 80 Bill & Mary Ann Reads' daughter, Ann Kirby, married Andrew Hugh Weber; at the top of their picture you'll see Dick & Marilyn Hunt who went from Oklahoma City for the festivities. On 3 Jan 81 in DC, Art & Joan Shemwells' son, Eric Jeffrey, married Lori Lynn Fenton. Art and Joan live in Gaffney, SC. The newlyweds honeymooned in HI, are living in Wheeling, WV, where Eric is area mgr for Miller Brewing Co. Valentine's Day is certainly a logical day for a wedding, and we had 2 in this area: Hank & Phyll Singletons' son, Gary Scott, married Anne Whitsitt at Ft Myer. Nearby in DC, Sandy & Beth Oliver's daughter Kim married Jeffrey Wayne Smith. In the picture of classmates with the bride and groom, Kim's godfather, Frank Borman, is missing. He and Sue had come up from FL for the happy occasion, but had to leave before the picture was taken.

On 14 Feb 81, Bill Ward took over the NY Reserves. The change of command ceremony for the 77th ARCOM was held at Floyd Bennett Field on Long Is. Elaine, of course, was there, and the Class was represented by Morris Herbert and Bob Wilson, who drove down from WP for the occasion. Congratulations, Bill! Had a note recently from Elaine, giving news of their young people: son Gary



1950: The Lees, McDowells, Warners, Newtons, and Thomases—Founders Day St. Petersburg.

graduated from Lafayette Coll where he won the award for outstanding senior military student. He received a RA commission, finished Ranger sch, and is now with the 2d Div at Ft Hood. Daughter Michelle finished American U in 3 yrs with a double major: Special Education and Communications; she is now an asst producer for Children's Educational Film Ctr in DC. Son Greg is a Jr at Delaware U; Jeff and his wife and 2 children live



1950: The Hirsches and Sandersons, Founders Day San Francisco.

in San Ant; Suzanne, 14, is at home—a H.S. freshman and competitive swimmer.

Tom & Betty Lou Austin flew to Germany in Mar to welcome a new grandchild, Jennifer Kay, born 10 Mar 81 to son Tom and his wife Cheri. On their way home they enjoyed a good visit with Bill Mastoris while they were waiting for a space available ride from Rhein Main to CONUS. Bill, who was recalled to active duty for a 3-year tour in Greece as the NATO LnO, was en route to San Ant to join old golf buddies for a trip to Acapulco. He had good stories of the Mar earthquake in Athens which must have loosened his tongue enough to compete with Tom in recalling old friends and bygone days.

John Jones, my old roomie from I-1 days, joined the ranks of the contractors in Feb, going back to his old stomping grounds in Huntsville, AL to help Teledyne Brown with their BMD contract. John got back up to this area in Feb and Mar for a weekend, said he has been enjoying the new challenges and that he has already been on a trip to the west coast with Gray Tate, who heads up the Army's BMD Sys Cmd (John says Gray is one busy guy). Eileen and Jeffrey, a H.S. senior, will join John after the end of the school year and Jeff's graduation. Son John Patrick lives near Boston, and daughter Victoria is a student at VPI in Blacksburg, VA.

I recently had a nice visit with Evelyn McCoy, who filled me in on her grandchildren. She now has 3, Kim's children, and they all live in the Sun country of Albuquerque: Silas Carlton, 6 yrs, Christopher, 2 yrs and the



1950: MacMull—Founders Day Ft. Campbell.



1950: The Maladowitzes and Mrs. Hood—Founders Day Charleston.

latest addition, Jeffrey, who was born in Oct 80. Son Mike lives in DC, works for Delta Airlines; son Pat is a Sr at VPI in Blacksburg, VA.

Had a note from Jack Allen who had just returned from FL. He and Eloise had seen Bill & Lois Slavins several times while there; they're both doing well. Their daughter has a 3-year-old son, and their son and his wife are expecting a baby shortly.

Dan McDaniel called from CA in Jan to check on the '30-'50 book. He is with SRI as the Asst Dir in the Radio Physics Lab. Although he doesn't see many classmates out there, he did have a visit with Gray Tate during one of Gray's frequent visits to the Bay Area. Daughter Martha is married to Randy Moeckli, who also is working for SRI.



1950: The Ferns and McClearys.

Martha is currently working on her Master of Fine Arts degree at San Jose State Coll. Both sons are still in school, also. David is at lovely Foothill College on the hills overlooking the south bay and John is in H.S. at Menlo Park.

Ardath Wilson wrote from Indian Rocks Beach, FL, that her driving of children is now over, since youngest child, Borden, is now a driver herself. Ardath took a course in Marine Biology last winter and enjoyed it.

Ralph Detherow told us the good news that



1950: Founders Day Ft Bragg.

Frank Duggins is now the Mayor of Marshal, MO. Robin and I talked to Ralph and Corinne in Feb; sounds like days stay busy for them, as with us all. Ralph's parents visited in Nov; their daughter Diana is looking forward to college in the fall, so they're involved with all that that decision entails.

Had a nice note from Tom Loper a week ago, when Dave Pettit, Joy Viskochil and George Schaeffer visited Tom and Jinny in Satellite Beach, FL, early in Mar. George and Joy were both looking at Condos, George interested in being near a golf course, and Joy wanting to be near the ocean. Big news from the Lopers was the marriage of their daughter Becca to David Lynch at Patrick AFB on 14 Mar 81; the newlyweds will be living in Alexandria, VA, at least for the present. Son Tom II was home for Spring leave from WP, disappointed that the weather wasn't warmer!

Ruth Sanderson sent the picture of her and Sandy, with Vin & JoAnn Hirsch which was taken 13 Mar.



1950: The Prentisses, Duggins and Warners—Ft Leonard Wood Founders Day.

At our monthly '50 Bridge evening recently, I learned from Wendy & Penny Phillips that their daughter Mary Kay and her husband, Mike Eaton, had their first baby on 28 Nov 80: Paul Charles Eaton weighed 8 lbs 3 oz. Harry "Steff" & Lois Steffensen then told of their new grandson, Eric James Johnson, who was born on 6 Mar 81, first child of Janet & Jim Johnson, weighing 10 lbs 13 oz.

At the gathering of the WP Soc of New England on 15 Jan in Boston, several classmates enjoyed the presentation by new Dir of Athletics Carl Ullrich. Al Crawford, Donal Fahey, George Fifield, Leo Romaneski and Reg Lombard all shared recent experiences. Reg had driven from Portland, ME, and Don had made the trip from Providence, RI. Leo said, "The New England Class contingent, although small, is vigorous and happy." Leo & Marilyn are themselves new grandparents. Son Mark and his wife Karalee had a little girl, Rebecca Jean, on 31 Jan 81 in Boston, MA. Both Marilyn and Leo were out of town at the time, but returned to greet the little bit of humanity labeled Romaneski on pink cardboard in the hospital nursery.

That's about all the news for this time. How about writing me a letter so the next column will be longer?

'51

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As you read this column, the 30th Reunion is history. But what a history! Over 300 classmates and their OAs showed up for the festivities which began promptly on the eve-



1951: Clint and Maria Granger wedding.

ning of 20 May. At the business meeting the next day emphasis was on the Reunion theme—A New Beginning for '51 in '81—with the goal of building greater Class unity while identifying goals and objectives to provide direction for Class activities over the next five years. Following the business meeting, services were held at WP for our departed classmates. Kerm Johnson, Chief of Chaplains, conducted a sensitive, moving ceremony in honor of our members of the Long Gray Line departed. 30 classmates are interred outside WP and the following 11 are at WP: Barton, Campbell, Foster, Hardesty, Hutson, MB Johnson, Kuhn, Leyshon, Milliman, P Sheridan, & Storck. From there, the class had a picnic lunch at Round Pond followed by scheduled Alumni activities.

Thanks go to MAJ Charles Vehlow, CPTs Ronald Adkins and Bryan Maher who honchoed and guided us from their desk at the Ramada. It would be too difficult a task to thank all the classmates who made this reunion so successful. Ernie Peixotto started putting things together before leaving for Europe. Al Akers took over the detail of organizing the working committees: Billing—Steele, Motel Activities—Edler, Events—Joe Smith, Yearbook—Leffler, Commemoratives—Ruth Sheridan.

And thanks to the man on the spot who got involved in everything—Rogers, the man who made sure the dollars were where they were supposed to be—Zurawski, and all those unselfish classmates and wives who participated so efficiently and wholeheartedly. But the greatest kudos go to Sandy Sanderson, the smiling—persistent—innovative—unflappable co-chairman who along with Tom McMullen (who continued to ably assist and coordinate even after leaving DC) made sure that everything was taken care of.

For those who could not attend the Reunion, don't feel left out. Order the class commemorative—The Napachief set specially designed for the class of '51 by Frankie Welch. She has designed scarves and canvas bags for many of America's most notable men and women in business, politics and the arts.



1951: Cortner, Remson, Roberge, Sites and Duke.



1951: Classmates in Ab Webber's suite in Philly.

Napachief is the word for napkin or handkerchief. It can be used as a cocktail napkin, handkerchief, or in a coat pocket. It's tastefully designed with the Academy colors and subtly identifies the class. It is usable at any time. A few sets consisting of 8 Napachiefs are available by mailing \$14.00 to Ruth Sheridan, 8025 Candlewood Drive, Alexandria, VA 22306. (Ruth, Carol Meyer and Jean Peter did the analysis, selection of design and have supervised production.)

The bargain of the year will be the Reunion Yearbook which will be published by Joslin (Howitzer publisher) about the end of the year. Approximately 200 signed up for a copy prior to the Reunion. The yearbook will document the results of the business meeting and the Reunion events as well as providing photo, bio and addresses of classmates. If you haven't yet, send in your detailed bio and photos to John Leffler, 3201 Batter Sea Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309. While you're about it, you can also send a copy of your bio and photos to the Association of Graduates. The AOG maintains a folder on every individual who ever attended USMA. Some of these files have had nothing put in them since graduation.

The following specifics pertaining to the Astronaut Memorial were provided to WP by Sam Dickens chairman of the WP Astronaut Commission: 1st Phase—heroic figure of astronaut on grounds mutually acceptable to WP and commission; 3-dimensional tableau behind figure listing missions and participants—emphasis on West Pointers. 2d Phase—documents about space in library. 3d Phase—memorabilia from astronauts in museum. The commission is composed of reps from '50, '51, '52, '54, and '55.

Congratulations to Akers, Atkeson, Peter, Rockwell & Stan Sheridan who came out on the permanent 2-star list the beginning of this year. The Dec 80 ASSEMBLY listed Robbie Robinson's son Bruce and Rick Buck's son Nicholas as a USMA and USNA plebe respectively—congratulations. (Reg Reps please note: 79% of our class read the ASSEMBLY. Non-subscribers are marked on your rosters from the Reunion. Let's aim for 100% subscription. Annual rates for AOG members is \$9 and \$11 for non-members.) Quite a few people read the ASSEMBLY including non-graduates. As examples, this past quarter, a retired SCM called me from Ayre, MA to ask for Bucky Harris' address—and a retired LTC wrote me from Bellevue, WA inquiring about Bill Lemnitzer and asking for his address.

SAD NOTES: George Gividen's wife June passed away suddenly in Jan at Copperas

Cove, TX. Their children, Rick, Kathi and Michael, participated in the services. Interment was in Columbus, GA. George's address is 702 S. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522. In March, Chuck Ewing's father—USMA '27 passed away. Services were held at the Ft Myer Chapel. The class extends our heartfelt concern, sympathy and prayers to George and Chuck.

Kerm Johnson's wife Lynn was fully ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Ch this past Mar. Her ministry will be to military women and wives. This spring, Lynn was joined by Kerm in Japan and Korea where she held a workshop and spoke to service women and wives. Ed & Jean Peter held the class mid-winter get-together in their quarters at Ft Myer during Feb. Almost 100 people elbowed their way into an event which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Ed and Jean made each one attending feel like a congressman! But then, Ed and Jean have had plenty of experience doing just that. Everyone joined in singing happy birthday to Ellie Beckiewicz. (Pete passed on that he had the satisfaction of writing the last check after 11 yrs of college bills!) Mike Mallea-gil had planned to be at the get-together but couldn't make it at the last minute. Mike is a BG in the Argentine Army and arrived for attache duty in Jan. He also is the Army Delegate to the IADB. One of the first things



1951: Herte, the Meyers and the Fosters.

he did in DC was to attend the Jan class luncheon. Our class administrator, Doris Buell and her husband spent two weeks in Europe this spring with the Peixottos. Doris started performing admin duties for the class on her own time six years ago with Ernie Peixotto and is continuing with Al Akers. We're all grateful for her help and conscientiousness in attending to class matters. Ron Roberge, PA Reg Rep, reports that he, Sandy Cortner, Andy Remson & Joe Sites will be ret this June. Joe Sites thinks that he may be coming to DC in a civilian position. Andy Remson has taken out a Prof Engr license in PA so it looks as if he plans to stay in the area. Sandy Cortner owns a home in Carlisle and plans to stay there. Sandy still has two girls in school so he definitely has to find a job in the area. His other daughter is also settled in the area—married to a local dairy farmer. Ron & Scotty Roberge bought a 40-yr old house in downtown Carlisle and moved in last Oct. Ron had his NY Prof Engr license transferred to PA. Two of their five children are in college ROTC—Cathy and Chip—and both plan on being commissioned. Kim is a HS freshman and is still at home. Reg Rep George Meighen writes that he and Anne had a long weekend with Mary & Dan Foldberg in the Foldberg's beautiful home in

Ponca City, OK. Dan is very active in civic affairs. As an example, while George and Ann were there, Dan gave two separate speeches to female-type clubs (what did he talk about?). Sel Graham, the TX Reg Rep reported in about the G2 members he contacted around the country to attend the Reunion. Dave Carroll, who left the VA area for NC recently—also recently (in Jan) married. Ed & Fran Partain's daughter Lisa now married to Engr CPT at GA Tech—son John a Jr at FL St U. Dr. John R. Hook, 11d of the Dept of Business and Ecs at Mt St Mary's Coll in Emmittsburg, MD passed on to Sel that he still clicks off 25 miles per week! Wife Pat works in antiques part time. Sandy Cortner felt Sel's appeal was more like an RBI. And Bill Bradley quoted something—Be Not Like Dumb Driven Cattle—which meant he had already signed up for the Reunion! Sel's notes to Bob Mcilwain & Walt Miller were both returned to sender. From among the TX contingent, Ralph Cooper has moved to Munich Germany—still working with TX Instruments—and expects to return to the States next year.

Dave Betts is still with the Foreign Svc as a Consul Gen but is planning ret so that he can travel between and take care of his two homes, one in Canada and the other in Spain. Red Leffler reports that Billy Joe Ellis plans to retire from the AF this summer. Joe Clemons, Reg Rep for HI and the Far East took two classmates off the missing list. Bill Quinn is in Kaneohe, HI and John Osborn is in Mercer Is, WA. Anyone who needs his yacht delivered, just contact Joe at Joseph Clemons Yacht Deliveries in Kaneohe, HI. Pete Prehn, Southern VA Reg Rep, writes that he saw Fred Henney earlier this year. Fred and Carolee live in Newport News. Fred is an admin with the VA Community Col system. Pete Prehn is still enjoying the small, rural environment at the Rappahannock Community Col where he is Dean of Fin and Admin. Wife Cathy recently received her 4th promotion in 4 yrs as a supervisory training technician in the TRADOC Tng Spt Ctr!! Congratulations—that's really moving. Bruce Robertson from Austin TX located the missing Joe & Virginia Knittle. The Knittles attended a WP function in Tucson and between Bruce and Doris Buell we now have the Knittles' phone number and address in AZ. Larry Crocker wrote in with info on Al Frick. Dud Thompson & Don Kasun. Ted Charney found Bill & Betty Vandenberg. Tom Horgan came in with info on Dr. (MD-type) Charlie McIntosh & GD Brown. Tom's eating place, which I mentioned in the last column is



1951: Ft Belvoir.

"Gasthause . . . zum Edelweiss" in East Hampstead, NH—run by Tom & Erich Horgan. By next column the missing classmate list should be short enough to print here! Moose Matney, SC Reg Rep, came in with more information on Dave Carroll. Dave married Rita in VA and moved down to his "Windsor Castle" in NC where he reports he's "hardly looking" for employment—enjoys his castle too much. Moose is with Pinehurst Airlines—still trying to get passenger service started in Southeast US—as soon as they get planes with seats! They're in the air cargo business now.

Mert Bangerter, Reg Rep from CA, wrote a thoughtful letter about WP communications links to the Far West—and emphasized his concern about recruiting applicants—especially those with athletic talent. If anyone way out that-away finds some outstanding prospect and would rather send the data here, I'd be more than willing to pass this on to the DC WP Society which actively follows up on these suggestions (personally described to me by Ace Collins) and to the Academy office in DCSPER. Mert also passed on that last fall, the USNA grads challenged the USMA grads to a touch-football game before the Army-Navy game. Despite the Navy team being coached by "Zug" Zastro ('50 quarterback) and playing an end from the Staubach team, USMA won 6-0. Great!

Sam Dickens is working with the Am Legion as consultant for national security and foreign relations. This past spring he testified before the Congressional subcmte on Inter-American Affairs about the situation in El Salvador. His daughter Pamela, who's a soph at Sweet Briar Col in VA works summers on the Hill with the Senate Steering Cmte. Wife Marcella is a sub teacher in H.S. Arlie Sherman was in town during Founder's Day week to meet his future daughter-in-law. That son graduated from Georgetown Law S this year. Another son is in the Peace Corps in Thailand and another is studying at the Sorbourne in Paris—Arlie said he'd like to know what he's studying! Arlie also visited roommates Al Akers and Mike Mallea-gil and attended the DC get-together. Bruno Giordano can't do with one company. In Jan, Gio formed two companies to provide financial and personnel staffing services to health and other professionals. (He isn't doing too bad—he and Sandy Sanderson bought a round of Irish coffees for their classmates at the Founder's Day dinner). Godfrey Crowe is at Armed Svcs Tour & Tvl in Arlington and enjoys the work and the traveling. Last year he and Pat were in Bangkok. Pat is a clinical psychologist practicing in Arlington, VA.

Brooks Martin is enjoying ret in Reston, VA. Last summer he pinned 2d Lt bars on youngest son (USMC)—last of the 3 children through college. Brooks reports he and Mary are absolutely satisfied with having time to



1951: The Bradleys, Johnsons, Tausches, Watseys and Pendletons—Founders Day St. Petersburg.

do "our own thing on our own time schedule." Clint Granger married Maria this past year. Clint met Maria while on business in Cairo. She returned home to England. Later Clint flew to England—she came to the States—and voila.

Bits and Pieces: John & Ann Ballards' daughter Amy is asst curator at the Smithsonian Inst. John is in the real estate business in Albuquerque. Dave Carter is ath dir and math teacher at Rocky Hill School in E. Greenwich, RI. Bud Conti is Mgr, Advanced Systems for Vought Corp in Dallas. Larry Crocker is Sr Mgt Engr with NRC in DC. Did you know that he's also editor of "The Army Officer's Guide." Wife Pat is a registered nurse doing volunteer work with the Red Cross. Pete Foss decided to do grad study in Tech Comm after being a Prof and Chmn of the Media-Comm Dept at No. Shore Community Coll in Beverly, MA. Steve Galligan is Dir Admin Svcs, Ft Lauderdale and Pres, GOH Inc (computer software dev). Tom Hastings is a ret capitalist without capital attending UTX while wife Gail is a discussion ldr for Nat Bible Study Fellowship. Jack Martin is Prof in Sch of Business Cn at the UFL. Dick Schwarz is Dep Dir Engr & Cn Div in the ID opns office of USDOE—he's also Chairman, ID Fish & Game Cmsn. Bob Snyder is a math teacher in Crawfordsville, IN.



1951: Classmates in Lemnitzer's den.

From Holly's Notebook: Dean Mulder's wife Nancy is taking a sabbatical leave this summer to work on her PhD. Son Steven is in Anchorage AK working with a law firm—he took his law exam this past spring. Bob and Rita McDonald returned from a sun-filled vacation in Aruba—highly recommended for relaxation and sight-seeing on the beach. Phil Cuny is engaged to Irene and will marry in July—see Irene's pic in column. Brooks and Mary Martin summer at their VA Beach cottage which was formerly owned by Chap F.E. Pulley who married them at WP. Dick and Dabney Mclean's daughter was married at Washington Cathedral in a beautiful ceremony in Feb. Dick and Dabney flew up from FL. Hank and Mary Evans went sailing with Fred and Alice Irving while vacationing in the Virgin Is. They "bareboated"—which according to Hank means that they were the crew and not a literal translation. Bill Lemnitzer is getting classmates to help solve the energy crisis. Bill and Hank Evans are proposing a jt energy devel proj to JAYCOR of Alexandria, VA, using "lemnites" made from seawater components. Bill and Anne Lackman were in from Middleburg VA country living to say that only one of their 7 children wants to go to WP—and he's 13. Anne has a small business designing custom signs, needle point rugs, logos, etc. Sandy Sanderson's friend Ginny Daly was tapped to write the Catalog of Presidential Commemoratives for the Reagan Inaugural which was promoted on TV & radio.



1951: Classmates at Ft Meade Founders Day dinner.

Ted and Sally Atkeson's son is in the AF in CA. Ed Peter's wife Jean is working with the Capitol Children's Museum during her spare time. El and Alice Birdseye were hosts at the Air Space Museum Inaugural Ball—Alice finally talked El into working in a political campaign. One son is a CPT in Germany and the other son is a CPT with 2d Div in Korea. Daughter Susan—at the home—was a girl scout hostess at the Inaugural Ball and got to greet the President and Mrs. Reagan. Frank St Mary was at the Feb get-together with friend Beth. The Saint and Beth plan to marry this year. Martha Doerflinger passes on that Bill and Mitzi Thomas' (from Greenville, TX) twin daughter Terri had twin girls! Tom and Barbara Aaron came up from Hampton VA to attend the Feb get-together. Al Esser was in town on business from CA during the week of the Feb get-together but despite the urgings of his sister Gloria and her husband Tom Stumm, he couldn't stay for the get-together. However, Tom and Gloria did attend. Fran Craig stopped off for business at DARCOM the end of Mar enroute from a seminar in NY to his office in St Louis. Fran will retire the end of Jun and plans to loaf with Bambi and the kids while he leisurely looks for a job and a new career in September. Unless something enticing comes up in the DC area, he'll stay in St Louis.

I hope that everyone is impressed by the outstanding contributions made by the Reg Reps to this column. I am. It rests on the shoulders of the Reg Reps to keep this class together. It's hard work. Please keep it up. The next class luncheons in the DC area will be 25 Jun, 23 Jul and 20 Aug. The next deadline for column input is 20 May—the 30th Reunion!

'52

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I'm sitting here a bit frustrated on 21 Mar, faced with the quarterly task of writing the Class article which you will be reading in Jun, and I'm staring at a dearth of raw material, consisting of 2 short letters, one very brief note and 3 clippings from Army Times. This quarter, I haven't seen any classmates and I have heard from very few.

I received a call this week from John Sullivan, who wanted to send me some info about the quarterly class luncheon in DC. We decided there wasn't time for it to reach me but, since I'll be in DC from Mon night to Tues afternoon, he'll leave me a note at my hotel to add to this article after it's otherwise finished. The day after he called, my boss' secy, who made my hotel reservations had to change them to a different hotel. And, I don't have John's phone number. (Having just moved, most of my records are still



1952: Founders Day Dallas, Tx.

packed in the garage, and I don't know what box to dig into.) So, I called Al Griffin, whose phone number I could locate, to let John know my new hotel. Al told me that he was at the Bolling AFB Founders Day dinner last night. A great time was had by all. '52 was represented by Art Deverill, Al Griffin, Dick Larkin, Don Lasher, Bill Moore, Bill Raiford, and Dick Wiles. The local Founders Day dinner is in Jacksonville tonight. I'm unable to attend but I'm not aware of any classmates in the immediate area who might be there anyway.

My son just called from Ft Riley to say hello, and he quotes from Founders Day info he has received that '52 is represented in that area by Cary B. Hutchinson, Cmdr, 3d ROTC Region, Jack Quinn, ADC for Support, 1st Inf Div, William H. Spencer, Hq 3d ROTC Region, and Gar Weed, head of Civil Preparedness in Topeka, KS. He also said that he had seen Gar's name in the papers a few times in relationship to the events following the missile explosion that took place out there a few months back.

Part of the news I had already received is sad news. Bill Raiford dropped me a note in Jan to report that Bob Hatton had died on 16 Jan at Greensboro, NC. The funeral was at WP on 22 Jan. Some of you may have noted the listing in "Last Roll Call" in Mar.

Meredith Garver let me know that a couple of our Class sons had dropped out of USMA since I wrote my last article. That is also sad news. But Meredith included some upbeat news as well. She informed me how thoroughly WP enjoyed the part it played in the Jan hostage homecoming. She and John even made ABC news while hanging their yellow ribbons. At the time, I was intrigued by the numerical connection in that there were 52 hostages. Meredith said that, "Everything went well and everything seemed to bring credit to the institution."

Tom Nelson wrote that, "After nearly 3 years in the Piedmont, Mary Ann and I will be moving to Kiawah, SC, just outside of Charleston. We bought a beach house there as an investment 3 years ago and like it so much we decided to make it home. The move coincides with completing a job here this summer and sending the last one (son) off to college in the fall. I'll be working for a New York engineering firm, peddling en-

vironmental engr svs in the South. Charleston is not the best located city for that, but I made that a non-negotiable condition in landing my job. We won't be too far from Nancy & Harry Wilson who live on the next island over. Don't know if anyone else in the Class is in the Charleston area. Son Paul '81 joins the CE this summer. Son Mark '76 commands a company of the 2d Engrs in Korea. Other 3 kids in college or soon heading there. No weddings, no in-laws. Paul started in 77 with 7 other classmates' sons and he reports they all hung in till this last year when one flunked out. That's a good number from one class—and a good record. We could man a Class reunion this Jun—I mean May. We've seen the Arnolds a couple times in the last year. They are in Oak Ridge, TN, where Lou is doing good work for SAI (Scientific Applications, Inc?). They are just fine and so are their kids. We'll be at the 30th. I looked up Palatka on the map. I'm sure it's nice but I think I'll take the beach. Good luck on your new house. We expect to build in Kiawah since our beach house might get a little tight as a forever house." Palatka is nice, and it is a small town. And, while we may be 30 or 40 miles from the ocean, we've built our house on a beautiful wooded three acres on the banks of the St. Johns River and you can't beat it.

In a recent issue of Army Times, I saw



1952: The Dupkes, Margie Fitts, and Misch.

Harry Dutchyshyn's face prominently displayed amid a group of generals viewing the one millionth Denville M-732 proximity fuze. Harry is now the CO of the Army Munitions Production Base Modernization Agcy. Also from Army Times, I note that Jack Gilkey is returning from Israel to DC and that Dick Larkin, Sam Wetzel, Ed Thompson, Drake Wilson, and Clarence McKnight have been selected for permanent promotion to MG. Congratulations all!

John Sullivan made the contact in DC (though not without a little tension inasmuch as he didn't get the envelope to me at the hotel but at a Congressman's office that I passed through during the day), and here's his report: "It is my sad duty to report the death of Jim Michel on Fri, 16 Jan 81 at the National Inst of Health, Baltimore Cancer Rsch Proj, where he was undergoing treatment for leukemia. Here are excerpts from a notice in the Ridgway (PA) Record: 'Known and respected throughout the steel industry, Mr. Michel had been Pres of the Airco, Inc. Carbon Div since 79. He joined the company in 1972 as VP—Marketing for electrode and anode sales, and assumed overall marketing responsibility for the Division six years later. Prior to coming to Airco, he was VP of Lectromelt Corp, a Pittsburgh-based electric furnace manufacturing co. Still earlier, he held a number of key executive posts in Union Carbide's domestic and overseas electrode marketing operations. A native of Saginaw, Michigan, Mr. Michel was graduated from USMA at WP, NY, in 1952. He served as an officer with the 82d Airborne Div until 55 when he left the mil to enter industry. He is survived by his wife, the former Shirley Perkins; 2 children, Anne and Jeffrey; his mother, Mrs Lydia Michel of Frankenmuth, MI; and a brother, Philip Michel of Walnut Creek, CA. The family requests that donations be made to the Patient Care Fund, Baltimore Cancer Rsch Proj, UMD Hospital, 22 South Greene St, Baltimore, MD 21201 (Peter H. Wiernik, Director) or to the charity of one's choice.'



1952: Bullock, Leggett, Gleason, Turner, Child and Hoenstine.

"Shirley told me of the great fight put up by Jim and the fine spirit he showed to family, friends and fellow patients. 'He was,' she wrote, 'a remarkable man and his positive approach in dealing with his illness was inspiring. I am terribly proud of him.'" Shirley's address is 638 Sherry Road, St. Mary's, PA 15857.

"The quarterly Class luncheon was held on Thurs, 5 Mar at Ft McNair. Here's the list of those who attended: Ollie Bovard, Paul Brown, Al Griffin, John Kenney, Birt Kidwell, Dick Larkin, Jim McInerney, Bill Moore, Otis Moran, Gerry Nabor, Frank Pimentel, Tom Rehm, Herb Schandler, Charlie Sell, Fred Stevens, John Sullivan, Bill Walker, Drake Wilson, and Chuck Youree. On 30th

reunion matters, **Birt Kidwell** reported that lodging arrangements which must be confirmed this summer, tentatively include 3 motels in the Newburgh vicinity. Birt's questionnaire has drawn responses from 125 classmates who plan to attend, some single, most accompanied. Respondents want a yearbook plus a memento, but, according to Birt, they want them at bargain '52 prices. **Paul Brown** reported on preparations for the summer Class party which will have come and gone by the time this letter is published. (Sat, 23 May is the date for the party.) We'll report on it for the Sept issue. We should also have, by then, information on nominations for Class Pres which is not available as this is being written."

In the interim, I also received the following: From **John Kenney**, "Marie and I are here at Snowmass (Resort, CO) attending an annual business seminar in ski country. Bob Dunn ('51) and Jim Prescott ('49) are with us. Plan to see **Herb & Liz Devins ('52)** and **Dave Hughes ('50)** in Colo Spgs."

From **King Coffman**, "I'm beginning to take hold in the headhunting business. Like anything else similar, you need to build a clientele. There's nothing like having a Corps of satisfied customers. (Remember: 'Ask the man who owns one!')



1952: Fort Belvoir.

I hate to end on a sad note, but **Jay Luther** reported the death of **Paul Gray's** widow, **Mary**, by including copies of 2 letters; the first from a friend of the Grays, **Lou Shuffstall**: "It is with much sadness that I write this letter to inform you of the death of our dear friend, **Mary Gray**. As you probably know she has not been well for several years—in fact just last May had her spleen removed. I am afraid that she was just not able to overcome the shock and was back in the hospital in late Sept at which time a tumor was found on her heart. Her body was just not able to cope—so on 14 Nov went to sleep and just did not wake up. The children are doing very well—we are so very proud of them. The triplets are freshmen at the Jr. College in Ft Walton and **Laura and Tom** are at Auburn U. The younger boys are living in their house—**Mary** wanted them to keep it. My husband and I are their Godparents—so I volunteered to acknowledge the cards that were received at Xmas. There is so little else that we could do. If you do have any questions concerning the children, please feel free to write. (342 Vista Del Rey, El Paso, TX 79912)" Then, from **Jay**, "Dear Mrs. Shuffstall, It was good of you to let people know about **Mary Gray's** death. What would we ever do without friends and neighbors who fill in the gaps when things don't come out as precisely as we once thought they would! I was **Paul's** roommate at West Point and



1952: The Brewsters—Founders Day St. Petersburg, FL.

entertained him and some of his friends at Ft Bragg preceding the time of his death. Then, since I was stationed temporarily at Tampa when he was killed, I was able to be with **Mary** during the funeral time. We have kept up correspondence since, and I wrote **Paul's** Obituary for the Academy magazine, **ASSEMBLY**. So, it is a shock in a way to think of her not with us anymore. It is hard to imagine how she dealt with the circumstances that left her with five tiny children, but she really did herself proud. I would appreciate the addresses of the children, so that I might continue to be their contact with the Academy and the Class of '52. During our reunions there may be a time when **Paul** will be memorialized in some additional way, and I'm sure they would like to know about it. I ret from the service in 70 and now am an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, living here in **Fredricksburg VA**. Again, if I can be of any help with **Paul's** and **Mary's** children, let me know. I will send a copy of this letter and your letter to our Class Scribe, **Ralph Garver**, so that others might know of **Mary's** death. Thank you again for your kindness to them."

Until the next time, please keep those cards and letters coming!

'53

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The Founders Day dinner at Ft Belvoir turned into a gala event for '53 this year. With **Max Noah** in command at Ft Belvoir, a great turnout of classmates and wives came out to celebrate the event. Attending were: **Bill Burdeshaw**, the **Max Noahs**, **Gary Colonas**, **Jack Yales**, **Dick Remers**, **Fred Sieberts**,



1953: Flertzheim, Butler and Brown—Founders Day San Francisco.

Jack Neubergers, **Jim Mileys**, **Don Ramsays**, **Vald Heibergs**, **Jim Linkas**, **Norm Delbridges**, **Bert Fullers**, **Roger Ellmans**, **Bob Joyces**, **Glenn Otis'** and the **Fred Reynolds**.



1953: A. E. Brown.



1953: Founders Day Ft Bragg.



1953: **Hazlett**, **Colvin** and **Sibley**—Founders Day Dallas, TX.



1953: Korea.



1953: Founders Day Ft Belvoir.

Received a letter from Rolf Arnhy who reports on the second annual Founders Day Sunday brunch that Rolf started last year in his area of southern CA. Attending this event were Rolf and June, the Sarkis Semaryians, Bob McDonnell, Ralph Greer, and Chuck Ramsgate. Ralph Greer just moved to Pasadena from San Fran. Howard Thompson is also now living in Pasadena and is in the real estate business.

Bob Bartlett writes from his home in Camp Hill, PA, that Spike Holman, at a change of command ceremony, turned over the 2090th U.S. Army Reserve Sch which he has commanded for quite some time. Spike is the head of Carson Long Mil Prep Sch in New Bloomfield, PA.

Your scribe's job as a Congressional staffer has forced me to make some trips to mil installations around the country over the past several months (trips not junkets). It's been great to see classmates on these trips. On a recent trip to Ft Sill I had a nice visit with Ed & Sue Dinges. Ed is doing a great job at Ft Sill. Also ran into Dick Lawrence at Ft Hood and John Smythe at Ft Sam Houston.

It is not unusual to see classmates testifying before Congressional Cmtes. I walked into an Armed Svs hearing last week and was surprised to see the witness table dominated by '53 as Sandy Meloy and Norm Delbridge were holding forth with heated testimony. Not sure what they said, but it was with great eloquence.

I had hoped to have an artist's conception of the 30th Reunion gift of the room in the library to print in this column, but I will have to wait until next time. For those of you who didn't see the last issue, the recommended gift will be a Cadet Recreational Reading/Browsing Room in the area located on the third floor in the northeast corner of the USMA Library. Funds are still urgently



1953: Arduna and Johnson with Class sons, Martin '83 and Johnson '83.

needed. Please don't forget to indicate Class of '53 Fund whenever you give to the WP Fund so that our Class will get the credit.

There were many many retirements in 79 and 80. Please let me hear from some of you. Your classmates would love to know where you are and what you are doing. If you are rich enough to just loaf and play golf, let me know that too so that we who must still toil can envy you. All of you please writel So long.



1953: The Dinges with Bob Breckenridge at Fort Sill.

'54

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MG Carl McNair '55 was kind enough to forward to me information and pictures of the award ceremony at Ft Rucker for the presentation of the DMSM to Peggy Patterson on behalf of her late husband and our classmate, Pat Patterson (K-2). Peggy and son Mercer H. Jr. are residing at 3709 8th St, Gulfport, MS; Teresa Elen in Dallas, and Mrs. Linda Iannuzzi in Baltimore. Pat served in Vietnam and was awarded the Silver Star for bravery and the Purple Heart for wounds received.

Carol Reed reported from Denver, CO, that Bob Reed ret at Ft Leavenworth and without skipping a day, went to work for Martin-Marietta in Denver on the MX missile program. They live within driving distance of the best skiing in the nation and have placed the welcome mat out at 7567 St. Crocker Court, Littleton, CO. Carol stated that Price Darling had disappeared at Barstow, CA, and Frank Hart reported that Price



1954: MG McNair Jr. '55, CG Ft Rucker and Mrs. Peggy Patterson.

is at Ft Irwin establishing the Army's Natl Tng Cen.

Roger Brown was in DC on Pentagon business and gave me a short phone call prior to leaving Ft Monmouth. Roger is at Ft Leavenworth as the TRADOC Sys Mgr on Position Navigation programs. Roger may be the last classmate on active duty in the Leavenworth area.

Founders Day (DC) was held at Bolling AFB and the Class turned out 14 bodies: Doug Stuart, Lee Thackwray, John Woodyard, Frank Hart, Bob Adams, Aggi Aguilar, Ed Pawlowski, Fred Qualls, Jim Obendorfer, Ed Aguanno, Walt Evans, Glenn Matsumoto, Yale Weatherby, and Andre Broumas' brother John.

Information obtained during the feasting is probably inaccurate, but interesting.

Ed Aguanno has been picked for BC. Ed was the only classmate to make this last list. Ed is currently the Dpty Dir of Wpns Sys ODCSRDA. Winnie and Ed have 5 daughters, 4 of which are now married (3 to West Pointers). BG Bill Odum is being reassigned from NSC to DA/ACSI. Chuck Wilson is still at CIA (PIO). Frank Hart is the Dir of Army Rsch Inst in Alexandria, VA. Frank talked to Bill Hauser, who is in the Big Apple working for William Paley, the Chmn of the Board for CBS. Frank stated that Jack Swaren is ret and in the training device business at Newport News, VA. John Woodyard attended our GALA from Atlanta where he is a corporate psychologist in a mgmt consultant firm which is akin to doing social work among the rich. Doug Stuart reports that he saw John Ekhart at the Army-Navy game; Jim Moore is in DCSOPS, Pentagon, Bill Barns is teaching architecture at the U So. FL and has a firm on the side; Jim Henry and Chet Piolunek both are with Ron



1954: The Vinsons, Brandburys, O'Connors and Mischaks—Founders Day San Francisco.



1954: Boose and the Buttons—Founders Day St. Petersburg.

Morris' firm in VA. Jack Miller is a Proj Mgr for an engr proj at Ft Belvoir. Lee Thackwray is with DOC/NDAA in the controlling of satellites; daughter Susan is studying for a law degree; Robert is a SP-4 at Ft Wainwright, AK, with 2 children and wife Lili; Lee and Frances are living in Ft Washington, MD.

Dick Hobbs, VP Intl, Teledyne Corp., is shuttling between DC and Paris in arranging for Teledyne's Chateau for the Paris Air Show. Walt Evans is now the Dir, Facilities for Ross Perot (USNA '53) Electronic Data Sys (EDS) Corp. Yale Weatherby is with a small research and engineering firm as VP, Def Sys Div.

Incoming mail was down this past quarter, so please give your scribe a hug today and write or call.

'55

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Warmest congratulations to Don & Chickie Hilbert and Ted & Mary Carolyn Gay on Don's and Ted's selection for promotion to brigadier general. Having had the pleasure of serving with both of them, I can assure you that it's an honor they both richly deserve.



1955: Viney-Erbele Wedding, 1980.

Speaking of the Hilbert's, Dorothy accompanied me on a recent business trip to Honolulu where she and Chickie spent a very nice day together. Don was in Korea for an exercise so, unfortunately, we missed seeing him and extending personal congratulations. The Hilbert's oldest daughter, Susie, has finished college and is now back in Hawaii working. Don, D.C. is a sophomore at the UHI, Kathy and Marianne are respectively a senior and sophomore at Leihehua High, and James is a second grader. Chickie says that James keeps her and Don young. Among the many congratulatory calls the Gilbert's received



1955: Fort Belvoir.

was one from John & Sherry Giddings. John is currently selling real estate in MD.

Speaking of Ted Gay, it's good to see that my old Vietnam roommate made general in spite of the fact he spent his whole tour in Vietnam packing box shavings in my coffee cup. Besides rooming with Ted, I occupied a desk next to him in J3 MACV and Ted was always either sending or receiving a package. There wasn't a day that passed without my ending up with a cupful of the packing material. Just for the record, another of Ted's idiosyncrasies was elephant collecting. At one time, there were over twenty large ceramic elephants in our room. I didn't worry until one evening I found Sabu, (Ted) trying to hook them all up trunk to tail.

second with a State Department mission. Dan says that he may be the original pin striped purple suiter in the U.S. Army. Wife, Anne, operates the American Community library while his daughters attend college in the U.S. and Europe. His activities with diplomats, politicians, industrialists and the press make the job both complex and interesting. Dan has published quite a few articles on Soviet and U.S. comparisons and armaments policy.

While at Rainstein AFB, found that Sid Mason was the USAREUR representative to USAFE. Sid was away at a meeting so we didn't have a chance to get together.

Marlowe Viney sent a picture and note to catch the classmates up on Jack and the rest of the Viney clan. Their daughter, Patricia became Mrs. Henry Erbele around the time of the 25th which explains Jack's absence from the festivities. Jack's presently working with Aerojet in Azusa where he is responsible for mission analysis in the target activated munitions division, and occasionally gets to Ft Sill. Marlowe writes that his most enjoyable pasttime is "driving" his Cessna 195 through the "halls of space." If all goes well, Jack and Marlowe plan to fly back to West Point for the 30th. Marlowe is a mobile intensive care RN in the emergency department of the Azusa hospital.

From all reports, Joe Franklin delivered an outstanding talk at the Founders Day dinner at Ft Belvoir. Unfortunately, I had to miss the festivities because I was enroute back from a ten day business trip. From all reports, '55 had a really great turnout.



1955: Korea.

I recently accompanied "Salty" Peters on a trip to Europe and had the chance to run across a few of our classmates. "Salty" is the Prog Mgr for the DNAs Theater Nuclear Force Survivability, Security and Safety Prog. "Salty" and I spent a wonderful evening in Brussels with Dan Malone where we watched Dan "qualify" on mussels. I drew the short straw and had to sit across the table from Dan and watch the proceedings. "Salty" was lucky enough to draw the seat beside Dan. The proceedings included Dan going native and eating one mussel with the shell of another, all the time assuring us that "it's how the locals do it." While Dan was devouring his mussels, "Salty" was trying valiantly to make the Belgian waiter understand that all he wanted was a bowl of grits with redeye gravy.

Speaking of Dan, he is presently assigned to U.S. Mission to NATO, where he is the full-time NATO representative for the Under Sec Def for Rsch and Engr. Now on his fifth joint assignment and, as in Moscow, a



1955: The Hadlys, Halbrooks, and Bazilwiches—Founders Day San Francisco.



1955: The Bottoms—Founders Day Ellsworth AFB.

John Sloan wrote to ask me to make all of our classmates aware of a new project that John is engaged in. He is to be the editor of a new reference work covering international military affairs—The International Military Encyclopedia. John is looking for volunteer contributors. The idea is for people to write short entries on topics on which they are experts, thus eliminating almost all research. John plans to write classmates individually, however, anyone interested in contributing should contact John for more details. His address is: P.O. Box 1109, Springfield, VA 22151. It sounds like a great project.

Finally, a note about our class gift. Remember that our goal was to obtain a pledge of \$55 a year for five years, so we would have a substantial endowment for the 30th reunion. Right now only 114 donors have come up on the net, and we need at least 200 of our 450 plus to reach a minimum of \$55,000 for '55's gift to West Point. That should be reachable but only if we all join in. You should be contacted in the near future by either your company or area rep. Or, if you want to get on board immediately call or write the fund chairman, Bob Hasbrouck (83 Acorn Drive, Summit, New Jersey 07901, telephone (201) 464-9430).

Keep the information coming. Things have been slow this past quarter.



1955: The Frosts—Founders Day Dallas, TX.

'56

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I have only a few items to report this issue. The first is the marriage of Carleton Coulter to Jill Graham Justice on 10 Jan 80. The ceremony was in Palm Beach, FL. Carleton and Jill plan to honeymoon in Italy and



1956: The Harts, McCreight, the Curls and Hortons.

Switzerland this summer and then settle down in Gainesville, where Carleton will continue his writing and teach part time in the UFL Dept of Civil Engr.

Dave & Gail Muntz tell me they have recently added several more acres to their residence in Evans, GA. This will give them enough room to build a barn, expand their garden plots and plant some pasture for Gail's horse, Luv. Their son Steve graduated (Magna Cum Laude) from TX A&M with a B.S. in agronomy, and has started work as a soils and pasture specialist on a 4500 acre ranch owned by the Kerr Fdn in Poteau, OK. It is the field experience he needs to support his eventual goal of becoming an agricultural missionary. Their daughter Carla earned her master's in Education in speech pathology (Summa Cum Laude) at the UGA. Her final quarter was an internship at a new



1956: Founders Day Ft Campbell.

VA hosp in GA. Dave's big 80 project for Continental has been working with the new hazardous waste rules. Meanwhile, Gail helped introduce a new tradition for Augusta Prep, a one day spirit builder and fund raiser carnival put on by the students, parents and faculty.

We received an announcement from Colgate U that their Bd of Trustees has approved tenure for Dick Sylvester as an Asst Prof of Russian. Dick has been at Colgate since 78.

The good news in this area is that the Class of '56 is continuing to do its bit to keep the WP Soc of L.A. a strong and active organization. Jerry Skatvold has been elected VP for the 1981-82 term. Mike Esposito will serve as Secy-Treas. Dex Shaler was presented the "Distinguished Service Award" by the Society for his outstanding work and continuous service as an officer, for the past several years. It was a pleasure to see Ted & Judy Grant at the Founders Day event. After returning from Korea about a year ago, Ted ret from the service and is now a real estate broker along with his brother in the beautiful Lake Arrowhead-Crestline Area near San Bernardino, CA. Judy is the "star salesperson" in their office. They both are extremely happy with their new life style, and Ted tells me he still finds plenty of time to enjoy himself and improve his golf game.

Efforts to notify all about the 25th Reunion

(25-27 Sept 81) have led to the realization that the AOG does not have the correct address for the following classmates: SLOAN, CROUTER, SHANNON, LYON, MILES, CHILDS, BOUDREAU, RICHARDS, BAKER, KINSLOE, SNAVELY, DAY-HARSH, WANGE, Art HARRIS, IRWIN RAGLAND, MAVROTHERIS, MCGRATH, BLOCHER, BOWMAN, BINSTEIN, JOHNSTON, ANKENBRANDT, BOWEN, MARVIN, CLONTS, GOODMAN, VALLENTINY, BEAUCHAMP, HANSON, TREFZGER, Tom CODY, WETZEL, BURCHAM, HAMMEL, JAKUS, KENDALL, BUTLER, BURD, LISKA, FOLDEN, GRISCOM, QUINN, LEONARD, ELLIS, HEAD, BRAY, O'SHEI, REINHARDT, SISINYAK, STYNES, Perry SMITH, PETERSON, SOUTHERLAND,



1956: Ft Belvoir

CANBY, THOMPSON, KALLFELZ, KIRCHGESSNER, FREDERICK, STUDDARD, and DENSON. For sure, they did not receive the letter from Jim McNulty and Jim Anderson, and also will not receive this issue of ASSEMBLY. If you see any of them, please tell them to tell the AOG where they are right now. If anyone has the correct address for them, please send it to Hawley Oakes, Alumni Affairs, West Point, NY 10996, and he will assure that the AOG gets the right address.

As Jim McNulty mentioned in his 2 Feb 81 25th Reunion letter, the Hotel Thayer is reserving over 50 rooms for us the nights of 25 and 26 Sept; so make your reservations at the earliest. When the Hotel Thayer becomes booked solid, 3 other lodgings should have rooms available: The Palisades Motel (address: Highland Falls, NY, 10928); the U.S. Academy Motel (address: Highland Falls, NY 10928); and the Bear Mountain Inn (address: Rte 9W, Bear Mountain, NY 10911).

Another reminder about the football game with Brown on the 26th of Sept. The tickets should be ordered directly from the Army



1956: The Washburns—Founders Day Dallas, TX.



1956: The Haffs, Nicholsons, and Crews'.

Athletic Assn. When ordering your tickets, be sure to specify that you want seating in the Class of '56 area.

A second and final reunion letter will be mailed from West Point in late Jul. In the meantime please track down any out-of-touch classmates that you can and send Gerry Richardson (Mountain Side Manor, Indian Pass Rd, Stormville, NY 12582) a check for \$10.00 if you intend to participate.

I hope to have a lot more news about each of you for the next issue, so please keep those cards, letters, clippings and black and white snapshots rolling in.

'57

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The Cherry Blossoms are in bloom and Washington is beautiful. Spring has sprung and it's great. Don't you wish you were here? Jack Block did and he is. I spoke to him at our last Class party and he says that he's really enjoying his work as Sec of Agriculture, in spite of all the interviews and testifying and pressure. In fact, I think he's enjoying it because of the above. Also, this is the first time since the 20th Reunion that he's had a chance to see so many classmates. He may get tired of it. Just remember, if you have any food stamp problems or need some farm subsidies, don't call or write—unless of course you have something nice to say.

Congratulations are in order for at least 6 more of our classmates. On the AF side (see, I'm completely impartial), Willie Webb, Gordy Williams and Clark Rogers were selected for BG. Willie is still in China, but I don't know where the others are. On the Army side, Bernie Loeffke, Ed Soyster and Parks Houser were selected for BG. Bernie will soon be off to China to join Willie—he will be the Army attache. Won't those girls



1957: Founders Day Dallas, TX.



1957: Guess Who?



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go wild, especially if he takes his guitar and sings songs to them in Russian—would you believe Spanish? Chinese? No doubt he'll pick the language up very fast. Parks will go to Germany as the CG, 7th Army Tng Cmd at Grafenwoehr. I don't know where Ed Soyster is going. Speaking of generals, I learned that Jack Apperson is to be CG, USA Depot Systems Cmd at Chambersburg, PA; and Dick

Scholtes has been assigned at the Cmdr, Jt Spec Ops Cmd, Ft Bragg. Moon Mullins ret as an AF BG and is now a lobbyist on the Hill for Genl Dynamics. I saw him briefly one afternoon outside the Pentagon, and then he drove off in his new sportscar to play golf. Must be nice!

The Class had a great party at the Army-Navy CC in Arlington, VA, and the turnout was excellent! I took lots of pictures, a bunch of which are in the column. I am not going to name the people, though, because I want to run a little contest. The classmate not living in the DC area who writes in with the most identifications will get special recognition in the column, and a prize—to be determined. I will print the names to go with the pictures in the next column. I only do this because of the extreme dearth of mail; i.e., I need letters. Some of the information gleaned from the party follows. Will Christenson has been on the DA Review Board since Oct after a tour with the Nat Gd Bureau as Dir of Natural Resources. He will ret in the DC Area this summer. His wife Phyllis is the Ch, Law Library, GAO, and will remain in that job. Parks Houser will leave 2 daughters in the states when he goes to Germany this summer. One was married in Aug to an EE w/GE in Roanoke, VA. The other is a freshman at Wake Forest, NC. He also wanted to emphasize that H-1 won the attendance prize again (they had the most people at the 20th reunion) with 5 members (and one brother) present. See if you can identify them from the pictures. They were Glen Allen, Bud Miller, Jack Meehan, George McGovern and Parks. Jack Meehan is now working in CT for the Air Correction Div of UOP, Inc. He is the Engr for Advanced Particulate Tech. His brother, who was at the party, is the VP of NY Air. Vel Varner is with the Hercules Corp in UT; Jack Sobraske is assigned to NATO in Maastricht; Jim Trainor is a mgmt consultant in Palantine, IL; and Jack Murphy is an entrepreneur—"par-excellance" in Golden, CO. Bud & Nancy Langworthy have moved into the DC area (Fletch Elder handled their real estate transactions both here and in Newport News) and he is now at DARCOM HQs. Unfortunately he couldn't make the party. Bill Golden has sent the material from the 20th Reunion to Dick Kenyon and a group is being formed to actually put out the book. Hallelujah! Sue Miller volunteered to help and that should be a big boost since she knows how to put things together. She prepares the compilation of daily news extracts for the Pentagon. Speaking of Reunions, the following information is very IMPORTANT! The 25th Reunion will be held the weekend of 2 Oct 82. We will be the only class at WP and we will have the run of the place, including first priority for the rooms at the Thayer. The game that weekend will be Harvard and so we may even be treated to a win. (I sure hope so.) More details will appear in future issues and in the



1957: Guess Who?



1957: Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

mail, but set the date aside now and plan to be there.

We will have 6 offspring graduating from WP this May, and they will be presented with the Class Gift (same one as last year) at Gerry Galloway's quarters, Qtrs. 103, before Graduation Parade. The 6 are Bill Buck, David Mead, John Meehan, Bob Newman, Chuck Raymond, and Bill Wilhelm. I know of at least one offspring at USNA, Gary Wittman, and I will arrange a presentation to him. Nancy Rhodes and Ray Rodriguez will graduate from the AFA and we'll work something out there. I need to know of others at USNA, USCGA, and USAFA if we are to do them justice. Remember, graduation is the end of May.

Now for the mail. Got a letter from Bob Comeau with a letter from a '57 USNA Grad enclosed. Seems they have a classmate who owns a ski resort in UT and is offering a good deal to all '57ers. They also wanted to hold a ski competition with us in Apr. Not being a skier I turned it over to Dick Kenyon. If anyone is interested, write me and I'll send you the address. Bob said that Don Bowes is ret and working for CONOCO in Pittsburgh and Mort Roth moved his map-makers to San Ant from Panama last fall. Bob went to a PME conference in Colo Spgs and saw Ed Szvetez there. Ed is assigned to TCATA at Ft Hood. Bob's wife Jeanne joined him after the conference and they visited with Eunice & Mike Stein in Boulder. As you may recall, Mike is a stockbroker with Boettcher and Co. in Boulder. As an update on his last note, Bob mentioned that his youngest, Karen, is in her freshman year at UT and the 2 older ones are still at VT in Blacksburg. Chris graduates from the Schl of Architecture in Jun and is already working on the solar design aspects of the house the Comeaus plan to build on their land north of San Ant. I

think they're going to stay there. Giles Harlow sent greetings from the "Dust Bowl" (Enid, OK) and enclosed some press articles about himself and Jack Block. However, with all the newspapers in the country writing about Jack these days, I will only extract one item. ". . . Block is a graduate of West Point and nobody that graduates from West Point raises hogs. Well, John did and he does." Giles, who is the Cdr of the 71st Flying Tng Wg at Vance AFB, spoke to a DAR meeting in Carmen, OK, and got his picture in "The Al-



1957: Class Reps.

falfa County NEWS." Got a letter from Bruce Stout, who will be moving his family to Alexandria in May, and will be living about 1½ miles away from me. Phil Stein was his agent. He is assigned to the BMD program office, and he should already be here. Maxine and RB stayed at Redstone so that RB could complete the school year and because their house here is not finished yet. Bruce mentioned that Chuck Moses is the MICOM CS and Dick Dean works in the PATRIOT project. Bob Westerfeldt is now ret and works for SAI in Huntsville. Stan Cass is still the PM, HELLFIRE/GLLD, fighting off the alligators at the office and making delicious homemade ice cream for the neighbors at home. My 4th and last note came from John Wilkenson. He said that his oldest son, Bob, is USMA '83. John ret in 79 and is the Dir of Progs for the mil at S. ILU at Carbondale. They offer 3 BS degree programs at approx 50 bases around the country with an enrollment of 2300. He even offered to help with the 25th Reunion, bless his heart. Do I have any more volunteers?

I went to the DC Founders Day dinner and we had 7 reps. Bernie Loeffke (wearing stars), Fletch Elder, George McGovern, Dave Nottingham, Bud Miller, Jack Gleason and me.



1957: Seely, Gross and Gates Jr.

It was enjoyable but no new news. Got a PA release from Exxon that Bill Bishop was named VP of the Aromatics Dept of Exxon Chemical Americas in Houston as of 1 Mar. He will be responsible for the co's overall business in a large number of products as well as for purchasing, distribution and plans assessment and business research. That's it for now. Have a pleasant summer and if you're in the area next Sept give me a call. We expect to have a big bash at J. D. Smith's house.

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Nineteenth column. Looking at my mast-head and my mail bag highlights the futility of including my address, though the phone numbers have gotten a little use. On the 5th Sun in Lent it seems appropriate to start with a sermon. Please don't panic, it will contain useful information for the most part with very little preaching.

For my text I'll repeat the question I asked in my last column: How are YOU doing on the 5 year pledge of \$20 per year or \$100 EACH for the 25th Reunion? I have done a bit of checking with the AOG. Our Class account there totalled some \$464.89 the day I checked. How do funds get into the 1958 account was my obvious question. Answer: when checks sent to the AOG contain some notation indicating the gift is for the '58 account, suggested wording is "Class of 1958 Memorial Account" to appear somewhere on the instrument or accompanying note or the cover of the AOG fund raising envelope.

You may recall about 5 columns back I reported that Dick Beyea sent me his check for \$100 for the 25th Reunion pledge. I sent it along to Stew Willis, our Class man on the scene at WP. Please check on this donation was my next request. Yes, it was received and deposited in the "unrestricted" account along with that year's annual fund raising donations. That's the bad news, Dick Beyea. The good news is that the books were corrected to reflect Beyea's gift and the '58 account leaped to \$564.89! Moral of this parable: don't send your donations to Sibert or Willis. Send 'em directly to AOG with a note re '58 Memorial Account.

I recently received a letter and check from Mike Davall. I have added the proper notation and sent it on the AOG at West Point. Please skip me as the middleman UNLESS it's the only way I can get you to write. For a letter and news I will gladly add the '58 Memorial remark and send it on to WP.



1958: Nuffer, Donovan and Maxson.



1958: Teeter—Master of Ceremonies—Founders Day Korea.

I hope that the foregoing information is useful and that it serves to get your check-books out and checks written and sent to AOG. A fund raising PS must be added: the unrestricted giving is also useful to AOG. I feel certain that many classmates have been responding to the Annual Drive. Keep that up, but do send the \$100 each between now and June 83 for the 58 Memorial Account.

Last column I mentioned that Bob Hattler wrote on 3 Dec while reading the Dec ASSEMBLY and that Charley Glover wrote on 5 Dec for 2d prize. I then encouraged each of you to STOP reading the column and write scribe for the dubious distinction of being the first. Before I bring you those thrilling results, there is more to add to the Dec saga. John Soper wrote on 7 Dec (would have been a most respectable 3d), but held his letter waiting for the USAF BG list, mailed it three weeks later with the good news on BG selections, but his letter arrived too late for the column I wrote in Jan and you read in Mar. John's letter is a bonafide first-ever to a scribe. His good intentions and procrastination earned the added distinction of being the first letter received for the next column after the one intended. Confused? A roundabout explanation for starting with Soper's letter as my oldest news. His letter was prompted by the mini-reunion of AF SAC types caused by the exercise GIANT SWORD last Sept. His news confirmed the telephonic report I got from Ken Phillips, reported on in 18th column. Highlights again the use of the telephones. John & Suzy Soper have been at



1958: The Sopers and Youngs—Founders Day Ellsworth AFB.

Ellsworth for "about a year and a half" plus an additional quarter due to the slip of one column, plus an additional quarter by the time you read this. Fast breaking news is not my line. They still have 3 at home, but expect to lose number one son to college in Sept 81. I still need AF news from an other-than-SAC reporter.

Back to the oldest news first. You can feel the suspense heighten with anticipation at learning who first wrote or first called your scribe after receiving the Mar ASSEMBLY. You will have to wait for the answer, but you do not need to wait to contact me NOW as you read this column. I love letters, but to preclude your gagging on an 18¢ stamp, give me a call. Please tell my secretary to record the time if I'm not available. My results are not sealed as in the Oscars, but accuracy and credit are my goals.

Jim Chapman called to report that he'd seen Al Chase at "Stan's course." The course is a Pentagon institution, though those who take it are trying to avoid that Pnt institution label. Since Jim called, I have received a ret photo of Al Chase which should appear in this column.

A letter in Jan to "Dear Army Racquets Supporter" revealed that Bruce Hamilton is alive and well at WP and is working with the tennis program. The letter also described trips to CA and FL which your scribe, former tennis manager, would have loved in the spring of '58. Perhaps Bruce got to make one of those trips for me this spring.



1958: The Bacons, Myers, and Halls, Austin, TX 16 Feb 81.

Bob Higgins gave the details of a "deliberately informal, word of mouth, no publicity" luncheon organized (not convinced that's the proper word) by Ordway, Mitchell and Sigurski at the ANCC in Feb. Attendees included Higgins, Al Chase, Van Fleet, Gerry Mitchell, Marc Sigurski, Fred Goodenough, Ernie Hasselbrink, Sam Myers, Glenn Lane, Pete Bahnsen and Dick Schonberger. From my notes it appears this group spent 2 hours talking about Marc's tennis game, Fred's having been turned out 11 times, the fact that PM Andy Andreson arrived in DC the afternoon after lunch while Sibert was in town the day before and didn't stay over for the lunch. Marc collected \$5 per at the previous lunch and reported clearing 13¢ a person as the caterer. The Feb 81 lunch was also \$5 each. Remember the tale of the \$10 each lunch catered by Marc when John Deely only had a cup of coffee which cost him ten bucks? If you're reading this, John Deely, I recommend you try it again. If the price is really \$5, let me know and I'll try to get to one, which is difficult in light of the "deliberately informal, word of mouth, no publicity" format. It is noteworthy that one of the 3 "organizers" didn't make it either.



1958: Class Reps.

There is no mention in my notes that Butch Ordway took gas for his AWOL, only Andreson and Sibert were treated to well.

Tony Smith sent a great clipping from the NY Times. I hope the ASSEMBLY can use the picture of "Earl (Red) Blaik, Army football coach, with team captain Jim Kernan in 1943" to which Tony Smith commented that he knows "the years had flown by, but I didn't know we were that old!" A quick 15 years there, though the 15 are less significant now as we approach our 25th and they their 40th. Ah well.

Someone reported that Strube Jackson is alive and well at Ft McPherson, GA, and is working on an MBA. Good news, scribe owes someone. Thanks.

Sam Myers wrote and sent along the picture of a mini-reunion in Austin, TX. Glen Hall ret and just completed law sch. Glen and Nell are planning to move to Houston. Meanwhile, Stan & Jill Bacon are building a house in Austin on a lot they had the foresight to buy in 73. Stan is to ret in Jan from Ft Hood. Seems they sold their current house in Copperas Cove, TX (near Hood), in one day. On his TDY, Sam Myers also talked to Dick Graves, CS of III Corps at Hood and with Tim McLean, Cdr of 13th COSCOM also at Hood. "Didn't get to see Glen Bugay who's a doctor at Hood (works on Stan Bacon—where I'll not mention) nor Larry Sutherland who is, I hear, prospering in a high technology co, Houston Instruments, in Austin." Sam went on with "our informal luncheon group is catching on. Some publicity might give it some impetus. We meet 'on call' at the A-N Country Club, Marc Sigurski hosting." If the luncheon has survived the bad press associated with John Deely's \$10 cup of coffee, it should be able to survive the publicity given in this column.

A few items seen in recent Army Times. Phil DiMauro will go from McNair to DC. Gerry Schurtz to go from Ft Monroe to WSMR (that's in NM). Ron Hudson from APO 09079 (Frankfurt) to Norfolk (as Dist Engr). Stan Maxson from Carlisle to Ft Meade. Fritz Nuffer from Carlisle to Aurora (whatever that means, wherever it is). Bob Lindquist from Ft Eustis to Ft Leavenworth. Tony Bauer from Pnt to Arlington (again, no idea what it means, just hope it's not the cemetery). Gene Wentworth from Cameron Sta to APO 09036. Butch Saint is going from CG of Seventh Army Tng Cmd to be Dpty CG CGSC, Ft Leavenworth. Another CG moving is Bill Tuttle moving from Eastern Traffic Area MTMC, Bayonne, NJ, to Dir of Force Mgmt in ODCSOPS, Pnt. Last bit from the Army Times was an article describing the formation of the Air Cav Attack Bde (ACAB) at Ft Lewis under the command of Mike Harvey. The ACAB concept evolved



1958: Founders Day—Presidio of San Francisco.

under the TRADOC "Division 86" study and will be evaluated by the 9th Inf Div under the Test Bed Program.

The results of the race to contact the scribe, Terry Connell wrote, sending along an article from the *Washington Post* ("am sure you've rec'd a dozen.") about Rep Adam Benjamin (D-Ind). Adam is chmn of a sub-committee of the House Appropriations Cmte. The article covered the \$2.3 million budget request for the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board responsible for insuring that federally funded buildings be accessible to the handicapped. A quote from the 10 Mar 81 article: "After the hearing, Benjamin told a reporter he thinks the board should be kept in operation because it carries out the law in the most cost-effective manner. Without it, he said, individuals could sue under the 1968 law for lack of access and cost the govt more in the long run." Terry mentioned a Dist Engrs conference in May and promised a letter then. He also sent an article from the *Chicago Tribune* about Stan Hyman's course, Strategy of Career Transition. The article quoted Hyman as follows: "Military people are not ready for the hostility in the civ population generated by an overcrowded employment marketplace and the media's often negative portrayal of govt employees, double dippers, and the military in general." I think that was a final exam question when I took the course. Afraid I need the refresher section now.

My 2d and last letter was from Mike Davall. I've already mentioned his check. Mike retired 1 Aug 77 and is working for Armament Systems, Inc. His daughter Kelly was married in Mar 80. He reports that Glenn Brown retd fall 79 and is working for TEI in Bel Air, MD. Thanks for the epistle from Abingdon, MD.

I received 3 phone calls—without date-time blocks, so they go in the record book as tied. I had to return each of the calls. Pat Donovan, Cdr Red River Army Depot called for business with AMMRC. Fortunately, Pat had some Class news to pass along also. Neil Williamson is ret soon. No details. Don Palladino recently visited Red River. Some bad news here—Don's father, MG Palladino died. The *Boston Globe* had a newsy obit for Don's father which I clipped for Don. There is so little one can say.

Pat also informed me that his son Mike will graduate from USMA in May. Mike chose FA and Korea for his first duty station. Hope the West Point and vicinity classmates can manage some pictures. '58 sons in Class of '81 are James E. Moentmann, Ker-

mit P. Henninger, and Michael E. Donovan.

Pete Penczer was the 2d caller I got in touch with. He too was calling for business. He was trying to track down a couple of our Dist Engr classmates. I traded information with him and learned that his son Peter is a soph at Kenyon. His younger son John is aiming for Ithaca College in Sept to pursue a career in theater production. Lynn is still working on her PhD in anthropology while Pete stays gainfully employed with his own law firm of 2 lawyers, 2 paralegals and a bookkeeper.

The 3d caller was John Schroeder. He's ret in Jun and remaining in the DC area. He reconfirmed the news that Al Chase has ret. Al is a staffer for the HASC. That transition may lend credence to the saying, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. Denny Sharon moved from the Senate Select Cmte on Intelligence to Senator Goldwater's staff. Less cheery was the news that Denny has had 2 operations for detached retinas. Dick Osborn is in the Wpns Div of SAFLL. Tom Conti is going to Wright-Pat as Dir of Manpower for AF Log Cmnd.



1958: The Cooks—Founders Day Dallas, TX.

If you haven't called or written by now, give it a try, you may not be too late. Meanwhile, on 17 Mar, St Patrick's Day, Chuck Densford called with some great news: he was picked up for COL by the 79 Standby Board for 06. Chuck deserves a spot in the Guinness Book—he's 4 for 4 on reclus and 2 for 2 on standby boards. Chuck also informs us that Norm Gustitis is still flying for United but was in the Pnt recently as a MOBDES in DAIG. Norm has 3 in college, all pilots, and one "martini baby" (Densford's term, not scribe's) in 3d grade.

My next piece of news, in the less good

category, is that Carl Sullinger is in a body cast for a disc problem. Hope his health matter gets squared away quickly.

This past week, after my deadline, Jim Brooks called. His observation is that many '58 class rings have been "relegated to the little finger." Jim isn't sure whether the cause is fat or shrinking gold. Scribe isn't sure whether either is a materials problem for the Army Materials and Mechanics Rsch Ctr (AMMRC). Now that you wives know what AMMRC means you have no excuse for not writing and joining Sylvia Graves, Harriett Connell (letters from Terry are nice, but I haven't heard from you for too long), Joan Collins and Florence Salisbury. Ann Jones remembered my birthday with a card. Getting close to the time when she could forget and make me happier. That's it. Short column. Your fault. Just as well, and now to get on with it and make IRS happy.

PS. Another sermonette. You may or may not have heard about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, PO Box 37240, Washington, DC 20013. A project started by Jan Scruggs, a vet from the 199th Light Inf Bde who was wounded in Vietnam. On 1 Jul 80 the Pres signed into law the bill setting aside 2 acres in Constitution Gardens, near Lincoln Memorial, as the site for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. If you send a donation, attach a note indicating USMA '58.

Last note. An announcement from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. de Montety and COL Delbert A. Pryor, Ret, informs us that Chantal de Montety and Philip Alan Pryor were married. The church wedding will be celebrated on 2 May in the American Cathedral in Paris. Yes, Phil, color photos are acceptable! Congratulations!

'59

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Stars are beginning to fall on the Class. The new AF list has Tom McInerney on it, and the Army list includes John Moellering, Jim Van Loben Sels, Pete Dawkins, Jerry Hilmes, and Don Eckelbarger. As of late Mar, I believe only Moellering had actually been promoted. Congrats to the whole group!

We had a Class luncheon at the Pentagon on 3 Mar, and about 30 of us attended and enjoyed good food and good fellowship. Main events of the occasion were reports by John Gurr, chairman of the Fin Cmte, and by Mart Lidy, chairman of the Program Cmte.

John reported that the current net assets of the Class Fund amount to \$23,762. The Fin Cmte projects that at current earnings rates, the net will be about \$26,000 at year end and \$27,000 at the end of 1982. John was careful to note, however, that at the current



1959: Walsh's promotion to O-6: Jim, Phyl, Jay, Terry, David, Mrs. L.E. (mother).

rate of inflation, the true net would tend to go in the opposite direction.

Mart reported both on the scholarship program and guest speaker program mandated at the business meeting held during our 20th Reunion. As to the scholarship program, the cmte plans to make one award a year beginning in Jun 82, although more could be made in the future should Class funds increase either by themselves or through additional contributions by classmates. Since the cmte did not feel qualified to judge the financial needs of applicants, the award would be based on broad criteria such as academic achievement, demonstrated leadership and community service. The proposal is that a disinterested panel of 5 classmates be appointed by the Class Pres to make the annual selection. Those eligible to receive the award would be dependents of classmates who are juniors, seniors, or post-grad students enrolled in an accredited 4-year college or university in the United States. Interested students would apply not later than 15 Mar in any given year, and the announcement of the award (about \$1,000, subject to availability of funds) would be made in the fall issue of ASSEMBLY. Jim Abrahamson would serve as permanent and semi-official contact for all applicants, and they would obtain application forms by writing to him at the Dept of History, USMA.

As to the guest speaker program, Mart reported that the cmte recommends that the Class not establish one of its own (our funds just won't make it), but rather grant \$500 annually to augment the Academy's existing program. This would be a charitable contribution and would provide some tax relief for the Class Fund. At this writing a letter proposing such a grant has been sent to the Dean of the Academic Board for his review and approval.

Subsequently, on 11 Mar, the Fin Cmte met and determined to transfer the bulk of the funds from certificates of deposit (which were maturing) to higher yielding money market funds. At the end of Mar, the transfer was in progress. And so much for business.

The DC area Founders Day celebration was held at Bolling on 20 Mar. I was ill and could not attend, but 8 classmates did manage to make it. Ed Robinson was one of them and was kind to fill me in after the fact. It was a grand affair, as usual, and GEN Volney Warner gave an interesting (and very topical) talk on the RDF. Besides Ed, there were: Mike Duggan, who is going to San Salvador as an attaché; Skip Schow, on asgmt at the



1959: Dave Tulp.



1959: Founders Day San Francisco: O'Neills, Schwartzes, Ranch, Svendsens, Lehrfields, and O'Mearas.

Dept of Energy; John Guthrie, a civ with the Dept of Energy; John McNeerney, with DCSRDA; John Moellering (wearing shiny new stars), with OCS; Tom Russell, recently reassigned from ACSI to DMA; and Joe Enright, now with Food Machinery Corp. Ed himself has been in OSD but will be leaving the area shortly for a proj manager's asgmt in St. Louis. His family will remain here while son finishes high school, but Ed figures his new job will require frequent commutes to DC anyway.



1959: Hilliard, Harkins, DeAtkine, Eshelman (USNA), Walters and Rowe.

Jerry Fogel writes that Founders Day at Leavenworth was held on 12 Mar, and that the Class was ably represented by Pat Passarella, Brooks Sisson, Roger Donlon, and, of course, Jerry. They had a great time renewing old friendships and believe that the only area classmate missing was Hank Adamson, who was on the road.

The only other Founders Day report re-



1959: Ft Belvoir.



1959: The Beeches—Founders Day Ft Leonard Wood.

ceived was from Ft Bragg where the dinner was held on 14 Mar. Jerry Hilmes and Bill Callaghan attended and were tempted to send the MP's after the rest of the Class contingent. The Callaghans arrived at Pope in Jan and live on base. Bill is completing checkout in the C-130, and Mary is busy compiling a list of seaside restaurants within a weekend's drive. The Hilmes' arrived last Jul and will probably leave this Jul, destination unknown as of 14 Mar. Jerry says being the Fac Engr has been great fun.

Bill Cohen sends an appeal for help from Pasadena. Says he has just been elected pres of the WP Soc of L.A., where, he is told, there are more grads than in any other geographical area in the world. So if you are in the area, contact Bill at (213) 794-5998. In regular life, Bill is Dir of the Bureau of Business and Economic Rsch and a prof of Marketing at Cal State, L.A. He is working on his 5th book and commends to us his first, *The Executives Guide to Finding a Superior Job* (published by American Mgmt Assn),



1959: The Neals '58 and the Kennedys '59.

which has been through 5 printings and 2 editions over the last 3 years.

Bill adds that John & Linda Meyer are settled out there after ret and are soaking up CA life with a vengeance. John is well-established in the aerospace industry, has purchased a fantastic turn-of-the-century house, and has put in a totally operational garden in less than a year. Bill says he and Nurit have been struggling with their garden for the last 8 years with little success.

Jim Walsh held a wing-ding of a promotion party for his close associates at the Army Distaff Hall on 14 Feb. Among the classmates there were Charlie Hayes, Paul Elias, Joe Enright, Bob Weekley, Fitz Chandler, and George Day. Jim remains with ODCSOPS but suspects that he will be reassigned to Korea this summer.

Charlie Tennant writes that his eldest son, Stephen Victor, graduates from VMI in May with a CE degree and will be commissioned in the CE with first asgmt at Belvoir for the basic cse. Charlie thinks Steve to be the first Class son to graduate and receive a commission. Furthermore, says Charlie, he thinks he is current record-holder for most far-flung family. One daughter is at the UAZ and another at the UWA. He thinks 3 kids in college at the same time might be a Class first, too. Any takers?

A press release from the engineering and architectural firm of Donahue & Assoc, Inc., of Sheboygan, WI, informs us that Dave Tulp has been made a VP and now manages the branch in Hoffman Estates, IL. Prior to joining the firm about a year ago, Dave was manager of the Chicago branch of Warren & Van Prang, Inc.

OK, folks, it's time for another plea that



1959: Korea.

you write and send photos (preferably black and white glossies). Why not take out a piece of paper right now? Please get your material for the fall issue to me by 15 Jun.

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Ah, how the years pass quickly—perhaps some of you have not realized that. Either that is a true statement, or the recent announcement of two—count 'em, two—classmates for promotion to general officer rank signals the initiation of the new administration's "go to youth" look. Either way, contact Benny Evans and the F-I organization. It is now time to pay up on all those First Class Sunday afternoon pools so painstakingly debated at precisely the fifteen mile limit. William Stanley Carpenter and Donald Joseph Stukel give the Class of '60 its first general officer representation in the Army and Air Force respectively. From the whole Class, our most sincere congratulations. Lest we forget, behind every successful man is an exhausted woman; the congratulations are extended to Toni and Joyce also. It is interesting reading to go back to the HOWITZER and see what was said 20 years ago. Carpenter: "Bill cannot fail to meet with the same success in the Army that graced him at West point." Stukel: "His philosophy was simple; a man who tries hard enough cannot fail."

If the evening newspaper gets boring sometime, try going back and browsing through the HOWITZER—worth a few chuckles. Makes you wonder just how prophetic we were.

News from the SW. John Gibbs reports that Jim Pearl recently moved into a plush new law office "on the river" in San Ant. Watch out J.R.! Also Bill Meder is alive and well in the quadrangle at Fifth Army. Every once in a while his bosses let him out to prey on the local reservists. Tim Schatzman is doing well running the District recruiting office in Albuquerque, soon to be making millions with E. F. Hutton . . . and E. F. Hutton says. . . . Bobby Hackett and Norm Kuklinski are sitting side by side in Region 6 at Ft Knox. Norm is the Engr Advisor, and Bobby the Inf Adv. Don't ask me how Ft Knox got in with the news from the SW. I got this from Mike Jezior, and I think he is still having problems with the US map. Virgil Graves (Annapolis '60) is assigned to the Fifth Army IGO. He's a new one. John Gibbs has helped to organize a periodic get-together



1960: Klein, Murphy '57, Marcinkowski and Vitty '55—Founders Day, WP Society of Philadelphia.

in San Ant for grads in classes '60 to '69. He extends an invitation to any members of these classes passing through or assigned to the area to stop in and visit or become members. His phone number is 822-7483.

Ed Deagle is currently the Acting Dir for Intl Rel with the Rockefeller Fndn. He came to the Fndn after reaching a fork in the road at OMB . . . something about Bert Lance taking one fork and Ed being asked to take the other. Yankee vs Georgia drawls helped establish the direction, along with Ed's proposed changes for OMB. Have a feeling Ed took the right fork. Ed and his new bride (Sept 80)—Joan Banks Dunlop—presently reside in mid-town Manhattan (155 E. 72d St).

Dan Donahue is still bearing down on the 100 or so brokers he supervises at Merrill Lynch's main headquarters in NYC. He and his wife Judy recently took in a play and dinner with John & Kathryn Reid, and Ed & Joyce Post. Ed is currently at the Nav WC. John is an FBI agent at 26 Federal Plaza in the City. John is a master of the Westside highway—at least four 7-8 minute miles daily. Jezior follows closely in a cab. Ed Handler recently returned from a trip to Belfast, Ireland. Ed represents the new Delorean sports car organization in the patent law field. That reminds me—I have to get our car painted—for another couple of years of use.

John Berry and Fred Kaiser were in town (Carlisle) the other day from TRADOC. Fred reportedly was an AI for a general officer presentation; John will be coming to Carlisle this summer.

Jim O'Connell passes on some info from SHAPE. The O'Connells' son Jim joined them for Xmas, and they spent a week at Garmisch enjoying the skiing. Jim expected Fyffe, Hubbard, Seward and Decko to get together at Founders Day. Edith Bauer passed on some



1960: Classmates in the Class of '61, Carlisle Barracks, PA.



1960: Judson and the Millers.

info to Jim which is included here. We are all saddened to learn of the death of Jerry Witherspoon's daughter Missy in an auto accident. Jerry is ret and works for Army Mutual Aid at Ft Myer, VA. He, Susie and children are living in Alexandria. Phil & Mary Chappell and 2 children are in Ft Mill, South Carolina. That's one town I missed on Air Assault II. In fact, I don't think it was there during Air Assault II. Chuck & Katie Collins are with the MAAG in Morocco. I mentioned that in the last column but you all haven't been sending me copy so what do you expect? At any rate I'm sure Chuck and Katie would enjoy seeing any classmates who might be passing through—RDJTF or otherwise. Jim & Sharon Dement are in Richmond, VA, where Jim is a stock broker. They have 3 daughters, the oldest of whom is a frosh at Bucknell. Ed & Nicole Garton are at Ft Ben Harrison. They have 2 children, one of whom, the oldest, is at the USAFA. Next issue I'll tell you what the sex of the cadet is—I hope! Mike & Grace Gilmartin are still in Springfield with 2 boys. Mike is currently a student at the NWC. Dick & Marie Healy are in Acton, MA, where Dick is with the Rds Reg. Mark, their oldest is a Yearling at WP. Jim Humphreys, back to the bachelor life, is still a lawyer in Winston-Salem, NC. Bobby & Carla Owens arrived in the DC area in Dec 79 from AK with a 17-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl. Names . . . I need names!!! Dave & Edith Bauer are still in Vicenza. Dave is Ch of Plans for SETAF. They have 2 children—Stephen, 17, and Amanda, 14. Some statistics: of 21 graduating E-2 files, 11 were back for the 20th Reunion. Six of those 11 are still on active duty.

News from CA. Jim & Sandy Fairchild are established in Riverside, CA. Jim ret last Jun and is now the manager of a large law firm, Best, Best and Krieger. They also have offices



1960: Ft Belvoir.

in Palm Springs, Sun City, and L.A. From the tone of their note, they are really enjoying "retirement."

I finally received a response or at least a reaction to my last attempt at writing this column. Mark Lowery (Big) wrote with some indignation that I had blown his cover, and the IRS would soon be on him. Catch this—he now works for Browning Ferris Industries, the world's largest solid waste disposal firm—which means. . . !!! At any rate, Mark started up BFI's first Latin American co in Maracaibo, and should do the same in the next 9 months in Santiago, Chile and Buenos Aires. I'd worry about who is sorting the brass before the dumpsters are hauled off. Mark's wife Sally and daughter Elizabeth are in Congers, NY. Sally will join Mark after Elizabeth finishes high school and moves on to college. Older daughter Katie is finishing her freshman year at Mary Washington. Mark, a profoundly retarded Rubella baby, now 12 years old, is at the Wood School near Phila.



1960: The Partlows—Founders Day Ft Leonard Wood.

Mark suggests that any classmates traveling in Latin America stop by for a drink. Check with the Houston office of BFI for his location before departing CONUS. Although I don't have the info right now, Mark asked that I put in an initial plug for the classroom that we agreed to restore in the First Division. 1985 is not far off when it comes to raising the funds necessary to make the project a reality. I will have more specific information for you in the next column.

Was pleasantly surprised one night by a phone call from one John McKinney. John is at Midwest Rsch Inst, a non-profit think tank in Kansas City. John ret 3 years ago and settled with Nancy in Leavenworth, KS. The McKinneys' daughter Susan, 18, is a college freshman. Son Davis, 15, is in HS in Leavenworth. The McKinneys' home phone is 651-2057.

I might pass on that John's solution to the problem of finding all you lost classmates is



1960: Meyer '51 with the Faerys—Founders Day West Point.

the simplest, easiest way to let us know where you are, without having to go through the agony of writing a letter. After all, you can call anywhere in the US for \$3.35. Now if you can't handle that, send the 18 cent letter, and I'll send you the \$3.35. Wives, dial the phone . . . 717-249-4906.

Joe Lucas and Tony Blackstone recently showed Curt Herrick how to get through the cafeteria line at the Pentagon. They insisted Curt buy his own.

Gene Brisach and Peg spent some time at Sugarbush this year skiing. En route, they spent the night with Dean & Marg Herman at WP. The Hermans are heavy into sailing on the Hudson. Last I heard, the pollution was so bad you could walk on it. The Brisachs also spent a night in Fairfield, CT, with Liz & Mickey McManus. The McManus' moved back to the NE from Orlando, FL, and bought a 20-yr-old split level in Fairfield. Brisach says for an ex-FE, he didn't check the basement out that close. Mike is with Exxon Office Sys Corp. Gene also runs into Stu Godwin at the POAC frequently. Fred Bidgood is back from Korea, and into his old job in ASA, M&RA. Fred was the G1 of the 2d Div in Korea. The Brisachs and Bidgoods were invited by Joe Felber to a surprise birthday party for Mary (Punkie). Joe hired some guy in white tie/tails, and at baton to show up and sing Happy Birthday. I've been wondering what happened to Bob Anderson.

Kim Mercado dropped a line to inform us of his ret and subsequent new position as the VP of St Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis. After a cmd asgmt at Ft Bragg, the Mercados moved to Ft Huachuca. After a trip to El Salvador, Kim decided on the civilian health



1960: Colonel Don Stukel (P).

care field. The Mercados live at 2640 Vagabond Lane, Plymouth, MN.

At the War College are Sam Endy, back to PAP at WP; John Getgood, IG at Ft Knox; Sam Kouns, nothing firm yet, but probably OCE in DC; Jack Pellicci, Inf Bde Command at Ft Ord in June 81; Reed Bennett, FORSCOM Engr Office; Dave Stem, CID Command in Europe this summer; Paul Cerjan, remains at Carlisle for a year awaiting Dist Engr assignment; Hank Drewfs, remain at Carlisle for a year awaiting a MI Group at Ft Hood; Butch Nobles, no assignment yet, might be recycled, spends very little time at Carlisle due to travel with the War College current affairs panel; Curt Herrick, Pentagon, probably ODCSOPS.

I just returned from a trip to Israel in Feb. Saw Bud & Nancy Griffis in Tel Aviv. Bud is doing a bang up job as the Plans/Ops guy for the Israel airfield projects. About May, he will take over one of the airfields and see it through to completion. A great operation to see first hand. Nancy does a great job escorting you around to the places that take MONEY!!!

That's it this time. The phone number is 717-249-4906.

'61

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No news is not good news. Where are you, classmates? The 20th Reunion is still scheduled for the 16-18 Oct 1981, Army vs. Princeton. The details appeared in the Mar 1981 ASSEMBLY. The news has been very scarce over the last few months so my column will be short.

The Washington, DC area social circle came to life again at a party hosted by Pat and Jan Hillier with the able assistance of Bruce Dalgleish, Howie DeWitt, and many other volunteers. The 7 Feb fling started about 1900 hrs with a secret daiquiri recipe, barbecued steaks with all the trimmings, and ended in the wee hours of the morning. It was one of the largest turnouts of classmates in the area over the past few years. It was a wonderful dinner party and a great time was had by all. Dan & Jan DiCarlo visited the DC area and hosted a party to welcome part of the new administration. Don Landry finally came through with the picture of the



1961: Marjorie Ann McGinnis.



1961: Class Reps.

classmates at his house for the Army-Navy game party.

Deac Lancaster was in from Annapolis where he is going through a qualifications program to teach seamanship and navigation to the midshipmen (persons), among his other duties. He sent me a picture of Ben Glidder, USAFA librarian, which was in the Academy newspaper. He also mentioned that Mike Trinkle was on the new Col's list and is on short-fuse orders to take over as MAAC Chief in Yamen.



1961: DeVries and Gunderson at Masada, Nov 80.



1961: The Shearers.

Marty Ganderson mentioned that Paul and Sue DeVries visited them in Israel in Nov 80; news travels slowly. They had a great time visiting the Fortress, Masada, and the south of Israel. Marty is ending what seems to have been a most enjoyable tour to return to the US to join the Rapid Deployment JTF in Tampa, FL. A late note arrived from Paul after his return to Germany where the DeVries family has been traveling throughout Europe and has been enjoying skiing. Paul & Marsh Harrington watched the J-3 RADM Pocher pin eagles on Jack Dewar. Al Hokins and Mike Swain, both from JCS, passed through the European briefing circuit.



1961: Shipley, Hilliers, Hastings, Anselm and Landrys.



1961: Korea.



1961: Front Row: Wooten, McGinnis, Stilwell '38, Sarzanani and Ekman; Back row, Tilton, Denny, Lynch, Vander Els, Rosenkranz, Williamson, Sciple, and Westpheling.

Jim Scott sent me a note from Denver, CO where he is ret from the Army and working for the brokerage firm of Chesley and Dunn Inc. Jim is living in Parker CO and would like to hear from you, 303-841-3583. He may be helpful if you have some loose cash you want to invest. Jim wrote and published a book in 1979 titled, "How to Make Money in Penny Stocks" (\$10). Signed copies to classmates?



1961: Founders Day, Presidio of San Francisco.

Pete Glichenhaus has left Ft Hood and is on his way to Europe via Indiana. He saw Frank Habic who is with US Steel in Gary. Give him a call at 312-799-2362. Frank and Joan have four sons between 11 and 17. Pete also visited Mike and Sandy Brady. Mike is in real estate. Pete was there on TDY but found enough time for a few tennis matches against Frank and Mike. Bob and Suzy Steege are at Ft Ben Harrison where Bob is the post paddleball champ among his other accomplishments.

Jim McGinnis sent a note from Carlisle PA where he is attending the AWC. He and



1961: The Carrolls and the Alexanders.

Louise gave away their daughter, Marjorie, in a wedding ceremony in the post chapel. It was a beautiful occasion attended by many of the class. I feel old!

I have to close now to meet my deadline. Please plan to attend the Oct 20th Reunion and let me hear from you.

'62

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Greetings to you! . . . was pleased to read of the USS REASONER (FF-1063) an anti-sub frigate named for our own Frank REASONER, whose MH award as well as measure of the man are honored in the NAVY TIMES tribute to him and the ship named for him.

Judy James gets two kisses and three hugs in Hingham (Where were you guys at Founder's Day??) for her report that they arrived from DC for Dick to take over as PMS of Northeastern. She reports that the family likes MA in spite of the language "problem." Dick has completed an MA at Catholic U.

burning up the bayous selling advertising for a local radio station.

Judy and Dick also ran into A-2er Dick Lembo and wife, Beverly at a dinner party. OK, MA contingent, let's hear more from you. . . .



1962: Pat Canary.

Pat Canary has been named CO of the Univ of SC Army ROTC program. Pat holds a masters from Indiana U and recently completed a tour as Bn CO at Ft Jackson.

B. R. Wilkerson graced us with a photo at a Navy game get together at the Wilkersons home. Also there, but not photographed, were the McEnanys and Brewers because they don't "groupie" and will be required to send individual photos for next issue.

Gus Fishburne writes that for the next football season, '62 and '63 are grouping together and having a tailgate site for all home football games, (weather permitting). We will be located in the South Lusk picnic area between Lusk and Smith Rink. All are invited to before and after game "drop-ins." Gus also reports that Sonny Sloan is scheduled in as a Regimental Tac at WP this summer.



1962: Wilkersons, Lairs, McGurks, Ailengers, Starbirds, and Shalleys.

Janice Renaghan with daughter Paige (15) helped Patrick (16) and Jennifer James (14) adjust to life in an almost civilian situation for the first time in their Army "brat" lives. Jack & Barbara Fagan (Aha, found ya . . .) with their children, Mindy (11) and John H. III (8) helped the James find the community. Dick and Judy had reports from Matt & Pat Kambrod (with Holly, Heather, and Heidi) at Patch Barracks; Dave and Rosanne Minson (and Robert and Ryan) from Norway; and Skip & Mary Ellen Holcomb (and Neil and Sean) from Ft Polk where Mary Ellen is



1962: Brown, Slown, Peterson, Bondshu, Clark, Robb, and Browning.

"Tank" Telenko writes that his son Trent is competing for a WP nomination for this year's entering class. After building XM1 tanks for three years at the Lima Army Tank Plant, "Tank" and family are headed for 5/68 Arm in the 8th Inf Div at Mannheim which he will command. Youse guys over dere make welcomes available. . . .

Seth Hudak resigned as Supt of Sch in W. Boylston, MA, to become Sr. Staff Member in the Continuing Ed Dept of Stone and Webster Engr Corp in Boston. His job en-



1962: The Harrises, Rohn, and the Wallaces -Founders Day Ft Leonard Wood.

tails a bit of travel here and there to the corporate sites in New York, Cherry Hill, St. Francesville, LA; Denver and Houston. Hopefully, those of you in those areas might drop a card or note to the post box at the top of this article or to the permanent FL address in last issue. Seth's family is temporarily located in Belleair Beach, FL to finish up school year needs and then determine where to put the crew in the summer. Just like PCS stuff!

Your scribe has tried to encourage your



1962: Class Reps.



1962: The Hendrens, Kings, Sharps and McQuillens—Founders Day San Francisco.



1962: Class Reps.



1962: Ft Belvoir.



1962: The Christophers, Wards, Henns, Schmidts, Skouns, and Andresses.

response forgetting that the positive stuff is always suspect and useless. Therefore, we shall try negative psychology: You are NOT, repeat, NOT to write, call, phone, wire or whatever because we don't give a damn about your family, your career, what you are doing, that you might want some of us as contacts when you retire (You will retire you know!!!) how nifty your educational background, hero button, or life has been. We don't want to know that you are politically, sexually, physically, monetarily or successfully pursuing life. In fact, if you maintain complete silence, you assist in your scribe making deadlines by having to put only the name at the top indicating where the column might have been had you known. . . . HELP!!!

Word also in that Jack Rucker has retired and is looking to move to the Florida area. More next time. . . .

Your scribe was tickled to find Ernie Webb's authorship included in a great book of our Alma Mammy entitled, "West Point Sketch Book" on the bookstore shelf at the NavWC at Newport, RI. You really made the grand list when you can infiltrate the Navy's bookstore shelves competing with Alfred Thayer Mahan.

SPIZZERINCTUM TO ALL until my next meager effort.

'63

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Another class first—Jerry Harrison (FA, presently at NWC) and Tim Grogan (AR, AWC) have been selected for assignment to brigade level command positions that become vacant during FY 82. Congratulations and good luck! Also announced for battalion level command positions, not getting older just better: Lee Earnest (AVN, DARCOM IG), Dan Willson (IN, 5th ID, Ft Polk), Al Shine (IN, PMS Wheaton Coll), Fred Schaum (ADA, OSD) and me (FA). Fred has just set a new record for number of consecutive times appearing on the same level command list—three. The ADA community is just going to have to find a mutually agreeable assignment for Fred or give up trying!

Ed & Marty Tezak report Ed has lost his claim to fame at WP, the "most permanent" "non-permanent" member of the faculty. Ed is now part of the tenured faculty, as a Permanent Associate Professor (PAP) in Mechanics and achieved a long-time ambition. Chum Roberts was the first '63 to be chosen as a PAP (BS&L), but he is off at school so that makes Ed our first one in residence. Some people will stretch anything to be the first in something. Ed does have one claim to



1963: The Pattens.

fame he can be justly proud of: he met the legendary Joe Palone in the finals of the President's Cup Golf Tournament (match play) and won 2 and 1, with a respectable 43-34-77. Looks as if Chum and Ed will be orchestrating our 20 yr reunion. Ed still has 12-10 year reunion books for sale, if anyone wants them!



1963: Korea.

Dick Scharf was coordinator for the Founder's Day dinner in Seoul. Understand, Tom Karr is headed for a FA battalion command in the 3d ID. Bill Owens, HQ TRADOC, is headed back to DC this summer and a sabbatical at ICAF. Bill reports Brent Pope alive and well as commander of Lake City arsenal, near Independence, MO. New Pentagon/Washington arrivals include Mike Quinlan (ACSI), Bob Bruce (DCSRDA), Dave Sallee (NWC), and Jim McCarver (DCSRDA). Joe Halgus has done the near impossible—he managed to transfer from his Pentagon job to Dept of State, European Security Office. Working longer hours, enjoying it more. Spoke to Carol Coomer, Bill has returned from command in Korea and is working as a project manager at DARCOM. Carol is a realtor with Long and Foster. They are happily remaining in the DC area and avoiding another PCS. Carol was planning a surprise birthday party for Bill. Happy 40th Birthday, Bill!

Have spoken to Pete Weyrauch, doing well as G4 of the 1st Inf Div. Pete is headed for the AWC this summer. Jim Roberts followed



1963: Korea—Jaborowskis, Vaughns, Ischingers, Scharf and daughter Tina.

Pete in command of 1/5 FA at Riley. Jim Dickey is also there commanding 1/63 Arm. Fred Gantzler, former commander of 1/7 FA is presently PMS at KS St U. All of the above, were together at Founders Day at Riley.



1963: Frank Gibbs with daughter Elizabeth.

We had a great showing at the West Point Society of DC, Founders Day dinner at Bolling AFB—all four of us. Gen Volney Warner, '50, CINC REDCOM, did well as guest speaker. With former CSA's from classes of '17, '20 and '33 in attendance you might say we were of the younger set—for a change. Jay Westermier, active in the local society was at the head table. Jay, looking like a successful lawyer, is extremely busy in his many diversified activities. He is expand-



1963: Korean purse snatcher.

ing his law firm, specializing in computer law and speaking on same around the country. Don Byrne continues with the Postal Dept, doing well, looking good. Along with Steve Silvasy, Pentagon, we had a table to ourselves, plenty of food and wine, and some great b.s. We enjoyed the evening.

Our good friends, Rick & Sally Entlich, stayed overnight on their 10 day leave north from Ft Benning, heading for relatives in VA, NJ and a visit with the Eckerts at WP. They have four active children following Daddy on the field of friendly strife—soccer. Rick is ACO of the 2/10 FA supporting the 197th Inf Bde at Benning. Sally is very active in various Post activities, from community services to jogging to woman's role in Army. Rich reports Al & Bonnie Genetti, two children, also at Benning commanding 43rd Engr Bn, headed for AWC. Also, George DeGraf working at USAREUR DCSPER in Heidelberg. Jim Jones visiting D.C. with WP Society of New York attended a local WP Society get



1963: The Gilberts, Ballard, and the Galles—Founders Day, San Francisco.

together at the Army-Navy club downtown.

Received a short note from Frank Gibbs, Houston, Attorney at Law, with a lovely picture of his daughter Elizabeth, sweet sixteen. He remarked many of our children are fully grown. Class news will be reporting shortly on kids in college, who will have the first WP cadet?

Steve Popielarski (8860 Norwood Ave, Phila.) stopped in the Pentagon for a short visit. Steve his wife Kris and young son Andrew visited the Silvasy's in early Jan. Steve visited D.C. to attend the swearing-in of Senator Specter (R-PA). Steve was SEN Specter's Treasurer during his election campaign. Steve & Kris also visited other area classmates (Heiden, Westermier). Their visit was necessarily short; Steve had to get back to Phila. to his stockbroking (BUTCHER and Singer) and Kris to her cardiology practice. They are also restoring a 100 year old home they recently purchased.

Have a fun summer. Please stop by if you are in the area or, at best, give me a buzz.



1963: The Byrns, Olivers, and Rolfes—Founders Day Dallas, TX.

[Keep those cards and photos coming—you done good! Phyllis is a realtor with Shannon and Lucks; Lisa, 16, will be in Germany this summer on a German Language live in program; Rusty has been playing basketball and John is a good healthy kid.]

'64

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A Class Cmte meeting was held on 3 Feb with all members of the Class stationed at WP in attendance: Burney, Cecchine, Connor, Giordano, Grunstad, Hudgins, Jacunski, Pope, Rusnak, Schoonover, and Tetu. The meeting was largely unstructured given the nature of the attendees, however, some business was discussed. The general theme of the meeting was that our 20th and subsequent reunions would be upon us faster than we would like and some anticipatory planning should perhaps take place. The subject of a 20th Reunion Book was raised and generally well received. It was determined that, based on the experience of other classes, at least 2 years lead time was necessary in order to produce a worthwhile product. At subsequent meetings we will take a look at some examples of the prior effects of other classes and start making decisions as 82 approaches.



1964: Class luncheon at West Point.

The 2d major item of discussion involved Class funds and the basic lack thereof. Currently we have 2 accounts with the (AOG): the Gift Account, wherein resides a grand total of \$130, and the Class Admin Account of approximately \$7,500. The major difference between the accounts is that money deposited in the Gift Account can only be used for gifts to the Military Academy, while expenditures from the Admin Account, in accordance with our constitution, can be made for Class purposes with more flexibility. As a side note, we have made 2 gifts to the Academy in our brief history. Shortly after graduation we donated a stained glass window to the Cadet Chapel, and recently we par-



1964: Founders Day Party at WP: 1st Row: Carol Tetu and the Jacunskis; 2d Row: Tetu, Burney, Grunstad, and Sandy Burney; on piano; Holly Grunstad.



1964: Brown, McClintock, Hardy and Howard.

ticipated in the Southeast Asia Memorial project.

The suggestion was made that we start thinking in terms of a gift project that would be completed and proffered to the Academy coincident with our 30th Reunion. Inasmuch as by that time any significant gift would probably run in excess of \$100,000, it is appropriate that we consider a long range plan to solicit donations. A goal of \$10,000 a year was suggested. This amount represents an average \$20 per year gift from 500 classmates, and would enable us to meet our goal by 1994 without having to initiate crash efforts in the out-years. This suggestion will be considered at later meetings along with any input that members of the Class care to provide. It was also decided that "what" the gift was to be was an unrealistic subject for discussion at this point.

Another item of discussion with regard to donations was the form donations to the Class should take. Donations to the AOG, without further designation, are deposited in the General Fund of the Assn, not in any '64 account. Donations to the Class of '64, without further designation, are automatically placed in the '64 Gift Account. In order for gifts to be placed in the '64 Admin Account they must be specifically designated for that account. As was pointed out above, the Admin Account offers us much greater flexibility in controlling our funds than does the Gift Account. Funds may be transferred to the Gift Account from the Admin Account, but the reverse is not true. Consequently, it was recommended that we suggest that class donations be made to the Admin Account, at least for the near future. During the annual AOG fund drive classmates are counseled to consider earmarking their donation to a '64 account.

One final note about donations. Classmates should be aware of the fact that donations may be made to class accounts in the name of a deceased grad or friend of WP. A section of the USMA Library has been desig-



1964: Fort Belvoir, Founders Day.

nated the Memory Book Corner and contains Memory Books which are alphabetical listings of those in whose name donations have been made, one page designated for each individual. Currently 21 of our 31 deceased classmates have been memorialized in this fashion. It was offered that we, as a class, should take better advantage of this opportunity to remind the family and friends of our fallen comrades that we remember these men and share a common feeling of loss. It should be pointed out that the next of kin is notified of the memorial gifts made in this manner.



1964: Korea.

One of our more environmentally inclined brothers mentioned that we did not as yet have a "Class Tree" and that there were a limited number of fine specimens still to be had on Trophy Point. The cost of such a monument would run approximately \$60 inasmuch as the tree would already be alive, well, and in place. This idea, especially considering the financial outlay, was greeted with great enthusiasm by all present.

To get away from West Point—Fletcher Lamkin wrote me a letter and called me all kinds of names. He said he will assume cmd of the 2-5 Field Arty near Frankfurt. He said that Denny Seiler is in the Plans Div, DCSOPS at USAREUR; Phil Shoemaker is the XO at DCSSENG and Tom Chapman is with the USAREUR IG. Sam Lamback wrote from Ft Leavenworth saying that he and Huba Wass de Czege are the only permanent party there. Just that he has seen a few class-



1964: The Stankos and Isaacs.



1964: Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

mates passing through the pre-cmd course. He said Tom Kullman, now a JAG Officer, is a student at CGSC. Sam is the Protestant Pastor while Huba is assigned to the school. Dave Smith has recently branched out into his own consulting firm, D. M. Smith Associates. He is still in Ridgefield, CT, however. Tom Anthony writes from Akron, OH, that he has recently returned to the U.S. from London and Spain where he had worked with Firestone. He has now become the Manager of Marketing Service & Strategic Planning for Firestone Intl Co. John Howard wrote from the AWC saying that he, Jed Brown and Carl Magnell are in the course now and that Len Hardy is "snow birding" to attend the next class. Leo Charron is assigned there to the Operations Group. Ed Schillo, Charlie McClintock and Jim McClure are civilians living in the area. John is on his way to Ft Ord to be the G3 of the 7th Inf Div this summer. After leaving his job as Asst Sec of the AF, Joe Zengerle is now with the Law firm of



1964: The Adamses—Founders Day Ft Leonard Wood.

Bingham, Dana & Gould in Boston and London. Joe is going to open a DC office. Joe's wife, Lynda, also will soon enter the law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease. Joe says that **Doug Bennett** just produced a 6th child around the 1st of Feb.

Departing from WP includes **Bill Connor** who will be the Histn at SHAPE; **Seth Hudgins** will take command of the 24th Avn Bn at Hunter Army Air Field; **Bob Tetu** will command the Dist Recruiting Cmd in Newburgh and I will take my family and my new son, Kyle, born on 20 Feb, to be the G1 in Berlin. **George Jacunski** has volunteered to assume my scribe duties. His handle is as follows: LTC George G. Jacunski, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, USMA, West Point, NY 10996; Autovon: 688-2781. Bless his heart!

In closing, it is my sad duty to report that **Tom Pachler's** wife, **Lorrie**, passed away on 14 Feb 81. Tom wrote to me and said that the outpouring of love and comfort from family and friends helped the boys and him through the initial days of the tragedy. A memorial mass was said at WP on 29 Mar 81. **Lorrie** was buried in Arlington on 17 Feb 81.



1964: Founders Day Fort Campbell.

'65

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Greetings to All. This is the new Class scribe commencing what may be the shortest tour as Class scribe in the annals of the ASSEMBLY. First things first. Between announcement of my elevation (?) to the position of scribe and publication of this column, I received a long letter from **Denny Coll**



1965: The Holmes'—Founders Day Ft Leonard Wood.



1965: The Powers—Founders Day St. Petersburg, FL.

offering to take over the scribe's duties on a permanent basis. As most of you know, **Denny** was the main force behind assembling the Class roster for the reunion last fall. It is our hope that by stabilizing the office of scribe—and combining it with the data bank **Denny** has already built—we can encourage more active participation in the column by a wider sector of the Class. Therefore with much thanks to **Denny**, effective immediately he will take over the duties of class scribe. Correspondence for the class column should be sent to the above address.



1965: The Andersons, Nenningers, Jonette Prosize, and Winstead.

Here at West Point, the class contingent in residence will get smaller with the loss of 7 classmates. From the Tac Dept, **Hal Jenkins** will go to V Corps in Frankfurt as the Dpty G1, **Laveme** will stay here for another year to get her tenure at the West Point Library, then join **Hal** in Germany. **Cal & Pat Kahara** will carry the Army standard into the heart of crab country when he joins CINCLANT HQ in Norfolk, VA. **Joe & Kay Hindsley** will be traveling to Ft Bragg where **Joe** will be joining the Ops & Tng section at the SWC.

On the Academic side of the house, **Jack & Joanne Lyons** will depart the English Dept for the Exercise Branch, SHAPE, Belgium. **Barrie & Linda Zais** will leave the History Dept for Hq EUCOM at Stuttgart, Germany. **Bill & Bonnie Ritch** will also be leaving for a destination yet unknown. **Bill** promised to let us know when he finishes negotiating with MILPERCEN. **John & Todd Higley**, our departing scribe, will be leaving the SJA's office for the Reserve Component and Admin Ctr, St. Louis, MO. Finally, leaving only



1965: Korea.



1965: Ft Belvoir.

temporarily, will be **Jim & Elaine Golden**. **Jim**, who is the Dpty Head of the Soc Sci Dept, will be on a year's sabbatical in Munich, Germany, where he will be associated with **Abenhausen**, a German think-tank similar to the **Brookings Inst.**

The only known arrivals this summer are **Bob Doughty** who will take up a permanent position in the History Dept and **Tom Genoni** who is reported to be joining the Physics Dept.

Two other major events on the local scene.



1965: The Hudsons—Founders Day Dallas, TX.

Jim McElice moved from the Soc Sc Dept to the Office of the Dean where he is a permanent associate prof and the Registrar and Dir of Ops designate. Tom Johnson has become the Dir of the Sci Rsch Lab here at WP, also a permanent position. West Point's gain was the Air Force's loss. Tom's selection as a perm prof required him to rejoin the Army so overnight he left the "wild blue yonder" and became "a helluva an Engineer."

That's all for now. One final word on behalf of the new scribe. Denny is geared up to do an aggressive job but he can only print what he receives, so keep the cards and letters coming. Don Rowe.

'66

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My thanks to those of you who during the last month or so wrote, called, or had your lawyer contact me concerning the Class column. You have prevented the Scribe Syndrome, which is characterized by a tendency to squat by the mail chute and mutter repeatedly, "What if you gave a column and nobody came?" The Outgoing Scribe uttered a Cassandra-with-warts prophecy as he passed the wax tablets and stylus. Said it might not take two men and a boy to lug the class mail sacks into my cubicle each day. His warning of course reflected a pessimism born of one or more of his as yet unrevealed private vices, such as wearing high-water underwear. Still, the plebe mail carrier I borrowed from the Cmdt has been modestly overwhelmed of late, so I had to let her go. The news . . .

Man of the Quarter: Jerry Sands, who gained this high honor for having the good sense to send me 2¢ along with his letter. I have handed this princely sum over to the Reunion Cmte, which is mightily surprised by this untypically generous contribution, Jerry, but has voted against spending 18¢ to send you a receipt. Jerry has earned the following 2¢ Profile. Occupation: classified (DIA). Hobby: looking sinister at cocktail parties. Last Book Read: the 1966 HOW-ITZER. Goal in Life: just once, to find a parking place in the greater DC area.



1966: Class Reps.

Jerry writes that he is working for the DIA and is (get this) "enjoying my 5th year in the DC area." Glad to hear that "DC" and "enjoy" are not mutually exclusive terms, Jerry. One reported drawback of the job is that it's so secret that Jerry can't get a clearance to find out what he does for a living. He has solved this potentially embarrassing problem by showing up randomly at various meetings and keeping quiet, which has earned him quite a reputation as a strong, silent type. Jerry also reports the presence (satellite imagery is magic) of a sizable herd of '66ers milling around DC, maybe 30 plus civilians and 60 plus in uniform. That definitely tilts the Class free body diagram's COM toward the Potomac.

Once I located the microdot concealed in Jerry's letter, I discovered that he has not spent all his time in DC and elsewhere commuting and worrying about how to see the Circle Trigon sixth echelon (MOBDES cowherds east of the Caucasus). He and his lovely wife Pat have conspired to produce the better part of a hockey team: Nicholas (14), Timothy (13), Christopher (11), Brian (9), Todd (8). That's a lot of sneakers, friends. Pat has concluded, by the way, that there is a Second Little Kid's Law: new shoes fit only until you get the little brat home. Pat will be offering an amazing collection of kiddie footwear (suitable for retread) and other select junque at a PCS yard sale later this year (7204 Tanager St., Springfield, VA). Next stop: Korea or Germany, depending on how irritated the MILPERCEN computer is when it discovers that Jerry has been loiter-

ing in DC for 5 years. All of you people down that way really should consider selling your houses at the same time, pooling the profits, and making a modest common investment, such as buying the state of AR. One guy excited by this prospect is the "very bearded" John Tillson, who roams the E-ring and works, occasionally, Manpower Mgmt, in the OSD as a GS-infinity. Others alleged to have a fondness for clustering at the flag-pole include Mike Fry (VP's staff) and Bill Rennagel (State). No news; we await their SITREP.

As cadets, John Dubia and I made our TV debut in AK on AOT. We shuffled into a station in Anchorage for an interview, and John's performance was amazing. He spent the better part of an hour coating the interviewer with rhetorical vaseline as he effused about AOT, Alaska, etc. John is now lubing down SP Arty since assuming command of the 1/22 FA, 1st AD, in May. He and Mauren and the tribe—John Jr (12), Mike



1966: The Stalkers, Kakel, and the Meccias—Founders Day Fort Leonard Wood.

(10), and Chris (7), are living just outside of Nuremberg. John either saw or had a vision of Bill O'Connor at Graf this past winter. Bill and Linda are posted to the 3d Inf Div, where Bill thinks about battle (DIVARTY Asst 3) and Linda does battle with the exchange rate. Corner Bill at happy hour sometime and ask him to reveal his central part in the "Spoonies Shoes" epic.

Bet all of you C-4 files thought that Bani Pangasinan's favorite son had sailed west at graduation and dropped off the edge of the world. Not so. Rogelio U. Fernandez is alive, well, and a LTC in the Philippine Army. Rog recently sent a "Dear Classmate" up this way to say that he was married in 71 to Winnie Soto, and they have 2 girls and a boy. Rog hopes to join us for the Oct festivities. At present Rog is stationed at Ft Bonifacio, Manila, where he sorts C-rations and pushes paper for the Philippine Army Spt Cmd. Hope your travel plans work out, Rog; we look forward to seeing you at the reunion.

Bill Dock called from San Fran, where he sits in the Sixth Army HG at the Plans desk and awaits natural disasters. Really. He is responsible to his boss for Mt St. Helens and similar events when the Pres issues a Declaration of Disaster for the Army AO. Always dedicated to duty, Bill is pleased to inform all that he will be right on the scene when his piece of CA gets subducted under the



1966: Class Reps.



1966: The Ohotnickys and the Suhays.

North American Plate. I checked my figures with the Dept of Geography and Computer Science, Bill, and we concur that about six years after you go under, the massive plan that you have developed to cope with said event should pop out of a fumarole somewhere in the Tetons. Bill's consistently sensible lady, Jo, figures that if any of this earthquake/volcano business is anything more than nonsense, then the Army has an obligation to issue each family in the Bay Area a yacht. Jo works as a docent at the San Fran Museum of Modern Art and tries to keep up with Kelley (12) and Kara (10).

Other '66ers in the Bay Area include Ralph Cruikshank, who is at Sixth Army HQ and thinks that San Andreas is the votary saint of those who tie up a lot; John "Yossarian jumped" Redmond and Tom Kinane at Letterman AMC; and other civ Gang of Five: Tom Dusel, Tom Eason, Randall Keener, Dewey Renneker, and Fran Swanson. Some of these folks are rumored to have families.

Attention to Orders: One of the great pleasures in a mil man's life is to sidle up to the local B-Board and confirm what the boss has already told you: you're on The List. Richly deserving this gratifying self-indulgence are our 9 classmates recently tapped for battalion cmd: Ed Andrews, Joe Calek, Rick Gorski, Matt Harrison, Bill Kakel, Dave Kelley, John Kelsey, Jim Ogle, and Bob Scales. Guys, let all of us know when and where your commands will be. And in lieu of the standard apology about WP not being MILPERCEN North, if I missed anybody I'll drive around to the local commo center and TWX you a 2-1. Also, somebody



1966: Fort Belvoir.

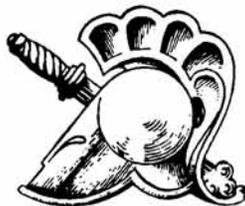
warn Dave Kelley (Nav CSC grad) and Bob Scales (AFSC grad) that they are about to discover a severe and debilitating hazard associated with the pre-command course at Leavenworth: the chow. Wretched coffee, reheated fried eggs, steamed toast, Carry C's or a sack lunch.

Reluctant Revision: Contrary to previously published poop, Ed Kane has decided not to seat the '66 jogger/marathoners together at the Oct reunion so that you can compare feet. It turns out that Ed had decided that feet are distasteful, which I can only suppose is sometimes the case. Bet Ed changes his tune, though, when somebody introduces a line of butter brickle-flavored socks. Balancing Ed's unwarranted anti-jogging bias is a nifty tip from Lynn Hunt for all you potential Boston/NYC marathoners. Lynn advises that you will get a much better reception at big city marathons if you don't use subway tokens to pay your registration fee. Got to mention that I have received a lot of requests for Lynn's address. I happen to know that's because Lynn and Ali are very nice people, but Lynn suspects that in some cases it relates to his MILPERCEN duties, which include briefing all the selection boards on the new OER.



1966: Korea.

Grab Bag: Founders Day, WP 81: good chicken, short speeches, no photo. Send one of your gathering and it will be published. Six months late, maybe, but published. Alternatively, I can have the airbrush artist at the photo lab add 5 lbs of facial fat to last year's. Quiz: Guess what is 77% nickel, 20% chromium, 2% aluminum, 1/2% copper, and 1/2% silicone? Clue: Has nothing to do with the XC-1 or Carol Doda. Ans: The optional class ring available from Balfour for cadets who can't afford or don't choose the big bucks gold version. The first option not selected: a tattoo. Posture photographs: Now that you have completely forgotten about yours, it's time to warn you that those black and white glossies are exempt from the provisions of the Privacy Act. And as John Lecarre fans know, blackmail is a lot more reliable than bribery, so I'll print yours if I do not hear from Jack Crabtree, Dad Dodd, John LaRoche. PCS: Keep those change of address cards coming in. Congratulations: In advance, to all the new MAJ(P)'s. Have a great summer . . . M.G.



'67

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Once upon a long time, long ago, there was a surly class scribe who lived in a place called Fat City. His life was happy, because he knew that every 3d month his mailbox would be full of hot poop and scurrilous scandal. Then one day, people got lazy and complacent, and they stopped sending letters to the surly guy in Fat City. This did not make him happy, because it made life hard for him. (Since nothing at Fat City is supposed to be hard anymore, this was a particularly odious development). His editor got mad at him because he was late with his notes. His wife got mad at him because he became more surly. His children got mad at him because he wouldn't play with them. "Life cannot go on like this," he said. So he packed up his bags and his family and said goodbye to Fat City. Let someone else have the pain and heartache. You're not going to have Freed Lowrey to kick around anymore.

By the time you read this, we will be on our way to the Great Land of AK, where the air is pure and clean, the sky is blue, and the rivers run thick with fish. I will no longer have the luxury of waiting until a week after deadline to walk these notes across the Plain to the editor. If you want me to continue this drivel, you'd better WRITE to me. Mail early! I do not need aggravation.

Changing times dept: gold Class rings are going the way of sammy birds, the Fourth Class System, walking the area, and 3.0 grading. On 15 Jan, the Supt approved an optional Class ring made of 77% nickel, 20% chromium, 2% aluminum, and 1/2% copper and silicone. Now, with a little spray paint, no one will even know the difference. Just don't go swimming with it on.



1967: Margaret Ann, Cathy and Jim Tankovich, Xmas 1980.

News from Germany: Jim Tankovich wrote to report a serious classmating incident. It seems that Bob Frank, who is Asst G3, Plans/Ops for the 8th Inf Div, managed to have the Tank tasked to evaluate a winter training exercise conducted by the 8th. Then, while Bob operated in comfort from a heated van, Tank had to spend a week in a jeep during a blizzard. Well, it's good to see some things never change. Tank, by the way, is XO of the 3/11 ACR. Margaret Ann Tankovich is a CPT in the Reserves, and spent almost 2 months on active duty last year as a French LnO for V Corps and 3d AD.

Some guy named Al Bornmann sent a letter claiming he was a classmate and wanting to see his name in print. Checked out the HOWITZER and, sure enough, he's in there. Ap-



1967: Mullane and friends on the Seychelles Is.

parently he's been in hiding the past 14 years, but now he's a student at the Air C&SC in AL after a 3-year asgmt in Germany. In Jun, Al, Pris, and their 2 kids are off to DC for a life of poverty and service in DCSOPS. One last duty he must perform before leaving—he's been assigned as **Bob Angeli's** sponsor at Air C&S for the next course.

Check out the picture of **Mike Mullane**. Recognize the sweet young thing. No, that's not Donna. Yes, it is Bo Derek. Mike was on a tour of space tracking sights in the Indian Ocean, and "just happened" to run into Ms Derek in the Seychelles Islands. According to Donna, Mike says she is **NOT** a 10. She is a 12. The other guy in the picture is a fellow astronaut. **Steve Hawley**. Mike, by the way, will be the back seat jockey of the chase plane when the Space Shuttle returns from its first launch. The **Mullanes** indicate they occasionally see **Woody Spring**, who is in the same technical asgmt as Mike.

Brian Hayes wrote to report that he will complete his Orthopedic Surgery Residency at Ft Lewis in another year, and will be off to Korea (hopefully?) in the spring of 82. Last May he presented a paper at the Mayo Clinic on foot fractures. Brian got married in 79, and already has a 7-year-old daughter (you figure it out).

Walt Mather recovered from the Marine Corps Marathon in Feb to drop me a line and report on DC goings on. Seems the high rollers in the Pentagon have formed a breakfast club that meets the first Tues of each month at 0730 in the Pentagon Officers Ath-

letic Club Snack Bar. The Dec meeting included **Ken Harris**, **Karl Jacobs** (OCSA), **Hobie Pillsburg**, **Lee Smith** (DCSPER), **Bob Keenan** (ACE), **Chuck Stancil** (DCSRDA), and **Walt**, who's in DCSOPS. Also in the Pentagon are **Doug Starr** (DCSOPS) and **Mickey Michelson** (DIA). Others in the DC area, according to **Walt**, are **Rick Hausman** (Ft Belvoir) and **Bill Pittinger** (MILPERCEN), and possibly **Dave Rivers**, **Mark Miller**, and **Dave Piexotto**.



1967: Russell Anthony Baggett presented for baptism at West Point, Feb 81.



1967: Ft Belvoir.



1967: Ann Olson in concert with the Glee Club.



1967: Korea.

Glen Hale recently escaped from DCSOPS for greener pastures with the 2d Rgr Bn at Ft Lewis. By the way—speaking of marathons again—**Walt** finished the Marine Corps Marathon in 2:54, and **Bill Pittinger** did a 2:44, qualifying him for Boston (along with **Rich Kiper**).

Ann Olson became an instant celebrity at the local Founders Day Banquet when the Glee Club plucked her out of the crowd to accompany them in song. Actually, she just stood there and blushed a lot (see the picture). **Alan** pretended not to notice anything.

Other local celebrities—**Monty Meigs**, currently in the Hist Dept has been awarded a 1-year Intl Affairs Fellowship at MIT, beginning this year. As I understand it, he'll be doing research in the use of technology in the decision making process. Hopefully, he will return to WP to impart the benefit of his studies. (Decision making at WP defies analysis. It frequently defies identification.)

From the Too Hard dept—rifles at inspections in ranks are out now. Of course, the



1967: Class Reps—West Point.



1967: The Caldwell, Kerns, Komblevitzes, Charters and date.



1967: The Nickersons, Rettigs, Costanza and Hardin—Founders Day Dallas, TX.

Corps only has one inspection during the 2d semester, and it's on weekday afternoons (we mustn't inconvenience anyone on Sat). Since the cadets never fire their rifles, one would not think it would be so hard to keep them clean.

From the grapevine, I discover that Chuck Costanza is working for Joe Hardin in the Southland Corp in Dallas. The Costanzas have 3 boys—ages 11, 9, and 2. Chuck is finishing up his PhD in some weird, off-the-wall discipline at GWU. Prior to going to work for Joe, he was working for the Food & Drug Admin.

Short bursts—Jim Weller is on his way to Germany from CGSC at Leavenworth; Bob McEldowney is en route to WP from Raleigh, NC (presumably grad sch), and Asa Clark is coming back to WP as a PAP (perm assoc prof) in Soc Studies, having just completed his PhD.



1967: Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

Earl Walker had an interesting article in the Apr issue of Military Review, entitled "Emory Upton and the Army Officers Creed." Earl is assigned to USMA as a PAP in the Social Science Dept, but is currently on leave serving as a White House Fellow in the Dept of Energy.

That's it for this time, sports fans. Not much meat, or fat either. I will try to continue these notes from AK, but may have to give it up because of the lead time required. Keep in touch and keep smiling. God Bless one and all. BEAT NAVY!!!



'68

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I am afraid this issue's notes are going to be brief—not many letters or much news this time. I must begin with an apology to Mark & Dale Hansen because I got the 2 confused in the last issue. It was Mark Hansen and his wife Dianne who were at the mini-reunion at the Curls' before the homecoming game. My apologies!



1968: Korea.

In Feb I received a letter from Ray MacDonald, who didn't have any news about himself but he did mention that Rick & Ellen Adam living in Glencoe, IL, needed some help with their reunion book. I think I was able to help, at least I haven't heard anything more from Ray or Rick.

In Mar, Dave & Helen Ford sent word about the arrival of their new son, William James, born on 1 Mar. I also heard from Dwight & Donna Lee in Mar. They wrote to say that they had returned last Jun from Bad Krenguach, FRG, where Dwight had been the S3 of the 8th Sig Bn and where they had seen Dick Steiner (now at Ft Monmouth) and Johnnie Miller. From Aug to Jan Dwight had attended AFSC in Norfolk before



1968: The Wrights, Vehlows, Josephs, Hansens, Tucillos, Carraways, Jeffries', and Johnsons—Founders Day West Point.



1968: Class Reps.

reporting to the DC area last Jan to work for the DCA in Arlington, VA.

Founders Day here at the Academy, at which GEN Meyer was the speaker, was attended by the following classmates and wives: Mark & Diane Hansen, Bill & Cheryl Jeffries, Fred & Diane Johnson, Fred Shahid (Sally was too ill to attend then, but has since had surgery and is recovering nicely), Chuck & Kate Vehlow, Rich & Marsha Wright, Ralph & Sandy Tucillo, Paul & Claire Joseph, and yours truly and my wife Pat. We all seem to have behaved ourselves that night, at least we appear alert in the photos.

March also brought a note from Dan & Linda Lynes, who are now living in Exton, FL. Dan left the Army from the Dept of Engr here at the Academy in 76 to work as a prod mgr and now as dir of materials for Oyx, a div of Exxon Office Sys. Dan mentioned that he works fairly closely with Steve Caldwell who is the dir of business planning in the marketing division of the same company; and that Linda had only one more year to complete her MBA. Dan said that I ought to urge anybody who found themselves in the Exton area to give him a call.

Odds and ends from here and there include the news that Dick & Charmanie Kent are enjoying themselves in the Pittsburg area



1968: Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

where Dick is a senior project engr for Westinghouse. I saw Dan Kaufman up here in late Mar when he had taken off from AFSC for a short time to interview for an assoc professorship in the Social Sciences Dept. I also heard that Wally & Dennie Barton and their daughter Marcia were now living in Lakeland, FL (near Tampa), where Wally is working for a phosphate mining co. after having left Akron, Oh, in 79 where he worked for Firestone as an industrial engr. Finally, Bill Jeffries, now settling into his associate professorship in the English Dept here, relayed news about Lee O'Reilly, who is living in Durham, NC, where he is chief engr for General Telephone, setting up new systems in that tri-state area; John Dallen and Tricia are also in Durham where John is working on his PhD at Duke in preparation for returning here as an assoc prof in G&CS Dept. Bill said John had just left AFSC where he ran their computer for them and that he and Tricia had just welcomed their first child, a daughter. John Calabro will be arriving here in Jun from AFSC with his new bride to take up his post in the Engl Dept. Dan Nettesheim decided recently to leave the Army to go work in the Milwaukee area.

That's all there is for this time, sorry about the brevity. Please keep writing and sending the news in; until next time—everybody take care.



1968: Fort Belvoir.

'69

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This column is being written on 3 Apr, covering news received since 4 Jan. My deadline for the Sept issue is 30 June, so please send your cards, letters, and photos by that date.

Thanks for your great response on addresses. We still are missing quite a number, however, and I ask that you keep me, and AOG, apprised of your whereabouts, especially as we come into the summer moving season. I will publish one last "missing

classmates" list next issue, so that all corrections can be to Charlie Jarvis by the end of Sept.

Plans are proceeding well for the Class gathering on 13 Jun at my parents' home in McLean, VA. The festivities will begin with an outdoor buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m. and we hope that a good number from out of town will attend. Please call Holly or me at the number above for exact details.

On a personal note, I have been asked to continue on as a member of the National Security Council staff, at least until this summer. I welcome the opportunity to see, or assist, classmates coming to Washington, so please call at the office (202-395-4970) if you are coming to town.



1969: Hammond, the Loves, Marilyn Hammond, Cindi Raglin, and Morelock.

Letters were a bit sparse this qtr, as is usually the case after the Xmas surge. However, I want to thank those who did write and encourage others to share their news in the next issue.



1969: Doris Morelock, Cindi Raglin, Marilyn Hammond, and Peggy Love.

The Class ranks at West Point are beginning to thin out considerably. Barbara & Bob Glacel will be leaving for CGSC, as will Beth & Stew Bornhoft. Don Navor will replace Stew as the Supt's aide. Rich West reports to Korea in Jul, and Mary and the children will live in Lawton, OK, for the year. Val & Jon Smrtic, who joined Holly and me for dinner in Mar while househunting, are moving to DC this summer. Jon is slated to be the mil asst to Rick Burt, Dir of the Politico-Military Bureau at the State Dept. Just after returning to West Point last month, Val found out that their 2d child is due in Nov. Those of you concerned about all the WP departures, take heart: Corrine & Dave Hofstetter will remain to defend the northern flank with the same skill and dedication that marked their long defense of Atlanta!

Two recent arrivals in the DC area: Paul D. Grant Jr. on 3 Nov 80, and Matthew Douglas Alvarey on 18 Mar 81. Paul Sr. is on orders



1969: Mary, Rich, Brian and Kimberly West.

to CGSC, while Jean & Joel Alvarey are at the JAG Sch in Charlottesville.

Shirley & Joel Snow wrote from Ft Bragg, where he is S3 of 2/508 Inf. They had seen Buff & Mark Waple and Heidi & Bruce McBane at the local Founders Day dinner. Mark is a civ atty in Fayetteville, while Bruce is in FAO sch en route to Bonn. The Snows extended a helping hand to classmates moving to Ft Bragg; they will be there until CGSC in 83. By the way, Penny & Aus Yerks, who attended one of our rugby games recently informed me that the Waples had recently been joined by their 3d child. Aus still is with Computer Sci Corp, while Penny is selling homes out of her McLean ofc.

Cross country, Maria & John Inselman wrote from the Natl Tng Ctr, Ft Irwin, CA. While on TDY to Atlanta, John had dinner with Shirley & Mike Rothermich. Mike completed his MBA at Washington U in St. Louis, and is now working with the Owen-Illinois Corp in Atlanta.

Quite a few letters from overseas this time. Joan & George Demetriou welcomed their 3d child, Gabriel Phillip, on 28 Dec 80 in Heidelberg. George mentioned that Jim Rohacik recently had moved to Baumholder.

Sharon & Red Taylor are in Schwaebisch-Gemuend, and Red recently took over as S3 of 1/41FA. Red had recently seen Norv Eyrich, George Meier, Bill Jones, and Steve Williams. He also said that Gary Bish rotated to a Res asgmt in PA.

Recently arrived in Germany were Sally & Brian Owens in Augsburg, where Brian is an internist. They were joined by Jonathan David on 8 Oct 80. Brian said that Ginny & Mark Kannenberg were in Nicholasville, KY.



1969: Nan, Dennis, and Carrie Lee Pogany.

with FMC, and that they recently added Elizabeth Drew to the family. Brian also located Tim Beckworth in Augsburg and Jon Pederson at Ft Sill.

Pat & Pete Bazzel were fully settled at Herzo Base in Bavaria, while Cindi & Paul Raglin were preparing to leave the Frankfurt area for CGSC. Much further south, Rob Lindsey checked in from his new asgmt with the US mil msn to Zaire in Kinshasa.



1969: The Woodburys—Founders Day Ft Leonard Wood.

Dave Hayes wrote and called from Bellingham, MA, with the first news from the civ side of the Class. He and Chris had recently returned from a vacation in Mexico and were planning a move to Needham, MA, in Jul. Chris still works with Bryant Coll, while Dave is with Texas Inst's finance dept. Dave hoped to join us for this year's Alumni rugby match in May.

Recently moved to the Philadelphia area were Terry & Bob Jenkins in Devon. Down the road in Baltimore, MD, Yvonne & Mike Healy had recently welcomed Michael John William, while Andrew Willson Dillon arrived on 20 Jan 81. Recently departed from the DC area were Mary Grace & Ralph Crosby, who now live in L.A. where Ralph works for Northrop Corp.

Dave Hill sent 2 long letters, the first of which announced 2 graduations this May, his from GW Law Sch with an LLM in patent and trade regulation law and Leslie's second bachelor's degree, this one in interior design from the UMD. That letter also enclosed a feature story on Dick Anshus' 2 years of captivity in Vietnam. Dick is now on a utilization tour with the North Pacific engr div in Portland, OR. Dave's 2d letter reported on the fine Class turnout at the DC area Founders Day dinner: Aileo, Alexander, Burgess, Craig, DeFilippi, Paul Grant, Kersey, Lynett, Rimmel, Swick, and Yerks.

In Jupiter, FL, Jim Nelson has moved to the int'l marketing div of Pratt and Whitney, while Deborah is busy with Julia (almost 3) and Joseph Daniel (9 months). In the Midwest, Stephanie & Roger Caris wrote from



1969: Class Reps.

near Lansing, MI, where Roger is a law firm admin and Stephanie a public health nurse. Barbi & Tom Whitaker had recently moved to a new home, still in Ft Wayne, IN. They located the Stelters in Clearwater, FL, and Nancy & Bruz Fellenz in Atlanta. Expecting shortly were Carol & Doug Williams (in CA en route to CGSC), Monica & Bill Selecman, and Melinda & Jim Russell. They also said Bonnie Carpenter is in Springfield, VA, awaiting Jim's return from Korea.

Nan & Dennis Pogany wrote from Naperville, IL, where Dennis is a production manager with Johnson and Johnson. Near Chicago are Ann & Paul Kessenich, who welcomed their 4th child, Joseph Arthur, on 18 Jul 80. Paul is nearing completion of his MBA at DePaul, and he was recently named Dir of Mktg for Consumer Systems, a computer-based consulting firm. Also near Chicago is Dave Vaught, an atty with Dan Walker Law Offices, and Steve McGue, who is a VP with Hart-Schaffner.



1969: The Gagnaires, Staffords, McGoverns and Glazners—Founders Day Dallas, TX.

Donna & Gary Bogema were in touch from Danbury, TX, near Houston, where Gary is an exec with AMF-Tuboscope. The last letter from the civ side was from Joe Schatz, who has opened a law practice in San Fran, after completing his J.D. studies at Hastings.

Well, my desk is clear, and an adorable one-year old who just took her first steps is waiting for me at home with her beautiful mother. Holly, Kathleen, and I hope to see many of you in Jun, and we hope that all of you have an enjoyable summer.

Till next time, God bless to all in '69.

'70

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I'm going to start my tenure as Class scribe by first thanking John Reitz for the fantastic job he has done in writing the Class of '70 column. It's going to be difficult to follow in

the footsteps of a Dept of Engl instructor. First thing I'd like to do is correct the telephone number listed in the last issue of the ASSEMBLY. If any of you called it you certainly weren't even in the right area code!

A very informative letter was received from Les Sumner who is product mgr for Anheuser-Busch's new imported German beer—Wurzbürger. Special congratulations are in order to Les and his new bride Patti McConville. They were married in Santa Rosa, CA. Patti is a flight attendant for Pan American airlines. The Sumners are currently living in St. Louis, MO. Les has extended an invitation to anyone passing thru to call or stop by. There's an extra bedroom available if you give him sufficient time to get the Clydesdales out of it. Other news contained in his letter



1970: Meinhold, Weisman, Soucek, Adams, Elliott, Craig, Studer, Heaton (rear) Gerard (fwd) Trivette, Drinkwater.

concerned Gil Pritchard—that mild mannered young rugby player. Gil married Les's sister Ann last Sept. They live in Laguna Beach, CA, where Gil is marketing mgr for Richardson-Merrill's new acquisition, Plus Products. Ken Jaccard stopped by on his way to C&GS. Les said he was in very good shape and running as usual. Ron & Mary Ellen Spears are in DC where Ron works for MCI in charge of their long lines dept and Mary Ellen works for United Airlines as a personnel supervisor.



1970: West Point 1981.

Via John Reitz an amusing letter was received from Carl Linke who is stationed at Ft Benning. The letter was a little confusing but it appears that he is teaching leadership to OCS, Basic and the Advanced Course as the "Wizard of Wit in Infantry Hall." If you are in the area Carl says to contact him at 404-561-1598.

He also stated that Mac Plummer is an airborne Co. Cdr at Benning. Carl had an interesting story about Dick & Carolyn Beahm. Dick is a Math P. at WP but Carolyn as of Jan 81 was in Atlanta trying to sell their 4000 sq. ft. house. While awaiting a buyer, Carolyn has worked as a swing shift disc jockey in a disco bar! From there she has found her way into a closed circuit TV operation in Atlanta.



1970: Ekman.

Paul Kowalczyk wrote from Bettendorf, IA. He and his wife Mary have 3 children, Andrew (6), Katherine (3), and Benjamin (1). Paul is a civ working for the CE Dist at Rock Is, IL. As proj mgr for several flood control projects along the Miss River, Paul enjoys his work. The work is challenging and Paul says it requires him to use some of the engineering he learned at WP.

Kerry & Jan Lawrence are happy civilians enjoying the Pacific NW in the Seattle area. Kerry is an atty in construction law and Jan is in the upper echelons of the Eddie Bauer Co. They were out East for the reunion and stopped by to visit us as they made a whirlwind tour of the east coast from FL to WP. While visiting Mike & Irma Jones at WP where Mike is with the Admissions Dept, we saw Clark & Diane Campbell. Clark is an optometrist who recently opened his practice in Tempe, AZ. Jim Mowery is attending the Air WC at Maxwell AFB, AL. According to his wife Vicki, he is re-writing the book on strategy. Randy Carlson stopped by looking more like he belonged in the Tac Dept than teaching French. After an interesting sojourn studying in France it is fantastic to have his linguistic talents being put to use at WP. Our New England connection finds Jeff Troxell as



1970: Paul, Mary, Katherine, Andrew and Ben Kowalczyk.

a neuro-surgery resident at Dartmouth, Fred Valliere as a stockbroker with Merrill Lynch in Manchester, NH, and Keith Jarrett pursuing his PhD in economics at Harvard.

Jim & JoAnn Crawford called from Ft Riley, KS where he is having some adventure working with the Retraining Bde. From what he said it appears that some of their "social experiments" fail. Other classmates at Ft Riley include Tom Shadid and Tom Schmidt. Jim reports that Nelson Johnson is still QM and is working at DARCOM but that he has entered the Proj Mgr Program.

Gene & Nancy Studer supplied a very informative letter from Colo Spgs, CO. Gene is with JAG at Ft Carson. They arrived there



1970: Ft. Belvoir.



1970: Founders Day Ft Ord.



1970: Class Reps.

last Jul and bought a new home. Since a number of classmates along the Colorado frontier couldn't make it back to WP for our tenth, Gene and Nancy organized a mini-reunion for 12 Class members, the same weekend as the formal one. Among those attending: Don Meinhold, an atty in private practice in Colo Spgs, Len Weisman, pediatrician at Fitzsimons Army Hospital, Paul Soucek, land developer, Colo Spgs, Bill Adams, PhD candidate, English, UC Boulder, Bill Elliott IBM-Denver (lives in CS), Jim Craign, psychologist, Ft Collins, Bob Heaton, USAF, instructor in aeronautics USAFA, Tom Gerard, instructor in CE, USAFA, Bill



1970: The Dunphys—Founders Day St. Petersburg, FL.

Trivette, JAG, Ft Carson, John Drinkwater, TAC, USAFA.

I'm looking forward as Class scribe to renewing old friendships formed as a cadet and to making new friends among all of you who break silence and write in. At the reunion I was amazed at the scope and diversity of prof pursuits that our Class has attained. I know I only scratched the surface of interesting stories, so please contribute. And if you are going through McGuire AFB, NJ "The Gateway to NATO" stop by the Dental Clinic and say hello. I promise no preventive dental health instruction! Beverly, David, Justin and I would be glad to see you if you're passing through the Phila area. Bev recently celebrated her 1st anniversary in the antique business. Her store in Moorestown, NJ, has done fairly well.

Take care and the best to you all!



1970: The Bickels and Short—Founders Day Dallas, TX.

'71

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It is early Apr as I write these notes. Contributions this quarter are sparse, due no doubt to 2 reasons: first, clearing out the winter cobwebs and discovering the beauty of spring left correspondence low on the priority list and second, continued promises that you are saving your "poop" for the reunion in Oct. Not to worry . . . next issue I shall start fabricating news!

Congratulations to those parents who were thoughtful enough to let us all share in their exciting news of yet more "Professionally Done" babies: Sept.—Matthew James Fischer; Nov—Jamie Blair Lindeman, Grace Marie Turner (Tom); Feb—Robert Michael Nastasi; Mar—Benjamin Joseph George Jr, Adrienne Leigh Gustin, David Noel Hutchison, Robert Ryan Monastra. It may be interesting to note that David Hutchison was born



1971: A-2 Revisited.

27 minutes before Robert Monastra at Keller Army Hospital at WP. In fact, Scott and John, who live across the street from one another, met in the street at 2:30 a.m. on their sons' birth date.

Paul Andrew has left his position as a marketing rep with McDonnell-Douglas and has joined E.F. Hutton as a member of the firm's Accelerated Mgmt Tng Program in Chicago. Paul was one of only 11 initial participants in the highly selective and intensive program. After 14 years, we may finally listen when Paul talks! Wes & Felicia Blaine have left the Ford Motor Co. and moved to Knoxville where Wes will be an engr with TVA. John Buckowsky has turned up as an AF pilot in Rome AFB, N.Y. Phyllis Cogan, now a MAJ in the Nurse Corps, serves at Ft Dix while Kevin pursues a master's at Columbia. Scott Crandall has switched agents in his efforts to publish his first book and has received some interest from publishing companies. In the interim, he has begun his 2d book—on So Africa. Greg Doepke has reentered academia with his pursuit of a MBA at VA Commonwealth U. Jim Floyd passed the vet's National Board Exam in Dec and looks forward to graduation from LSU in May. Prospective practices in either WI, TN, or GA loom big for the old cowpie analyst. The Gustins are loving the countryside of WI where Gus is a resident sales mgr for 6 states for Lukens Steel Co. This follows training in PA, L.A., and Milwaukee. I heard from Jim Lindeman after all these years. After serving in Vietnam, Ft Hood, Ft Benning, and Ft Stewart, Jim left the Army and subsequently earned a Master of Engineering degree from Berkeley. He currently works as a Proj Mgr on the Central Arizona Project which is a canal taking water from the Colorado River to Tucson. Nancy

Lindeman is an RN and works as an admin for a House Care agcy.

Rosemary & Ray McKinney recently hosted an A-2 get-together in their home at Princeton. Ray is in his 2d year at the Princeton Seminary. Janet & Al Payne, recently transplanted to NJ from Houston, attended the gathering. Al now works for AT&T Long Lines. John McLaughlin is an atty on Wall St and lives on Long Is. Bill & Jennifer Nichols are enjoying business in Munich.



1971: The Boices and the Clarkes.

More orders have been received for those of us due to rotate from WP. They include Jerry & Gloria Edelen (CGSC), Scott & Marci Hutchison (HI), Rich & Elaine Keene (Ft Bragg), Pat & Susie McDonald (Ft Ord), Lane & Chris Morehead (Korea), and Joe & Valerie Yakovac (Ft Belvoir and then Warren, MI). The de Moyas, Hitchcocks, Lejas (change from last issue), and McNallys have decided to extend for a 4th year. Mike & Mary Lynn McRee will give civ life a try this summer.

An epilogue from the "Corps-Is" dept from last issue shows that cadets are again serving area tours. Other entries this quarter include only instant, make-it-yourself coffee in the Mess Hall, plebes "at rest" in the Mess Hall from Spring leave through Graduation, academic "drops," short sleeve Class shirts and black/grey British style sweaters.

You may have received notices from the reunion cmtc prior to the publishing of this issue. If not, it will be forthcoming shortly. Due to Lane Morehead's departure to Korea, Jeff Rock (Dept of BS&L) has taken over the reins of cmtc chmn. Class of '71 festivities will begin Thurs eve, 15 Oct. Activities scheduled for the weekend include informal parties, boat rides, barracks/mess hall/classroom tours, golf tournament, tailgate, and



1971: Class Reps.

memorial services. These complement those activities organized for all Homecoming classes (dinner-dance, brunch, parade). As many classmates and wives as possible are currently being assigned to residences on post by that cmtc's chief, Bill Lennox (Dept of Engl). For those that cannot be accommodated, John Spears (Dept of BS&L) has blocks of rooms reserved in local hotels. Again, specific information outlining reservation/lodging procedures as well as the weekend itinerary are forthcoming. We are all excited by the upcoming reunion. Hope you will join us.

'72

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Looks like spring fever hit everything except the writing hand! Not a whole lot of news this time, but the quality is what counts, right? So, we've got some great news this issue.



1972: The Woodsides—Founders Day Ellsworth AFB.

Let's start with a birth announcement from Harry & Brenda Stumpf. Harry Richard was born 1 Feb., 1981 and checked in at 7 lbs. 6¼ oz. Yes, Harry, that will make the 160 lb. wt. class in intramural boxing! Address for the Stumpf's is ID4 Thayer Road, WP. Congrats! Bill Guarino's quarterly newsletter again is chock full of goodies. Here are some samples. Last time an announcement appeared in this column that Lee & Ann Barnes had made an addition to the family. I didn't



1971: West Point Founders Day.



1972: Ritter, the Keiths and Sutter—Founders Day Dallas, TX.

have the name then so . . . daughter Jessica was born last 24 Nov and weighed 8 lbs. 4½ oz. Lee's description is light hair, fair skin, blue eyes, and fortunately takes after her goodlooking mother! Joe & Pat Edwards and girls are settled in Tallahassee and Joe says he's enjoying his ROTC teaching assignment as well as the warmer weather. He also says the additional duty of recruiting is a little tougher. A card from Frank & Debbie Eich announces another addition—a puppy named Captain! He's the newest companion for daughter Jill (3½) and son Robert (1). Deb is teaching pre-school to 4 yr olds and Frank's continuing as a production manager for Proctor & Gamble in Cape Girardeau, MO. Since there are few lacross players there, Frank has started running and completed the Memphis marathon in 3 hours, 21 minutes. Paul, Denise, & Jessica Osvarek are doing well in Norfolk, VA. John Boxberger wrote of his visit to the Osvarek's last Dec, where they were joined by Tod Wilson, who was in the area for some amphibious training. They all had a good time, but John couldn't understand why Jessica was treated so badly by her parents, who forced her to eat stuff like mashed carrots and oatmeal instead of some good, nutritious pizza!

Al & Vera Barlow have moved to Huntsville, AL where Al is working at Proctor and Gamble's Buckeye Cellulose Division. Murro & Darla Martens are still in Dallas with Texas Inst. Murro is studying for his MBA, as well as flying Huey's in the Reserves. Kevin (5) and Kurt (2) keep Darla busy. The Martens have seen Bob Macarevy in Sherwin, TX about an hour away. Mike & Marie Aldrich are doing well in CT where Mike works



1972: Class Reps.

for the Chase Manhattan Bank and Marie is fast approaching graduation and her master's. Also in CT Mike & Peggy Godbout are expecting a fourth child soon to join Greg, Ryan, and Ginny. Butch Fennema has moved to a new place in Indianapolis, where he has more room and a garage for his 1932 Model BB Ford. He's also changed jobs, from the Data Process Dept. at Clark College to the Career Training Administrator at Data Management Center of Lane Bryant (retail women's clothes). Butch stays busy with guitar lessons and mime classes as well as officiating soccer (no comments about those times that Butch berated those football officials). Tom & Linda Marks still check in from Honolulu frequently. Tom is striving to finish his PhD. Further to the "east" Jim & Kathy Lyon are at UCSD for grad school in Physics. Jim says he must have slept through a lot



1972: Class Reps.

of classes at Woops, because he sure missed something—but of course most of us goats would agree that sleeping was the only way to take physics. David (7½), Tanya (6), and Natosha (4) keep Kathy on the move while dad's in school. Finally, Guarino himself reports on his trip to Chicago last Dec where visited Tom Pawlowski and Gary & Chris



1972: Fort Belvoir.

Dobija. Fennema was also there for the occasion. Gary is in the recruiting business in the Chicago area. Tom was in the Nav PBS at the time and doing quite well. Enroute from Chicago to Detroit, Guarino saw Ray & Nancy Irzior and their two girls. Ray is with US Steel and they have recently moved to a new home in Crown Point, IN. Thanks for the newsletter, Gar.

Wayne Kirkbride finally got away from Ft Bragg. He is now at the Combined Arms Spt Sch at Ft Leavenworth for 3 months and then on to a district engineer stint in Portland, OR. Wayne also sends news of some H-4 mates. Frank & Maureen Hancock are at Ft Campbell, where he is Asst S3, 1 Bde. Don & Rosa Tilton have moved to Ft Knox. He is a Reserve component officer there. The Cahill's are now at Ft Benning and Tec is putting



1972: Class Reps.

his ORSA background to use. Dale Babington is a co cmdr at Ft. Lee, VA, while Brad Holtz is Asst S3 of the 223 Avn Bn in Germany. Next assignment for Tom Innamorato is Western Africa. Tom is with the State Dept. Lola gave birth to daughter Sarah last Nov 13. Congrats, Tom and Lola and we all hope the State Dept has "concurrent travel." The west coast set includes Tom Ryan in Modesto, CA, and Tory Becker. Tom is a civilian now but does extra duty as a Bn FSO in the CANG. Tory should be just about ready to complete his MD degree. As you know, Tory already has a law degree. Jim Hickey will greet Bill Paulick when Bill arrives at WP after he finishes at Penn St this spring. Ted & Mary Lynn Whitley are still at Ft Huachuca and Milt & Lee Koger are at Ft Knox. Kirkbride's letter includes some bits on non H-4 mates. Jim Holcomb is aide to the CG, 82nd Ab Div, Jim McGuinness is flight surgeon at Simons



1972: Founder Day Ft Bragg.

Army AF, Tod Wilson's in the FAO Crse, Chris North with IMA and lawyers. John Smith and Ty Hughes still with the SJA, 82d Ab. Have fun in Vancouver, Wayne.

Another birth announcement just in—Pete & Emily Rich added son Mark Paul in Feb. Congrats, to the Rich's who are on a second tour in Germany. I received a phone call from Howard Smith in Syracuse a few days ago. He's with Bristol-Meyers as manager of maintenance engineering. Howard called to



1972: Korea.

say he was doing some recruiting for his office there. The Smith's moved to NY from Chicago where they lived for 3 yrs. Howard and Betty have two children and invite anyone in the Syracuse area to stop by for a visit.

Finally in the news, **Tim & Pam Lupfer** write from WP that their family (Jennifer 2½, Eric, 9 mos) is doing well and enjoying Tim's instructor stint. Tim is in his second year as an "Art" P. In addition, Tim is making the initial thrust towards setting up our class gift. More details on this long term project will be coming from Tim.

That's all for this issue. Be sure and take pen and paper to the beach this summer so we'll have a big column in the fall. Don't worry, I can take the sand. My yard is full of it!

'73

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Greetings one last time from McLean, VA! Your itinerant scribe is about to fold up his tent (a la Omar) once again and steal off into the night. All is relatively quiet here on the home front—but there's much news to report.



1973: Theisens, Herrins '74, Wilsons—Founders Day Iowa.

Just after last quarter's notes were mailed, I got a jubilant letter from **Tom Stanford** at Longwood Coll in Farmville, VA. And, despite the fact it was written while at work on the day after Xmas, Tom's having a great time and he's doing a super job there in the Dept of Mil Sci. What with all the caving, canoeing, night land-naviging, and rope bridge river crossing, there's never a dull moment. In the news of fellow grads, a few months back Tom and Evelyn saw **Murray Ritter** who's now teaching Plebe tactics, **Skip Elliott** who's in investment banking in NYC, **Denny Morgenstern** who's at the U of Pitt law school, and **Bill & Rita Goodrich** who are in Boston with a civil engr firm. Tom and Evelyn have also heard recently from **Chuck & Donna Hendrick** who are roughing it out in Monterey at the NPGS along with **Fred Zapka**. **Roth Schleck** is also out in CA—getting a MBA at Stanford. Not too shabby, huh?

Upon completion of the FAOAC last year, as **Jim & Helen Janele** were packing their bags for Des Moines, IA, they were suddenly diverted to Evanston, IL. What an unlikely switch, eh? Jim's now at the Northwestern U Grad Sch of Mgmt enroute to a USAREC asgmt at Ft Sheridan. Helen is energetically bringing numerous family projects to a conclusion too (e.g. furniture refinishing and art work) in preparation for an addition to the family (expected in July). Super news!

Anyone out there interested in investments? **Kim Wright** is an investment broker with



1973: Lyons.

Foster and Marshall, Inc of Vancouver, WA and handles anything that has to do with long green, to wit real estate, insurance, stocks, bonds, retirement and pension plans etc. Bringing us up to date... **Kim** married an Army nurse back in '76, worked at AVEMCO (Avn Insurance) in Portland, OR, 78-79, switched to Melridge Avn as a commercial pilot in 79, and then started with F&M in 80. Their new address is 1109 NE 164th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98664.

If you haven't heard it through the grapevine, **George Quillin** married **Sandra King** in Sumter SC last Dec 27. They're now back in GA where George is with HHB Divarty, APO NY 09165. Congratulations!

Now, if you ever happen to be in the Dover, DE area (waiting for a space-A flight, for instance), look up **Tom & Robin Lubozynski**. Tom was transferred there in Feb and is now the base bioenvironmental engr. Competent authority has it that Tom, Robin, Meagan, Matthew, and Maria are most comfortably ensconced in a palatial 4 BR haus too.

"Mercy sakes" (as **Rich Wilson** oftentimes exclaims), yet another grad has joined the civil ranks. **Don McMahon** left the AGC last Oct for a personnel related job with Frito-Lay in Dallas. Now, in addition to a challenging job, he's helping **Kathie** decorate their new home in Carrollton, TX (NW of Dallas), and he's keeping his military connection active as the Adj of a USAR Med Bds.

Speaking of USAF types, **Denny Morgenstern** is working in an Engr Gp Operations Sec in the Pittsburgh area while (as he wrote) "plodding through law school." He's also working part-time as a law clerk with a Pgh-based law firm. Talk about a busy schedule! **Sigrid** is keeping equally as active too—as



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as admin asst/executive bilingual scety to the Dir, QA Dept, VW of America, New Stanton, PA.

Also got a tremendous letter from **Pat & Judy Putignano**. Pat's prefatory remarks "I'm overwhelmed with sympathy for you in your position as class scribe, so I thought I'd drop you a note" foretold his skill as a superlatively humorous writer too. He wrote: "Judy and I are quite content. I am going to school at the Woodrow Wilson Sch of Public and Intl Affairs at Princeton enroute to WP this fall. I expect to be teaching Intl Relations in the fall. Of course, it will be great fun to renew old friendships as I know that a bunch of classmates will be there then. My wife Judy is enjoying her job with a Princeton-based polling firm that caters to TV news departments. We have a house on the market, if you can call the current housing situation a "market." I am teaching (as a teacher's asst) undergrad microeconomics at Princeton.



1973: Class Reps.

Hopefully, I can gain some valuable experience—at any rate, it's fun. One of the difficult things for me to do here at Princeton is fill the shoes of **Ric & Mary Saunders** who both attended the WWS. Ric in particular made a name for himself and the Army. He now has a cmd in Arm Bn at Bragg, and when he's not fulfilling those responsibilities, he is making furniture for their house. Mary works full time and also teaches college level economics. In the news of classmates: **Rit & Ingrid Dal-laire** are in MD where Rit is employed by



1973: Korea.

Touche Ross as a mgmt consultant. **Bob & Linda Morris** are in Saudi Arabia where Bob is working on a major CE project there. He has broad latitude in his job and it putting his Cornell Engr degree to good use. Linda has her hands full at that isolated post too. I don't envy them having to bring up their son Matt there, but Bob's quick wit has not been dulled by the sun and the sand. I also saw **Bruce Innis** at a farewell party his wife **Cyndie** threw for him before their departure



1973: Ft. Belvoir.

for Korea. At the same party was Rip Ballou, a former member of our class. Rip is also a Dr at WRAMC giving you one more data point for your theory that we have an unusually large number of MDs associated with the class. By the way, Rip went to GA Tech when he left WP. George & Laura Perkins are at Harvard where George is getting his MBA, courtesy of Uncle Sam. I wonder what goes through George's mind when his contemporaries get their offers for megabucks?! Laura is working for the civil service there. Mark Clouse and his wife Mary have settled in the Atlanta area where Mark is an investment advisor. They sent us a picture of their child who is obviously the light of her parents' lives. One last flash (of sorts): Tim & Fabian Riggers visited us last summer. Tim was out of the Army and returning home from their last duty station in Wiesbaden, Ger. They're now in Spokane, WA where Tim was starting out in the investment counseling business." (I wonder if he knows that Kim Wright is in the same line of work in Vancouver?) Thanks very much Pat and Judy for the wealth of news!

Not too many scribes get letters penned while flying 35,000 feet over the Pacific—but Kirk Brown did just that while navigating an air refueling C-141B mission from Travis AFB, CA to Yokota, Japan. Kirk has recently been reassigned to the 7th MA Sq at Travis to be the Ch Standardization Navigator. In Aug '81 though, he'll move to the Pentagon for a special 1 year tour with the Air Staff. On the domestic front, Jill had their first child, Tracy Lauren, on 1 Jan 81—following

Mike & Jeannie Vidlak's new daughter Carissa by only a matter of days. The Vidlaks are at Langley AFB where he's flying for the Army. In general news, on his last trip to Japan, Kirk ran into Tom Bauer at the Yokota O-Club. Small world, isn't it?

Had a great talk with Tim Tapp in Jan and he had lots of news to relay: Dr. Joe & Debbie Fitzharris are at Belvoir where he's a family practitioner at DeWitt AHI; Rich & Patsy Maloney are also at Belvoir (Rich is with the EEO office and Patsy is an Army nurse); Tom Leney is with I Trp, 3/3 Cav, Ft Bliss; Joe Cyr finished GW Law Sch in 3 years and is now working for the DA (district atty, not Dept of the Army) in NYC; and John Daly has been the AR Lt's asgmt officer at MILPERCEN since Oct 80. Tapper is working in the OJCS—Pentagon Cmd Center.

The DC area Founders Day Dinner at Bolling AFB was a tremendous evening and Rich Carter, Ben Cabell, and Bill Bice were on hand to celebrate. Rich graduated from Memphis St Law Sch in May 80, married



1973: Klega, Spears, the Blevins, and the Epleys.

Shari Cruse in Oct 80, and is now a prosecutor with the Ft Meade SJA. In news of other grads: Butch Baker is at UVA getting a MA in English in prep for an asgmt back at WP; Pete & Charlene Correa are at Meade where Pete's the Fin Officer for the NSA; Kevin Bond is a prosecutor at Campbell; Mike Hockley is in trial defense svc at Campbell; and Dan Wright is a prosecutor at Dix.

Ben Cabell started the Army Compt Prog

at Syracuse U in 79, married Susan in Aug 80, and is now asgd to the Compt Dir, Mil Tfc Mgmt Cmd.

Not too many days after I received a warm letter from Bill Bice's sister Deborah, I was able to confirm her information in person: Bill, Patty, and Bill III returned from Ger last Oct and he is now a radiation physicist at the Armed Forces Radiobiology Res Inst in Bethesda, MD. Incidentally, Bill replaced Eric Daxon who's now married, has 4 kids, and is stationed in Landstuhl, Germany.

Lastly and absolutely not leastly, my erst-while partner in crime, Tom Mays (who I recently dined with at a local McDonalds) is Gen Griffith's ADC. (Cdr, Def Nuc Agcy). A most commendable and laudable achievement, methinks.

Well, that about rounds it up for this brief installment. Thanks very much for all your letters. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you up at WP in the near future too.

Take good care and God Bless.

'74

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Already 7 yrs? I must have dozed off, or else how easily I forget. At this writing not much poop on Founders Day events/pics, but some really nice family shots should accompany this.



1974: Thompson with sons, Matt, Adam and Ben.

Letter from the ex-Army aviator turned Zoomie, Chris Sinclair. Chris wanted his fellow B-3er's to know "... I finally graduated from UPT. It took me nearly 7 yrs..." Chris is still at Reese AFB, TX, and will move on to Langley AFB, Hampton, VA, in Nov where he will fly the F-15 Eagle. Chris added that other B-3er's in the AF, Tom Lengnick and Terry Barton are both T37 instr's, Tom at Williams AFB, AZ, and Terry at Vance AFB, OK. Also Chris' wife, Mary Pat, will graduate from TX Tech next Dec with a degree in Speech Pathology.

The Coggins are doing fine in Germany, although Kelli is much bigger now I'm sure. Jim gave up the MMC (Maint) Co he had last yr and took over C Co, 1/15 Inf (Audie Murphy Bn). Likes the grunts a lot better even though he's in the field a lot. Donna passes the poop as Jim racks out on the carpet. Bill & Maureen Allinder are in Berlin, Bill in the JAG. They have 2 boys and a girl, which keeps Maureen hustling. Lonnie Nesrsta is out of svc, working for General Foods in the coffee div; he and his wife Mary



1973: Silva, Quirman, Griswold, Zapka, Fox, Fasulo, Keating, and Chobany.



1974: Linda, Gary and Ben Johnsen.

have a son. They pass on that Bruce & Pat Grant have a 1-yr-old dau; Bruce a ROTC Instr at Rider Coll, NJ. Bob Visnovsky is finishing up his master's and looking for a job in Dallas. Tom Turner is an aide to MG Walker at Leavenworth, he and Susan have 2 sons. George Fenton is an aide for a USMC CG, George is married with a poodle and dau, in that order. Bill & Judy Parker really enjoyed the Monterey area, Bill now finishing up at Nav PGS and moving on to Leavenworth.

Right after New Year's I heard from Art & Sherry Exten in Baumholder. They got there last Apr. Art now cmdng A Battery, 1/83 FA, APO NY 09034. Bill McMillan went thru the AOAC with Art and went on to cmd HHC/1/72 Arm in Korea, while wife Amy and dau Patty went to FL. After his short tour Bill was to rtn to UNC. Bill noted nearby in Korea were Jerry Johnson, Vic Roeske, Rick Wallace and Vinnie Mauro. Lou & Lisa Gelling wherever you are please write to the Extens.



1974: Sinclair in AF UPT at Reese AFB.

Ashby Foote finally showed up after disappearing from Ft Bliss (and the Army) last Jan 80. He left his cmd of a btry in 2/3 ACR and took a 7 months sabbatical—get this—spending 3 mos with Colin Dunn on Oaho's N. Shore, and then with backpack in hand he touched down in N. Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, Greece, England and lastly ole Miss. Life of a wanderer. Now working with a local investment firm in Jackson, he also

passed his securities exam. Ashby adds "If anybody needs to be counseled or needs their stock broken I can be reached at McLarty and Duddleston, Suite 1920, Deposit Gty Plaza, Jackson, MS 39201." Ashby's last Army roomie was Brian Geehan, who's now in DC and added that Colin was headed for the Engl Dept at WP.

Ran Chuck Sitero's pic last issue but here's the news: Chuck is finishing at Campbell having been a Co Cdr and Adj there. In Jun he started at Columbia and will join Dept BS&L at WP in 83, accompanied by wife Maureen and 5-yr-old son Chuck.

Xmas note from Dwight & Gail Morse in Germany, Dwight presently the S3 of the 42d FA Bde in Giessen. They have one son, Matthew (2) and another was due in May. Others in Germany, Bert & Chris Wells, Bert cmdng Sv Btry 2/6 FA in Hanau. Dennis Dimengo is the S3 of 1/17 Inf in Aschaffenburg, he and Joan visiting Dwight's; and Guy Bourm is a btry cdr in 1/18 FA in Augsburg.



1974: Jim, Donna and Kelli Coggin in Kitzingen, Germany.

A flood of news, mostly babies and things, from Jim & Laurie Thompson. Jim exited the svc upon his rtn from Korea in Jul 79, taking a terminal supvr job with Exxon in Knoxville, TN, responsible for POL distribution in E. TN. Jim recently was promoted to a staff opn analyst position requiring he and family to move cross state to Memphis. Having 2 boys already, Matt and Ben, Laurie related a unique arrival of No. 3 son, Adam. Making his appearance a week early on 28 Nov 80, little Adam turned a suspected upset stomach into a home (right on the bed) delivery with Jim as sole witness. But all was well for the 8 lb'er, he OB telephonically instructing Jim in the duties. Good job Jim! Jim is still progressing on his MBA and Laurie on her 2d degree, BS in nursing (naturally).

Other baby news they send: Dale & Sue Blinten welcomed Craig Richard on 10 Nov 80, they living in Houston where Dale works for TX Instruments. Adrian & Donna Robbe had their 2d dau, Jennifer Lynn, on 14 Feb 81, to join Melissa Ann; Adrian in USAF at W-P AFB, Dayton, OH. Gary & Linda Johnson added Rebecca Marie on 30 Jan 81, joining son Ben; they living in Eugene, OR. Last heard in Apr 79 Joe & Beth Greer were headed for Roanoke, VA, where Joe was planning to work as an Allstate Ins Mgr and also in Amway. Jim & Carole Pickett rtned to their hometown of Statesville, NC, in May 79 with 2 boys in tow, Daniel and Joseph. Jim is working for JC Steele and Sons and recently had an interesting business trip to Columbia, So Amer. Bruce & Dorrie Palmatier have a house in Lorain, OH; after FAOAC Bruce is now "netting" recruits for USAREC, while Dorrie has her hands full with 3 boys; Billy, Tommy and Jason. A

little older news, Ed & Margaret Cerutti are by now in Tucson, both pursuing grad work at UAZ. Randy & Ann Hughes also headed for GA Tech for master's degrees. Jerry & Nancy Johnson are back stateside by now from Korea, Nancy worked as a dental hygienist there. Jerry is at UIN and will move on to OPE at WP in 82. They have a son, Michael. Gary & Carol Miller are still in Hanau, Germany, and adding a son, Nicholas Raymond, on 9 Jun 80, joining brother Matthew.



1974: Adrian Robbe with Melisso.

Despite me getting considerable heat for printing the word from the Master of Hearsay, Charlie Gleichenhaus, I continue to support his mutterings. However, Jack Pattison was not on Pat Thomas' staff at IOAC, Jack now sporting a Ft Ord address. Also Steve Stevenson related that he is not with Procter & Gamble but a marketing mgr for an electronics outfit, traveling about 60% of the time. Steve had the payback on Gleick, having called the Prep Sch at night and the POD (Poopster on Duty) released Charlie's home phone no. to Steve? A civ from CA? What kind of show you running Charlie. Anyway Steve called me right in the middle of my cyclic trainee purgings. In 30 months at Dix, I must have discharged a record no. of trainees, having resigned myself to not shipping any of the scum to my buddies in the field. My ISC said the recruiters are no longer scraping the bottom of the barrel, they're



1974: The Kirks—Founders Day St. Petersburg.



1974: Class Reps.

giving us the barrel! But Steve Stevenson said Jim Sweetnam is moving to Calgary, still with Canadian Liquid Air Int'l and working on a new project. Also Ed Saunders lives close to Steve (San Fran area) and an Opns mgr for Teckna, involved in diving/scuba type eqpmt. And Frank Sablan is with TX Instruments.

But Charlie Gleichenhaus was in N. Orleans at Mardi Gras, pulled bodyguard for a bearded guy holding a 10 ft pole with a basket on the end and a sign "Throw me something Mister." The guy was Ed Lisecki and the pole his Eng 401 project. Ed is by now in Fitzsimons AMC, Denver, where Steve Houseworth and Bill Hopkinson also are. Charlie heard from Gerry Williams who's working for GM near Buffalo specifically the Chevy Div as the Prod Sup of Forging Opns, and doing well. He and Meg are very happy with newly added Matthew joining Melissa (5) and Mark (4). Their phone: 716-691-4289. Gerry adds that Tom & Coriane Barker are in Syracuse plus 2 kids, Tom working for Mobil Oil in the Lub Div. Darryl & Cathy Carattini and 2 children are living near Harrisburg, PA, Darryl an Engr in the Civil Svc. Mitch Craigmile, Terry Callahan (z-man) and Doug Markel are all working for Kodak but Doug was supposed to re-enter the svc and head for Germany. Paul O'Sullivan sends that Pat Thomas and family are headed for Mannheim and the 295th Avn Co, CH 47's. Greg Lucas is still into music publishing in Nashville and doing well. Fred Polk was in the AOAC at Knox after 49 mos in Germany, and is off to American U for grad sch and to join the USMA Soc Dept. His wife Ursula was TDY to Ft Harrison and they have a dau also. Charlie requests Bill Mather identify his location—a long lost one.

Well Kent Hendricks, it's only been 7 years but it's good to hear from you. Kent has been staked out at Ft Hood for quite a while now and just finished 17 mos a curator/museum ofcr for the 1st Cav Div Museum. Mike Tixier is right there with him, both single and making life interesting I'm sure. Mike is 1st Bde S4, 2AD and really kickin' it out. Kent also still roughing it up with the Hood Rugby Team, says it's a great scene as all good rugby goes—TX style. He wants Tom Brennan (of USMA Rugger fame) to get hold of Kent at Box 5817, Ft Hood, TX 76544. Kent sheds light on a few: Vic & Ilene (from Ladycliff) Pasini are living in Denison, TX, Vic working with TX Instruments and likes it. They have a home on Lake Texoma, couple of dogs and they just had a child in Jan. Charles Letcher is in his

1st yr of med sch at Emory U, Atlanta, still single and the same Letch: running, pumping iron, etc. TJ Anthony is going on his 2d yr in Yale Business Sch, considering law sch after this, also still single. Dennis Blasko, MI type, last heard in the DC area. Kent informs on Warren Ballew's whereabouts, got out of svc after IOBC but Kent was the PAO at Ft Chaffee during the refugee program and Warren was there as a rep for the US Catholic Conference. Warren is married and has 2 kids, was an engr with a missile corp in FL and now is in Dallas in similar work. Also Warren is getting off the ground,



1974: The DiGiorgios, O'Brien, and the Wirles'.

having nearly earned his commercial pilot's license. Pete Zeigler is working for Dupont in Minneapolis, single, and bought a condo, likes Dupont and the scene. Mike Rusho just finished FAOAC at Sill, he and his wife were looking fwd to his Germany asgmt. GW Roberts has been at Ft Eustis a couple yrs, working in the MILES program, designing target detection/scoring systems with lasers, and spending 200+ days a yr TDY. And you think you're away from home a lot? GW still single and still crazy for Arkansas and the Hawgs! Wants to hear from Doug Shaw, PH 804-877-7289. Robert Cleek is working for Procter & Gamble in Albany, GA. Mike Combest is at Hood and will soon finish 30 mos of cmd of C/1/3 FA, 2AD. He met and married an English woman in Germany and they were expecting in Mar 81. Thanks for all the good word, Kent.

Vic Roeske is finishing up his Korea tour, working in the 2d Div G3 shop, plans and some good experience. Vic will be starting grad sch at RPI in Jul, joining the USMA Math Dept later. Yours truly is headed on the same route and as of this writing it looks like I will join Vic at RPI for the same rude awakening grad sch is having on "forgetful" returnees. Also selected for the Math Dept with us are Tim Peterson and Denis

Rochette, grad sch locations unknown. Serving close to Vic in Korea are Gordy Moore, John Fabry in the 4/7 Cav and now back stateside, Vinnie Mauro in the DISCOM, Mike Headly in 19th Spt Cmd.

Have some mixed amounts of info from Marv Searle and Tim Peterson. Marv at last word was still competing for the White House Fellowship, had already made the initial cuts. His back up asgmt to that is to rejoin WP in either SOC or Admissions Rich & Nancy Clifford have a home in Marietta, GA, while Rich is studying mechanics at GA Tech. Their child Richard is over a yr old now. Dave Rodarte is now in Schenectady, NY with Mobil. CA Harris finished his comp at Gordon in Dec and started at UNC in computer sci, headed for WP. Dan French started at GA Tech in Jan 81. Cliff Krebs was heard to be setting "first" at WP, pulling O.C. on a Fri night and having a record 500 or so folks on the area. (probably the "good deal" Colorado NC Xmas flight). John R. Miller is out of svc living in the Tacoma area. Lou Vozzo was telling that Greg Gardner is cmdng the co at Lewis that Lou had been a plt ldr in on 1st asgmt, as likewise Lou had cmded Greg's 1st co in Korea. Bobby Bell has a tank co at Benning. Steve Shambach has a CSC co at Riley. John Twohig is leaving Lewis soon for USMA OPE via grad sch. Jim Relyea (from Lewis) is to take computer sci en route to WP.

While checking out RPI in Troy, NY, I found a bunch of folks already there. Rex Osborne the APMS there, has a home, and gave me a tour of campus. John & Mary Haetinger are there, John in Math and finishing his 1st yr. Skip Sharp finishes his ORSA degree this summer and is then headed for R&D job at Knox. Jim Fishback, wife Bea, is taking applied math; Kelly Pierce has a yr done and will join the CE Dept at WP next yr, also playing intermurder hockey. Myron Lynch is there and Al Walker finished there, now working for GE in Schenectady. Hack informs that John Majeroni is out of service



1974: Schaefer and Clark—Founders Day Ft Leonard Wood.



1974: Ft. Belvoir.

and living in Utica, NY. Todd Troxwell is in CO in his MD program, John Batiste finished NPGS and is off in Korea, Bryan Oliver last heard to be teaching in the adv cse at Knox.

Dennis & Karen Gum proudly announce the arrival of No. 5, 3 Mar 81, Karol Ryan. Also heard that Karen was blessed by the Pope in the month before the baby's birth.

Mo & Dee Ingalls are still at Bliss, MO, cmding a btry and they were expecting this summer. Al Sample is living in Langhorne, PA, and an IBM rep, sporting his wares in the Dix/Maguire area. My old roomie from HI, Tom Loisel was biting the dust on 26 Apr, marrying Shawn Shaw out in Stockton, CA. Bill Albrecht was to be best man and Bob McFetridge, Dave Flyer to witness. Tom and Shawn will settle in Liberal, KS, Tom with a technical oil exploration firm. Russ Quimby is in OK some place with Burlington-Northern RR.

Just under the wire, Glenn Ruffenach contacts from Mizzou. Glenn spent his entire 5 yrs at Sill, finishing as a BC. Now Glenn is in pursuit of authorship, having exited the svc in Jun 79 and received his master's in Journalism from UMO-Columbia, in May 81. After this summer as a reporter for the Miami Herald, Glenn will rtn to UMO to teach undergrads. Most importantly, Glenn invites anyone to attend the 1st football game this yr in which Army travels to Columbia to take on the Tigers, "we have plenty of sleeping bags and would really enjoy some company for wknd meals." 2703 Braemore Road, Columbia, MO 65201, PH: 314-445-6675. Lastly he talks of his 3 beautiful girls—wife Karen and dau's, Andrea and Christy.

Biting the dust hitting a little closer to home. Long time hold-out Steve Hashem was to be married to Christina on 16 May. And I am proud to announce that your scribe is taking on an assistant in the near future, Cathy Umstetter, good ole' So. Jersey girl.

Wedding and PCS both probably accomplished by my next deadline, 30 Jun, never fear that the listed address will accommodate your submissions. Have a cool summer!

'75

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The six year mark is on us. Hope everyone is happy and enjoying whatever assignment or position you are working in. As usual I'm late cuz I wait for mail to arrive but this time you've tricked me by not sending any just after the deadline. News is slim but interesting.



1975: The fruits of Harnois' magic camera hours after the Alumni dinner at Homecoming.

Take a good look at George Clark and his lovely bride. George and Martha are in Anchorage where George is a stock broker with Marshall & Foster. They were married 29 Nov 80 in Winnetka, IL. George played in the Alumni hockey game in Feb so Martha finally got to visit WP. Their address is 3711 Core Ct #2, Anchorage, AK 99502, so drop a line.

Gary Combs lives around the corner from me in Trenton. He's a mech engr with



1975: Bill Ivey at Homecoming, "They can't slug me now."



1975: Bill Blankmeyer with son, Billy, Christmas 80.

Transamerica Delaval. He and Cathy have 2 dau's, Stephanie and Jamie Lynne. Bet an Ex-MP dad is pretty tough as a dad about 10 years from now. Bob & Wendy Frank are in New Orleans working for Mobil Oil. Bob's a computer systems analyst while Wendy is secy to the Reservoir Engineering mgr. They are remodeling their new home



1975: Mr. & Mrs. George D. Clark, Anchorage, AK.



1975: Class Reps.



1975: Hazel, Pevoski, Harren, Cochran, Glasser, Fehling, Nava and Popovich.



1975: The Sells and the Holders—Founders Day, St. Petersburg, FL.

so they get to the French Qtr, once a week to relax. Sounds just tragic, I'm depressed. Dan & Lee Coles hit Trenton en route to New Orleans where Dan is a purchaser for Kaiser Aluminium's Intl Div. They are busy with Jeffrey and Lindsey.

Joe & Marlene Kotch wrote from Syracuse. The baby is due in Aug so no more water skiing for her this summer. Joe went to Ottawa on a cartography trip and noticed Drum didn't have much snow to welcome the 1st Bde from Carson. Claude & Nina Shipley have a baby boy born in Dec. Joe wanted to congratulate Brian Haig for his striking picture in Army Times but he has one question. Brian, do you own a comb? Joe's about up to his ears in grad sch and wishes it would end so he can get to WP. Living next to a cemetery might have some things to do with it.



1975: Ft. Belvoir

Steve & Denise Beever wrote from TX. Steve's a systems engr with IBM in Houston. He loves playing with those little black boxes. They just finished having a house built in the NW part of the city. Melissa looks just like Steve and for being only two, manages to act like him also. She will be fun to handle if she and Dad are that much alike.

Paul Schaeffer sent me the Reunion after the action-report compiled by Mike Kershner. It's a monster, very detailed and well organized. A special thanks to Mrs. Kershner who was the power behind the scene. Mike be



1975: Class Reps.

extra nice to your wife cuz we put her through a lot over that 6 months or so. The financial statement is consolidated as follows:

Total Expenditures	\$4,833.23
Total Collections	3,986.88
Total Refunds	353.28
Non Refundable Expenditures	175.57
Total loss to Class Fund	317.50

Haven't heard much from Founder's Day affairs. Pat & Karen Lisowski had 2 2LT's wake me up and harass me with a letter at 0300 hrs since I didn't make it to Philly for the Valley Forge dinner. He was just mad cuz he shaved and cut his hair to try and make a presentable appearance. Naturally he still looked like a "typical law student" but payback is best on the racquetball court or when eating at Mastori's.

Phil Baker is still coming back exhausted from 16-18 hours of troops.

Stopped up to see Bob & Shellie Caslen. The second baby is well on the way so they will be able to move from central apts. Paul & Sue Bonney were married at the Chapel on 18 Apr 81. When the impact of this wedding wears off the century will have changed.

Well Ft Dix is still here and so am I. If you want to call me the home phone is 609-723-3089 anytime after 2300 is usually a good chance. Must stop so I can drive this up to WP and have lunch with Bob Caslen. See you soon, write or call. Mark Hertling enjoy that Inf Co, the work is good for you.

'76

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Hello again! Hope all are well. To update you on class affairs, the vast majority of arrangements are now complete for the 5th. An info letter and order form for activities should be in your hands by this issue. If not, please send your address and request to AOG—they should have more copies. Also needed is info on any classmates who will be at or close to WP starting in Jun as our WP rep, Ed Colchado, is ETSing. Any ideas, please write me. A final note, we have room for over 200 folks at the hotel for the 5th, so everyone please try to make it. The agenda should be terrific. Now, the notes.

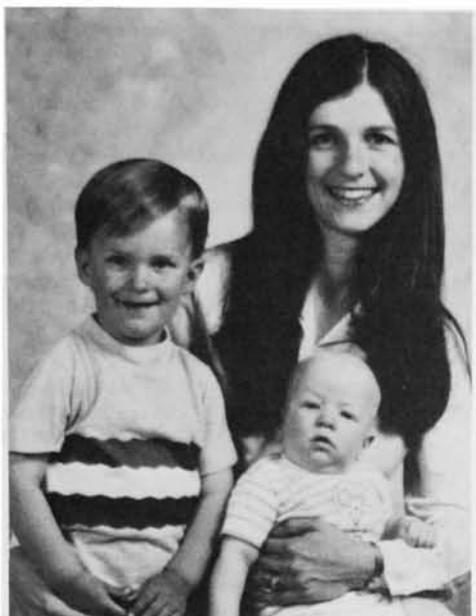


1976: Mark and Marta Grimes

First note from the Dave McSween's. They were at AOAC from May to Dec and their son, Gregory, was born there on 22 Sept. He's now weighing in at over 20 lbs and Allison just loves her baby brother. Dave's now at Mannheim and the family was able to move over in late March. Dave saw Scott and Rose Stephenson last weekend in the same vic. Brian & Diane Shellum came down from Goslstedt (?—Dave's writing??) where both are



1976: Jim and Sharon Smith, 13 Dec. 80.



1976: Ann, Chris and Tom Rogers.

doing well. Dave's final question—where's the rest of E-3?

Got a letter from a class of June '43ers who found a family name in the Register—David Garoutte—x1976—To me the name's familiar but if anyone knows for sure, please write any info to me and I'll send it on.

Some Benning poop next comes from Doree & Joe Dugyel who are now there in a TRADOC sit. Rudi, now 20 months old, looks just like Joe! and keeps Doree very busy. Rick & Karen Marchant finished AC in Apr from whence both are off to South Carolina. Laura & Cookie Helenius also finish up in April after which Cookie's heading for a recruiting job in Niagara Falls. (Cookie just received a MSM.) John Szoka finished in Feb and now is enjoying sunny Ft Hood and is doing well. Heidi & Pete Jurisik are now also permanent party at Ft Benning with the Dubyel's as are Dan & Pat Whiting. Carol & Chuck O'Hara are also in the vic, have one son, and one due in June. Cindy & John Carmichael are also at Benning, doing well with both kids. The last of the permanents there are Melissa & Rick Hawkins. Bev & Jeff Bruckner finished up in April and are now heading for Germany. The most interesting of all is Larry Palotta who has a training company at Ft McClellan of which over half of the company are women. Doree & Joe saw Gary Benning at Founders Day. He's a former classmate, went to Airborne and Ranger with Joe and will be commissioned a 2LT from OCS in March. Jim Bob Rollins is currently publishing a C-1 newsletter from whence comes the following news. Randy Braden is currently at Aberdeen working with some sort of sophisticates project with Jack



1976: Heinlein, Kolton, Schroeder and Alexander.



1976: Ft Belvoir, VA.

Myers, hob-knobbing with Boeing, Hughes, etc. Dale Snyder reports that Allison, 'newest rug rat', is growing fast and doesn't cut into his bag time. Glen Krc, after a round with MIT, is heading for EOAC in Sept then to Korea, then back to school in '83-'84. Bob McClure's newest news is that he is now engaged with plans for the wedding in July at Belvoir. In the newsletter was a card from Bruce Hoover including a picture of Devon, who's now almost two. She's running, climbing and "talks" constantly, making life anything but boring. PS—Jim Bob needs Larry King, Dan Whiting, Steve Fondacaro, and Louie Held's correspondence. Greg & Karen Dyson



1976: Taylor, Lutz, Grimes, Kikerpill, Braden, Petersen, Grimes and Thomas—the morning after bachelors' party.

sent an announcement of the birth of Matthew Eugene born in April 80 and that they're now expecting another in Sept 81. Karen's sister, Linda and Ray Odierno had a boy, Anthony Karl on Aug 11, 78 while in Germany. Their second, Kathrin Marie, was born on 2 Jan 81. The Dyson's neighbors, Kim & Lynn Stoudemire are also expecting a baby in Sept. Jim Smith sent along the picture of Sahron and him on their wedding day in Seoul (December 13th). He finished up his tour over there in April and is now at the IOAC. His best regards go out to Turk (Rick Bowman), Russ (Ron Russell), Big Al (Al Speight), and the rest of the wild bunch from Ft Bragg. Ray of Arabia (Quinones) who's an advisor to the King Abdul Aziz Brigade in Tabuk says that he's enjoying himself, wherever he is! His only wish is that he could speak Arabic. The people are very friendly

and he's just returned from a weekend camping trip at the Red Sea where the swimming was terrific.

Just found a letter from Al Speight who I should have written last month. He's in Bayonne, NJ, where he's in TC and with the MTMCEA. He may be helping with the reunion since he's reasonably close and he says that if anyone needs help with their overseas POV shipment or HHG info, be sure to write him.

Rich & Ann Rogers sent the next note including the picture. Tom was born on 7 Jan 80 at Ft Belvoir during EOAC. Chris is enjoying preschool and is growing too quickly into a young man. Ann is working part time nights as an RN at a local hospital and enjoying her work. She'll soon move from working in ortho to nursery. The whole family is now at Ft Carson where Rich is a HHC Co. Over the last summer, Rich went berserk (Sc opinion) and went to Ranger and Airborne. Folks they've seen include Steve Cass, who lives close to them, who "drinks beer and scares women as a hobby". Jack Sterling was there over the holidays—they connected at Vail over New Year's for an old fashioned Alpine Ski Fest—was great except that Jack lost an argument with a 36-inch diameter pine tree and had knee surgery the same day. He's now hobbling around Belvoir now having coffee and doughnuts through EOAC. Mac & Joanie MacLead are at Ft Meade—Peggy was born in Sept. Rich says that maybe one of these days Mac will quit Scottish kilt dancing long enough to study some civil engineering. Joe Scheussler (Rich's EOAC and plebe squash buddy) is commanding the AC student co at Belvoir—should see some folks. Bill, Patti and Jennifer Monk are also doing well at Ft Carson. Wayne, Diane, Geralin, and Christina Trujillo also live nearby and Wayne



1976: Ft Campbell, KY.



1976: Surtees, Critchlow, Saunders, Busa, Kelley, Topete, and Sullivan.

is in the same BN as Bill Monk. Steve Eisenhart is in Cass's bn and also chases the female race. Ruth & Bruce Lieurance are recently married and is in Rich's Bn. Tom Swaim recently finished command in their bn and is now at EOAC.

Next from the Loberts. Adam is now DTD XM1PO—whatever that is?! He's going to be a civilian in July and is now working on a master's with USC. Jeannie graduated from UKY in Dec with an AA and will work until July and will then pursue a BA in Psychology (after unpacking—again!). Other news includes that Steve & Susan Butler have a daughter, Stephanie Elaine, born on October 31. They're now in San Francisco. Jack & Ellen Midgley are on their way to Harvard where Jack will complete a MPS. The Lobert's finish up with this quote "We are continually saddened by all the birth announcements. Hope you all enjoy them, but we'll keep our dog and our freedom, thank you." The letter is also foot-printed by Dusty.

Not changing the subject, I have the Guinness item of the month. As you can see from the picture above, the Bachelor's Eight is now minus one. Mark Grimes and Marta Lehman were married on 29 Nov 80 in Miami. Quite a few folks made it down including J. T. Taylor, who was an usher, Scott Peterson, Randy Braden, Carl Kikerpill, Dave Lutz, and Mike Delarede. Buddy Cornell's folks also joined the festivities as did Mike's folks. Mark and Marta are now living in Monterey, CA while Mark's at Ft Ord.

Next note from Tom and Veronica Alexander from Baumholder. Quite a change from Ft Bragg where they both worked and camped along the Blue Ridge Mts, Skyline Dr, Harper's Ferry and swam at the beaches. In GA for SOAC, they had Christopher Thomas on 16 Aug weighing in at 9 lbs 7 ozs and 21". Other info include that of Nick Spinelli (Christopher's godfather) who's engaged to Kristen (sp?) who's from Raleigh, NC. The Alexanders saw Steve and Karen Homer last at Ft Bragg—soon to SOAC too.

Last note from Rick and Mary Kay Harris who are getting ready to move to the Cleveland area for a ROTC assignment. Regards

go out to Phil and Diannella Miney on their recent marriage.

My last duty is a sad one. Curtis Randall Dangerfield died on May 28, 1980 at the USA Med Ctr in Landstuhl. His parents, Mr. and Mrs Bert Dangerfield, live at 1223 Hillside Dr, Hanahan, S.C 29406. We will all miss Randy—he was a friend of all of us.

We also recently lost another close friend—Tex Heinlein—who came so close to graduating with us that I call him a classmate. He died on 25 Apr 80 in Bremerton, WA. He is survived by his father, COL Oscar Heinlein. The Alexanders sent along the picture of TEX in happier days. Best to remember then.



1976: Class Reps.

Well, that's it from here. Oh, almost forgot. Last week, ran into Steve and Ann Capps down from Hood. They came over to dinner, and we talked "have you heard from . . ." till late in the wee hours. They told of something I did not know—Ladycliffe closed down!!!! What now to lure future cadets to WP?? Other happening, got a call at work from John Labella who's soon to ETS to go for his MPH at Yale! He married Margie soon after WP and both are doing famously. John's got a fat situation lined up with a job during school and after graduation. No signs that Luciano Pavarotti will move over, but, who knows? Kim Campbell was youngest grad at the SA founder's day activ. (I don't know his DOB but I think it's good we were in the OR late that night). Kim (I have to tell this

story) passed through the Emerg Rm at BAMC in Feb and got directed into my office. We shot the breeze for quite a while. Turned out what he wanted was an excuse from fencing 'cause he'd hurt his foot running!! Anyway, I saw the results of the Pentathlon World Competition here in SA in the paper and Kim turned in some very respectable times with the U.S. team winning the team competition. Well, that's it. Don't forget the 5th—going to be quite a happening. If you don't get a letter by May, write the AOG. Until next time, take care.—Ian

'77

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Greetings friends and congratulations to all the new CPT's. It feels so good! Here's the news.
The Stork Report



1977: Strehle and BG Rogers (red cap).

—to John & Donna Pruett, Jennifer Courtney, on 14 Dec 80. John and Donna will be going to IOAC at Ft Benning in Apr.

—to Mike & Mary Ann Nicholas, Michael Daniel on 17 Dec 80. Mike and Mary Ann are headed for the Adv Cse at Ft Knox in Apr

—to Bob & Bobbie Kennedy, John Robert IV, their 2d on 11 Aug 80. Bob and Bobbie then went to the IOAC 1-81 with Doug Arndt, Lance Betros, Steve Bucci, Chuck Busick, Kevin Clement, Ralph Garduno, Danny Lafayette, Brett Lewis, Joe Lynem, Randy Marion, Dale Phelps, Jerry Porter, Vann Price, Bill Scully, Fred Seeger, Paul Snapp, John Taffan, and Jim Vaughn. After graduation



1977: The Getts.



1977: Class Reps.

on the 19th of May, Bob heads for Motor Officer Sch at Ft Knox, then on to Germany. **Newlyweds**

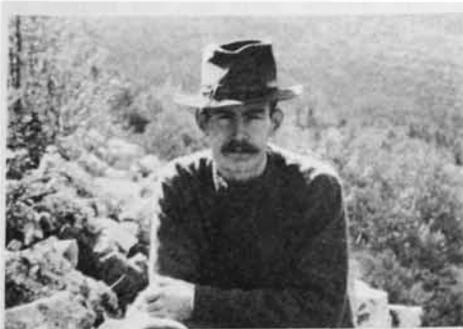
Mike Adamson married Josanna Parenti of Struthers, OH, on 20 Dec 80. Kerry Mess was in the wedding party. After completing her SOBC, Josanna will rejoin Mike in Germany in the spring.

News

I received a few short updates from classmates in CONUS. John Barchet is now a Det Co in B Co, 3/5 SFG at Ft Bragg. Jamie Renfrow has been seen with the SF at Ft Bragg also. Al Andon finished up at Ft Bragg in Mar and will be going to Ft Knox followed by IOAC at Ft Benning. Ed Patterson is now in flight school at Ft Rucker after spending a lot of time in the "field" at Ft Lewis. Jerry & Cindy Hill are finishing up at Ft Stewart and heading for the FAOAC at Ft Sill in Apr. He's seen Steve Wunder who is an Aide-de-Camp and has heard from Stu Alleman who will be going to the FAOAC in Apr also. Jerry requests that Mario Carrillo, Walt Horstman, and Frank White write him at 551 Ashmore Rd, Hinesville, GA 31313.

Bob Stackhouse writes from England that he is currently the CO of the UK Sig Det, a job that requires him to be at 4 different bases scattered over England and Wales at once. He took over the command in May of 1980 after being S2/OPS OFF with the 102d Sig Bn in Frankfurt, FRG.

Tom Strehle sent an interesting picture of himself, in brown, and his boss—BG Rogers—in Somalia. Tom is currently his aide, but will soon be going to IOAC along with the rest of the '77ers from the Berlin Brigade—Jim Morris, John Charvat, and Ron Bramlett. Jim, John, and Tom will be going to the 82d after that with Ron going to Ft Benning.



1977: Mark Mengel '77.

Gerry Hartig writes that he is still with the 1/80 FA in Germany. In Feb he switched from Bn S2 to CO of C Bty. On 13 Oct 79, Gerry was married to Anne Golia at Hastings-on-the-Hudson, NY. Gerry goes on to write about the 3d annual F-3 Xmas Party. "The F-3 Troopers got together for the Annual Xmas Party at my place. This was the 3d annual and we hope to continue this next year. Here are some of the people that attended. Joe Rossetti, who is a Co Cmdr with the 237th Engr Bn in Heilbronn. Joe will be returning to the states soon. Mike Klein is the S2 with the 2/92 FA in Giessen. He became a proud father of a baby boy—Brannon Michael—on the 6th of Dec. Jack Short is also in Giessen and is an Asst S3 for the 42nd FA Bde. Tom Lederle will be back in the states in Jan and will be getting married in the same month. His next asgmt is

the Class. I have gotten word from most of the '77ers who are about to graduate from med sch. Al Getts will be graduating in Jun from IL. He and his wife will then be going to Walter Reed for an internship in Pediatrics. Joe Erpelding graduated early from UWA med sch and he and Chris will be staying in the area doing a Surgical internship at Madigan AMC, Ft Lewis. Dennis Dyer will be graduating from Kansas in Jun then he'll be going to Fitzsimons AMC in Denver, CO, for an internship in Internal Medicine. I managed to escape from Harvard and will be doing my internship in Family Practice at Madigan AMC, Ft Lewis. Steve Spaulding and John Robert where are you?

That's all from this end folks, and I mean all. My 2 years as class scribe are coming to a close, so Casey Goebertus will be taking over again. He wants me to mention that if anyone is interested in the job to write him as soon as possible. His address is: 6876 E. High St., Lockport, NY 14094. So, address all letters and news to him from now on.

Thanks so much to everyone for the letters you sent me and the support you gave me. Take Care and Keep the Faith.

P.S.: I received the following from Leo



1977: Korea.



1977: Ft Belvoir.

Ft Carson. George Fink returned to the states at the end of Dec and will be heading to Ft Ord after the Adv Cse. Curt Jones also was in Aschaffenburg with me but left on the 15th of Dec. I'm not sure of his next assignment. Frank White is the last of the troopers in Aschaffenburg. Currently he is the XO for HHC 1/7 Inf.

If any troopers are in Germany the remaining troopers would appreciate it if they would get in touch with us. I almost forgot but Greg Gorzelnick is also over here and is the commander for B Btry 1/32 FA." Thanks Gerry.

Now a word from the medical ranks of

Cullinan 30 Mar regarding the fight for GI Bill educational benefits for our Class.

"As of the 1st of Mar we had overwhelming evidence to be very optimistic about the eventual passage of our bill (House Resolution 1870.) On 11 Mar 81 the Congress was able to fully appreciate the depth of the proposed budget cuts and how this would affect many VA programs. Unfortunately, it appears that we may have been another victim of the budgetary axe. Many programs currently in effect and those proposed under the VA are being cut out.

"How do we stand? On the bright side we still may have a chance through legislative



1977: Class Reps.

channels. The Congress may eventually approve a new GI educational bill which would be more generous than the present VEAP Bill Educational Benefits for which we are but far less generous than the 'old type' GI Bill Educational Benefits for which we are fighting. If the problem in the Congress is money, then we have won a small victory. In essence the Congress will have acquiesced that we have been dealt an inequity but the funds are no longer available to grant us eligibility. Our next course of action may very well be to pursue our cause through the court systems. I will provide a more detailed update for the next edition."

'78

LT Andrew Tedesco
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Camillus, NY 13031

Hi, Hi me little droogies. How art thou? Sure hope everyone is enjoying their over 3 raises this month.



1978: Meyers, Adams, Rackers, Faires, and Warner at Tahoe.

I promised a friend that I would enter a poem in this article, dedicated to that individual who will remain known only to God and myself:

"Come to me in my dreams, and then by day I shall be well again
For then the night will more than pay the hopeless longing of the day."

Just for clarification this individual is a woman! Needless to say she stole my heart too!

Enough of my dribble, here's all the news too fit to print.

Mark Anderson was married to Shelley Borsack in Houston on 21 Feb 81. Thanks for the note Mark and Shelley!

Jim Moye checkin in from Ft Stewart. He and Donna had a son, Eamonn, born 29 Nov 80.

Rudi Garcia was married to Julie in May 80 in Springfield, IL. They live in Frankfurt. Yes, Rudi, I know what BTMS is, I had your job way back in 79. I can empathize with you. Rudi says that Jim Ortiz and Gordie Manley run V Corps GI, not bad for



1978: Rudi and Julie Garcia.

1LTS! Orky Vanorsdale is still on the border with the Cav. Orky is still single as is Frank Lesieur who loves the German babes, I hear.

Julio Matos is a company XO in Hanau. Rudi sends greetings from John Hedberg in Wurzburg, Jay Meisenheimer in Stuttgart, Mark Nancarrow and Scott Wiggins in Baumholder. Wayne Hudry is also in Wurzburg.

Tim Kelly is down at Ft Bragg and is a snake eater with 7th SF Gp with Dan Fitch. Kevin McGrath is in the 10th SF. Tom Grace and Charlie Hooker have joined Tim in SF. Lots of '78 boys in SF. Tim's wife Karen is a



1978: Denise, Jim, and Jennifer Budney.



1978: "Teges."

legal secretary in Fayetteville. Tim also sends greetings from the following people at Bragg: Scott Shorr, Mike "Boo Boo" Bumbulsky, Bob Walcott, Blair Ross, Dan Hand, Felix Ortega, Tim Hope, Frank Arduini, Lee Jordan and Tom Milo.

Slash Sienicki is still rumbling through Scandanavia. Seems the Slash has really enjoyed the uninhibited Swedes and their women. Slash ran into Gary Meden and Bob Bristow at Oktoberfest.

Ken Rackers is getting crazy at Language school. He is trying to finish his pilot's license. Racks says the Greek Dept has Terry Adams, Grant Short, Mark Jones and Randy Hill. Jack Faires, Racks and Scott Myers hit Tahoe and Vegas on a regular basis.

Rick Thompson wrote and said Jim Moon married his sister in Jul 78. The Moons had a baby girl, Heather, in Dec 80. Rick is with combat engr's at Ft Polk and is getting married in May to Pat Ward. Rick says Polk is great and can't be convinced otherwise. And



1978: Korea.

if you believe that, well I know a bridge in Brooklyn that you can buy real cheap. No, Rick I'm sure Polk is OK.

Dave Niekerk wrote and was married in Jul of 80. Dave is up at Riley and transferred to AG and picked up his master's from USC. Dave left Riley for Monterey for French. Dave will then go to Berlin. Some life!

Jim & Denise Budney are the parents of Jennifer Merriken, born 22 Oct 80. Jim starts flight school soon. Ken Peterson is with Jim at Dix as a General's Aide de Camp.

Rick Sheffield sent me a card from AK. Rick and Duke Whittington are in the 2d Ranger Bn with Mike Miles. Rick loves the Rangers and has traveled all over the world, including seeing volcanoes in Washington State.



1978: Founders Day Fort Leonard Wood.

Bill & Theresa Kimball wrote from Ft Riley. They were married at Troy, NY with Ken Curley as best man with Pickles Price there too. Curtis went to the Ranger Bn at Ft Stewart. The Kimballs went to Bill Haese's wedding to Ann Ulazny in WI.



1978: Eamonn Patrick Moye.

Jeff Foley sent me a line from Bragg. Foli went to Carl Tegen's wedding and said it was unreal. Foli heard from Wally & Deb Anderson who were at Bliss.

Speaking of Tegen, he dropped me a note from Germany. He married Hetty, his girlfriend from Holland. Carl ran into Slash Sienicki in the field and they were riding in an M880 and plowed into an old woman on a tractor. Fortunately nobody got hurt, but crazy Carl has struck again!!

My old Fort Eustis roomy, Ace Wilhelm, was married to Kathy Easom on 14 Feb 81 in Dothan, AL. Congrats to you both. Ace lived up to his name by being an Honor Grad from flight school. Roland Smith was in his class too and he and Lynn are heading for HI. How fat can you get? Flying in HI.

Ron Hall, another good TC man, wrote from Ft Leonard Wood where he and Darryl



1978: Myers, Harris, Hill, Arczynski, Rackers, Adams, Moye, Neuser and guest.

Mobley have AIT Commands. Mobs just branch transferred to MI. Ron is getting married in Aug at Woops. Ron was afraid that I get too much mail and can't decide which letters to use but he wrote anyway. Ron, I only wish.

Pat and Debbie McCaugh have a little one, Patrick Christopher, born 29 Jan 81. Gale Satre is returning to Ft Sill for the Adv cse.

All goes well here at Sill. Grant and Eileen Trobaugh just left for HI. Abe and Laura Valdez are laying real low. Abe works with the Weapons Dept and Laura works as a nutrition specialist at a diet clinic. Jugernaut lays so low that even though he lives



1978: Ft Belvoir.



1978: Class Reps.

one block away, I've seen him once all year. I'm taking command of the 471st Trans Co on 2 Jul which means that I can stay at Ft Sill another 2 years, which is like getting an extended tour at the Sahara Desert.

My last note is once again a tragedy. Frank

Hardy was killed on 25 Mar at Ft Bragg. Frank was with SF at Bragg and he was a super officer. I have not received any details concerning this tragedy but Frank was well known by all and admired as a super individual with tremendous talent and a really great personality. We all feel a little empty when we lose a close friend, almost like losing a piece of ourselves. In Frank's case, it is a large piece of us that is gone forever. Rest in Peace, Brother.

'79

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GREETINGS TO ALL FELLOW NEW FIRST LT's.

Dave & Deidre Blackemore send news from Ft Rucker where Dave graduated from both flight and Cobra school. Ft Rucker was like a continual Class reunion for the members



1979: Tom and Kelly Lutman. Kelly's father, COL Kemp, on left; Freshwater, best man, on right.

of the Class there. Some of the lucky people were: Rick Ambruster (who got married while there), Ol' Man Sam Gemar (assigned to Savannah, GA), Scott Tuck, Arlyn Chapman (went to Ft Ord), Jeff Misner (married Erin O'Connor, Class of '80 last May), Robert Moore (expecting an addition to the family),



1979: Ft Sill, OK, 26 Dec 80: Front Row: Welker, Mos, McCarty, O'Donnell, Fletcher; Second Row: Harris, Wright, Reeves, Spellissy, and Tax.

Will & Jan Sander and Rod Edmonds (he finally got a red corvette.) But Rod was not the only one to get a new car, Dave finally dumped the "Big Blue Bomb" to help control air pollution. He is now zipping around in a new Datsun. However, the Datsun will not take the Blackemores to their new duty post because it cannot swim. After a temporary stop in Ft Eustis Dave is now headed for Fulda, Germany. While in NYC during the Thanksgiving holiday Dave saw Chuck Knapp but due to the crowds he did not get



1979: Korea.

to say hello. And one final note, Rod smashed his new car but he is now O.K.

Dave Freshwater sent a good letter from Ft Hood. Dave says that he has been busy as a PL, Maint Officer, XO of Charlie Co and presently HHC XO 3/67 AR. Also in his Bn are: Robin Pope, Steve Thomas and Tom Gargulio. Steve and Tom are about to become the Scout and Mortar PL respectively. Last Aug Dave was able to attend Tom Lutman's wedding. On 10 Aug 80 Tom & Kelly Kemp were married in Billings, MT. Kelly's father is a USMC COL and was able to call out the reserves to have enough sabre bearers for the traditional arch. The Lutmans are now



1979: Uphoff and Ruth Pauli, Founders Day San Francisco.

living in El Paso and Tom is a PL for 3d ACR at Ft Bliss.

Mike Cochran sent a quick note to fill in the open spaces since graduation. While at MI Basic Mike met Maria Mertel and tied the knot on 12 Apr 80 with Mike's father, an Episcopal Bishop, performing the ceremony. After a short honeymoon in NYC Maria flew off to Germany while Mike headed for Ft Benning and Ranger school. As soon as graduation was completed for Ranger Class 8-80 Mike was off to Germany. The Cochranes are now living in a beautiful apartment as Mike is the XO HHC, 307th ASA Bn in Ludwigsburg and Maria is working for the VII Corps Provost Marshal in Stuttgart. While in Germany Mike has seen Mike Cadle at Vilseck, Bob Hahn, who's wife works in his Bn, as well as Greg Beeson, John Scudder, and Clarence "CT" Taylor. I myself bumped



1979: Busch, the Bowles', the Chaples, Weddle, Nolan, Semonite, and Pugh Ft Leonard Wood.

into CT as Rhine-Main Airport as he was picking up an incoming new LT. Dan Gehlbach sent a letter to inform everyone of the rough times he has in med sch. Back on Graduation Day he became engaged to Lauren Van Soders and they were married on 29 Dec 79, in Westwood, NJ. The best man was Greg Hoover and Marc Alderman assisting. Since then, Hoov has been at Ft Campbell but spent last summer at Camp Natural Bridge reliving the best summer of his life. Marc has since gone to Germany. But also at Ft Campbell are John & Lisa Gaffney where "Gaffer" gets



1979: Ft Belvoir.

to fly OH-58's. Dan is deep into his 2d year of med sch with Cal Delaplain, Class of '67. Some members of '79 will remember MAJ Delaplain as a physics prof at WP. The big news is that Lauren and Dan are expecting their first born in late Feb. Dan also had some miscellaneous news: Dave Belcher "Ziggy" is in love with his spot in Nuernburg and is planning to extend. Bob "Broomer" Broome is happy at Ft Ord and has given his consent to let Dan name the baby after him. But life is so tough that Dan had to close there because he had to go study.

Mike & Lynn Tax say hello from "the Little Post on the Prairie", Ft Sill. The Taxes gave a Xmas party for those that remained at Ft Sill during the holiday. Those in attendance were: Gil Fletcher, Pat & Teresa Harris, Pat & Sandy McCarty, Mike & Cathy Mos, Tom "O.D." O'Donnell, Tom Spellissy, Jeff & Mary Joan Wright, Dave, Rosemary, and Mellissa (born Nov 80) Reeves, and Mark Welker, the lone engr. The folks that are seen around



1979: Seilzo, Brown, Treharne, Hickey and Crowson.



1979: Class Reps.

post include: Chuck Kay and JR Atcitty, Jim Corrigan, Mike & Jamie Nobles, Fritz Schmalberger and his wife to be, Steve Smith, Bob & Debbie Skertic, Bob & Elonda Stratton, Kirt Thomas, Ross & Angie Vanderhyde, and Gry & Mary Beth Yerks, Lou Anderson, Rich Duncan, Marty Howard and Ken Rathbun. The Xmas party was such a success that it was followed by a New Year's party and a planned St. Patrick's Day party. Mike is presently working as a survey instructor for the Counterfire Dept. For those that read the Army Times they know that Mike should be heading for Korea the first of Jun.

Joe DiGangi is at Ft Hood and sends the following news. Joe, Pete Waldman and Bob Fogg are doing their best to hold off the A&M grads in the heart of TX. Joe graduated from Ranger school in Feb 80 and then got married 5 Jul 80 to Sue Reardon in McLeon, VA. After a honeymoon in Bermuda and a summer together Sue went back to Richmond to school. Both Bob and Joe became XO's in



1979: Class Reps.

Dec 80. Bob has A Co while Joe has E Co. Also, Bob and Gail are to be married on 6 Jun 81. Jeff "JJ" Thompson has been XO of an A.I.T. Co while being a PL in another. Pat Kastner has been a TOW PL and is now headed for flight school. Jim Witzerman is a shop officer in the 27 Maint Bn. Earl Pagan, Kevin Zenner, and Mike Toner all enjoyed the warm summer. Joe also reminds Pete Kale and Kevin Butler to drop him a line at E Co, 8 Engr Bn, 1st Cav Div, Ft Hood, TX 76545. Harvey & Diane Humphrey sent a letter of baby news. First of all, Harvey and Diane are related to Steve & Susan Schauwecker because Diane and Susan are sisters. On 16 Jan Jennifer Michelle Schauwecker was born and weighed in at 3 lbs 11 oz. Things were touch and go for a while but everything is just fine now. A similar situation exists with Paul & Kim Harwig and Scott & Sue Forster. The only difference is that there Paul and Sue are brother and sister. The big news in this family is that Sue is expecting a baby in Jul while Kim is expecting hers in Sept. The final letter comes from Mark Estep. During the spring break of 79 Mark developed a bone marrow and kidney infection and was allowed to graduate but not be commissioned. At that time he was placed on 6 months convalescent leave. Then on the 29th of Nov 79 he passed his physical and received his commission. From there he went to Armor Basic and was the only grad in his class. The next thing on his schedule was to get married to Cynthia Black, which he did in Orlando, FL on the 24th of May 80. From there Mark and Cynthia went to Wildflicker. Mark has seen Rob Caliva and Bubba in Vilseck at the NBC Cse. I would like to wish everyone a Happy 4th of Jul and keep the letters coming.

'80

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Yoboseyo, from the Land of the Morning Calm (the nights are a different story!). I haven't received much news from our Class during the last 3 months, so I'll try to generate as much as possible. I understand most of you have been in transition. But now that you're settling down, drop a line or two.

Ranger class 2-81 graduated on 22 Jan, and John Davis received the Merrill's Ma-



1980: ROK Founders Day (Front): Larkin, St. Pierre, Donahue, Sagihara and Reid; Back: Ward, Jesmer, Siburg, Nelson, Bradley, Stich, Austin and Richardson.

rauder's Award. Mike Chura was an Honor Grad. I haven't heard from the following classes except for one note of sad news. Vince Masi landed in power lines during a parachute operation in the mountains. His severe burns resulted in the amputation of one leg below the knee. Dick McEvoy, in my battalion, talked with Vinnie quite a while ago and said his spirits were high. We're all behind you, Vinnie, and pray for the best. If you'd like to send a letter of encouragement, his address is: c/o 816 Gates Mill Blvd., Medina, OH 44256.

I spent my last few days before flying to



1980: Bill Wray, youngest grad present, and Nancy Heiss.



1980: St. Pierre—youngest grad—Founders Day Korea.

Korea with Bill Wray at Stanford U. I severely reprimanded both Bill and John Bray for their non-regulation hairstyles. My own barren scalp must have impressed Bill, as his locks were sheared during my stay.

I was pleasantly surprised to find classmates Dick McEvoy, Pat St. Pierre, Pat Donahue, Mike Larkin, and Wally Walters living on Camp Hovey, ROK, along with myself. We've run into many other classmates living on Camp Casey (a mile or so away), to include: Tom Austin, Scott Stich, Steve Ward, Shelley Ashworth Richardson, and Will Bradley.



1980: Davis, Rund, Schowalter, Togushi, Norman and Rigby.

While shopping in Seoul, following our Founders Day dinner, we ran into Dave Sadler, who was vacationing in Korea with the 25th Inf Div from HI. I also ran into Steve Krieder from Ft Ord. His unit was also participating in the Team Spirit exercise.

Jack Matthews (one of the faithful correspondents) wrote from Germany and said he ran into Jeff Lukens in Nuremburg. Also, an emaciated Bob Smith is now assigned to his battalion, having completed Ranger school in Feb.



1980: Easley, Autrey, Stone, Stuben, Ruppert and Arsenaull Ft Leonard Wood.



1980: Youngest grad present was Durnford—4th from right.

Gary Minadeo wrote in Jan (just after I mailed the Mar article). He flew to CA along with Joaquin Reis and Mike Luttmann, to attend the wedding of Mike & Shawne Linthicum over the Xmas holidays. Other Xmas weddings were Gerry "Mo" & Mariellen Walsh, and Wes & Mickey Kimata. Congratulations, one and all! Gary reports that the parties at Ft Rucker "make Navy weekend look like a Chapel service." Hmm . . . Todd Oddstetter, Bill Jahn, Mike Scott, Bob Nicholson, Debbi McCarthy, and Dana Malter (Hail!) are our resident "fly-boys and girls." I'm sure the list has extended somewhat by now. Gary, I'm sure the '80 Rangers

I heard from John Chory out at Ft Huachuca. He asked the "Cowboys" to drop him a line, and he wanted to know who won the Silver Cup in our Class. Good question, John. We have one possible winner, but I lost contact with Bret Dalton during Ranger school (hint!), and have been unable to confirm the winner. Anyone knowing of a deserving candidate from the Class of 1997, or so, let me know. John also informed me of the marriage of Bill & Jody Duffy in Dec. Congrats to the two of you!

A couple more wedding announcements: John & Joanne Canby were married at the Cadet Chapel on 25 Apr. And Ken & Theresa Ragghanti exchanged vows before settling down in Ft Knox.

From the Gross Anatomy Lab in Bethesda, MD, I learned that Bob & Doreen Smith bought a house, as did Pete & Linda Cardinal. I thought doctors had to be smart, but I sometimes wonder—Pete sent a picture of the '80 Docs and told me to send it back to him. The idea is that the picture is sent not just for my own viewing pleasure, but to be printed in our class notes! It doesn't take a neurosurgeon to figure that out (even a couple grunts understood)! Pete says Mike Schaub and will be married this summer. Terri Walters is doing fine also.

Eric Ostrem, the Nerd, wrote from Ft Carson and told me that he married "the girl back home" last Jun "only after buying half of Bell Telephone and TWA." Eric, I met your bride at the Columbus airport last Labor



1980: Ft Belvoir.

will be long gone (hopefully!) by the time y'all fly into Eglin AFB with your promised KFC and brew. But I can assure you that any handouts will be much appreciated by whatever class you pick up!



1980: LTs James and Joan Marie Curl—youngest grads Founders Day Presidio of San Francisco.

Day. She flew down with an old girlfriend of mine. I keep meeting everybody else's lovely wives and fiancées . . . It's a bit frustrating! Anyway, the Ostrem's have an apartment in Colo Spgs and Eric is a mortar PL. I'm sure all I'll have to do next year is look up Dana Chipman, and I'll find a wild bachelor's apt (unless he's married?).

My last bit of news is taken off a piece of paper included in a letter from home. Source? I don't know. It looks like my little sister's handwriting. Regardless, Andy Costa and his wife Colleen appear to be proud parents of a baby boy born in Dec. The Costas are stationed at Ft Bragg, and bets are that the son's first word is "Airborne." Hopefully, my congratulations are in order (I'll correct my sister/secy appropriately!).

Well, y'all take care and enjoy the summer. Please update your AOG files, and let us know about your doings and misdoings.



1980: Class Reps.

BEAT NAVY

CLASS OF '80

This is the last of four free copies of ASSEMBLY that your Association of Graduates will be sending to those of you who joined the Association while you were still members of the Corps. To continue receiving ASSEMBLY and REGISTER after this issue you must subscribe at member rates. An order blank for this purpose was mailed to you on 1 April 81. We urge you to return it with your remittance and with data for your entry in REGISTER.

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If you don't keep us informed about your moves—and lieutenants are great travelers—your copy may never catch up to you. You enjoy a special privilege, provided to insure the delivery of your mail. A printed form, DA FORM 3955, is readily available to you for reporting your change of address. It's a neatly printed card available in quantity, and you can send one to all your correspon-

dents (and publishers) free. Do send one for each move to your class Scribe, and one to the Association here at West Point.

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THE EDITOR

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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Benjamin Curtis Lockwood Jr.

NO. 4972 CLASS OF 1911

Died 3 April 1980 in Palo Alto, California, aged 91 years.

Cremation



BENJAMIN CURTIS LOCKWOOD JR.

BENJAMIN CURTIS LOCKWOOD Jr. was born 14 June 1888 at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, now Fort Hayes. His father, Brigadier General Benjamin Curtis Lockwood, served in the Civil War, Indian Campaigns, Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection. His mother was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beatty of Detroit, Michigan.

Ben entered the United States Military Academy 15 June 1907 with the Class of 1911, the day after his 19th birthday, and graduated 13 June 1911. While he was a cadet he rose through the ranks of corporal, first sergeant, captain, and First Captain. His target record rated him as "Marksman."

The 1911 HOWITZER writeup describes Ben as "A man who had stuck to 'Duty for Duty's sake' since the beginning, and who has never let mere mundane pleasures interfere with what his job gave him to do. In fact, we wonder if he hasn't lost a good bit of what pleasure there is in this military life through these very proclivities. When it became a question of who should sit on the lid, there was no doubt that he could hold it down where others failed.

"We have seen more of Lockwood than anyone else in the Corps, still he has P.S.'d and spooned so much that we seldom see him at all. Paradoxical, but true. Six feet six in his stocking feet, he can take the hands off the guard house clock without tiptoeing, when he wears his oil tans."

Ben chose the Infantry upon graduation. During his active service of almost 41 years he rose through the various grades, retiring 31 March 1948 as a brigadier general in the Regular Army.

At various times he commanded five companies, four battalions, two brigades, two island commands in the South Pacific Theater of Operations in World War II, and the Army Ground Forces Replacement Depot at Fort Ord, California.

He served as a battalion staff officer, regimental adjutant, three tours on the General Staff with troops, and two tours in the Inspector General's Department.

As a student he attended and graduated

from the Field Officers Course at The Infantry School; Command and General Staff School as a Distinguished Graduate; and the Army War College.

Instructor assignments included the United States Military Academy, three separate Officer Candidate camps, The Infantry School and the Army War College.

These assignments, with their varied experiences, stood him in good stead when he was placed in command of a joint Army and Navy task force shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack, with the mission of setting up and operating the main Naval base in the South Pacific Theater of Operations, on the main island in the Tonga Islands. The base was operational before the Coral Sea battle. As our operations in that theater pushed northward, Tonga became too far away to support our Army and Navy operations so the Tongan base was closed and its functions taken over by a new Naval base at Espirito Santo in the New Hebrides, where Ben was placed in command and participated in the extensive build-up of that base.

As a result of his work at both island bases, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Upon his return to the United States, Ben was assigned to the duty of setting up and operating Army Ground Forces Replacement Depot Number Two at Fort Ord, California, with strong emphasis on training and equipping about 500,000 replacements passing through that depot en route to combat areas mostly in the Western Pacific. When that depot was deactivated at the end of World War II he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

His last active duty station was on the General Staff, Fourth Army, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This post was also his first duty assignment upon graduation from West Point.

In 1922 Ben married Cherry Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lane of Detroit, Michigan. They have one daughter, Cherry Lane Lockwood, who lives in San Francisco, California. She was retired as a first lieutenant for physical disability from the Army Medical Specialist Corps, and is now a professional photographer.

Ben is survived by his wife, who lives at Channing House, Palo Alto, California, and his daughter.

William Morris Hoge

NO. 5505 CLASS OF 1916

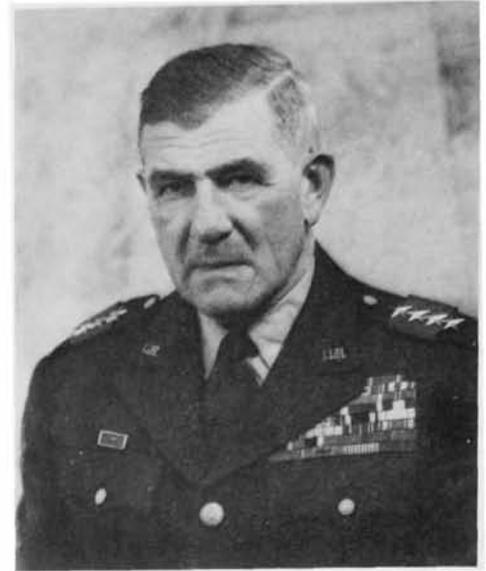
Died 29 October 1979 in Munson Army Hospital, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, aged 85 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

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, and the best soldier.

-Major General Thomas D. Finley

WILLIAM MORRIS HOGE was born 13 January 1894 in Booneville, Missouri, where his father was principal of Kemper Military School. At the age of eight the family moved to Lexington, Missouri, where his father became the co-owner of Wentworth Military Academy.



WILLIAM MORRIS HOGE

Bill graduated from Wentworth in 1911 as the top ranking cadet. Though not an army family, Bill and his two brothers all graduated from West Point: Ben in 1914, and Kenneth in 1920.

Perhaps Bill's fondest memories of West Point were of football where he played halfback and fullback with the teams of 1913, 1914, and 1915. Through all his years he maintained an active interest in Army football.

Graduating in a class of 125, he did not consider himself eligible for the Engineers. His blue uniforms had already been ordered with the Cavalry stripe, but he selected Engineers more or less on a dare. When commissioned in the Engineers, he was full of consternation and considered transferring to the Cavalry, but a former instructor convinced him to stay with the Engineers.

His first assignment was with the 1st Engineers on the Mexican Border. He married his childhood sweetheart, Nettie Fredendall of Lexington, Missouri, on 1 May 1917. They joined the 7th Engineers at Fort Leavenworth in May, where he took command of a company. In February 1918 the regiment sailed for France.

In France he was promoted to major and took command of a battalion; serving in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives. He was presented the Distinguished Service Cross by General Pershing personally. The citation reads:

"For extraordinary heroism in action near Breulles, France, November 4, 1918. After personally and voluntarily reconnoitering the site of a pontoon bridge over the Meuse in daylight and under direct shell fire, Major Hoge commanded the movement of a train of heavy wagons under enemy observation to this location. Major Hoge then supervised the construction of the bridge and the successful crossing of the train."

From his own official report of 16 December 1918 the bridge construction was under direct enemy machine gun fire.

One of Bill's best traits was a fierce loyalty to his subordinates. He was always sincerely convinced that with one or two exceptions his men were the finest soldiers in the entire United States Army; or any other army for that matter. He had absolute confidence in them under any circumstances and he was determined to see that their services were properly recognized.

Between the wars he graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a

Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, and graduated from Command and General Staff School with placement on the General Staff eligible list. In 1935 he moved to the Philippines to command the 14th Engineer Battalion, Philippine Scouts. During the tour in the Philippines, his battalion constructed roads and bridges on Bataan, which was then mostly impassable jungle. During this time General MacArthur was activating the Philippine Army and he requested Bill to serve as Chief of Engineers of the new force.

In February of 1942 he was assigned the mission of constructing a military road across Northwest Canada to Alaska—the ALCAN Highway. Civilian engineers in the area said it couldn't be done in one season. He did it, using in his words, "six machines of 1,000 men each." By September 1942, 1,030 miles of road had been cut through the virgin forest over uncharted land and convoys were moving supplies to Alaska.

After a brief time with the 9th Armored Division, he was sent to England to command the Provisional Engineer Special Brigade Group which was to get assault troops ashore on Omaha Beach. His son, who saw him there wrote, "I saw him on the beach on the morning of D-1. He was surrounded by a circle of officers and noncoms. They all had problems and they all wanted decisions. By God, they were getting decisions. Someone would ask him what to do about something, he'd think for a few seconds, and then he'd tell them. That was it. No staff work, he was coordinating the whole thing in his head. It's a good thing nothing happened to him that day, because he was sorting out the beachhead, and I don't suppose anyone else could have done it."

In October 1944 he returned to the 9th Armored Division and his old command, Combat Command B, (CCB). It was in this capacity that he teamed with Brigadier General Bruce Clarke in the stubborn defense of St. Vith during the Battle of the Bulge. Neither general was in command, but true soldiers that they were, they worked together, coordinating all their moves. General Matthew Ridgeway, commanding the Corps at the time wrote:

"On the outer periphery was CCB, 9th Armored Division, under General Hoge. He stood at the point of greatest pressure, the point of greatest danger. And in the event of withdrawal, his force would have to bear the savage attrition of fighting the rear guard action. I had known Bill since our cadet days at West Point. I knew what a calm, courageous, imperturbable fellow he was. I knew that nothing would ever flurry him."

Of this same action, General Gavin said:

"The fighting at St. Vith did more to turn back the German attack than anything else that took place in the Battle of the Bulge, including Bastogne. The best panzer equipped divisions were thrown at St. Vith, and it held."

For this action Bill Hoge was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with the citation:

"The superior judgment and tactical leadership displayed by him throughout the operation and the discipline and combat efficiency of his command reflect the highest credit . . ."

After withdrawing from St. Vith, his mission accomplished, his CCB was attached to General Ridgway's XVIII Corps. Ridgway needed an experienced general officer to assist him in commanding the Corps on a 65 mile front in such a fast moving situation.

He selected Bill Hoge for this important task . . .

"Because here was a man in whom I had absolute implicit confidence, in his personal courage, in his professional competence and in his stability of character."

In March 1945 lead elements of Bill's CCB came upon a railway bridge over the Rhine at Remagen. The decision to seize that bridge required great moral courage. His assigned mission was to sweep the west bank of the Rhine clear of Germans. The Rhine is a formidable obstacle at Remagen with steep rocky hills rising from its banks. The bridge had been prepared for demolition and the Germans had a Flak Battalion on the mountain just downstream from the bridge. Bill Hoge did not have time to go all the way back for a change of orders. He got General Leonard's (Commanding General, 9th Armored Division) approval and sent his infantry across. It was a dangerous gamble; failure or even success could have lost him his command. For his audacity at Remagen, Bill Hoge was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal.

After the bridgehead was consolidated on 21 March, he was given command of the 4th Armored Division and on 2 May promoted to major general.

After World War II he commanded the Engineer Center at Fort Belvoir and later was commanding general of United States troops in Trieste. In March 1951 the commanding general IX Corps in Korea was killed. General Ridgway as Commanding General Eighth Army asked Department of the Army for one of three generals as a replacement. In his words:

"Bill Hoge was number one on the list.

He was sent and his performance as Commanding General, IX Corps, was superior in every way, as I knew it would be."

After Korea, Bill Hoge commanded Fourth Army in San Antonio; Seventh Army in Germany, and retired from active duty as Commander in Chief, United States Army, Europe, in January 1955 having been retained on active duty a year beyond his normal retirement.

Following retirement, he and his wife Nettie returned to their childhood home in Lexington, Missouri. But Bill Hoge was not ready to sit back; so in February 1957 he was appointed Chairman of the Board for Interlake Iron Company in Cleveland. He remained with the company for ten years as chairman and consultant. His wife Nettie died in July 1959. Her death was a blow from which he never completely recovered.

Finally, his health failing, he moved in October 1975 to be with his son on his farm in Kansas. Death came suddenly on 29 October 1979 to claim this fine soldier and servant of his country.

Throughout his life Bill had a deep love for outdoor sports, hunting, riding, fishing. He usually had one or two dogs, even in combat, and until the last few years of his life he seldom failed to take the dog for a daily walk. He was an excellent shot and some of his happiest days were spent quail hunting. He often spoke of what fine brave little birds they are, and would stop shooting when he had enough for a meal. He loved horses and rode as often as possible. He retained horses at Fort Belvoir when he commanded that post and used them for inspections. He said he always saw a lot more when he rode a horse.

"He excelled in every field of endeavor in which he partook over a period of 50 years or more. During the many years that I knew him I cannot recall any time

that he discussed his own accomplishments. Proud of them, I'm sure he was; but content to let the record speak for itself. In staff and command meetings he was brief and to the point. He was a wonderful commander to serve under—both respected and admired; a true friend and soldier, outstanding engineer, capable in business and a true patriot of our country."

—General Clyde Eddleman
—George F. Hoge and
William M Hoge Jr.

Herman Uth Wagner

NO. 5761 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 4 April 1980 at Eisenhower Memorial Hospital, Fort Gordon, Georgia, aged 85 years.

Interment: Rosedale Cemetery, Martinsburg, West Virginia



HERMAN UTH WAGNER

HERMAN UTH WAGNER was born in Philadelphia to George H. and Caroline O. Wagner. He went through the school system there and had one semester at the University of Pennsylvania. During his school years he joined the high school company H of the 3d Pennsylvania National Guard, serving from 1911 to 1914. This military service aroused in him a desire to go to West Point. He was appointed to West Point by the Congressman of the Fourth District.

When Herman Uth arrived at the Point, the fame of Hans Wagner, greatest shortstop of all time, was at its height and since Herman Uth was also from Pennsylvania, it was almost automatic to nickname him "Honus." And Honus he remained to his classmates and friends. The Herman Uth was preserved in official records and used to make out pay checks.

Honus was a good cadet. He gathered demerits regularly but never enough to walk the area. He was a cadet corporal and then sergeant. His academic work was such that he ranked 21 in our class of 150. Honus's athletic activity was swimming, but he could not make the team because at that time there was no swimming team.

One other activity claimed his interest—dancing. Together with G.H. Anderson, Krause and Ringsdorff, he formed a group of hopoids who seemed always busy filling up their hop cards. Bryant Moore called them

the "Dinglefoots." The love of dancing lasted throughout his life.

Originally commissioned in Coast Artillery, he went to the Coast Defenses of Portland, Maine, and was successively company officer, company and fort commander and coast defense adjutant. He was ordered away from there to be instructor in mathematics at the Academy beginning 1 September 1918.

In 1920 Honus transferred to the Ordnance and was sent in 1921 to the American Forces in Germany. In July 1922 he was called back to be Chief of the Loading Section of the Ammunition Division, Office Chief of Ordnance. After a four-year tour he went to the Army Industrial College; thence to Frankford Arsenal to set up and operate the Office of Industrial War Plans for the procurement of artillery ammunition components.

And so it went, Honus always had responsible jobs: instructor at the Ordnance School, a tour in the Assistant Secretary's Office, Commanding Officer of the Ordnance Unit Training Center. In May 1941 he was called by the Chief of Ordnance to serve successively in several positions in the Chief's office.

Like many others who had responsible jobs of importance, all that Honus got out of it was a Legion of Merit and a colonelcy. He had honestly earned that and much more.

Amid all that activity on behalf of Uncle Sam, Honus found time for two personal achievements. He and Dorothy Kinsey Creque of Washington, D.C., were married 29 October 1930 in the Bethlehem Chapel of the Cathedral. Second, he acquired a 60-acre apple orchard on the fringe of Martinsburg, West Virginia. He retired 30 June 1951 to devote full time to these two projects.

Because Honus was not only a capable but a fine man as well, he soon found himself vestryman and treasurer of Trinity Episcopal Church in Martinsburg. Also he was on the board of the City Hospital until he left Martinsburg. His generosity was proverbial. When he came to town for one of our monthly class luncheons, he brought a bushel of apples for a classmate or a class widow. His hospitality was equal to his generosity.

Although the apples continued to prosper, Dorothy did not. She died in August 1968. Honus mourned her truly but he was such a sociable and lovable chap that one could predict he would marry again.

Emmalene Miller Holt was the fated one for Honus. They were married on 11 December 1971 in Athens, Georgia, where Emmalene had her home. Thereafter they made Athens their home, although they went back to Martinsburg for visits. They both enjoyed travel and dancing—Florida in winter and summer sometimes as far north as Quebec. There was always an annual stop in Washington for dinner and dance at the Club. They came to the Class's yearly heterosexual luncheon and made the 60th Reunion.

Their happy life was interrupted when Honus developed the dread disease. He had an operation but after several treatments, he insisted on going to Florida as usual. Once there he was on the dance floor nightly. But it did not last; they had to go back to Athens and the hospital. Honus died 4 April 1980.

Everyone loved Honus, there was not a mean bone in his body.

—William O. Reeder



John Ter Bush Bissell

NO. 5834 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 14 July 1976 in Carmel, California, aged 82 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



JOHN TER BUSH BISSELL

JOHN TER BUSH BISSELL was born 18 November 1893 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the oldest of five children, three boys and two girls. His father, David Shields Bissell, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Heidelberg was active in the steel and chemical industries and had his own metallurgical laboratories in Pittsburgh. His ancestry was Scotch-Irish. His mother, Annie Ter Bush, from Niagara Falls, New York, was descended from the old Dutch families that settled in the Hudson River valley in pre-Revolutionary days. On both sides his forebears had played a part in all of our wars. His great-great uncle, Lewis Morris, graduated from West Point in 1821. He was brevetted major for gallant conduct in the Mexican War and was killed in action at Monterrey in September 1846. His son, a colonel of Volunteers was killed in the Civil War at Cold Harbor, Virginia, in June 1864. Perhaps one of John Bissell's earliest motivations toward a military career was when as a small child he saw his Uncle Robert march off to the Spanish-American War in the uniform of a battery commander in the Pennsylvania National Guard. He attended grade school in Pittsburgh but in 1905, when he was twelve, his father retired from active business and took his family to Bermuda for a year. Here the boys were entered in the English Saltus Grammar School. After returning to Pittsburgh, Mr. Bissell, who yearned for Germany where he had spent two years of graduate study, took off again with his family and in September 1906 established them in the city of Hanover. The boys attended a German private school where much emphasis was placed on their learning the German language. Here Kaiser Wilhelm II put on a great display of his troops, foot soldiers, uhlands and horse artillery, and young John was mightily impressed and possibly again drawn to the idea of an Army career. There followed three years in the city of Darmstadt where the boys were again enrolled in German schools with hard study and long hours the rule. Here, John maintained his interest in la vie militaire; witnessed a zeppelin and a

six minute flight of an airplane piloted by an army lieutenant. He also experimented with some German pals and a home-made glider. The summers were given up to strenuous tours on foot through Germany, the Austrian Tyrol and Switzerland. One effort to make 50 miles in one day affected his heart so as to require medical attention for a year but did not prevent his entering Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, in 1911. He finished three and one half years there and then after a "cram" course enrolled as a cadet at West Point on 15 June 1914.

John Bissell's class was graduated a year early, because of World War I, on 30 August 1917. He had a solid but not distinguished record as a cadet. His HOWITZER shows him as strikingly handsome and predicted a bright Army career. He was quiet, well liked by his classmates, not given to sports but a good horseman, an adequate student and a corporal and sergeant in the Corps. His habit of reading, especially history, was continued here and he spent many hours of free time in the library.

World War I. Shortly after graduation Second Lieutenant John Bissell, Infantry, was first assigned to the 4th Infantry for a short tour at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He then went to the recently organized 3d Division, Regular Army, then training at Camp Greene, North Carolina, in preparation for overseas service in France under General Pershing. In early spring of 1918 it was embarked, and young Bissell found himself already a first lieutenant and commanding a section of machine guns in the motorized 7th Machine Gun Battalion. First, they had a short period of service with French troops in a quiet sector of the Vosges. At this time, a critical situation developed along the front north and northwest of Paris, some fifty miles away. To block a massive German advance threatening that city, and at Marshal Foch's urgent request, Pershing made certain untested divisions immediately available to the French high command. Among these was the 3d which arrived piecemeal on the south bank of the Marne River, opposite Chateau Thierry, beginning May 31st. First on the scene was the highly mobile 7th Machine Gun Battalion whose Hotchkiss guns were promptly emplaced in the brush along the river, eight covering the wagon bridge and the remainder the railroad trestle some 500 meters upstream leading into the town. Lieutenant Bissell with his section of fourteen men and two guns was dispatched across the wagon bridge to enter the town and support a French Senegalese unit which was retreating before the advancing Germans. On the night of 2 June, surrounded by the enemy, he had to abandon his guns but saved his command and some of the Colonials from death or capture by reaching the railroad trestle, the wagon bridge having been destroyed. By shouting and exposing himself he was able to quiet friendly fire and lead his men across the river to his own lines. He lost one man, killed in the town during this hazardous exploit. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm shortly after, upon recommendation of Pershing, by Field Marshal Petain, commanding the French Armies of the East. The citation read in translation:

"Lieutenant John T. Bissell, 7th Machine Gun Battalion, American. With coolness and courage beyond the line of duty he was able to rally the American machine gunners and French soldiers whose valor had led them to remain in the outskirts of a city, in the midst of enemy elements, and to lead them back within our lines under the most perilous circumstances, by the only passage left to him."

At a somewhat later date the Silver Star was awarded him and pinned on his breast by General Pershing. A higher decoration had been recommended by his own commanders. So in his very first action under fire he had shown to a high degree qualities of leadership which augured well for a successful military career. . . . On 20 June Lieutenant Bissell was assigned as an instructor in machine guns at the II Corps Schools, Chatillon-sur-Seine where he remained ten months, rejoining his 7th Machine Gun Battalion for five days during the Argonne offensive. He became a temporary captain in the Infantry 7 April 1919 and went on to command Company A of his battalion in the Army of Occupation at Coblenz. In the meantime, Cupid had displaced Mars. At Catillon, managing the officers Young Men's Christian Association, he met Julia Hurlbut, a charming and intelligent young woman from an old Connecticut family. Before the war she had been an active suffragette; and had been jailed for three days for picketing the White House until pardoned by President Wilson. Their mutual attraction was immediate and strong and a year later, in May 1919, they were married at Dijon, France. Next an unusual opportunity presented itself at Coblenz. He had long been attracted by the Field Artillery and was able to transfer to that branch, but as a lieutenant again, on 1 July 1920. There followed in November, partly because of his fluency in French, a detail of one year to the French Artillery School at Fontainebleau, just out of Paris; this was a delightful experience for the newlyweds and of high professional value.

Interesting as it was in diversity and solid achievement, the service of Lieutenant, Captain and Major John Bissell between the two World Wars must be summarized briefly. It included duty as instructor, Field Artillery School, Camp Knox, Kentucky; battery commander in the 7th Field Artillery, Madison Barracks, New York; student, Field Artillery School; instructor in French at the Military Academy, West Point (1924-1928). Here their only child, Barbara, was born in 1925; three years Reserve Officers Training Corps, instructor at Princeton; aide to Major General Sladen in Baltimore; student at the Command and General Staff School (1931-1933); student at the Army War College (1939-1940); and assignment to the G2 Division, War Department General Staff, from June of 1940 until March 1943. During this time he and one other officer were mainly responsible for the development and functioning of the Counter Intelligence Section, an exciting and important duty after Pearl Harbor and the declaration of war.

World War II. Now a full colonel and an artilleryman for twenty years, John Bissell succeeded in getting to Sill for a three months Advanced Course in the spring of 1943 and was then assigned as commanding officer of the 112th Armored Field Artillery Group which he trained until December when it was sent overseas as separate battalions. Next he became commanding officer of the XXI Corps Artillery at Camp Polk, Louisiana, another organizing and training task. Finally, on 1 June 1944 came the long desired opportunity pointing to combat; assignment as 89th Infantry Division Artillery Commander at Camp Butner, North Carolina; with it came promotion to brigadier general. By pleasant coincidence, a complete surprise to both of them, the Division commander, Thomas D. Finley, and John Bissell were brothers-in-law, the former having married Constance Bissell in 1931.

The 89th Division had been ordered to

Butner for reorganization and reequipment as a standard infantry division after a year as an experimental light division; reduced in size, transportation and weaponry. Its artillery consisted of three battalions of 75mm pack howitzers and one of 4.7 inch mortars, pulled by jeeps. Following two exhaustive maneuvers, the War Department disapproved the concept.

So Bissell had a big job ahead of him to reequip and reorganize the much reduced artillery of the light division and to train the additional officers and men of the new four battalions of 105 and 155mm howitzers, and he did it well. Due to the pressure of time, intensive and realistic training of both artillery and infantry units with live ammunition was the rule. The Division passed all its tests and inspections and was ready for combat in Europe by the end of the year. With its weapons and combat vehicles, but less noncombat equipment, the Division made a stormy Atlantic crossing and after a few weeks final training and completion of supply, went into combat early in March as part of General Patton's rapidly moving Third Army. General Bissell came to full stature as Division Artillery Commander in the weeks that followed. On 16 March at 3:30 a.m., his four battalions with two reinforcing battalions from Corps added, supported the infantry's night assault crossing of the Moselle River at Alf-Bullay against light resistance. The artillery performance earned him the Bronze Star. This was a good rehearsal for future events. Ten days later, after an advance from the Moselle to the Rhine, the 89th, now part of the VIII Corps, made a major night assault crossing of the Rhine at 2:00 a.m., 26 March, in the region of St. Goar. The mission was accomplished with notable success and in spite of severe losses in the three assault battalions from German artillery and small arms fire and in spite of extremely difficult terrain conditions. The 89th was highly commended by Corps and Army Commanders. General Bissell's four battalions, reinforced by VIII Corps and Third Army artillery, an anti-aircraft battalion, some batteries of the 76th Division already in place, battalion of tank destroyers and access to tactical air strikes, constituted overwhelming fire power that was of decisive importance in supporting the assaulting infantry. Bissell and his staff had to plan, prepare, direct and control this fire. His S3 wrote: ". . . there was only about 24 hours for him to contact artillery groups of Corps and Army, tanks, anti-aircraft, air strikes, a sound and flash battalion. In the time allotted the contacts were made, intelligence reports analyzed, fires planned and coordinated for 105mm and 155 mm howitzers to 8-inch howitzers and 155mm guns for all units. In the early morning hours when you gave the command to start firing he was ready." General Bissell received the Legion of Merit for the part he and his command played in this operation.

John Bissell retired at his own request at age 53 and his retirement, lasting a full 30 years, was in fact a second career, leaving him free to pursue at will many activities which had interested him during his military service but also to engage in others. He had always been an omnivorous reader, particularly of works of historical significance, and his books on the Napoleonic wars and like military subjects have found a place in the United States Military Academy Library. While his life centered about Carmel and his attractive house and gardens fronting on the ocean, he maintained contacts with the East, visiting his brother and sisters and friends. He retained his membership of fifty

years in the New York University Club and the Army and Navy Club in Washington. He and Julia were long time members of the Adirondack League Club and owned a hunting and fishing lodge there. During all his life he had loved the outdoors. Now this became almost an obsession. Together with his wife he fished the rivers of Maine and eastern Canada. With a Canadian guide he found excitement moose hunting in New Brunswick. In earlier days he had become an expert bird shot, owned and trained hunting dogs.

Eventually Carmel and the West absorbed his time. Not only his brother Leet lived there but a few West Point classmates and retired Army friends of the past. He joined and found a very rewarding activity in the "Carmel Associated Sportsmen" an exclusive group of like-minded hunters, fishermen and conservationists. His trips with these companions covered the Pacific Northwest, Wyoming, and the California mountains. The esteem in which he was held is reflected in these comments: "He had a gun collection that was the envy of most men who love firearms. He took a vigorous part in the activities . . . he left a cherished memory by word and deed. John was always there to give a nudge in the right direction. When the group acquired its own property and began to develop its own ranges it was his experience and enthusiasm that were the backbone of the effort. In those days he was very active . . . was a member of the board of directors . . . with John's passing the club lost a loyal supporter, a knowledgeable advisor and a good friend."

As the years went on, both John and his devoted wife became subject to periods of poor health. Julia was affected most and after many months of invalidism, involving hospitalization and nursing at home, she passed away at the Carmel Community Hospital on 30 October 1962 from a cerebral stroke. They had been married for forty-three years. This was a grievous blow and John Bissell was now a lonely man; his world was narrowing and his ability to go places and do things reduced. His eyes began to weaken and interfered with his lifelong love of reading, driving a car and shooting. His brother Leet, nearby, and his sister Constance with frequent visits from Colorado were a great help.

In 1964 he became acquainted with an attractive widow, Vada Ferguson, a realtor in Carmel, and in the fall of 1965 they were married. This proved to be a happy event for both; they were congenial and shared many common interests. They were able to make trips together, including attendance at two reunions of his World War II division, and visits east to his brother Phil and sister Catharine. But time took its toll. His infirmities increased; they affected his heart, and his eventful life of almost eighty-three years came to an end on 14 July 1976. Following an impressive memorial service at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, his ashes were carried by his wife to the historic West Point Cemetery and interred with graveside services. A plaque was placed in the Bissell family plot in Pittsburgh.

His death brought these comments from two close associates and admirers of his service in the 89th Division: John Gaston, S3 of his Division Artillery staff wrote, "I held him in top place among all people I have known for courage, integrity and fairness and the steadfastness to make crucial and critical decisions in times of stress." His Division commander wrote, "General Bissell was of vital assistance in the training and combat operations of the Division. He will be affec-

tionately remembered by all who served under him and by countless others. He was always considerate of the welfare of officers and men and his expertise in artillery matters was unquestioned."

So we say farewell to this very courageous and able soldier and honorable gentleman. His memory will not fade.

—T.D.F. and L.W.B.

Leverett Griggs Yoder

NO. 6037 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 1 May 1980 at George Washington University Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 84 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



LEVERETT GRIGGS YODER

LEV YODER was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on 3 August 1895, the son of Albert Henry and Susan (Griggs) Yoder. He was appointed to West Point from the Wisconsin National Guard, in which he had served from 1912 to the date of his appointment to the United States Military Academy in July 1916. His education in this period included a three-year course for high school teachers at State Normal School, Whitewater, Wisconsin. He was discharged from the National Guard with the rank of sergeant to enter the United States Military Academy.

Upon graduation from the Military Academy, Lev was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, and together with his Engineer classmates was assigned as a student at The Engineer School, Camp Humphreys, Virginia. Their class was on a tour of observation with the American Expeditionary Forces in France during the summer of 1919, and was graduated from the Civil Engineering Course at Camp Humphreys in June 1920.

After a short tour of duty with the 5th Engineers, Lev was again at The Engineer School from September 1920 to January 1921, this time for the Basic Student Officers Course. Upon graduation he was assigned to troop duty with the 6th Engineers at Camp Pike, Arkansas, Fort Lewis, Washington, and Fort Douglas, Utah, and from 1923 to 1926 he was with the 11th Engineers at Corozal, Panama Canal Zone. Throughout the dry seasons of this period, he was engaged on the military survey of Panama and was in command of a company of his regiment. Upon his return from foreign service, he was on further

troop duty with the 7th Engineers at Fort Benning, Georgia.

During the four-year period of 1928 to 1932, Lev was Associate Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. He notes in his personal papers that "this was the most congenial assignment of my entire service," a conclusion which is understandable in the light of his upbringing and his particular aptitudes.

This duty was followed by a three-year assignment to staff duty as assistant to the Department Engineer, Hawaiian Department.

In the spring of 1935, Lev, then a captain, was ordered to his first river and harbor station at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as chief of the Dredging Division, 2d New Orleans Engineer District. For two years on this assignment, he was responsible for the maintenance of the Mississippi River channel and river ports within the limits of the District.

In June 1937, he was stationed at Fort McIntosh, Texas, in command of a troop of the 8th Engineers, and later in command of the Post. From there he was transferred to Chicago, Illinois, for his second river and harbor assignment as assistant to the District Engineer.

The war clouds were building as this civil works tour was reaching a conclusion, and Lev was ordered to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, in early 1941 as Training Supervisor, Engineer Replacement Training Center. One year later, as a lieutenant colonel, he commanded the 96th Engineer Separate Battalion, which he took to New Guinea in April 1942. The organization was soon expanded to an Engineer General Service Regiment engaged in the location, construction and repair of airdromes in eastern New Guinea, and particularly at Port Moresby, Milne Bay and Dobodura. His command received a Distinguished Unit Citation for its services in the Papuan Campaign.

As soon as General MacArthur's forces gained control of this region, Lev was ordered to other successive assignments in the Southwest Pacific Theater—as Executive Officer, Engineer Section, United States Army Services of Supply at Sydney and Brisbane, Australia; as Engineer I Corps and with the Alamo Force in New Guinea; and finally as Chief, Construction and Real Estate Division, General Headquarters. These duties involved the disposition of construction materials for the support of military operations throughout the theater, and the formulation of policies for the assignment of real estate required throughout the Philippine Islands for both the military and the various civilian agencies, and earned for him his second Legion of Merit.

Upon his return to the United States in the spring of 1946, Lev's first duty was with the 6th Service Command, Chicago, Illinois, as Deputy Engineer. Shortly thereafter, he became Engineer, Fifth Army, with which he served for three years.

In 1949 he became District Engineer, St. Paul District, in charge of river and harbor operations throughout the Upper Mississippi River basin within the limits of that District. He remained in this post until 1952, when he became Chief of the Repairs and Utilities Division, Office Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. His last assignment was as Officer in Charge, European Office, American Battle Monuments Commission, Paris, during the years 1953-54. He then retired from the military service in the rank of colonel.

Lev's father had been a college president, a university professor and a superintendent

of schools. Lev, even before entering the Point, had spent a year as teacher of history in the Mauston High School, Wisconsin. This natural proclivity led him, after retirement, to enter the School of Education of George Washington University, Washington, D.C., from which he received his master's degree in Education in 1957. He then became a lecturer and instructor in Civil Engineering and Mathematics at the Richmond Professional Institute, Richmond, Virginia, where he taught for several years.

And so it was that he pursued from boyhood his destined bent—as soldier with first beginnings in his high school cadet days, then the four years in National Guard service, and finally his West Point education and military career—and as teacher both before West Point and after retirement.

Lev is survived by his wife Bette in Washington, D.C.; by his two sisters, Mrs. Miles K. Lander of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Mrs. Gunnar Anderson of Tacoma, Washington; and by his brother, Dr. Paul V. Yoder of Troy, Alabama.

Lev possessed a brilliant mind. He graduated as a Distinguished Cadet. His ideals and standards were of the highest degree. He was a perfectionist, a soldier-educator and a gentleman—a scholarly gentleman always.

—A Classmate

John Howell Collier

NO. 6416 CLASS OF 1919

Died 21 April 1980 in Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 81 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas



JOHN HOWELL COLLIER

ON 8 SEPTEMBER 1898 there occurred a very significant event in Uvalde, Texas. John Howell (Pee Wee) Collier was born. In the following eighty-one plus years, he favorably influenced a large number of people and events, much to his credit. And he is remembered as the "greatest little" general ever to serve in the United States Army.

Small he was in body, being only five feet, five inches tall, but in stature he was a veritable giant. He was forceful, persuasive, entirely honest, and a driving force in his every endeavor. General William Simpson, Commander of the Ninth Army in Europe during World War II, spoke of him in words that

say so much, "General Collier was a real combat general." Others have termed him a "Fightin' little SOB."

He began his military career by enlisting in the Texas National Guard at the age of seventeen and took part in the Mexican Punitive Expedition in pursuit of Pancho Villa. He then entered West Point and graduated in the Class of 1919, and was commissioned in the Cavalry. He served in that branch at numerous military stations from Fort Ringgold, Texas, in 1919 to Fort Leavenworth, where he attended the Command and General Staff School in 1941.

Just before going to the Philippine Islands in 1928, he married Elizabeth Frierson at Fort Bliss, Texas. They had one daughter, Peggy. One of his wonderful traits was exhibited in his devotion to his wife and family.

An eventful period of Pee Wee's Cavalry career was the six years from 1930 to 1936 when he served as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI), Roswell, New Mexico, and as coach of the polo team. He molded that into one of the strongest college teams in the country.

To afford top competition for his polo team, he arranged play with many other strong polo teams whenever possible. On one occasion, when a team from Fort Bliss visited Roswell to play the NMMI team at graduation exercises, he showed his flair for hospitality and his versatility by meeting the visiting players on the outskirts of Roswell with a jug of New Mexico's best aged "white lightning" corn liquor. He followed that with a big party at his home that evening. His team won convincingly the next day. John Collier's career as an active horse Cavalry officer came to a close in September of 1941 when he joined the 2d Armored Division as commander of the 3d Battalion, 66th Armored Regiment.

The combat history of the 2d Armored Division is also the history of General Collier, for he served and fought with this division from its entry into French Morocco in November 1941 until its triumphant entry into Berlin at the close of World War II. During that period of time, the 2d Armored Division rolled across North Africa and Europe, with Collier filling the positions of battalion commander to division commander. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Medal with one cluster, and numerous other citations to add to and prove his great leadership ability. It was during the division's dash from the Rhine to the Elbe that he made his famous remark when he was striving for fast movement of his troops, "Wake up!! I'd rather lose sleep than blood."

After World War II, General Collier returned to the United States where he became assistant commandant of the Armored School at Fort Knox, Kentucky, followed by reassignment as commander of the 2d Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas. He served again in Europe as deputy commander of the United States Constabulary and commander of Stuttgart Military Post until 1952.

In 1952 General Collier returned to Fort Knox as commandant of the Armored School. Then, in 1954 he became the Commanding General, I Corps Group in Korea, after which he was named Deputy Commander, Eighth United States Army.

In September 1955 he was appointed Commanding General, Fourth Army, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and remained in that position until his retirement on 30 September 1958.

General Collier's career was unique in that he was one of the few senior officers in the Army never to have served on a staff. His entire career, with the exception of a few short periods such as those when he was a student, was spent in a position of command.

Pee Wee Collier was a great man and a great military leader. His record is one to be envied and emulated.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, his daughter, Peggy Collier Moore, and his two grandsons, Kevin Howell Moore and Todd Ramsey Moore.

Howard Adams White

NO. 6514 CLASS OF 1919

Died 3 March 1980 in Buffalo,
New York, aged 83 years.

Interment: Cremated Ashes Scattered



HOWARD ADAMS WHITE

HOWARD ADAMS WHITE was born in Elmira, New York, 23 March 1896, the second son of Harvey Walker and Nellie Davis White. He attended public schools in Buffalo, New York, and for nearly two years was a student at Cornell University.

Appointed to the Military Academy from New York, Howard, known to his classmates as "Whitey," graduated with his class on 1 November 1918 and was commissioned a second lieutenant, unassigned. Upon graduation his class was granted a short leave. While on that leave, the Armistice ending hostilities with Germany was signed, and the class was recalled to the Academy to continue its former academic program as student officers.

On 22 April 1919 while a student officer, Howard resigned his commission. He had come to fully realize that he and military life were not compatible, that it would be better for both that he pursue a profession to which he was more suitable. In fact, it was with some reluctance that Howard entered West Point; it was more at his father's desire than his own preference.

Lack of enthusiasm for military life, however, did not dampen Howard's love for West Point. He was proud to be one of its graduates, and whenever the opportunity offered itself, as it frequently did, he spoke with his brother Bob, Class of 1927, of his fond memories of the Academy.

After resigning his commission, Howard became a reporter on a Philadelphia newspaper. Although with that paper for only

about a year, it was there that he found the profession he loved and with which he remained all his working life. In 1920 he joined the staff of the *Buffalo Commercial*. One of his early assignments with that paper was harrowing. He was reporting on a hearing in Thorold, Ontario, Canada, where a man was accused of murdering a young girl, when the crowd in attendance turned into an ugly mob with intent to lynch the accused. Howard was misidentified as the accused in the melee and underwent some rough, but fortunately not serious handling before the misidentification was realized.

With his brother Merritt, Howard established the *South Buffalo News*, a community newspaper, and the Erie Press Corporation in 1921. Howard performed the journalistic tasks of the paper and was president of the corporation while his brother attended to the business end of the operations. It was a successful project; however, by the mid-50's the small businesses upon which they relied for advertising were becoming a thing of the past. They were either absorbed or replaced by the large chain stores whose advertising needs required a far larger public than that served by a community newspaper. The two brothers found it prudent to sell the business.

In 1927 after seven years with the *Buffalo Commercial*, Howard joined the staff of the *Buffalo Evening News* with which he remained until his retirement in 1965. He was well known through all those years for his integrity as a reporter and for his sense for news. One of his proudest accomplishments was a joint effort with a city supervisor in forcing the Erie County Board of Supervisors to end holding secret meetings.

A fellow journalist who joined the *Evening News* staff at about the same time as Howard, and who was his colleague there for many years, has this to say about him: "He was so kind and gentle and solicitous of his friends' welfare. . . . Every newspaperman who knew Howard loved him. The editors had great respect and admiration for him over the years as he produced one fine story after another, no matter what the assignment. Howard was one of the greatest the editorial staff the *Buffalo Evening News* ever had."

Death came to Howard after a prolonged illness during which he suffered from many complications, but he never complained. He never failed to express appreciation and thanks for any service or favor rendered him, however slight. His interest in what was happening in the world never flagged; his mind was clear and alert until the end; it was his body, never his mind, that failed him.

Howard married Eva Grace Bowes in Buffalo, New York, 26 February 1929. They had no children. Eva's sudden death due to heart failure in 1966 came as a cruel blow to Howard, requiring considerable time to overcome.

Surviving Howard are three brothers, Merritt, Harvey, and Robert, and one sister Marguerite Vickers.

Charles Barney Harding

NO. 6604 CLASS OF 1920

Died 25 October 1979 in Rumson,
New Jersey, aged 80 years.

Interment: Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

CHARLES BARNEY HARDING died on 25 October 1979 after a most courageous and uncompromising battle against cancer. He was a loyal and enthusiastic graduate of West Point, and



CHARLES BARNEY HARDING

throughout his life he embodied the principles of "Duty, Honor, Country." Most of his career was spent in civilian life, where he was outstandingly successful and consistently displayed natural leadership, keen ability, good judgment, and staunch character. His many friends were inspired by his admirable qualities and his quiet sense of humor.

He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 11 September 1899, the son of James Horace and Dorothea Barney Harding, and the great-grandson of Jay Cooke, the financier. Charlie graduated from Groton School in 1918 and from the United States Military Academy in the Class of 1920. As a second lieutenant, he was a student at the Field Artillery School at Camp Knox, where later, as a first lieutenant, he served as an instructor. He resigned from the Regular Army in 1922 to enter his family's business, which was then Charles D. Barney and Company. In 1924 he married Marion Choate, a granddaughter of Joseph H. Choate, who had been United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James under President McKinley.

In his 42-year career on Wall Street, Charlie showed brilliant leadership. He was a member of the New York Stock Exchange, where he served as a governor in the late 1930's. He was Chairman of the Exchange from May 1940 to May 1941. He strove to develop professional quality in the investment banking field, and for his own firm, Smith, Barney and Company, of which he was Senior Partner for twenty years. He recruited business school graduates for a comprehensive training program that Wall Streeters referred to as "Harding Tech."

His sound financial judgment was in great demand, and he was a director of many industrial, financial, educational, cultural, and philanthropic institutions. Between 1963 and 1979 he served on the Finance and Investment Committee of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy, acting as chairman from 1969 to 1979. He served as chairman of the New York Botanical Garden for twenty-five years, and for seven years was chairman of the Arthritis Foundation.

When he resigned from the Regular Army in 1922, Charlie joined the Reserve but became inactive before the approach of World War II. In 1940 he was commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve, going on active duty in May of 1941. He served in the Navy throughout our participation in World War II, a rare experience for a West Point graduate. He was

awarded the Legion of Merit for his service with the Bureau of Personnel, and at the end of the war was separated from the Navy with the rank of captain.

Charlie lived in Rumson, New Jersey, where he served on the Borough Council for fourteen years; he was also one of the founders and the first president of the Monmouth Museum in Lincroft, New Jersey. He spent his summers on the island of Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts, where he was an enthusiastic sailor and fisherman.

Charlie's wife, Marion, died only a few weeks before him, on 21 September 1979. Two sisters, Laura Harding and Mrs. Catharine Tailer; a daughter, Mrs. Joan H. King; a son, Robert S.O. Harding; and seven grandchildren survive.

It was a rare privilege to know Charlie Harding, and all who came in contact with him were enriched by the quality of his character, personality, and ability.

-C.E.S.



Paschal Hoover Ringsdorf

NO. 7131 CLASS OF 1923

Died 9 October 1979 in Clouchester, Virginia, aged 81 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



PASCHAL HOOVER RINGSDORF

PASCHAL HOOVER RINGSDORF was born 25 August 1898 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Soon after joining the Class of 1923, he was known as "Dorf" or "Snaffle." Dorf's activities as a cadet were many. His baritone voice appealed so strongly to Mr. Mayer that he was soloist for the Cadet Choir for his four years at West Point. In addition he participated in the Cadet Orchestra, cheer leading, track, the Dialectic Society, the Hundredth Night activities and dancing, for which he wore the red sash of Dance Manager at many of the hops. Dorf's personality was infectious and with his charisma he became very well known.

Please do not get the idea that this man was soft—far from it! Dorf had been a commissioned officer before entering the Academy and it took some of us a long time to stop answering him with a "No Sir" or "Yes Sir." During one period, he spent all his spare time in the gym teaching a roommate how to fight a "to the death" battle with an upperclassman whom the roommate had

offended. Dorf also served as second during the fight and nurse after it was lost. Nor was Dorf an easy man with which to live. He filled the living space with the tools of his activities, his desk drumming song rehearsals, arguments and debates—but we all loved him.

Upon graduation, he went into the Field Artillery and was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In addition to several Field Artillery assignments, he also was assigned to the Quartermaster for two tours.

With the advent of World War II, Dorf became a pioneer in developing the organization and tactics of the Tank Destroyer Force to counter the formidable German Panzer units. As commander of the 608th Tank Destroyer Battalion (January 1942–December 1942), one of the earliest units to be organized, he demonstrated his ability as a leader and trainer of men for combat. With a small cadre of officers and men, he converted raw recruits straight from reception centers into combat soldiers and newly commissioned Officer Candidate School graduates into an effective officer component. Drawing upon his knowledge and experience, he evolved effective tactics and operating procedures that resulted in his battalion achieving the highest scores on tactical employment of any tested by the Tank Destroyer Center. Many of the tactical plans and procedures that he perfected were adopted by the Tank Destroyer Center and School.

Because of his proven ability in the preparation of officers and men for combat, Dorf was selected to command the 2d Regiment of the newly organized Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center. During his two years (December 1942–March 1944) of command, he directed the training of thousands of enlisted men and hundreds of officers. In March 1944 he was given command of the 24th Tank Destroyer Group which at one time, during his command, contained nine tank destroyer battalions.

Throughout the World War II era, Dorf was plagued with severe migraine headaches. Finally, in September 1944, these and other health problems became so severe that hospitalization was required. As a result of tests and diagnoses during hospitalization, he was retired for physical disability. This precluded his accepting command of the Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center, an assignment for which he was slated.

From the day of his retirement he was in pain, and during the last several months the pain was almost excruciating. But even with all his troubles, Dorf thoroughly enjoyed taking care of the grounds of his waterfront house and enjoyed life to the best of his ability.

Sursum Corda.

-His Wife
with contributions
from W.A. Robinson '23
and C.H. Adams



John Ludden Mousseau des Islets

NO. 7234 CLASS OF 1924

Died 11 April 1979 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 77 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

JOHN LUDDEN MOUSSEAU DES ISLETS was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on 8 July 1901, the son of John C.M. and Julia (Fulton) des Islets. He attended grammar school in Pitts-



JOHN LUDDEN MOUSSEAU DES ISLES

burgh and was graduated from Peabody High School in East Liberty, Pennsylvania.

John received a Congressional appointment to the Academy from Pennsylvania and was graduated in the Class of 1924. To quote from the HOWITZER: "... John will not be remembered only for his help to the 'goats,' but for his audacity in recognizing upperclassmen, for wearing stars, for being a prodigious user of pomade and shoeblacking, and for being a member of that famous duo 'The Silicon Twins.'"

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, he attended The Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and served there until he resigned his commission in 1928. However, from 1928 to 1935, John kept a close contact with the military by holding successive appointments in the National Guard as a first lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, first lieutenant and captain, Field Artillery, and major, Cavalry.

In 1932 he was appointed Commandant of the Valley Forge Military Academy at Wayne, Pennsylvania. He served in that capacity until 1937 when he accepted a position as assistant engineer for the Bonneville Dam in Oregon.

Recalled to active duty as a major in 1941, he served as Assistant Chief of Staff to the Air Corps Maintenance Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. In November 1941 he was appointed Administrative Executive, Air Section, U.S. Military, North African Mission, Cairo, Egypt.

On New Years Day 1943 he was promoted to colonel. He rounded out his duties in Southern Asia by successively serving as Chief, Depot Construction, Tenth Air Force, New Delhi, India; Commander, Third Depot; and Commander, Bengal Air Depot.

In 1944 he was assigned as Chief of Maintenance and Commander, 31st Air Service Group, 314th Bomb Wing, Guam.

For outstanding work over a two-year period developing supply depots and Army Air Force bases in the China-Burma-India Theater and Near East, John was awarded the Legion of Merit, and for combat work in the Pacific during the bombing assault on Japan, he was awarded the Air Medal, Bronze Star Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit.

In 1949 he was assigned to Carswell Air Force Base as Director of Materiel. During the next 13 years he held increasingly responsible positions with Strategic Air Command at Ruislip in England, and at Hunter Air

Force Base, Savannah, Georgia, where on 31 August 1956, John retired from the Air Force.

After retirement John was Professor of Physics and later headed the department at Armstrong College in Savannah until 1966.

John and Nona Baird of Cornwall-on-Hudson were married in August of 1924. Nona and John had two sons who both attended the United States Military Academy and two daughters whose husbands were career military officers.

Survivors include his wife Nona; three children, Nona, Paradise Valley, Arizona; Charles, Reno, Nevada; Diane, Rancho Palos Verdes, California; 14 grandchildren, and his brother Robert, Boca Raton, Florida. His son John died in 1975.

The following is from the collection of Special Prayers of the Rev. Samuel Orr Capers, D.D.:

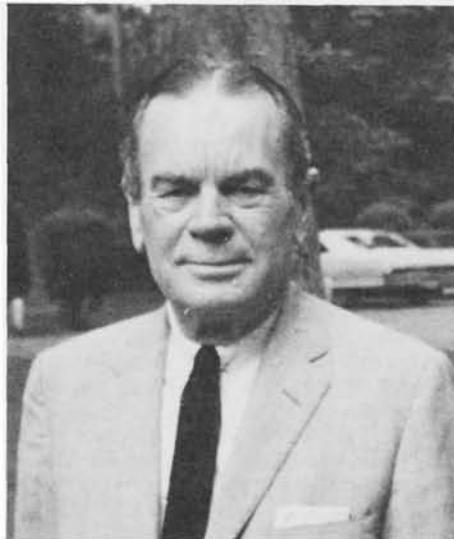
"We seem to give him back to thee, dear God, who gavest him to us. Yet, as thou didst not lose him in the giving, so we have not lost him by his return..."

Robert Love Tilly

Ex-Cadet of 1926

Died 18 April 1980 in Houston, Texas, aged 76 years.

Interment: Forest Park West, Houston, Texas



ROBERT LOVE TILLY

ROBERT LOVE TILLY was born in Pryor, Oklahoma (then Indian Territory), on 12 April 1904. His father, Dr. George W. Tilly, came from Tennessee and received the first license issued to practice medicine in the new State of Oklahoma.

Bob attended local public schools in Pryor and after graduation entered West Point on 1 July 1922. After leaving West Point he went with the Irving Trust Company in New York. In 1929 he came to the First National (now First City) Bank in Houston, Texas. He remained at First National as an officer until World War II when he left to enter the Air Force. He served as Commandant of Cadets at flying schools in Lancaster and Ontario, California, and at Air Materiel Command Headquarters, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Returning to Houston after the war to join the investment banking firm of Underwood, Neuhaus, he remained there as a vice president until he retired in 1972 because of failing health.

He was one of the organizers of the Hous-

ton West Point Society. His love for West Point never waned, and one of the pleasures during his long years of battling emphysema was the visits of our rector, Maurice "Ben" Benitez, United States Military Academy Class of 1949. They spoke often of West Point, and although there was a generation between them, the bond was the same. Ben is no longer our rector but the newly elected Bishop of the Diocese of Texas.

Bob is survived by his wife, daughter, son-in-law, three grandchildren and a brother.

—L.G.T.

Frederick Jensen Dau

NO. 8230 CLASS OF 1928

Died 2 May 1980 in Williamsburg, Virginia, aged 73 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



FREDERICK JENSEN DAU

FRED DAU GRADUATED number five in the Class of 1928, one of the most distinguished members in a class of 261 that boomed June that was soon followed by the crash of the economy, the pay cut, the promotion freeze, and the depression of the 1930's.

He was born 18 March 1907 in Fresno, California. His parents, who had emigrated as teenagers from Denmark and met in Fresno, both attended that graduation. Fred died at the Community Hospital in Williamsburg, Virginia, after a series of strokes following successful open heart by-pass surgery some weeks before in Richmond. He was ever the modest, quiet, sincere person that we knew as cadets, and throughout his service and civilian life.

Following graduation he was stationed in the Philippines. There he met Susan King whom he married in 1929. Their only child, Susan, was born at Walter Reed Hospital in 1932 while Fred was attending the Company Officers' Course at Fort Belvoir, then called Fort Humphreys. Serving in the Army Corps of Engineers, Fred became an expert in aerial surveying and military mapping, and during the 1930's was stationed at Wright Field. The outset of World War II found him assigned to the Engineer Research and Development Board at Fort Belvoir, and in this capacity he collaborated closely with the Air Corps counterparts at Wright Field. He was then appointed chairman of the War Department Mapping Committee during 1943 and

1944. Later on he was assigned to North Africa and during that period, says his daughter, "He wore General Staff insignia instead of the Engineer castles and worked out of the State Department. As with most Army families, he could never tell us what he was doing. We did have a C ration coupon for our old Chevrolet and we only knew that he was in North Africa someplace. In one of my last letters to him I asked, 'what did you really do?' and his reply was, 'I was a damned good mapper!'"

After World War II Fred was stationed in China as Assistant Chief of Staff while General Marshall was there, later on becoming an Assistant Military Attaché. It was during this assignment that Fred chose to make his future career with the new Department of the Air Force, and he requested the transfer in 1949. Our classmate, Bryant Boatner, then assigned to the Air Staff, facilitated the action. Shortly thereafter Fred was assigned to the Air Staff with the trenchant title of Assistant Comptroller, Supply, of the Air Staff, and later that same year was transferred to Wright Field to become Director of Supply of the Air Materiel Command. Members of the Class of 1928 were early mainstays of the Department of the Air Force and Fred was part of the action, being credited with modernization of the supply system. He played a major role in developing direct electronic requisitioning, aerial resupply, and a "Hi-Value" program for varying management according to cost and importance. His two star rank was attained while he was with the Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Order of Yun Hui (China).

Following retirement from the service on 30 June 1959, Fred joined Champion Paper Company in Hamilton, Ohio. His wife Susan succumbed that same year to a malignancy at Walter Reed Hospital.

Fred rose steadily in the employ of Champion Papers, Inc., being transferred to the Chicago office, and after some years, to the New York headquarters of the company, then known as US Plywood-Champion Papers. He became president of the Paper and Allied Products Division. He retired from Champion International, as it was finally called, as Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, and a member of the board of directors of the parent company, Intermills SA, Belgium, and Champion Paper Cellulose, Brazil. Fred had to visit plants in Belgium and Brazil several times a year. He was accompanied on these trips by his wife Helen (Singer), widow of Major General John K. Hester, United States Air Force, whom he married in 1969. When Fred retired from Champion International in 1973 they moved from New York City to Arlington, Virginia, and traveled extensively since Fred stayed active as a director of the board of Sargent Industries, a California corporation manufacturing industrial components. Growing out of his experience in the supply business of the Air Force, Fred also had been appointed as a charter member and trustee of the Logistics Management Institute, an advisor to the Department of Defense, which position he held until his death. So his interest in National Defense continued.

One of his colleagues in this enterprise in a letter of condolence to Helen wrote, "...our association goes back 20 years. In our problems he was without exception cheerful, understanding, supportive. Several times when I was tempted to take strong action I counseled with him and received excellent

advice. Once he disagreed with me and subsequently when more facts surfaced he told me his position had changed and advised me to proceed. He was intelligent, perceptive, empathic and a joy to be with. A second aspect of his career that I noticed was the true respect and deference he received whenever we were at an air base, whether it was Air Force or Navy. Often we had much higher ranking retired officers with us, but Fred was the man they remembered and whose reputation lived on and it showed in their treatment of him. . . . He was a great guy and we will all miss him!" A former associate wrote Helen, "Old friends from Champion are calling one another and reminiscing to share the grief that we all feel. Fred was a kind, thoughtful, funny friend to so many of us who have missed him since we all scattered." Another wrote, "The friendship he gave so abundantly has been among our happiest memories." And another, "He was a respected and admired colleague, a gentleman and an innovative businessman; I feel honored in having known him." During his stay in the hospital a friend wrote, "I am a better person for knowing you," and so on in many letters.

Desiring a more leisurely environment, Fred and Helen moved from the Washington area to Williamsburg in 1975, though they continued to travel. It was from there that Fred joined the Long Gray Line. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on 7 May 1980 as members of the class, and old associates and new from military and civilian life gathered to do him final honors.

Survivors include his widow, Helen; two sisters, Mrs. Holger Dau of Svendborg, Denmark, and Mrs. Philip Gordon of Fresno, California; a daughter, Mrs. Thomas J. Fannon of Alexandria, Virginia (four children, one grandchild); and two stepchildren, Virginia Hester Harbold (one child) of Williamsburg, Virginia; and John K. Hester of Fresno, California.

Memories of the halls of old South Barracks of 1924 to 1928 and "C" Company of the Corps then, and the likes of Finlay, Landon, Somerville, Samford, Frederick, to name only a few, will never dim. We will all remember Fred's sly humor, his irrepressible grin, his thoughtful wisdom and devoted friendship. The 1928 HOWITZER said in part, "...a ready smile, eagerness for fun, unusual ability to master academic work, and sincerity, these qualities express Fred's nature. . . . he was always willing to help. . . and countless times he has neglected his own studies so that he might help a goat. . . ." yet he wore stars and was a crack shot on the rifle team.

A Frederick J. Dau Memorial Fund has been established at the United Virginia Bank of Williamsburg, and memorials to him have been sent to Heart Fund, Association of Graduates, United States Military Academy, Air Force Aid Society, and various organizations.

—A classmate

James Morrow Ivy III

NO. 8464 CLASS OF 1928

Died 15 April 1942, the victim of the Bataan March of Death, aged 37 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort McKinley, Philippine Islands

OVER 36 YEARS have passed since the Bataan Death March when the last defenders of Corregidor endured incredible hardships and death during that inhumane, merciless trek. It was much to my distress when I realized

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JAMES MORROW IVY III

that one of our classmates, Colonel James Morrow Ivy, suffered a brutal death on the march and his passing has never been duly recorded in an obit. I wish I could say I hastened to amend this omission, but events conspired to cause me to delay this too long overdue recognition.

As a cadet, Morrow did not seem to have much difficulty either academically or militarily. He ambled along, ready to discourse on almost any topic, but most especially his frequent summers, travels and experiences with Red Path Chautauqua for which he took a lot of good natured ribbing. This was his trademark, as a cadet, and in the service, a good nature—affable, a ready sense of humor, even when he turned it on himself, but a good soldier all the way.

To get the story of his life in the service, I wrote to his widow Garnett, who lives an active life in San Antonio. Here is what she said in part:

"After Morrow graduated from West Point he had a crack at the Air Force at Brooks Field in San Antonio, but was washed out. He was transferred to the 10th Infantry, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, where I met him 9 June 1929. We were married 11 September 1929. James Morrow Ivy IV was born there 28 June 1930. We were sent to the Philippines the spring of 1931, stationed at Fort McKinley for 3 months, then transferred to Camp John Hay, Baguio, Philippine Islands, a rest camp 5,000 feet up in the mountains where we stayed until 1934 when we went to Fort Benning, Georgia, for Infantry. (Our youngest son, Richard Dudley Ivy, was born in the Philippine Islands on 5 March 1933.)

"After Infantry School, Morrow was transferred to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he commanded M Company, 23d Infantry. From Fort Sam Houston we went to Fort Screven, Georgia, in 1936, where he served with the 8th Infantry until we went back to the Philippine Islands and Fort McKinley in December 1939. There he served with the 57th Infantry as captain until the war began 7 December 1941. The children and I were evacuated from the Philippine Islands in the spring of 1941 when we returned to the States, Morrow staying on in the 57th Infantry under General Brower when war came.

"When war started he was promoted to major and assigned to Headquarters as Headquarters Commandant and served as such until 1 March 1942 when General Stevens, commanding the 71st Division, requested that he be assigned to the 71st Division. Under Gen-

eral Stevens, he served as Division G3 and was promoted to lieutenant colonel. He served as G3 until the surrender of Bataan. The 71st Division was part of the Luzon Force, commanded by General Edward King after General MacArthur left for Australia and General Wainwright took his place at Corregidor.

"On the Bataan Death March, Morrow suffered a kidney stone attack and so was unable to keep up with the others on the March. The Japanese tortured him, shot and bayonnetted him and hung his body to a tree as an example to others on the March. He was killed 15 April 1942. His body was later buried by Filipinos, then moved again, and now lies in the National Cemetery at Fort McKinley. His class ring was returned to me so I know for sure.

"From the fall of Bataan in 1942 until November after the war was over in 1945, he was carried as 'missing in action.' It was really dreadful, but I'm glad he was killed then and didn't have to go through the torture and starvation in Japanese prison camps only to die at the last as so many did.

"The children and I lived in Kentucky during the war and when it was over, I brought them to San Antonio and finished raising them, working as a realtor. I am retired now of course.

"The boys and I are fine. At least they had a father they could be very proud of. I think Morrow would be pleased with his sons. Dick lives outside of Dallas. James Morrow Ivy IV is a retired lieutenant colonel living with his family in Huntsville, Alabama.

"I painted a portrait of Morrow from a West Point picture as I did not have a more recent picture to go by. I took it to the photographers to have it copied, but they said due to the texture of the canvas they could not properly reproduce it. Finally I got a copy with a little one-step camera and am enclosing it for you."

Who can tell Morrow Ivy's story better? About the man, I can say he was even tempered, good natured, fun to be around, and a good soldier. In part, the 1928 HOWITZER says, "For four years, this big fellow's unselfishness and cheerfulness placed him high in the affection of his classmates." Also, regarding Morrow's dogged determination, the HOWITZER says, "Being 'cannon fodder' for an Army line for three years would have discouraged a less determined and more selfish man, for it is not one of the more pleasant experiences. The thought of failing never even occurred to Morrow." I liked him and I am proud to write what I know about him.

Donald Philip Graul

NO. 8551 CLASS OF 1929

Died 3 April 1979 at his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico, aged 73 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

DON WAS BORN IN Leighton, Pennsylvania, on 26 February 1906, and there spent his youthful years. At the age of 17 he went to Penn State and studied electrical engineering for two years. It was there that he decided that West Point offered the educational opportunities to prepare for a life long career in the field of communications. Upon graduation in 1929 he was commissioned in the Signal Corps and was a communications specialist in that organization for the next 19 years. In 1936-37 he attended the California Institute of Technology and received his Master of Science degree in Meteorology.



DONALD PHILIP GRAUL

During World War II he served overseas as Director of Communications for the 8th Fighter Command, the 9th Bombardment Division, and the 8th Air Force. Upon his return he had several research and development assignments winding up as commanding officer of Watson Laboratories at Red Bank, New Jersey. Upon transfer to the Air Force, he was assigned as Deputy Chief of the Electronics Subdivision at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. In 1949 after graduating from the Industrial College, he became Chief of the Electronics Division in the Directorate of Research and Development in Air Force Headquarters, Washington, D.C. In 1953 he assumed command of the 1808th Airways and Air Communications Service Wing, Military Air Transport Service, in Tokyo, and in July of 1957 became commander of the Rome Air Development Center at Griffiss AFB, New York. His final assignment was Deputy Commander, Air Communications Systems at Scott AFB, Illinois. Then, after 34 years of dedicated service to his country in the rapidly expanding field of communications, he retired in 1963 as a major general. Don's awards include both the French and Belgian Croix de Guerre with Palms, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.

But that is not all! His knowledge and deep interest in worldwide and outerspace communications led him to join the Communications Satellite Corporation (ComSat) where he held the position of Special Assistant Vice President. It was during his eight years with ComSat that he continued to contribute his knowledge, experience, and perseverance to the highly technical problems of outerspace communications. One cannot watch a television broadcast from overseas without knowing that Don had a part in its success.

Don was basically easy going and very friendly—he was never unpleasant to anyone or about anything—but he did have his opinions of what was right and what was not, and he kindly made them known. Integrity was his guiding principle. Don was more of a student than an athlete, although he did like to participate in various sports—particularly golf, in which he made a hole-in-one long after most of us had put our sticks away.

He loved his family and they responded in kind, and yet he was always eager to give a helping hand to others. He was dedicated to West Point and to the principles on which its motto is based. Don had made plans to be at his 50th Class Reunion. It is sad that we did

not have the pleasure of his attendance. I knew Don intimately for over fifty years, and in spite of varied assignments and different pursuits, we and his family remain devoted friends.

His first wife, Margaret Honeycutt Graul, passed away in 1972. His second wife, Sterlyn Hubbard Graul, died in June of 1980. He is survived by his daughter, Margaret C. Kendrick, of Scottsdale, Arizona; a son, Philip H., of Fort Worth, Texas; a step-daughter, Blynelle Galles, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and six grandchildren.

—Mish Roth, Roommate

John Drury Cone

NO. 8678 CLASS OF 1929

Died 10 March 1969 at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, aged 61 years.

Interment: Woodlawn Cemetery, Pine Bluff, Arkansas



JOHN DRURY CONE

JOHN DRURY CONE was born in the largely agricultural community of Hamburg, Arkansas, on 7 September 1907. His father, who always referred to himself as a "country" lawyer, was Uriah J. Cone, and his mother, Bertie Maude Harville. He attended grade school at Hamburg after which he moved, with the family, to Pine Bluff. There he graduated from high school and finished one year at the University of Arkansas before winning an appointment to West Point.

As a cadet he was a member of the Cadet Choir for two years and the cast of the 100th Night Show each year for four years. His First Class year (do you remember when cadets were always the same height and M Co. was the tallest?) at 5'8" he was assigned to "M Co." With some pride he always claimed that this necessarily led to his appointment as Battalion Sergeant Major.

Upon graduation he selected the Infantry, a choice that paid good dividends not only for our country, the Academy and Jack Cone, but also for me, his brother-in-law (Creasy '26). While your scribe was first acquainted with Jack on his Beast detail, perhaps I did not fully appreciate him until he arrived in Hawaii in 1932 accompanied by his older sister, Lillian. Clearly, from then on we were quite close!

The country attested to his worth to it in the award of numerous awards including the Silver Star, two awards of the Legion of Merit, as well as a Purple Heart. The Infantry honored him with the Senior Parachutist

Badge and Combat Infantryman Badge with Star. The Academy called him back to serve for three years as a Tactical Officer (again M Co., no less!).

In 1937, while stationed at Fort Wayne, he met and married Laura Churchill, the daughter of the Post Commander, the sister of James M. Churchill Jr., United States Military Academy, Class of 1932, and granddaughter of the fabulous General Beaumont B. Buck, United States Military Academy, Class of 1885. Of this union there were born three children, two of them arriving while he was on duty at West Point. His roots were getting ever deeper in the Army and Academy which he loved. I remember so well his pleasure at the Cone family becoming "all Academy" when his younger sister, Betty Dean, in 1939 became the bride of Albert L. Evans Jr. (United States Military Academy, Class of 1939).

Jack Cone trained for and lived the life of a doughboy. He served at large and small stations. He learned during the thin years of the thirties; he taught at both The Infantry School and his beloved Academy. As a young officer, he served both in Hawaii and the Canal Zone (do you remember when Hawaii was foreign service, and access was basically by SHIP?). He paid his dues at both battalion and regimental command levels in combat—in two wars, Rhineland and Korea. Yet after retirement he apparently felt that he was still in "debt" to the Army and the Academy.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Churchill Cone, of San Antonio, Texas, two daughters and one son. He was most happy to know his five grandchildren. A host of friends remember him fondly and miss him sorely, now that he has left us—to take his final position—in honor—in the Long Gray Line.

—W. M. C.

George Fletcher Schlatter

NO. 8799 CLASS OF 1930

Died 21 July 1979 in Melbourne, Florida, aged 70 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



GEORGE FLETCHER SCHLATTER

AFFECTIONATELY known by West Point friends as "little Slats" (older brother David, Class of 1923 was "Slats"), George Fletcher Schlatter lived by the West Point ideals of choosing the harder right and never being content with half truths or compromise.

Born in Fostoria, Ohio, on 25 November 1908, son of George and Maude (Fletcher) Schlatter, George developed early the strength of character, the initiative and determination, the "fighter pilot attitude" that was evident during all his life. George came to the Military Academy in 1926 on an appointment from the 13th Ohio District. During his cadet years, George's vitality and love of new experiences led him into many activities including tennis, the *Pointer*, Cadet Choir and 100th Night Shows.

George graduated 14th in his 1930 class with a commission to the Corps of Engineers, a standing which brought him membership in PHI KAPPA PHI Honor Society when a chapter was later established at the Military Academy. His first love, however, was always flying and he chose to enter the Air Corps for flight training. After winning his wings at Kelly Field in October 1931, George spent the next ten years principally as a fighter pilot at Selfridge Field, Michigan, and as a flying instructor and training flight commander at Randolph Field, Texas, and Maxwell Field, Alabama.

As the threat of United States involvement in World War II grew, expansion of flight training became a priority, and May of 1941 found George in Washington at the office of Chief of Air Corps on the flying training staff, from there going to Flying Training Command Headquarters at Fort Worth, Texas. In 1943 he became Commandant of Stewart Field Flight Facility for the United States Military Academy at West Point, with additional duty as the Air Member of the United States Military Academy Academic Board.

During these years, George, as was the case with many officers holding key positions in the training establishment, was anxiously awaiting an overseas assignment, and when the pace of interior training slowed he was elated to receive a wartime assignment to Headquarters, 12th Tactical Air Command in the European Theater of Operations, where he served until returning to the states in 1947. During this time, although a senior staff member, he flew 15 combat missions in P-47's on dive bombing sorties and fighter sweeps with various subordinate units, trying, as he liked to say, "not to interfere with the kids too much." These were the times that George loved to recount in later years to grandsons and fascinated sons-in-law!

Satisfied that he had learned something of combat flying, George returned in 1947 to Randolph Field as Commandant of Students. An assignment to the National War College followed, and after graduation he was on the military staff of the Atomic Energy Commission as Chief of the Full Scale Weapons Test Activities. During these three years he saw the Nevada Test Site take shape and Eniwetok Proving Ground completed. After these years spent with the scientists and the H-bomb, George was pleased to return to his old love, flying training and flying, at Headquarters Training Command at Scott Field, Illinois, where he received his well deserved star.

In 1955 George was assigned to one of his more challenging and interesting duties—Commander of the 2d Air Division and Chief of Military Assistance Advisory Group at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, where his transport crews covered the entire Middle East supplying other United States Military Advisory Groups and Missions in the region. His energetic dedication to his work was interrupted at Dhahran by a heart attack and he reluctantly spent several months convalescing before returning to the states and reassignment to the Panama Canal Zone as J3 of the unified Caribbean Command.

In 1960 he returned from Panama to Bolling Air Force Base for retirement with physical disability. His decorations include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Army Commendation Ribbon with two Oak Leaf Clusters, as well as the French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

Retirement from the Air Force brought George to a new career which he pursued with typical fighter pilot enthusiasm. He began by earning a Master of Arts degree from Duke University in 1961, and continued by taking on the position of Resident Director for Rollins College Branch at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. In establishing this new program, George often recalled that at one time or another he was not only the director, but also the admissions officer, personal counselor, career development advisor, financial aid advisor and even at times the book store proprietor, while setting up a degree-granting program of college courses for military and space personnel and their dependents.

A second retirement in 1970 from Rollins College, which awarded him its Gold Medal of Honor, gave George more time to give to his community, and in these activities he touched the lives of many persons very deeply. For eight years he served on the board of trustees for Brevard Community College, including four years as chairman, overseeing the growth from a small junior college to a multi-campus community education center. At his death, Brevard Community College established the George F. Schlatter Merit Scholarship to honor his contributions.

He also gave much of his energy to St. John's Episcopal Church, serving as lay reader, vestryman and treasurer. He also found time in his retirement years for other community roles such as president of Brevard Community College Foundation; chairman of the County Library Board; chairman, Citizen's Advisory Committee; director and charter member of the Republican Men's Club; president and director, Space Coast West Point Society, and as an active member of the Order of Daedalians.

He is survived by his wife, the former Eleanor Vernon Beatey of Chattanooga, Tennessee, to whom he was married in 1942 in Washington, D.C. Two daughters completed the family and George was proud to have learned to iron lace-trimmed baby dresses as precisely as he flew his fighter planes. The daughters are Judith Fogle of Atlanta, Georgia, and Susan Cheshire of Melbourne, Florida, who with a total of five grandchildren made his last years very happy ones.

George died peacefully and suddenly at home, after an active day of helping others and enjoying the company of family and friends. A memorial service at St. John's Episcopal Church was attended by many friends from all segments of the community. We warmly remember George's integrity, his courage and determination, and his love of the right. We cherish the memory of his strength, both physical and spiritual—from which we all drew freely, even as he offered it. George's life justifies the trust put in him by the proud legacy of West Point, truly a life to point the way for those who follow.



Winston Rose Maxwell

NO. 8992 CLASS OF 1930

Died 14 January 1945 from wounds after surviving a bombing of a Japanese prisoner of war ship 15 December 1944, aged 39 years.



WINSTON ROSE MAXWELL

*Maxwell, known to us as Max, helped to crash the gates of West Point back in 1926. Tuscaloosa is his podunk; Alabama is his state, and he's proud to let the world know where he's from.**

Winston R. Maxwell, son of Farley and Maude Rose Maxwell, was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on 6 June 1905, a descendant of families prominent in Tuscaloosa history for more than a century. He attended Tuscaloosa High School, Marion Institute, and spent two years at the University of Alabama before entering the Military Academy.

Max was appointed to the United States Military Academy from Alabama by Representative W. B. Oliver. He arrived at the Academy on 1 July 1926 and joined the Class of 1930.

*He was always ready with a smile or pleasant word, making everyone he comes in contact with forget his troubles. He never seems to worry about his own, but hides them away, that the world may never know of their existence.**

While at West Point Max excelled in football, which he played all four years. He will probably be remembered best as a guard on the West Point football team. He was a member of the football and lacrosse "A" Squads and wore a major "A" for football. He played on the lacrosse team his last three years at the Academy.

*Max was an ardent football fan from the start, and by the time his Second Class year had rolled around he was one of Army's mainstays, fighting, smashing his way down the field, doing his part, giving his best to the Army.**

Max chose the Infantry upon graduation and was sent first to Brooks Field, Texas, as a student officer at the Air Corps Primary Flying

School. From 1931 on he saw service before the war at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Benning, Georgia; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Lewis, Washington; and after being detailed to the Ordnance Department in 1939, he was sent to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Max was ordered to duty in the Philippine Islands, serving with the Ordnance Department for the Air Corps at Nichols Field, near Manila, at the time of Pearl Harbor. He was reported to have fought at Bataan and was taken prisoner by the Japanese at Corregidor. He was initially imprisoned at Mindanao. In June 1944 he was transferred to Cabanatuan on Luzon. Then on the 15th of December 1944 while on the Japanese prisoner of war ship, *Oryoku Maru*, en route from Manila to Japan, the ship was bombed in Subic Bay and about half of the 1800 aboard were killed. (In 1944 there were a number of Allied attacks on Japanese ships that, unknown to the Allies, were evacuating prisoners of war to Japan.) Max survived but died of wounds on the 14th of January 1945, probably in the Japanese prison camp in San Fernando, Luzon, where survivors of the bombing were taken. He was a major in the Army of the United States at the time of his death.

Max married Phyllis Parmenter, an Army brat, in 1931, and when he went off to war she was left with their three small children: Winston Earl, born January 1935 in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Farley Robin, born November 1937 in Fort Lewis, Washington; and Celeste Marie, born January 1939 in Fort Lewis, Washington.

In 1945 Phyllis married George W. Murray and the family moved to Eugene, Oregon.

In a letter to the class of 1957 Phyllis wrote about the Maxwell children: Winston, a Phi-Beta-Kappa graduate from the University of Ohio was aspiring for a medical career; Farley, a good steady fellow much like his father in personality, was attending the University of Ohio; and Celeste, a drama major, was hoping for a career in television production or teaching. Max would have been proud of his family.

We will never know what military greatness Max might have achieved, but we do know the Long Gray Line has received an honorable, steadfast and exemplary member.

*That is our Max, and as the years pass by he will be remembered by us as a great pal and a good soldier.**

May he rest in peace.

* Quotation from the 1930 HOWITZER entry for Cadet Winston Rose Maxwell.

Elmer Lee Thompson

NO. 9238 CLASS OF 1931

Died 24 September 1964 in Houston, Texas, aged 56 years.

Interment: Chapel Mausoleum, Memorial Oaks Cemetery, Houston, Texas

ELMER LEE THOMPSON was born in Philadelphia on 20 June 1908, the son of John W. and Janet Westley Thompson. Elmer graduated from Upper Darby High School and attended Stanton-Loomis Prep School at Cornwall-on-Hudson.

Tommy, as he was to become known by his classmates, was appointed to the United



ELMER LEE THOMPSON

States Military Academy from New York, and entered on 1 July 1927, graduating in 1931.

Like ninety-one of his classmates, he chose to try the then Air Service, and was assigned as a member of the first class to receive flying instruction at Randolph Field, Texas, at that time known as, "The West Point of the Air."

Fortunately for the Field Artillery, Tommy lacked the "inherent flying ability" required to remain in the Air Service, that being the reason for most eliminations, and he was assigned to the 12th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

During his tour of duty at Fort Sam Houston, Tommy met, courted and won Dorothy Adelaide Darlington of San Antonio, Texas. They were married there in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 30 June 1934. Tommy and Dorothy had one child, a son named Thomas Lee, born at Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on 20 September 1944, seventeen days before his father departed for the war in the European Theater, to be gone three long years.

After his tour of duty at Fort Sam Houston, Tommy's service included branch service schools, Command and General Staff school, and notable assignments in important capacities; such as Commander, 466th Quartermaster Battalion, Army Graves Registration Command, Europe; Commander, 1st Quartermaster Group, Army Graves Registration Command, Europe, from 1944 to 1947; then staff officer, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G4, General Staff, United States Army, Washington, D.C.; and staff officer, 8201 Army Unit, Korea, 1952 to 1954; followed by Assistant Chief of Staff, G2, Headquarters 1st Logistical Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and his last assignment as Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, 1st Logistical Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from which he retired 31 August 1957.

The outstanding service of Elmer Lee Thompson earned for him the Legion of Merit; the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and many service medals throughout his Army career.

Tommy saw fit to retire 31 August 1957, after 30 years of honorable and distinguished service to his country, typical of his West Point heritage of Duty, Honor, Country.

He selected Houston, Texas, for retirement, there to settle down with his wife, Dorothy, and son, Thomas Lee, to enjoy the "good

life" of a well deserved and earned retirement.

However, a higher authority took over, and after but a brief seven years of that "good life," Tommy was, inexplicably, called to join the Long Gray Line on 24 September 1964. He was 56 years old.

Tommy is survived by his widow, Dorothy Darlington Thompson, living in their retirement home in Houston, Texas, and his son, Thomas Lee Thompson, a graduate of Washington University, in St. Louis, Missouri, and now a successful architect in New York City.

Tommy was a member of the West Point Society of Houston, and attended the Saint Stephens Episcopal Church there.

Elmer Lee Thompson is interred in the Chapel Mausoleum in Memorial Oaks Cemetery, Houston, Texas.

—A Classmate, aided by
Dorothy Thompson

Harrison Alan Gerhardt

NO. 9367 CLASS OF 1932

Died 18 February 1980 in Washington, D.C.,
aged 71 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



HARRISON ALAN GERHARDT

IF YOU HAD TO describe Alan Gerhardt in one paragraph, it would be that he was a West Pointer all the way. A thoroughly competent officer from the day he graduated until he retired from active duty, and beyond. He knew his enlisted men, was a warm gregarious friend to all his colleagues and could meet any new situation as it arose, including his final problem.

Fortunately, this final tribute to him in the publication which is read by all those who were closest to Alan and Nora over the years, is not limited to a single paragraph.

He was born on 9 January 1909 in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Jacob H. and Rose Schneider Grehardt. Alan got his early schooling there and attended City College of New York for one year before entering West Point with the Class of 1932 in July 1928.

At West Point he was a popular cadet. He was on the fencing squad and played on the first Engineer football team to beat the Goats in the annual Thanksgiving day classic. He participated in the 100th Night production and was the business manager of "Bugle

Notes" which anyone who was ever a plebe will remember to the day he dies.

Alan's cadet roommate wrote of him in the 1932 HOWITZER, "... Alan reads historical fiction by the bale... never speaks English when German, French, Spanish or Latin will serve;... he tap dances horribly without the slightest encouragement and will, if requested not to, sing an accompaniment; he has the most marvelous memory we have ever encountered..."

After being commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps, Alan did the usual duties of a new second lieutenant—company officer at various Coast Artillery Corps posts, instructor at the newly established West Point Prep School at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, in 1935, and then the Regular Officers' course as a student at the Coast Artillery Corps School at Fort Monroe.

From 1939 to 1942 he was an instructor in the Economics, Government and History Department at West Point. While there he got his master's degree at Columbia University just down the road in New York City and not far from City College of New York, which he attended as a freshman in 1927.

With the outbreak of World War II, Alan was sent through a cram course at the Command and General Staff School and reported to the Pentagon as the Executive Officer to the Assistant Secretary of War, John J. McCloy. For his service in the War Department from 1943 to 1945, Alan received the Distinguished Service Medal.

In 1945, Alan went to Berlin as the United States Secretary of the Allied Secretariat of the Office of Military Government for Germany. In 1948 he returned to Washington for duty with the Plans and Operations Divisions of the United States Army General Staff and like all other wartime colonels of the Class of 1932, was busted back to lieutenant colonel.

But that didn't last for long.

In 1949 he was detailed to the State Department and went to Frankfurt as the Special Assistant to Mr. McCloy, then the United States High Commissioner for Germany.

It was there that Alan met Eleanor Mason of Charlottesville, Virginia, a foreign service member working for the Political Affairs Division of the State Department in Berlin (POLAD). That year, he married Nora, as she is known to all her friends.

At the end of that assignment, Alan was awarded another Distinguished Service Medal and he and Nora returned to the United States. Alan went through the National War College as a student and then served as a faculty member on the staff of that institution at the highest level of instruction under the Joint Chiefs of Staff. From there he went to McCord Air Force Base near Seattle and then to Korea where he was Chief of Staff of I Corps in 1958-1959. To be near him, Nora spent those years in Tokyo with Mrs. Trapnell, wife of the Corps Commander, Lieutenant General T.J.H. Trapnell, United States Military Academy, Class of 1927.

Alan's next assignment was to the Legislative and Liaison Division of the Department of the Army; first as the Deputy Chief in 1959 and then as the Chief from 1961-1962.

From 1962 to 1964, Alan, now a major general, commanded the Southern European Task Force (SETAF) in Verona, Italy, charged with the responsibility for North Atlantic Treaty Organization's readiness in that vital area. It was there that Alan had his first indication of cancer in 1963. He was operated on for it, dominated it, and for the next 17 years lived the happy life with Nora.

His final tour of active duty from 1964

to 1967 was as Commanding General of the 1st Region of the Army Air Defense Command at Ft Totten, New York, a few miles from where Alan was born.

The retirement years were halcyon ones for Alan and Nora at the pleasant home they had bought at Westgate Circle on the edge of Washington in 1960. Alan continued to contribute through his extensive experience in international affairs as a project director of the United Nations Association, the Institute of Foreign Affairs, and the National War College Alumni Association.

Both Alan and Nora were gourmet cooks from way back and they loved to delight their guests with the results. A highlight each year was their annual Army-Navy football game TV party, hosting about 30 classmates and wives in their big recreation room.

While Nora prepared the contents of the groaning board in the kitchen beforehand, Alan did the big spread of patés to circulate among the guests.

The last one was a scant six weeks before Alan went to Walter Reed for the last go around. The end was mercifully short with Alan in full possession of his faculties to the end, assuring Nora that everything would be all right.

Memorial services were held in Washington with old friends, including many ambassadors, and interment was at West Point on 18 February 1980. So ended the career of a fine soldier, diplomat and close friend.

Be thou at peace, Al.

—Ken Zitzman, Classmate

Preston Steele

NO. 9399 CLASS OF 1932

Died 10 May 1980 in San Antonio, Texas,
aged 71 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas



PRESTON STEELE

HE WAS BORN Preston Steele in Havana, Cuba, 2 October 1908. Plebe year, he was "Mr. Steele, P., sir," to any inquiring upper-classman. But to his classmates and myriad friends since, he was Tony—a cheerful, pleasant, warm-hearted man who proved again over his life span that it's possible to be a nice guy and a highly effective officer at the same time.

Tony was the son of Theophilus Breckenridge and Elizabeth Cram Steele. His father

was a Regular Army officer who served in the Philippine and China campaign from 1898 to 1904, the Cuban Pacification 1907-1909, and was retired for disability in 1913. Recalled to active duty in 1917, he served throughout World War I and was retired again in 1919 when his son was 11.

Between the years 1922 and 1928, Tony attended Page Military Academy, Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles, and Drew Prep School in San Francisco. During that period he had four years of Reserve Officers Training Corps, attended Citizens Military Training Camp courses and served a year and a half in the California National Guard, all of which resulted in a presidential appointment to West Point.

Tony was well liked at West Point, finished in the upper third of our class and on graduation, chose the Coast Artillery Corps.

After various junior officer assignments which included helping establish the West Point Prep School system that has done so much for the Long Gray Line, Tony went to Fort Mills on Corregidor in early 1935. It was to have a special significance in his later service.

When the Pearl Harbor attack blasted the United States into World War II, Tony was a captain in command of an antiaircraft battery in Puerto Rico. In the quick transition to all-out war, he went through the compression chamber of mobilization training camps in the United States and then, as a lieutenant colonel commanding an Anti Aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, took his command through the entire course of the war in the Pacific from 1943 to 1945—Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Bismark Archipelago, Luzon (where his son was born in 1936) and finally, Japan.

Along the way he was moved up to Executive Officer of the 68th AAA Brigade and promoted to colonel.

Tony was part of the advance landing party that went into Tokyo while the situation was still uncertain, to say the least, and immediately liberated a large prisoner of war camp there.

After World War II, Tony had good assignments; Command and General Staff School, Executive Officer of the Officers Reserve Corps for New York, New Jersey and Delaware with station at Governors Island, the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base and then to the Office of Army Field Forces at Ft Monroe, Virginia, in 1950. This last was the best station of all because he met Terri Lawrence there and married her in 1953.

Shorely after, they went to Tokyo where Tony was G3 of the Central Command from 1953 to 1956. Together they visited the site of the prisoner of war camp which Tony liberated in 1945 and Terri recalled that he was shaken again when he thought of the friends he saw there on his first contact since the start of the war.

During the three years they were in Japan, Tony organized Japanese and American Boy Scout troops, and received awards from the Japanese government and the United States administration in grateful recognition of his work.

From Tokyo Tony went to Headquarters of the 1st Antiaircraft Regional Command at Ft Totten, New York for two years. After that he was the Senior Army Advisor of the Washington and Oregon State National Guards at Camp Murry before going to his final active duty station at the Presidio of San Francisco as Headquarters Commandant and Commanding Officer of Special Troops

of Sixth Army, not too far from where he went to Drew Prep School in 1928.

It was there that Tony retired after 30 years of honorable service in 1962 and moved to San Antonio.

Terri concerned herself with managing a modern, 24 lane bowling center while Tony organized classes and introduced bowling as part of the physical education program of their school district. Using his inherent charm, he persuaded Terri to procure an 80 passenger bus to transport school kids from kindergarten through high school in schools all over the district to the bowling center where Tony himself coached them.

But that was only the beginning.

When Tony and Terri got to San Antonio in 1962, their daughter Terri E., was not quite two years old. When she was six, Tony bought her her first horse. As young Terri, now 19, tells it, he took care of the horse for the first few years until she was able to do it herself, coached her in addition to paying for lessons by professionals, and attended her shows of hunters and jumpers in competition all over the state of Texas until he was physically incapable of doing so. She is now on her fifth horse, "all of which Daddy bought for me."

As this was written, pretty Terri—slender, poised and looking as though she had just stepped out of a scene from "National Velvet"—had just bought a horse farm which she named Preston Oaks Farm, in the country about 15 miles north of San Antonio. She lives on it, manages the show barns and trains about 20 horses and their riders, while finishing her studies at Trinity University.

That's the kind of heritage that Preston Steele leaves.

Tony had severe emphysema and for the past few years couldn't attend the horse shows because of the ever-present dust. He also had to forego social gatherings for the most part because his conditions could not tolerate tobacco smoke and he wouldn't ask for special consideration.

On 10 May 1980, Tony had a heart attack and died quickly and peacefully at Brooke Army Medical Center. Interment with full military honors was at the Fort Sam Houston cemetery with classmates and wives in attendance.

Terri has since retired from the position she has held for the past eight years as bridal buyer for Joske's of Texas with its six fashionable stores about the state. She continues to reside at her pleasant home at 441 Spaceway, San Antonio, Texas 78239.

In addition to Terri and young Terri E., at Preston Oaks Farm, Route 1, Box 1294, Bulverde, Texas 78163, Tony is survived by his son by a previous marriage, Commander Robert L. Steele, United States Naval Academy, Class of 1960, of 6715 Perry Benney Drive, Annandale, Virginia.

A fine man is gone but not forgotten.

—Ken Zitzman, Classmate

James Edward Godwin

NO. 9438 CLASS OF 1932

Died 6 January 1980 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 72 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

JAMES EDWARD GODWIN (Jim & Jimmy) was born 4 November 1907 in Dublin, Indiana, the son of Reverend Ivan R. Godwin and Lora Godwin. As the son of a Methodist minister Jim moved often with his family, living



JAMES EDWARD GODWIN

in many small towns in Indiana. In 1925 he entered Depauw University after finishing high school in Swayzee, Indiana. At Depauw he was initiated into the Sigma Nu Fraternity, and continued as a student there until 1928 when he entered the United States Military Academy.

After a curtailed Graduation Leave (Economy Act of 1932!) he reported to his first unit—1st Battalion 3d Field Artillery. The unit was temporarily at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and two days after he reported it began its return trip to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. This return required a 175 mile ride on horseback! Jim was assigned to Battery A and throughout the ensuing year had various duties as stable officer, mess officer, recorder of boards, member of courts martial, and various post schools. There was also time for recreation such as polo and cross country riding.

In the spring of 1933 when the Army was called upon to establish and operate the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), Jim was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he assembled a company of CCC enrollees and took them by train to Big Spring, California. Upon completion of the first phase of the program he returned to Fort Knox with a cadre and organized a new company. He spent the remainder of the fall processing new enrollees and dispatching them to their companies in the field. He finally returned to Fort Benjamin Harrison in time for the Christmas festivities, and resumed his battery duties, in 1934 when the unit was redesignated as the 1st Battalion, 19th Field Artillery and he was appointed battalion adjutant.

On 8 August he was married by his father to Ava Frances Stewart, the attractive red-haired daughter of Major David L. Stewart and Amy F. Stewart. Major Stewart was one of the best loved doctors in the pre-war Army. Immediately after the wedding the couple departed for Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where Jim began the Regular Course at the Field Artillery School. Upon completion of this course in 1937 Jim joined the 15th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Here their son, James Stewart, was born in September 1937. Jim joined the 8th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, in 1939 and became commander of Battery C.

In 1940 he was detailed as student, University of Virginia Law School. In 1942 he was a major in the Office of the Judge Advocate

General, Washington, DC. In August 1942 daughter, Frances Jan, was born in San Antonio. In the period 1942-1944 his assignments included Headquarters, 8th Service Command in Dallas, 2d Cavalry Division at Fort Clark, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Headquarters, Fort MacPherson, and finally Presidio of Monterey, California. Here he joined Headquarters III Corps, and became its Judge Advocate. He remained with this unit throughout its campaigns in Europe and accompanied it back to Fort Polk, Louisiana, for its demobilization.

In 1946-1948 he was Staff Judge Advocate of Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston. Later he was a student at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia. In 1948 he received his Doctor of Law Degree from the University of Virginia, graduating with honors including the "Order of the Coif." Later that year he joined the 1st Division in Europe, serving as Staff Judge Advocate. In 1952 he was assigned to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Pentagon, and continued in this assignment for about four years.

From 1956 thru 1960 he was Associate Professor of Law at the United States Military Academy. Son, James Stewart graduated with the Class of 1960, and daughter, Frances Jan, married Tom Ballenger, United States Military Academy, Class of 1959. Thus the family has continued representation in the "Long Gray Line." In the fall of 1960 Jim reported to Headquarters, Second Army, at Ft Meade, Maryland, for his last active duty assignment.

After his retirement on 1 August 1962, Jim and Fran spent several months touring in Europe and the States before settling down in San Antonio, Texas. Jim was not one to remain inactive very long, so soon he was assistant city attorney and lecturer at St Mary's University. In 1963 he became a member of the School of Law there as adjunct professor. He was appointed full-time status in 1965, and rose in rank from assistant professor to full professor. He also served as Assistant Dean of the Law School (1965-1972). He retired 31 May 1978 and was awarded an appreciation plaque for his many years of dedicated service to the Law School.

In addition to his membership in the Sigma Nu Fraternity, he was also a member of the Phi Alpha Delta International Fraternity. In 1971 the University of Virginia awarded him the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence. He was a vestryman at St David's Episcopal Church, a member of the American Bar Association and the State bars of both Texas and Virginia. In addition to his campaign and service medals he was awarded the Legion of Merit, the French Croix de Guerre w/palm, and the Bronze Star Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster.

In the spring of 1979 a routine physical examination X-Ray disclosed a spot which required surgery and the removal of a tumor and the upper lobe of a lung. He was out of the hospital for several months but returned to Brooke Army Hospital the day after Christmas. He died quietly in his sleep on 6 January 1980.

He is survived by his wife Frances; son, Lieutenant Colonel James S. Godwin; daughter, Frances Jan Ballenger; five grandchildren, Dwight and Gary Godwin, Sandra, Nancy, and David Ballenger. He is also survived by a brother, Wendell Godwin, Topeka, Kansas, and two sisters, Mrs. M. Mullins, Whiting,

Indiana, and Mrs. Ruth Dungan, Bay Village, Ohio.

His students, fellow officers, subordinates, and many friends knew him to be a person of intense loyalty and patriotism. He was ready to help those who needed his support. His quiet mein and assured manner inspired confidence. His unflinching good humor served to cheer others, and intentional hurts were not a part of his makeup. We each served the other at our weddings at best man, so a valuable part of our past is missing. Rather than admit that he is gone I like to feel that he is just waiting for us to rejoin him again!

—Frances G. Hall—USMA 1932

Kenneth Edward Tiffany

NO. 9492 CLASS OF 1932

Died 19 September 1965 in Bandon, Oregon, aged 55 years.

Interment: Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Oregon



KENNETH EDWARD TIFFANY

KENNETH E. TIFFANY was born 18 May 1910 in New York. He was appointed to the Military Academy by Senator Carter Glass of Virginia and graduated with the Class of 1932 on 9 June 1932. He served with the 23d Infantry, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, until June 1936; with the 10th Infantry, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, to February 1939; with the 19th Infantry, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, to December 1939; with the 64th Coast Antiaircraft Artillery (AAA), Fort Shafter, Hawaii, to May 1942; in the Battle of Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941; with the 251st AAA, Fiji Islands, to May 1943; AAA Operations Officer, Headquarters Ninth Army, Bristol, England; France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, to June 1945; Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to June 1947; Instructor, Minnesota National Guard, to December 1950; Chief, AAA Training Team, Istanbul, Turkey, to June 1952; Executive, 2d AAA Group, Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, and Fort Niagara, New York, to March 1954; and Supply Officer AAA Replacement Training Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, to May 1955.

Colonel Tiffany's campaign medals for service in World War II included: American Defense (one Service Star); Central Pacific—Pearl Harbor (one Battle Star); American Theater; European Theater—France, Rhineland, Germany (three Battle Stars); Army of

Occupation (Germany); World War II Victory Medal; Bronze Star; Meritorious Service.

After retiring in 1955 Colonel Tiffany lived in Mexico with his family, but returned to the United States in 1958 to begin teaching high school math and science in Fort Hancock, Texas. In 1960, he moved to Langlois, Oregon, where he assumed the duties of math instructor at Millard School. Colonel Tiffany had been one of Colonel Millard's students when the school was situated in Washington, D.C. He remained at Millard School as math instructor and principal until July of 1965, when he resigned in order to further his graduate studies at the University of Oregon. He passed away on 19 September 1965.

Colonel Tiffany is survived by his wife, Kathryn Linore; sons, Kenneth Jr., Paul, Terrence, James and William; and daughters, Rosemary and Blythe. He was a good man who gave a good life of service to his family and his country.

—James Tiffany

Norman Herbert Lankenau

NO. 9494 CLASS OF 1932

Died 1 September 1979 in Santa Clara, California, aged 69 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, California

LANK JOINED THE Corps from his home town of Napoleon, Ohio, where he was born on 9 February 1910 in the parsonage of St. Paul Lutheran Church, the ninth son of the Reverend Francis James and Helen A. Bleeke Lankenau.

In high school he showed early the athletic ability which he was to demonstrate to such a high degree at West Point, having held the javelin throw championship of three large mid-western states as well as being All-Conference both as a football end and basketball center. He also won the gold medal achievement award as an outstanding student on graduation from high school.

After receiving his appointment to West Point from the 5th District, Ohio, Lank joined his other classmates on the banks of the Hudson on 2 July 1928 and quickly established himself as an outstanding cadet even in that long ago Beast Barracks. During the next four years he applied himself with diligence



NORMAN HERBERT LANKENAU

and enthusiasm to establish a cadet record in which he could take the deepest pride. He culminated his football career as a starting end on the varsity which played sixty minutes against Notre Dame in what was the greatest victory of our four years at the Academy. He was captain of the track team and Academy record holder in the javelin throw, four years a member of the Cadet Chapel Choir, and a Regimental Color Sergeant, First Class year.

His first tour of duty as a new second lieutenant was with the 11th Infantry at Fort Benjamin Harrison, with time out for temporary duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps at Fort Knox. It was during his tour with the 11th Infantry that he courted and won his lifelong companion, Dorothy Grace Ott.

The Infantry School assignment followed the 11th Infantry in 1937 during a year that some seventy of our class were students. As a member of the same squad with Lank, I again learned to appreciate his many talents even more than during the four years we were company-mates as well as classmates at West Point. He was an outstanding lieutenant and unusually well motivated toward his Army career during a period when motivation was not always easy to maintain. Before leaving Fort Benning in 1938 Lank also attended the Tank School.

It was back to troop duty that year, reporting to the Presidio of San Francisco for duty with the 30th Infantry, where they stayed until 1941. At that time he was ordered to the Special Course at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. Following this assignment he was sent to Panama for duty with the 5th and 14th Infantry. He became commanding officer of the latter regiment.

He returned to the States in 1944 for assignment to the 71st Infantry Division, and remained with that Division through service in France, Germany and Austria with various duties including G2, G3, and Chief of Staff. For his services during this period he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the French Croix de Guerre, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Returning to the States in 1947 Lank served with the Army Field Forces Board until 1949, then attended the Armed Forces Staff College. From 1950 until 1952 he was stationed at the Artillery School at Fort Sill as Infantry Liaison Officer and Senior Infantry Instructor. The School awarded him the Order of St. Barbara in recognition of his services there. His military career came to an end when he was retired for physical disability on 31 May 1952.

Those of us who have known him through the years will certainly agree with the tribute paid him by the Post Commander who wrote at the time of his retirement: "In every grade, from second lieutenant to colonel, your career has been characterized by an exceptionally high order of professionalism and military efficiency."

After his military retirement Lank worked for 20 years as Technical Editor, Ordnance Division, FMC Corporation in San Jose, California; however, a stroke forced his second retirement and then on 1 September 1979 he

joined the shadows of the Long Gray Line as a result of a cardiac arrest.

He was survived by his beloved wife of 46 years; by his three daughters, Judith Keeler, Joan Peterson and Susan McCreary; by eight grandchildren, and by three brothers.

May it be said, "Well done. Be thou at peace."

—J.K.W.

William Field Due

NO. 9900 CLASS OF 1933

Died 29 June 1978 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 66 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas



WILLIAM FIELD DUE

As BILL'S ROOMMATES at West Point we recognized early his uniqueness as a stalwart individualist who did not, and could not, fit any standardized mold, but who could and did adhere to every tenet of what constitutes an honorable man, true gentleman, soldier, and friend. His uniqueness as an individual constituted his great charm and endeared him to his many friends.

His was a searching, open and far reaching mind. An omnivorous reader of everything under the sun, he could and did discuss eloquently on almost every conceivable subject. Many were the delightful discussions we enjoyed with Bill; delightful because he was always witty, courteous, open-minded, and never argumentative or vindictive. Nor did his individualism in any way hinder his ready acceptance of military discipline and the West Point code. He not only believed in those principles, he lived them throughout his life.

Unfortunately our paths crossed infrequently since West Point days, so we cannot cover that long period as first hand witnesses to it. But we are pleased to include the eulogy given by Bill's son-in-law, Brigadier General T. G. Smith, at the time of Bill's interment. We feel that there is no way that we could improve upon it and we quote it in its entirety:

"The full and meaningful life of Colonel Due certainly needs no endorsement or embellishment. However, I am indeed honored to have been asked to touch upon some of the major events and forces which guided the destiny of this man whom we all loved and deeply respected.

"To begin: Bill Due saw the first light of day in Morrill, Nebraska, on 24 July 1911. He was the eldest son of William Franklin and Marie Due. During the course of his mid-western boyhood he had the good fortune to be reared with two splendid brothers: Melvin Franklin and Kenneth Oswald Due.

"At the age of seventeen he was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point, and graduated with the Class of 1933 as a second lieutenant in the Infantry. This was the beginning of a career which spanned over thirty years of loyal and dedicated service to his country. His early assignments were with some of the finest old regiments of the Army, such as the 7th Infantry, whose roots are deeply interwoven with the history of the United States.

"During World War II his demonstrated ability was quickly recognized and he served as the Provost Marshal of the Caribbean Theater of Operations. He served in Korea during that conflict in 1952. Subsequent assignments were as the commanding officer, Crailsheim, Germany, and on the general staff of Headquarters Vth Corps in Frankfurt, Germany. His retirement ceremony was conducted at Fort Sam Houston, in November 1963.

"Having touched the professional facets of his life, allow me to highlight some of his personal characteristics. First and foremost he was completely devoted to the belief that the finest way for a man to demonstrate his respect for his children was to love their mother. This he did in a manner which few men equal and certainly none could exceed. For over forty-four years Dora was the guiding beacon in his life, and primary reason for his existence. Her happiness and that of his children were ever in the forefront of his every act. His genuine willingness to subordinate his own comfort and desires to those of his family and friends is worthy of emulation by us all.

"Bill Due was a God fearing man whose word was his bond, and he strived mightily and with success in his own quiet and unassuming manner to live up to his oath of office and marriage vows. Furthermore, there is no doubt that the motto, Duty, Honor and Country, was to him far more than words carved in stone, indeed it served as a reference point throughout his lifetime.

"It is extremely difficult to summarize in a few brief moments the worth of such a fine Christian gentleman and soldier as Colonel William F. Due, but I know that all of you knew him and share memories that span many long and wonderful years.

"In closing I should like to quote a single verse from the poem 'Rouge Bouquet,' which was you may know was found in the pocket of the author, a doughboy killed in France. To me this verse expresses how we feel about Colonel Due; I quote: 'Your soul shall be where the heroes are, and your memory shine like the morning star, brave and dear, protect us here, farewell!'"

—M.O.E. and V.H.K.



Raymond Henry Bates

NO. 12091 CLASS OF 1940

Died 20 March 1980 in Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 62 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas



RAYMOND HENRY BATES

THE 1940 HOWITZER proclaimed that Ray was "admired and respected by all classes, and there is a distinct place in the Army for him." His distinguished career bore out that prophecy. Commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps, he served with distinction as Commanding Officer, 68th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion in Europe in 1944-1945, for which he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. His love of electronics and engineering led to his study for an award of a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania in 1951, and a branch transfer to the Signal Corps. Important assignments followed including Army Field Forces Liaison Officer to the Signal Corps Laboratories, 1951-1954; Director of Communication Department, Signal Research and Development Laboratories, 1960-1963; United States Signal Communications Agency in Japan, 1963-1965; Commandant, Army Signal School, Fort Gordon, Georgia, 1965-1967; and as a member of the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, 1967-1970.

Ray retired in San Antonio, Texas, in 1970. He died on 20 March 1980 while undergoing open heart surgery at Brooke Army Hospital.

Ray is survived by his wife "Sissy," Frances Kerr Bates, to whom he was married 26 November 1940 at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

He was buried with full military honors at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on 25 March 1980.

"Your work is done, Your course on earth is run, It will be said 'well done.' Be thou at peace."

-A Classmate



William Charles Gribble Jr.

NO. 12250 CLASS OF 1941

Died 2 June 1979 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, aged 62 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

AFTER A FULL LIFE and an exceptional career, William Charles Gribble Jr. died peacefully, surrounded by his beloved family.

Bill was born in Ironwood, Michigan, on 24 May 1917. His parents, William Charles and Maude Slade Gribble, raised their three children in the finest traditions of American family life, and Bill exemplified these traits throughout his Army career. Bill's future wife, Jane Watson, was his schoolmate in Ironwood. He entered Michigan School of Mines in 1934 and left for West Point in 1937.

To borrow from the 1941 HOWITZER, on 1 July 1937 Bill drew—amongst other things—one red comforter which he soon christened and utilized to the fullest for four years. A natural "hive," he was always ready and willing to aid a classmate in difficulty—a characteristic that carried throughout his life. During his First Class year, Bill's outstanding scholastic ability was further recognized by his appointment as a cadet academic instructor. Meanwhile, Jane received her first indoctrination to Army life as a cadet "drag."

Bill graduated 11th in the United States Military Academy Class of 1941, and he married Jane ten days later before reporting to Vancouver Barracks. He was soon in a cadre forming the 340th Engineers and on his way to Alaska to build the ALCAN Highway. That rugged field experience with men and equipment provided a foundation which served Bill and the nation well in the years ahead.

In 1944, the 340th Engineers were transferred to the Pacific to build a base at Darwin, Australia. From there, Major Gribble led a party ashore at San Fabian, Luzon, to clear the way for recovering the Philippines. V-J Day found Bill commanding the 118th Engineer Combat Battalion, 43d Infantry Division, preparing to invade Japan.

Bill and Jane, with son Bill III, called Chicago home while Bill earned a master's degree in Metallurgy which he then put to work at Los Alamos, New Mexico, on nuclear weapons



WILLIAM CHARLES GRIBBLE JR.

research. From there, with the addition of Nancy, Don and Judy to the Gribble clan, they moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where Bill was the first Army graduate of the reactor technology school. In 1953, Lieutenant Colonel Gribble became the deputy director of the Army-Atomic Energy Commission Nuclear Power Program, where his technical and management skills made possible the successful completion of the first operating nuclear reactor power plant in the United States.

In 1956 Bill took his outdoors-loving family to Alaska for a tour with the Alaska Engineer District, where he was promoted to colonel in 1958 and named District Engineer. The District's major accomplishments under Bill's leadership were the Ballistic Missile Early Warning Station (BMEWS) at Clear and the nuclear power and heating plant at Fort Greely.

Following graduation from the National War College, Bill returned to the Army Engineer Reactor Group as director, with responsibility for research, design, construction and operation of nuclear power plants at United States installations worldwide. The program flourished under Bill's leadership, and when he was promoted out of the job in 1963, five military nuclear power plants were operating and several others were on the drawing boards.

As Division Engineer in the North Central United States, Brigadier General Gribble was welcomed to his native territory with enthusiasm by his boyhood neighbors, and he was awarded a doctorate in Engineering by Michigan Tech in Houghton.

The Gribbles moved back to Virginia in 1964 when Bill was assigned to Research & Development (R&D) in the Army Materiel Command. In 1966 Major General Gribble became the Deputy Chief of Army R&D, where his skills as an engineer-soldier-manager earned him wide respect throughout the Army. He was hand-picked to become General Art Collins' deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development on the Army General Staff, charged with designing the ground force structure and setting Army materiel requirements.

In 1971 Bill was selected to command Fort Belvoir and The Engineer School, and he and Jane left their mark on Fort Belvoir, improving the quality of service and life there for soldiers and their families.

One year later, Bill won his third star and was named Chief of Research and Development on the Army General Staff. He had an unerring grasp of the military, technical and political realities of major issues. This, together with his people-oriented approach to solving all types of problems, made him a much-sought after source of counsel and decisions by many diverse elements of the Army and Defense establishments. He became a trusted witness before Congressional committees on such non-Engineer matters as the MBT-70 main battle tank and the SAM-D air defense missile system.

In 1973 Bill went to tell Bernie Rogers of his plans to retire and go fishing. Instead, Rogers told Bill he had been selected to become the new Chief of Engineers. This was an offer no Engineer could refuse, and Bill took over the Corps in August 1973. He had soon re-established himself as an Engineers' engineer, while retaining his strong rapport with the "shooting Army." As Chief, he significantly raised the Facility Engineers' ability to improve the quality of life at Army bases

world-wide; he revitalized and focused the Corps' R&D laboratories in solving both military and civil engineering problems; and he established a relationship of mutual respect and co-operation between the Corps' Civil Works program and the vocal environmental advocates. A major goal which Bill went far toward achieving was removal of the perceived barriers between the "shooting Army" and the Engineers. His decision to retire in 1976, one year short of the end of his statutory four-year term as Chief of Engineers, typified Bill's philosophy. To stay on would have required an exception to Army policy on age and grade. Rather than ask for special treatment for the Corps, Bill turned the reins over to his deputy and retired, in compliance with Army policy.

Bill and Jane stayed in Fairfax County after retirement, enjoying their children and grandchildren and many friends. He played lots of tennis, fished in Wisconsin lakes, stayed active in professional societies and did a little consulting work, when pressed.

Bill Gribble lived life to the brim. Bill and those who served with him recount numerous "war stories," most of which improved with the telling. He was a soldier's soldier whose good judgment and concerned leadership inspired all who served with him to be proud and eager to do their best. He made the maximum contribution to his country his capabilities allowed—and they were formidable! His G.I. gravestone bears the simple inscription of his name, life dates, and "Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers."

—By his friends

Robert Edward Panke

NO. 12388 CLASS OF 1941

Died 21 January 1980 in El Paso, Texas, aged 62 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Bliss, Texas



ROBERT EDWARD PANKE

ROBERT EDWARD PANKE was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on 9 May 1917, the son of William C. and Clara M. Panke. He attended grammar, high school, and college in La Crosse, and served for over four years in the Wisconsin National Guard before his Congressional appointment to join the Class of 1941.

Bob's HOWITZER speaks of him as the

kind of a man who likes to ride a spirited horse, who likes the snap of the autumn air, and the voice of a loyal dog; who likes to sit before a fire and smoke a choice pipe. It further pictures him as a man with a zest for living and a heart full of good comradeship . . . as one whose thoughts run very deep. It concludes: the Army should profit from the choice he has made.

We have all observed the verities of an HOWITZER portraiture of a cadet and man, the pattern of character and temperament established, the contribution to Duty, Honor, and Country that would follow as the night the day. Bob, as a distinguished soldier, a loving husband and father, truly lived and served with a balance of professionalism and caring that would verify his portrayal and mark him among the most noble of officers and gentlemen.

Upon graduation, Bob took Gae as his new bride, and three pairs of new boots to his first assignment with the 2d Infantry Division—no horses there. World War II then saw him in various artillery unit assignments that culminated with service as S3 and Executive Officer of the 285th Field Artillery Observation Battalion during the Bulge, and thereafter for what he describes as the Survey of Europe.

Returning to the States, Bob commanded observation and rocket battalions, taught as a survey and mapping instructor at Fort Sill, and from 1946 to 1948, attended Northwestern University where he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. His electrical engineering expertise took him to the Research and Development Laboratories at Fort Monmouth. Then he returned to Sill for the Advanced Course and command of the 187th Field Artillery Observation Battalion. He went to Korea in 1952 to serve as commander of the 57th Field Artillery and as S3 and Executive Officer of the 7th Division Artillery. He was awarded two Bronze Star Medals and the Silver Star during this tour.

Bob graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1954, served as Secretary of the General Staff for First Army in 1955, and then joined the Department of Tactics at West Point in 1956. As a Tac, Bob said, he felt more like a 40-year-old Plebe. Age and grade notwithstanding, he was, at this time, also a member of the Army team that participated in the World Championship Skeet Shoot. Yes, and again the picture of Bob as outdoorsman and lover of nature—he always found time, satisfaction and relaxation in developing his skeet shooting skill to the championship level of a professional.

Upon graduation from the Army War College in 1960, Bob and his family were stationed in Europe where he served with the United States Army, Europe, Logistics Division, as a Plans Officer for G3 Central Army Group, and as Chief of Staff for the Seventh Army Support Command. Upon return to the United States, he commanded the 40th Artillery Brigade at the Presidio of San Francisco from 1963 to 1965. From 1965 until his retirement in 1968, he was Director of the Electronics and Fire Control Systems Department of the Air Defense School at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Bob and Gae made El Paso Texas their retirement home. There Bob occupied his time doing the things that were second to him to being a soldier. His wood carvings, paintings, and outdoor life kept him the free spirit that he truly was. His shooting, hunting, and artistic endeavors seemed to keep his mind and

body close to that which he loved, the greatness of the outdoors.

Bob's mother, Clara M. Panke, and a brother, Donald H. Panke, live in Wisconsin; Bob's and Gae's son, Robert K. Panke, of St. Louis, Missouri, father of grandchildren, Matthew and Mara, was graduated from the United States Air Force Academy; son John, a Texas Western graduate, and his wife Jacki, now living in El Paso, are the parents of granddaughter Kari; Laure (Wilkinson), their daughter, resides in Athens, Georgia.

All who have known and served with Bob would attest to the profit the Army has made from his choice of a profession. Bob's temperament as a human being and gentleman, his strength of character and his technical knowledge, all served as a leadership mainstay for that part of the modern Army he helped build. Gae, at their home in El Paso, says that during his debilitating illness from cancer, Bob was always the soldier—kindly, compassionate, brave.

Well Done, Bob, Be Thou At Peace.

—A Classmate

Monor Collins Mabry

NO. 14583 CLASS OF 1945

Died 7 October 1979 in Vicksburg, Mississippi, aged 56 years.

Interment: Bernice, Louisiana



MONOR COLLINS MABRY

MONOR COLLINS MABRY was born in Ruston, Louisiana on 17 December 1922, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Mabry. He attended grammar school and high school in Ruston, and spent two years at Louisiana Polytechnical Institute before entering the Military Academy on 1 July 1941.

Known to his intimates as "Mabe," he graduated in the upper fifth of his class on 5 June 1945 and was commissioned a second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers.

Soon after graduation, Monor attended The Engineer School and began his engineering career with the 65th Engineer Combat Battalion, 25th Infantry Division in Osaka, Japan, and in Korea.

Upon returning to the United States, Monor received a master's degree in Engineering from the University of Illinois in June 1949, and spent the next year with the Sacramento District of the Corps of Engineers.

In 1950 he returned to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, to attend the Advanced Engineer Course and was promoted to captain in October. He was assigned as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in 1951, and the following year took up new duties with the Joint Mission for Aid to Turkey.

Upon completion of this overseas tour in 1953, Monor returned to the Engineer Center at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he remained until 1956. The next three years were spent in Europe on the staff and faculty of the Engineer School at Murnau and on the staff at Headquarters, United States Army Europe in Heidelberg. It was at this time he was promoted to major.

Back in the United States in 1959, Monor assumed command of the 4th Battalion, Engineer Training Regiment, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

During the latter part of 1960 he left the Army to accept a civilian position as Chief of the Analytical Section, Vicksburg District Corps of Engineers. While in that position, he was responsible for all soil and foundation designs for the District. Notable projects designed under his supervision include De-Gray Dam, a 240 foot high multiple-purpose flood control and power dam; four navigation locks and dams on the Ouachita River; and the Yazoo Backwater Levee System.

In 1972 he was promoted to the Chief of the Foundation and Materials Branch of the Vicksburg District, the position that he held until his death on 7 October 1979. During that time he was in charge of all geotechnical work performed by the District.

While with the Vicksburg District, Monor was instrumental in making many improvements in methods of analysis and design, especially in the use of computer analysis. He received numerous awards for outstanding work, including a Sustained Superior Performance Award for his work in the design of DeGray Dam.

We will always remember Mabe for his friendly smile, his easy-going manner, and his firm belief that a man must work hard to achieve his goals.

Monor's wife Patricia died in March 1979, a loss from which he never fully recovered. He is survived by his step-son, "Kit" Walshock of Vicksburg, Mississippi, and a sister, Macie Lee Mabry of Shreveport, Louisiana.

—A Classmate

Arthur Ray Shepherd

NO. 26515 CLASS OF 1966

Died 3 October 1979 in Danbury, Connecticut, aged 34 years.

Interment: Glenn Eden Memorial Park, Livonia, Michigan

ARTHUR R. SHEPHERD was born 6 November 1944 in Hazard, Kentucky. His parents, Bill and Iva Shepherd, also have a daughter Patti (Mrs. George M. Murphy). The family now resides in Detroit, Michigan.

Arthur, affectionately known as "Butch," was killed in a plane crash on 3 October 1979 along with one other person. The pilot, while being severely injured, was the lone survivor.

Art was educated in the Detroit public schools, where he was an active participant in most all school activities. In grade school



ARTHUR RAY SHEPHERD

he was a safety patrol, athlete and good sport, while maintaining a good rapport with students and teachers alike, for which he received a good citizenship award. He was also active in the Cub Scouts, as well as the Boy Scouts of America, where he achieved the rank of Life Scout. Additionally, he was awarded the distinguished, "God and Country," award for outstanding and exceptional service to his church and community. Art was also active in the Babe Ruth Baseball League and the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), and was graduated from Cass Technical High School as a member of the National Honor Society. Art has been an enthusiastic participant in every endeavor which he has undertaken and has expressed true love and affection for his fellow man. Art has been a distinguished young man, whose character, ambition and background adequately prepared him for his appointment to West Point.

As Art approached his college years he seemed destined to attend West Point. He had always dreamed of being a member of the Long Gray Line. As the son of a deceased veteran, he was granted an appointment by The Adjutant General of the Army. Art's new classmates soon decided that he should be called "Shep" because it seemed to fit his happy personality so well. Art was a man who liked everything and everybody, and who in return was liked by everyone.

During his four years at West Point, Art was active with the Glee Club, Outdoor Sportsman's Club, cadet radio station KDET, and then really put his artistic ability to work with the *Pointer*. Art also had that special touch with children, and helped spiritually develop them as a Sunday School teacher for four years.

As one friend and classmate recalls Art's cadet days . . . "In his room you could always count on being welcomed with a warm smile and a friendly greeting, letters and a fresh food package from home, and the aroma of his favorite pipe. Although he's a product of the Motor City, he was certainly not mass produced. There's only one Shep."

After graduation in 1966, Shep joined the 173d Airborne Brigade in Vietnam. It was a long hard year for a new Infantry lieutenant. After this initial challenging and successful tour, he branch transferred to the Adjutant General Corps with assignments in a Military Assistance Advisory Group in the Dominican

Republic, and the Judge Advocate General's School in Virginia.

Finally in 1973 Art resigned as a captain to pursue the lure of industry. He joined Corning Glass Corporation as a sales representative and quickly developed. In 1975 Art combined his natural sales ability with his engineering background, and he became the States Engineer for FLOMECINC.

On behalf of the Shepherd family we would like to thank Ken Grice and Bob Elliott for their contributions to this article. We would like it to be known also that Art is survived by his ten-year-old son Bradford, who lives with his mother, Linda, in Charlottesville, Virginia.

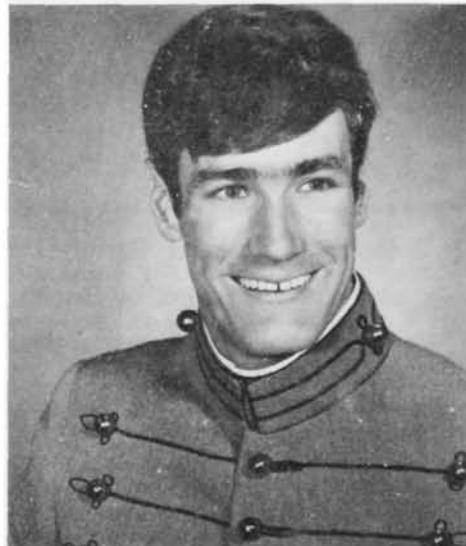
—Art's parents,
Iva and Bill Shepherd

Geary Owen Bauman

NO. 32624 CLASS OF 1974

Died 8 May 1978 in South Korea, aged 25 years.

Interment: Herrin City Cemetery, Herrin, Illinois



GEARY OWEN BAUMAN

ON THE AFTERNOON OF 8 May 1978 in South Korea, Geary Bauman was serving as co-pilot of an AH-1G helicopter, which was undergoing a test flight. When the aircraft began to experience mechanical difficulty six miles northeast of Camp Stanton, Geary radioed distress and requested aid. Twenty minutes later, the wreckage of the aircraft was found on a hill. There were no survivors.

Memorial services were conducted for Geary at Camp Stanton on 10 May 1978, and in Herrin, Illinois, where Geary lived a major portion of his life, on 18 May 1978.

Endeavoring to write an article in memory of Geary might well be the most difficult literary effort I have ever attempted, and yet I consider it a great honor. As I sit here, I recall the many instances when I would hand Geary a poem or piece of prose I had written, seeking his unwavering encouragement and constructive criticism. I earnestly wish I could run to him now and ask him for some of that advice. I can almost hear him bidding me not to glamorize his life or capitalize on any of his accomplishments.

Geary was born on 28 May 1952 in Wichita, Kansas, to Shirley and Bill Bauman. Raised

by his mother and his twin brothers, Bill and Bob, Geary lived most of his life in Southern Illinois.

Always a lover of athletics, Geary began playing tennis at an early age and won his first Southern Illinois championship at the age of eight. In his senior year at Herrin High School, Geary was named outstanding senior athlete, serving as co-captain of the Herrin football, basketball, and track teams.

At the Military Academy, which Geary entered in 1970, he was the 1974 squash captain. He left the Academy upon graduation with two letters in squash and three letters in tennis.

Steve Hashem, friend and classmate of Geary's writes: "Beginning in Beast Barracks, Geary displayed many of the characteristics which were to be with him throughout the next four years and, indeed, throughout his life. Geary soon became one of the most liked and respected cadets in his class. A great sense of humor, along with a casual, relaxed attitude, Geary could always be counted on to pull everyone through when things got rough.

"During his final year at the Academy, when Geary was not with Chris or in the D-1 television room, he would either be on the tennis or squash courts. Geary was a good friend to many and was never too busy to help one of his classmates if they needed assistance."

From the first time I met Geary in September of 1973, I knew he was special. He was kind, gentle, easygoing and shy.

Upon graduation in 1974, Geary was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry and was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he successfully completed Infantry Officers' Basic Course and Ranger School. In March of 1975 Geary reported to Fort Ord,

California, where he served as company Executive Officer in the 4th Advanced Individual Training Brigade. In May of 1975, we were married in New York and returned to Monterey, California, where we enjoyed the next year and a half.

Another close friend of Geary's and mine, Todd Troxell, writes: "Geary's relaxed and positive attitude permeated those trying days of a newly activated unit. Not only respected by his men, he was also genuinely liked by them. Within the course of a day's work he would outshine them on the basketball court, demand the highest military standards of them, and then fight for them like a mother hen. The man to whom all came so easily, but still was just one of the guys to everybody, from the brigade commander to the lowest private."

In February 1977 Geary entered flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He found learning to fly both challenging and interesting. He was also appointed class leader of OC Maroon Flight Class 77-22. Upon completion of the course, he went on to take the Cobra transition course.

He left for Korea in February 1977 and held several positions during the short time he was stationed there. Above all, he wanted to fly as he had been trained to do and this is what he was doing at the time of his death.

No matter what Geary did, he did it with enthusiasm, determination, and dedication, whether it was improving a platoon's morale, or teaching our dog, Conga, to catch a frisbee. As much as he is missed by all of us, there is solace in the legacy he has left us. Whenever I receive a letter from another friend of ours or toss a frisbee with our dog, I sense a portion of Geary remains with me.

I thank Geary today for his patience in teaching me to drive our Triumph . . .

this was no easy task. Also, I am grateful for his boundless love and support in anything I attempted, whether it was a new recipe or a challenging teaching position. He was always there to give me the confidence I needed.

Whenever I reread one of Geary's letters, I am struck by the unique way in which he expressed his thoughts, his love, and his feelings. He left an impression on all of us who knew him.

Anthony B. Venegoni, a popular English instructor at Herrin High School, spoke of Geary in these words, written for the *Southern Illinoisan*, 14 May 1978 . . . "Lieutenant Bauman, in his death, proves that generalizations are not truth. Young people do care and do serve as their brother's keepers. What greater tribute can one pay to Lieutenant Bauman than to say that he died in the line of duty—he died to help keep this country the great country it has been for more than two hundred years, and, pray God, will continue to be for a far greater length of time because of the Geary Baumanns of the world."

This poem, written by Bessie Anderson and brought to my attention by one of Geary's brothers, sums Geary up best:

*That man is a success who has lived well,
laughed often and loved much; Who has
gained the respect of intelligent men and
the love of children; Who has filled his niche
and accomplished his task, Who leaves the
world better than he found it, Who never
lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or
failed to express it; Who looked for the best
in others and gave the best he had.*

—Christine Bauman

Assisted by Bob and Bill,
Geary's brothers

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purpose. The energy, enthusiasm, and motivation of our cadets continues to impress and encourage me for the future of the Academy and the Country. The summer programs are but a part of their education and training but the quality of cadet experience here has risen far above the days most of us remember. There is a much greater opportunity to find out about their new profession first-hand and to put into practice the leadership skills they are learning. Certainly this added exposure and opportunity will enable them to share your pride as members of the U.S. Army and of the Long Gray Line.

Letters to the Editor

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and wanted to keep an eye in that direction. The result was almost a pirouette. I later learned that "B" and "C" Companys passed the word between them on a bet that they could "police" me before the review was over. I won. The Battalion Adjutant was Hank Everest.

Some thirty years later Lieutenant General Parks told me that as Aide to General Smith he had his experience at that review. As the reviewing party rode around the Corps and came up in back of the band, his horse bolted and he made a quick tour of the baseball field, near

Cullum Hall, before getting back to the reviewing stand.

Lewis A. Vincent '28

Book Reviews

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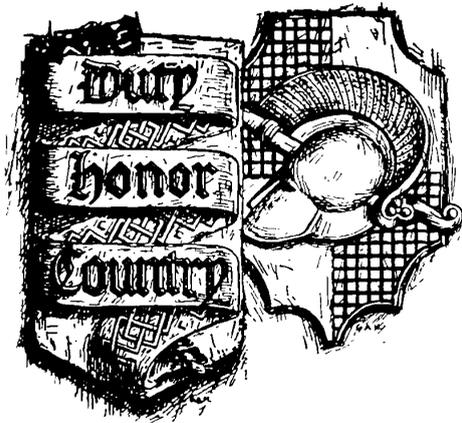
Army and to his country, and is remembered, in the words of a classmate, as "Out of control . . . But still ours." Honor, as with its feminine namesake, is assaulted and often almost lost. Yet, with perseverance, it survives in the efforts of those who refuse to give up entirely on its value. Constitutionally, the country is sound. Yet the novel paints a portrait of any army separated from the nation it is sworn to defend. We see a fighting force assaulted at home and overseas, an institution with no place to rest. This condition persists, though it may find some measure of resolution in the flag-draped coffin of the non-conforming Adam Thayer.

How well do the Army wives fare in this examination of their role? Not always very well; nor, I fear, does the Army in general. They are often portrayed as petty and conniving. For several years in the mid-1960's, Mr. Fleming worked out of the Hotel Thayer as he researched the history of West Point (*West Point*, Morrow, 1969). He acknowledges the contribution of social contacts made during that time to the formation of *The Officers' Wives*. So however Mr. Fleming saw the Army

through the eyes of his hosts, the general reader will see it one more layer removed. Therein lies the possibility for considerable distortion.

For example, reviews about the novel note that Americans can now see how the *Army Really* is. Comments printed in the "Book-of-the-Month Club News" record that *The Officers' Wives* reveals an "obsessive dependence on alcohol; the cunning exploitation of loci of power; the insulation from normal American Society . . . and, above all, the pathetic macho tradition making nasty children out of mature males and inflicting on their mates a loss of identity." Though only the Army's most naive commentators would deny the existence of real instances of those maladies, Fleming would surely hope for a less categorical response from his readers. Nevertheless, he has written a novel encouraging the literal reader to see an Army where the sole motivation seems to be the "ticket-punch" and where surreptitious phone calls among wives control the Army's system of assignments. It is a shame that the siren song of the bestseller list drew Fleming to create fiction that sometimes is simply untrue and hence decidedly misleading.

Be prepared to be angry, hurt, and even betrayed by what you read. But also, be prepared on occasion to see your classmates, your colleagues, your adversaries, and if you allow, yourself.



Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former Cadets received since the publication of the March 1981 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
DeWitt C. Jones	1905 . . .	11 March	1981 . . . Miami, Florida
William Nalle	1912 . . .	31 March	1981 . . . Kilmarvock, Virginia
Charles B. Lyman	1913 . . .	15 April	1981 . . . West Chester, Pennsylvania
John H. Carruth	1914 . . .	28 January	1981 . . . San Antonio, Texas
Omar N. Bradley	1915 . . .	8 April	1981 . . . New York, New York
Wyburn D. Brown	1919 . . .	3 April	1981 . . . Battle Creek, Michigan
William B. Kean	1919 . . .	10 March	1981 . . . Winter Park, Florida
Roland W. McNamee	1919 . . .	28 October	1980 . . . La Jolla, California
Merlin O'Neill	Ex-1919 . . .	28 February	1981 . . . Patuxent River, Maryland
Francis W. Farrell	1920 . . .	27 January	1981 . . . Arlington, Virginia
Wilburn V. Lunn	1920 . . .	28 March	1981 . . . Shreveport, Louisiana
William C. McFadden	1920 . . .	4 April	1981 . . . Salt Lake City, Utah
William S. Biddle	1923 . . .	24 January	1981 . . . Alexandria, Virginia
Sylvester J. Keane	1923 . . .	10 February	1981 . . . Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Birney K. Morse	1923 . . .	19 March	1981 . . . Ridley Park, Pennsylvania
Oscar C. Stewart	1923 . . .	12 March	1981 . . . Palo Alto, California
Kenneth E. Webber	1923 . . .	17 December	1980 . . . Palos Verdes Penn, California
Lawrence W. Adams	1924 . . .	20 March	1981 . . . Lubbock, Texas
Robert C. Lawes	1924 . . .	21 February	1981 . . . Burlington, Vermont
Ralph R. Sears	1925 . . .	27 November	1980 . . . Greenville, South Carolina
Gilbert M. Allen Jr.	1927 . . .	12 February	1981 . . . Banning, California
Woodbury M. Burgess	1927 . . .	10 March	1981 . . . Tucson, Arizona
Charles B. Ewing	1927 . . .	21 March	1981 . . . Pompano Beach, Florida
Willis S. Matthews	1927 . . .	29 March	1981 . . . Washington, D. C.
William H. Hennig	1928 . . .	26 February	1981 . . . Colorado Springs, Colorado
Paul E. McLaughlin	1928 . . .	9 January	1981 . . . Honolulu, Hawaii
Thomas J. Moran	1928 . . .	15 February	1981 . . . Athens, Georgia
Ernest Moore	1931 . . .	7 April	1981 . . . Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Wallace H. Brucker	1932 . . .	6 April	1981 . . . El Paso, Texas
Charles H. Chase	1933 . . .	12 March	1981 . . . Patrick AFB, Florida
Edwin G. Beggs	1936 . . .	14 April	1981 . . . Tallahassee, Florida
Roy W. Cole	1936 . . .	9 March	1981 . . . Tucson, Arizona
Clement W. Crockett	1936 . . .	19 February	1981 . . . Palo Alto, California
George W. Rhyne	1938 . . .	28 January	1981 . . . Fort Gordon, Georgia
Raymond J. Downey	1940 . . .	8 March	1981 . . . Tucson, Arizona
Louis A. Thomenn	1940 . . .	28 February	1981 . . . Los Angeles, California
Richards A. Aldridge	1941 . . .	23 June	1979 . . . Dauphins Island, Alabama
Harold F. Hogan	1945 . . .	17 April	1981 . . . Long Beach, California
Cornelius W. Wakefield Jr.	1945 . . .	10 February	1981 . . . El Paso, Texas
Harold F. LaCouture	1946 . . .	29 January	1981 . . . Englewood, California
Clark H. Allison	1950 . . .	8 April	1981 . . . Sacramento, California
Robert H. Strauss Jr.	1961 . . .	22 March	1981 . . . Los Angeles, California
Alan Worland	1973 . . .	21 January	1978 . . . Anchorage, Alaska
Frank A. Hardy	1978 . . .	25 March	1981 . . . Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Terrance E. Jedrzewski	1978 . . .	19 April	1980 . . . Manchester, Connecticut

vital activities of the Academy because of the press of short deadline, administrative-type requirements.

I trust these few comments are enough to suggest the basis for my conviction that there is continuing challenge to be faced at the Military Academy. Several such challenges deserve particular note.

The first is the attitude of cadets and officers toward duty. West Point, I believe, stands preeminent in our country among institutions concerned with duty, but even here there is need to strengthen, to clarify and to inculcate this driving force if our graduates are to make the full contribution to our country that is within their capabilities.

A second is cadet commitment to honor. With almost no exceptions cadets are strong in claiming the title of honorable men and women. They take great pride in their right to do so. At the same time one is impressed that there is reluctance in some areas to accept just what this implies in day-to-day behavior, especially where it involves inconvenience or restriction on the freedom to do as they desire. For young people moving from late adolescence to early maturity, and from a less demanding society to West Point's high standard of honesty in word and deed, such difficulties are to be expected; but they pose a deep and continuing challenge. And even where there is agreement on what is required, there are occasional failures -- very few I am happy to report -- to observe the required behavior. The necessity to adhere to the non-tolerance clause, i.e., to report violators as a matter of their own personal honor, is for young people of today's generation particularly stressful.

The third element of the continuing challenge that I would cite is the traditional one of combining the academic with the military at West Point. To pursue academic studies in a proper intellectual atmosphere while undergoing military training and preparation for leadership in a military environment and concurrently achieving and maintaining physical fitness, all of this pervaded by high standards of moral and ethical behavior, is no mean task, and it demands wisdom, effort, and discipline from all who serve at the Military Academy.

A final challenge I would mention is the capacity to meet the occasional instances of wrongdoing, dereliction or want of judgment with resolution and candor, and adherence to sound practice and principle. Headline seekers (and those who are terrified by headlines) will always be with us, but the Academy leadership, the Army leadership, and the body of our Graduates should not be swayed from what is sound and right by the clatter of the press, by the carping of malcontents or by the pressures, from whatever source, for appeasement or surrender of principle.

Your new Superintendent is a man who has proved during long and able service that he can deal with such challenges. When asked by the Chief of Staff for my views concerning a successor, I said I would talk in terms not of personalities but of principles: he should be someone in whom the Army leadership has full confidence and to whom they are prepared to give full support. The Academy can have only one Superintendent at a time, and he must be the man at West Point. I was assured that this would be the case with General Scott. I call on all graduates, on the basis of my experience here over the past four years, to give him full support in his decisions and full understanding of the many demands to which he must respond in carrying out the Academy's mission. He will certainly have mine.

My final word is that there has been a special enjoyment during these years in seeing and taking part in the growth of fine young people destined to lead our Army; they are a true slice of the best of our country. There has been reward as well in seeing West Point -- this historic bastion of strength and duty -- stand stalwart and true as in the past, in a time when much else in our country is sorely troubled and adrift.

My wife and I leave as we came -- with gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,



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



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