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Dear Fellow Graduates:

West Point hosted five alumni groups that held reunions this Fall. The Class of 1956 held its 25th Reunion on the weekend of 25-27 September; the Classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, and 1976 held reunions during Homecoming which was held on the weekend of 16-18 October.

In each case, returning alumni were treated to perfect weather and a football victory at Michie Stadium. The great success of the '56 Reunion gives indication that the new policy of inviting the 25th, 35th, and 45th Reunion classes to return to West Point on a football weekend other than Homecoming will be a popular one.

Homecoming Weekend is always a glorious occasion at West Point. Bright sunshine and splendid Autumn foliage provided a beautiful backdrop for the Alumni Exercises and Review this year. It was our great honor to have Colonel John K. Meneely, USMA 1915, lead the march to Thayer Monument.

During Homecoming Weekend the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates met for their first of three meetings during Academic Year 1981-1982. It was my first opportunity as the Superintendent to meet and address the group. I presented my views regarding the State of the Academy, and what follows in this letter is essentially my remarks at their meeting.

In general, I find the Military Academy to be in an excellent state of health. The efforts of Andy Goodpaster over the past four years are much in evidence, and I feel most fortunate to follow his Superintendency. In that regard, I was given no specific goals by the Secretary of the Army or by the Chief of Staff other than "to take charge of my post and all government property in view." I have set for myself the goal of stability -- a stable period for the Military Academy to evaluate and adjust as required the changes and initiatives generated by the many studies and analyses conducted during the past several years. I hope that my Superintendency will be characterized by fine-tuning as we move ahead along the correct azimuth.

There are a few areas requiring continuing concern and attention. General Goodpaster has mentioned them to you several times in his letters in previous issues of the Assembly. I do not mean to suggest that some calamity is lurking around the corner in any area. From my perspective, we are moving forward and in the right direction in all areas; perhaps not as fast as some would like, however, progress is evident. The health of the honor code and the honor system is an area of continuing concern. Right now the health of the honor system is good, but inasmuch as it is a fragile thing, it requires the constant attention of all of us. Some areas of weakness and concern about matters relating to honor still exist, and we, and the "we" is a very strong Corps of Cadets involvement, are taking corrective action when problem areas surface. We are now in the process of developing and executing a four-year formal education program which will encompass all honor related matters and will be presented primarily by cadets.

Our sports program is another of the areas which requires our concern and constant attention. After the first seven games, the football results have been disappointing; our football team is still struggling. We are rebuilding, but rebuilding is a slow process and not done overnight. The last two years have brought good results in our effort to attract quality student-athletes, and we hope the next several years will be even better. Don't for one moment think that Army athletes believe in anything but winning; they know how to give a maximum effort.

A final area requiring concern and attention is with regards to the assimilation of women into the Corps of Cadets. Women today make up approximately ten percent of the Corps and are highly successful in all areas of academy life -- academics, athletics, and military training. We seek to insure that women meet the same challenges as men, and training continues to be identical except for those adjustments necessitated by physiological differences. Although there appear to be fewer incidents of disparaging remarks made towards women, there is still evidence of a lingering negative attitude about the presence of women in the Corps. We are attempting to deal with this situation in a positive and professional manner. The utilization of women in military roles is not a new concept -- women have been a part of the Army for almost forty years and have performed exceptionally well. I am confident our female graduates will do much to enhance the reputation of West Point.

With regard to the Army/Navy football game, you have probably heard by now that it will be played on the afternoon of 5 December. We at the Military Academy were disappointed that arrangements could not be worked out with ABC to televise it on the Saturday following Thanksgiving as it was originally scheduled. We were faced with the alternative of changing the schedule or not having the game televised. It was decided that the academies owed it to the millions of fans of this annual classic to take steps necessary to insure continued television coverage of the game. We regret the inconvenience that has surely resulted to many of you, but, faced with the options that we had, I believe you will agree that the decision made was a correct one.

With best wishes from West Point,

Sincerely,

  
WILLARD W. SCOTT, JR.  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Superintendent





James Edwin Webb

# Thayer Award:

**J**AMES E. Webb, a distinguished public servant, lawyer and business leader, received the Sylvanus Thayer Award in ceremonies 24 September at West Point.

The award, established in 1958 on the initiative of the Class of 1931, includes a gold medal and scroll. It has been presented to 23 distinguished Americans whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplify devotion to the ideals expressed in the USMA motto "Duty, Honor, Country." Recipients have included Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, Bob Hope, Dr. William F. Graham, John Foster Dulles and Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh in 1980.

Ceremonies to honor Webb began with a review on the Plain at West Point. At the review Webb received an engraved cadet sabre from the Corps of Cadets. An award banquet in the Cadet Mess Hall followed.

After dinner in presenting the award to Webb, George F. Dixon, Jr., President of the Association of Graduates USMA, stated "Few, if any, living Americans contributed so significantly to the advancement of our country's most critical interests. As I reviewed Mr. Webb's distinguished career, while aware of the differences between his contributions and those of Colonel Thayer, I was also impressed by their similarities, for in the lives of both men we see an extraordinary interrelationship between dedication to duty and triumph of intellect, purposeful leadership, and organizational genius."

After accepting the award, Mr. Webb addressed the Corps of Cadets and guests. His remarks follow:

"This is a proud day for me. I am most appreciative of this high honor. However, I know, and you must know, that much of the credit for what has been accomplished

in the large national endeavors listed in the citation belongs to many thousands, really many hundreds of thousands who did their best in difficult, sometimes almost impossible assignments.

"Such large endeavors as Apollo, based on pushing scientific knowledge and technology to its limits, and requiring skillful leadership that takes into account social, economic and political, as well as technical, factors will, I believe, be an important part of the way of life graduates will find in the world you will enter when you leave West Point.

"In the NASA programs, more than 400 thousand individuals were involved. Some of these were scientists; many more were engineers, and many, many more were skilled workers and managers in industry. Complete dedication, competence, and self-discipline were the requirements for success—the same ingredients which Syl-

President George F. Dixon Jr. presents the Thayer Award medal to James E. Webb. Superintendent LTG Willard W. Scott Jr. introduced Webb.

Cadet First Captain John W. Nicholson presents a cadet sabre to James E. Webb.



# 1981

## 1981 SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD

### CITATION

JAMES EDWIN WEBB

As a distinguished public servant, lawyer and business leader, James E. Webb has rendered a lifetime of outstanding service to the United States and its citizens. In positions of extraordinary responsibility in government, Mr. Webb has exemplified, through his accomplishments in the national interest and manner of achievement, the ideals of West Point expressed in the motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

In 1961 when the United States and much of the free world were reacting to the serious threat posed by Soviet Union advances in space technology, President Kennedy appointed Mr. Webb Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and gave him the mission of leading a national effort to land men on the moon and return them safely to earth within the decade. During the following, critical period Mr. Webb not only fulfilled that Presidential mandate but also through forceful leadership, dedication and an inquiring intellect he was in large measure responsible for the creation of a national environment and an interest in space science which led to an expanded understanding of our universe and solar system. Through his determined administration of a newly organized agency he led the United States to the development of the necessary technological capability to place unmanned spacecraft on the surface of Mars and to fly other spacecraft to the limit of the then known solar system, and beyond. Through those scientific, technological and leadership achievements of unique dimensions, Mr. Webb made an extraordinary contribution to the security and welfare of the United States.

Mr. Webb has also served with great distinction in other, diverse governmental positions. As a Marine Corps reserve officer for 37 years, as Director of the United States Bureau of the Budget, as Under Secretary of State and as a member of many commissions, committees and panels, he repeatedly responded to the call of duty and demonstrated an unusually broad understanding of the operation of government and private enterprise and their interrelationships.

Throughout his lifetime of service, as public servant and as private citizen, James E. Webb has made a remarkable record of accomplishment for his country. His willingness to serve when needed, his dedication to the advancement of our nation's critical interests and his superb leadership symbolize and reflect the principles and ideals of West Point. Accordingly, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy hereby presents the 1981 Sylvanus Thayer Award to James Edwin Webb.

  
GEORGE F. DIXON, JR.  
President

vanus Thayer built into the national institution which is now the West Point Military Academy. Two of the astronauts who piloted Apollo 11 to the moon, for the first lunar landing, and brought back to Earth samples of the lunar surface, were graduates of West Point. Others worked at the job of planning, building, testing, improving and operating as a space transportation system the very large launching rockets and spacecraft required, to attain a speed of 25,000 miles per hour for a journey of 240,000 miles to intercept a target that was itself speeding 2,000 miles per hour in its orbit of the earth.

"Many of our most capable executives and specialists were from our military services and other government agencies. The Army Corps of Engineers took responsibility for the design and construction of the large number of test stands, launch pads, assembly and check-out facilities, simulators, computerized control centers, and other infrastructure needs. An Army Jupiter C rocket put the first U.S. satellite into orbit. The wisdom of Sylvanus Thayer and those, like General Goodpaster, who have followed in his footsteps have influenced every major development which our nation has undertaken, from building canal and railroad structures to space transportation systems.

"In 1961, when President Kennedy asked me to serve as NASA Administrator, I demurred and suggested that he would be better served by a scientist or engineer; I said that I had never seen a rocket launching. His answer was that the opening of space involved large problems of national and international policy—that my experience with these kinds of issues in the Bureau of the Budget and in the State Department and in industry was the basis of his choice. I have no doubt that as you move forward in Army service, you will more and more be called upon for judgment in national policy issues, just as President Kennedy stressed these to me.

"When Neil Armstrong received the Thayer Award in 1971 and spoke to that

year's Cadets, he told them that our early space flights were but 'the faltering steps of an infant transportation system.'

"Today, ten years later, the records show that these 'faltering steps' have led on to five additional manned landings on the moon. Twelve explorers have returned to earth with exhibits of what they found and a vast amount of scientific data. Nineteen unmanned flights have been made to other planets. Five of these were to Venus, six to Mars, three to Mercury, four to Jupiter and one to Saturn.

"We know far more today about the forces at work in the Solar System which so vitally affect our destiny than we did just a few years ago. We also know far more about the Planet Earth and particularly how so much of life is intimately affected by energy from outside, most of it from the Sun. We still have no clear evidence that life exists outside our own planet, which makes it all the more precious here.

"As to future efforts in space, there is

little doubt that large-scale, carefully organized, national efforts will be required, and that we need a much better understanding of the leadership principles and organizational requirements for their efficient conduct within a democratic form of government. We have much to learn about how the universities and corporate entities in our private sector, where over 90 cents out of every Apollo dollar was spent, can best be utilized. Governmental policies and organizational arrangements must ensure that we will succeed in what we set out to do. West Point research and teaching will, I have no doubt, continue to contribute to this basic need, and many units of the Army will give the nation more than purely military strength.

"For many years, the vast expanse of space was generally considered an empty void. In NASA, one of our first jobs was to rapidly expand the efforts under way to identify and measure the complex features of the near-earth environment, the

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Retired COL D.M. Malone discusses leadership skills with the top-ranking cadets and midshipmen from the four U.S. Service Academies.



## *Service Academies Leaders Conference*



Mr. Stevens with the Superintendent, USMA.

SENIOR-ranking cadets and midshipmen from the four U.S. service academies held the first annual Service Academies Leaders Conference on 25 and 26 Sept. at West Point. The conference was made possible by a gift from the J.P. Stevens Co. Foundation.

"Cadets and midshipmen in senior positions indicated in the past that they found themselves thrust into their roles without the necessary experience to run their respective organizations," MAJ Fred B. Johnson, USMA '68, project officer for this first conference, said. "The purpose of the seminars in the conference was to give the cadets and midshipmen the leadership skills they'll need for their responsibilities in their senior year."

Participants in the conference included 23 cadets and midshipmen from the Military Academy, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy and Coast Guard Academy. The group included each school's top-ranking cadet or midshipman and his immediate subordinates, senior class president, honor committee leader, or their representatives.

USMA Superintendent LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr. welcomed the conferees. The first day's events included an all-day seminar and a formal banquet, at which Robert T. Stevens, the guest of honor, was the

keynote speaker. Mr. Stevens remained for the entire seminar, offering the benefit of his experience to those who would some day serve the nation he had served so selflessly. That evening, at a formal dining-in held in the Black, Gold and Grey Room of the Cadet Mess, Mr. Stevens commented that he had enjoyed the day's seminar a great deal and had taken copious notes, but, as he lamented, he "wasn't sure at 82 years of age, what he would do with them, now that he had them." "A most important skill that a leader should possess," Mr. Stevens related, "is to know how to delegate." To illustrate this, he recounted an office call with General of the Army George Marshall, just two days after Pearl Harbor. With all that he must have heard on his mind, Mr. Stevens observed that there was not a single piece of paper on Marshall's desk.

"The first seminar concentrated on practical leadership skills in three basic areas," Johnson said, "decision-making, management of time, and conflict resolution." The seminar was conducted by retired COL D.M. "Mike" Malone, a recent member of the staff and faculty at the U.S. Army War College and a former West Point instructor.

West Point First Captain John W.

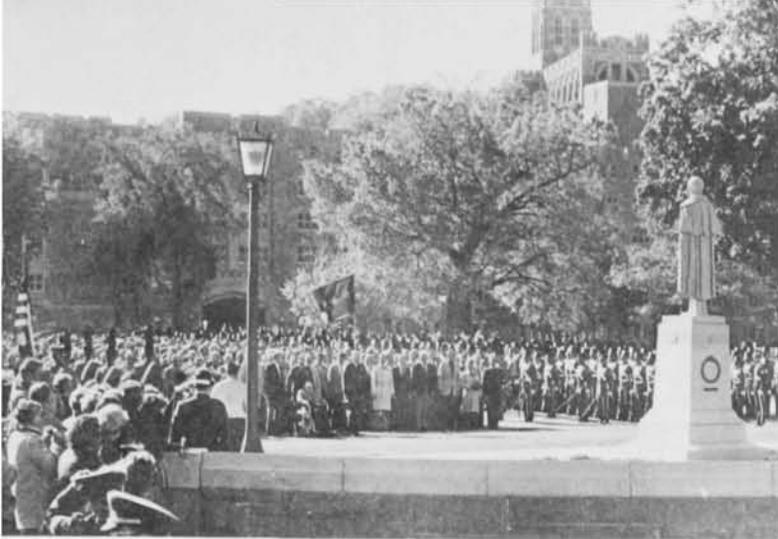
Nicholson, Jr. said, "Perhaps the most helpful skills we learned were those planning techniques and climate-sensing methods by which leaders can look ahead for their units."

Midshipman Captain Andrew W. Palowitch said Malone's recommendations about evaluating objectives, setting goal priorities, organizing meetings and delegating authority would help him perform his duties as brigade commander of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Cadet Captain Fernando U. DelRosario, cadet regimental executive officer at the Coast Guard Academy, said the leadership seminar gave him "the tools to represent the Corps of Cadets to the administration and to facilitate a two-way flow of information between the cadets and the administration."

The second seminar—Duty: A Concept for Leadership at the Service Academies—was born out of past after-action reports on the Service Academies Exchange Program, Johnson explained. "Cadets and midshipmen who came to West Point always had very favorable comments about the USMA duty concept. This session in the conference offered cadets and midshipmen from the other schools an oppor-

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Returning alumni honor Thayer.



Oldest grad leads march to Thayer Monument with Superintendent USMA and President AOG.

# HOMECOMING & REUNIONS '81

APPROXIMATELY 900 graduates returned this fall for Class Reunions. The Class of 1956 returned on 25-27 September; the Classes of 1961, 1966, 1971 and 1976 celebrated their reunions during Homecoming 16-18 October. The Class of 1971 set some sort of record with over 440 of their Class returning. The oldest graduate present was John K. Meneely '15.



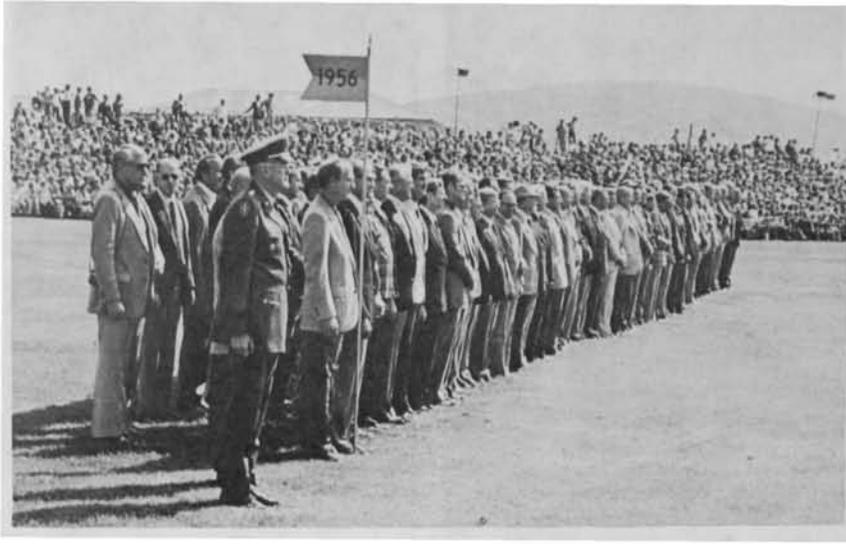
Looking at the younger end of the line at Alumni Review.



Looking at the older end of the line at Alumni Review.



The Cadet Brigade staff greets the oldest grad.



# 1956

WHAT A GREAT WEEKEND! We had West Point all to ourselves. Superb fall weather and a football victory over Brown made it truly memorable. 108 classmates were there, and with our wives and many children our numbers were over 250. We all owe our deepest thanks to those classmates at West Point who did so much to make the weekend flow so smoothly: Jim McNulty, Gerry Richardson, Pete Lash, Hawley Oakes, Jim Strozier, John McGinn and Jim Anderson. From cocktails at the Thayer on Friday night; the Class meeting, with comments from the Supe, the memorial service honoring our 34 deceased classmates, the Class photo, taking the Review (with young John Nicholson as First Captain), lunch in the Cadet Mess Hall, the game, and a dinner-dance at the Officers Club on Saturday; with brunch at the hotel on Sunday, it was a fast-paced, full and thoroughly enjoyable reunion. We're sorry the entire Class couldn't make it. You were all talked about, thought about, and missed. Plan now to attend the 30th in 1986. It is guaranteed to be spectacular!—*LeHardy*





also have been. The sense of camaraderie that pervaded the weekend made the weekend the finest event I have ever attended—a sentiment shared by most, if not all, participants—Waltberg





# 1961

THE 20TH REUNION for 1961 was a splendid occasion, well attended and well enjoyed. 186 classmates, accompanied by 265 wives, children and friends, gathered to see the Academy in its finest fall foliage and the Rabble in a decisive gridiron victory. An excellent schedule was put together by Ron Hannon, assisted by Carl Bacon, Bob Cairns, Scott Dillard, Pete Heimdahl, Pat Hoy, Bob Kewley, John Kilkenny, and John Votow, and all attendees had the opportunity to renew old friendships and develop new ones. In addition to the Class party at the Hotel Thayer Friday evening, and the dinner-dance at Washington Hall after the game, there were various private gatherings in hotel rooms and a wet and wild bash on the yacht that Dan DiCarlo and Gil Hallenbeck moored at the dock. Prior to a final champagne brunch on Sunday, the Class gathered for a simple ceremony at the "Classes of the Sixties" monument by Lusk Reservoir, and Ron Hannon delivered an eloquent and moving eulogy honoring the thirty-five of our number who have died. Homecoming provided a thoroughly enjoyable opportunity to realize how important the ties that we made some two dozen years ago have become. The sense of camaraderie that pervaded the weekend made the reunion the finest event I have ever attended—a sentiment shared by most, if not all, participants.—*Heiberg*





M. Q. Williams



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# 1966

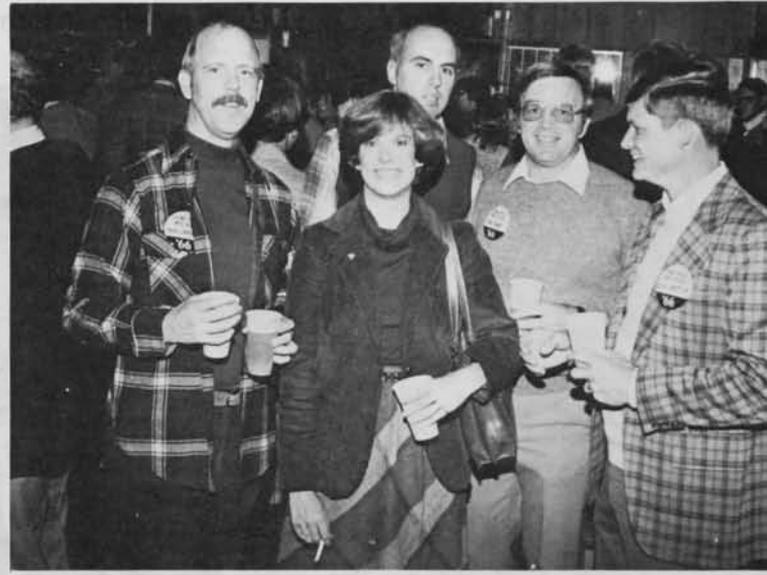
IN ADDITION TO plain old Good Times, the Class of 1966's 15th Reunion weekend was filled with a warmth and affection that made all realize that a Class gets better, not older. The pleasure of greeting long-lost friends was very nearly equalled by that of getting to know some of those men from the "other" regiment and their ladies, folks you just never had the chance to get to know before. Perhaps for the first time, there was an unstated but strong recognition that a broad thread of unity runs through the Class. We have, over time, and whether in uniform or in civilian life, reduced any distance between us. The "Old Army" word for that recognition is "camaraderie," and all who gathered now feel what that means. Special thanks to Ed Kane and his reunion crew for their brilliant job of putting the event together. It was a terrific 15th and should be a tremendous 20th. Be there.

—M.G. Williams





... that the class of 1971 was  
... that these people were special  
... special. Thank you, Mr. [Name] and  
... [Name] and [Name] for being  
... [Name] and [Name] for being



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# 1971

INDIAN SUMMER. . . . registration. . . . recognized faces, unknown names. . . . nostalgia. . . . Korea to Germany, Washington to Florida, to West Point. . . . majors selection list. . . . Eisenhower Hall. . . . tears of joy. . . . professionally done reunion book. . . . Meadowbrook Lodge . . . . over 600 happy classmates, wives, and friends. . . . memories. . . . rock rocket. . . . most beautiful ladies. . . . least valuable players. . . . open bar. . . . old grads. . . . young cadets. . . . renegade tarbucket . . . . Rabble Rouser Hale. . . . 34-0. . . . Alumni dinner rowdies . . . . company get downs. . . . Sunday memorial. . . . tired but happy. There is something very satisfying about experiencing the spectrum of emotions; joy, surprise, envy, nostalgia, sadness. All these were evident as we progressed through the weekend. The unwritten theme was camaraderie. Anyone who paused in the lobby of the Meadowbrook Lodge and gazed at the talking, drinking memories could not help but feel that these people were special . . . . that the Class of 1971 was special. Thank you Jeff Rock, Lane Morehead, and assistants for allowing us to experience it. Thank you Dick Bridges and helpers for letting us keep it through your pages. Well done.—*deMoya*

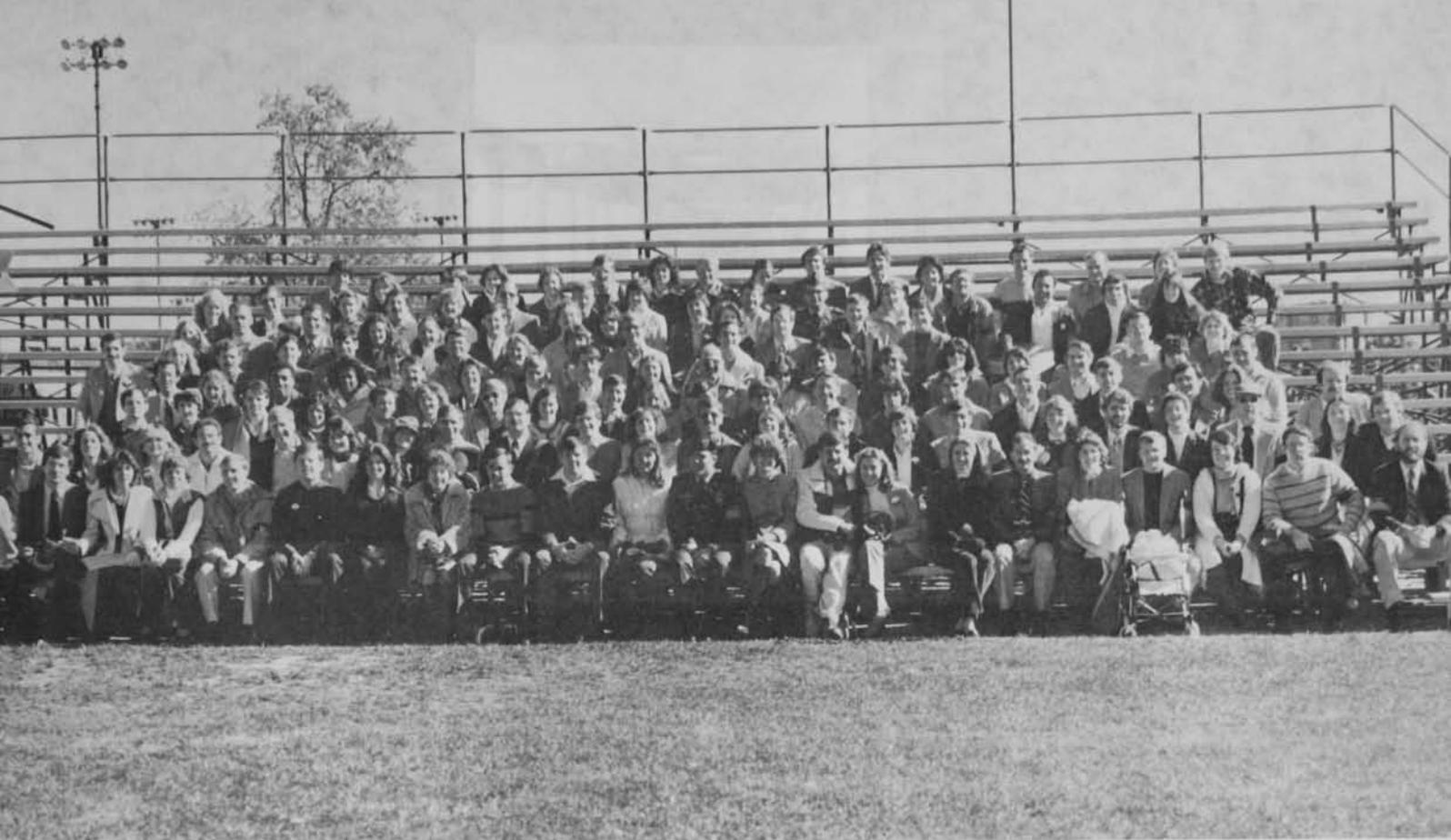






1976







ON 10 Sept 1981 the MacArthur Corridor at the Pentagon was dedicated by President Reagan. Included here are pertinent remarks of the Secretary of Defense, Mrs. MacArthur and President Reagan on that occasion.

*Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger:* The dedication of public places is not only a way of remembering and praising those who have distinguished themselves, those who have led the way in the past, but it's also a way of inspiring those who will lead us in the future. So I expect that the MacArthur Corridor that we will dedicate very shortly inside this great building will guide and inspire future generations of military leaders as they walk through the hall.

We will shortly dedicate this hall, we will shortly dedicate this corridor to the memory of General MacArthur and thus he will continue to live here in the building that enshrines the activities in which he was engaged all of his adult life. His memory will set an example, as did his actions in his life, to those who guard our shores and protect our liberties.

It's a great pleasure now to have the opportunity to introduce a lady whom I first met in Brisbane, Australia, in 1943. Then as now, she worked indefatigably for

the good of the military in the country. I had the great privilege of serving under General MacArthur in a very minor capacity as one of the platoon leaders in one of the two divisions assigned to his command at that time and then later on his intelligence staff. At all times, all of us heard a great deal about Jean MacArthur and the enormously valuable work that she performed for the man she always called "her general."

*Mrs. MacArthur:* Thank you so much. Mr. President, Mrs. Reagan, Mr. Secretary and Mrs. Weinberger. Really, it's hard for me to find words to express all that is in my heart today. Really, I feel I can just never thank you enough for the honors that you have shown my general's memory in naming this corridor for him in the Pentagon. I just know what it would mean to him, because he was just so proud always of being a part of the Armed Forces of our great country, which he loved so dearly. So again, I thank you and from the bottom of my heart, I thank you and from my general, too. Thank you so much.

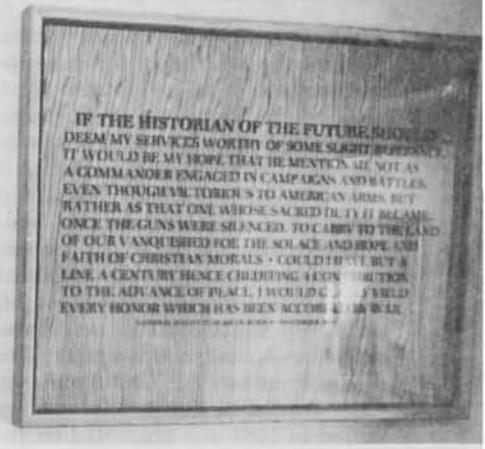
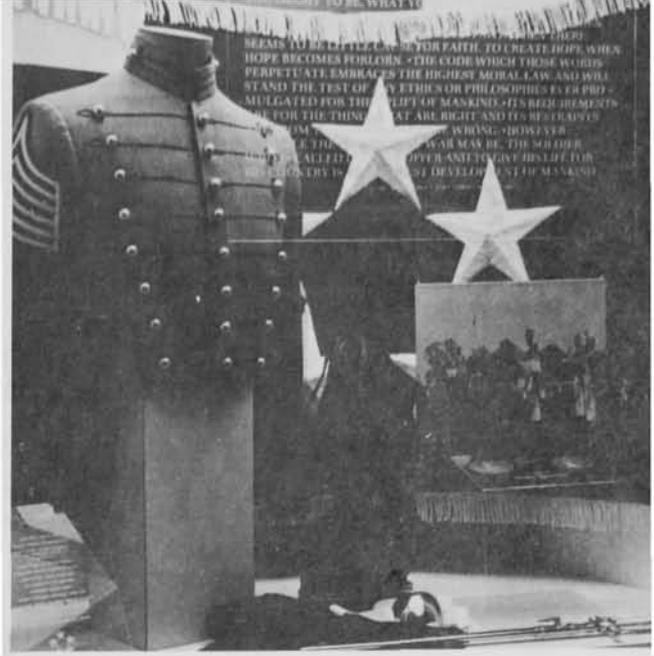
*Secretary Weinberger:* We are, as I said, particularly honored today to have our Commander-in-Chief with us; it is his second visit to the Pentagon in a short time. That not only pleases me very much

but it symbolizes and signifies the enormous respect and admiration he has for all of the men and women in the Uniformed Armed Services and for all of those who work for the military all over the world. Without more ado, let me just say it is an enormous honor and a very high privilege to say to you, ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States.

*President Reagan:* Mr. Secretary, Mrs. MacArthur, guests here on the platform, and you ladies and gentlemen, and you of the Armed Forces. We honor today the memory of Douglas MacArthur and the legend that was his life. It was a legend that began on cavalry outposts in the Old West, where the son of a Civil War hero and Medal of Honor winner first heard the sound of drums and shouted cadence. He would hear those sounds again when he was graduated from West Point with one of the highest academic averages in history and with the Academy's greatest honor, first Captain of the Corps, Douglas MacArthur.

As a young officer on a secret and highly dangerous intelligence mission in Mexico, he would win his first recommendation for Congressional Medal of Honor. Wounded twice in France during World War I, he

# THE MacARTHUR CORRIDOR



would be decorated repeatedly for his gallantry under fire and become one of the youngest and most popular generals in American history.

As a Superintendent of the Military Academy, he would bring much needed reform to the West Point curriculum, upgrading scholastic standards while emphasizing the importance of sports. Words he spoke then are even now inscribed at West Point in stone, "Upon the fields of friendly strife are the seeds that upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory."

In the early thirties, as the youngest Army Chief of Staff in history he warned the Congress of the need for military readiness and a modern Army featuring strong armored and air forces. While bearing the brunt of a Japanese attack in 1942, he would win the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic defense of the Philippines. When ordered by President Roosevelt to leave the islands, he would thrill the free world with his defiant pledge, "I shall return."

During his brilliant military campaigns of the South Pacific, his island hopping, hit them where they ain't strategy, won quick victories with limited resources, victories that saved thousands of American

lives, electrified his countrymen and confounded the enemy.

As a post-war ruler of Japan, he showed himself a wise and compassionate statesman who won forever the affection of the Japanese people even as he brought about one of the most remarkable achievements in the history of self-government.

Then in Korea, in the face of brutal aggression he accomplished one of the most brilliant maneuvers in military history—the Inchon landing. In 1951, before a Joint Session of the Congress, he would give one of the most memorable speeches in American history, a speech in which he warned, and we must always remember, "in war indeed there can be no substitute for victory."

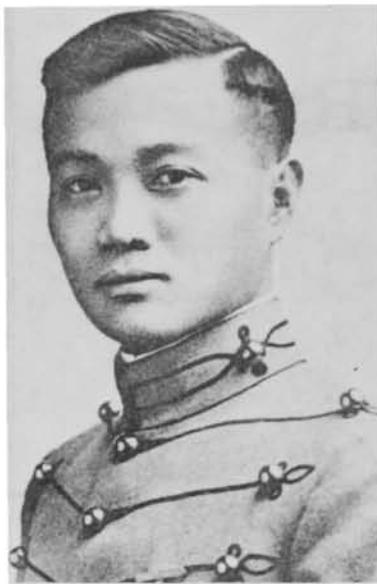
It is true this brilliant career sometimes aroused envy in lesser men but the General sought to leave intrigue to headquarters staff and politicians. He was always a front line general, a leader of fighting men. Once at a remote airfield in New Guinea, an officer spotted him near the front lines and rushed up to him, in a worried voice he pointed to a spot of jungle 50 yards away and said excuse me, sir, but we killed a sniper in there only a few minutes ago. The general answered,

"fine son, that's the best thing to do with them."

Even at the age of 82 he was giving the same inspiring example to young soldiers. The Class of 1962 at West Point will never forget the words they heard from him one May afternoon, words that he began with a bit of humor. He said, "as I was leaving the hotel this morning, a doorman asked me, where are you headed for, General, and when I replied, West Point, he remarked, beautiful place, you ever been there before?" But then came that unforgettable speech, a speech in which he reminded those young soldiers that "duty, honor, country," were three hallowed words that reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, and what you will be. They are your rallying points, he said, to build courage when courage seems to fail; to regain faith when there seems to be so little cause for faith; to create hope when hope becomes forlorn. He spoke of his pride in the Long Gray Line that has never failed us. He told the cadets that his last waking thoughts would be of the Corps and the Corps and the Corps.

He was extraordinarily proud of his country's uniform. He said of it once, "I  
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Cadet Vicente P. Lim.

# THE

## The Foreign Cadet Program

ON December 2, 1815, a warrant was issued authorizing the admission of the brothers Luis and Mateo Blanco of Chile to the United States Military Academy. They signed in at the Academy in May 1816, thus becoming the first foreign cadets to attend West Point. Unfortunately they did not graduate and were removed from the rolls on February 28, 1818. (At the time of their admission Luis was 12 years old and Mateo was 14 years old. Their relative youth may have been a factor in not graduating.) The first foreign graduate of West Point was Antonio Barrios of Guatemala who was admitted in 1884 and graduated on June 12, 1889. By October 1981, 168 foreign cadets from 25 countries had graduated from the USMA (out of a total of 39,027 graduates since its founding in 1802).

### USMA Foreign Graduates 1802-1981

COUNTRY	NO.
Bolivia	2
Chile	5
China	8
Colombia	2
Costa Rica	16
Cuba	3
Dominican Republic	2
Ecuador	7
El Salvador	5
Guatemala	5
Guyana	3
Honduras	4
Jamaica	3
Korea	2
Mexico	2
Nicaragua	5
Panama	11
Paraguay	1
Peru	3
Philippines	58
Thailand	10
Switzerland	1
Uruguay	3
Venezuela	6
Vietnam	1
TOTAL	168

Although many of these cadets were admitted under special Congressional authorization, the USMA Foreign Cadet Program is primarily based on two bills which provide permanent statutory authority:

Public Law 154, 60th Congress, May 28, 1908 (10 USC 4345)—authorizes four Filipinos to receive instruction at the USMA at any one time, one being designated by the President of the Republic of the Philippines for each entering class.

Public Law 447, 79th Congress, June 26, 1946 (10 USC 4344)—authorizes not more than 20 persons from Canada and the American Republics (less the United States) to receive instruction at the USMA at any one time; each country being limited to no more than three persons in attendance at the USMA at any one time.

Foreign cadets receiving instruction under these laws are "entitled to the pay, allowances and emoluments of a cadet appointed from the United States, and from the same appropriations".

The largest participant in the USMA Foreign Cadet Program has been the Republic of the Philippines. As of October 1981, there have been 66 Filipino cadets admitted with 58 having graduated and four currently enrolled. This participation over a 70-year period has resulted from a special relationship between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines.

### The Philippines Legislation

Major General Leonard Wood, Commander of the Philippines Division in 1907, had been concerned with a shortage of Philippine Scout lieutenants. In his 1908 annual report to the War Department, General Wood raised this issue with the recommendation that USMA cadets "of two years service at the Academy who have been found deficient in not more than one study, who are recommended by the Academic Board" be eligible for commissioning as Scout Second Lieutenants.

Secretary of War William Howard Taft, probably after discussions with General Wood on this issue, included in a report to President Theodore Roosevelt the recommendation that a few young Filipinos be selected to attend the USMA, with commissioning in the Scouts after graduation. President Roosevelt forwarded Taft's report to the Congress on January 27, 1908. Taft followed on January 28, 1908, with a letter to the Chairman, Committee on Military Affairs, US Senate, in which he recommended legislation authorizing seven Filipinos to attend West Point (he picked seven on the basis of one per one million natives). In his letter Taft presents a justification which serves as a rationale for the entire USMA Foreign Cadet Program. Taft wrote:

The high standard of thought and action inculcated at the Military Academy could not but impress itself in some considerable degree upon the young Filipinos, and when these returned to their native islands they would carry with them ideas and standards valuable to their own people, and hence valuable to us.

Public Law 154, 60th Congress, May 28, 1908 was subsequently passed:

The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to permit not exceeding four Filipinos, to be designated, one for each class, by the Philippine Commission, to receive instruction at the United States Military Academy at West Point: Provided, that the Filipino undergoing instruction, as herein authorized shall receive the same pay, allowances, and emoluments as are authorized by law for cadets at the Military Academy appointed from the United States, to be paid out of the same appropriations: And provided further, That said Filipinos undergoing instruction on graduation shall be eligible only to commission in the Philippine Scouts. And the provisions of Section thirteen hundred and twenty-one, Revised Statutes, are modified in the case of

# GENTLEMEN FROM THE PHILIPPINES

by CLARENCE E. ENDY JR.

Filipinos undergoing instruction so as to require them to engage to serve eight years, unless sooner discharged, in the Philippine Scouts.

This authority has been continued since Philippine independence in 1946 and, through 1981, has resulted in the admission of 66 Filipinos. Although Congress expanded the authorization to well beyond the seven cadets requested by Taft, there was some opposition. One solon decried the admission on racial grounds and called it "a cheap bribe to the Filipinos and one of a series of efforts to break their loyalty to their own race and to the course of Philippine independence."

## Implementing the Legislation

On July 3, 1908 the Superintendent, USMA directed the Academic Board to prepare questions and instructions for an examination to be sent to the Philippines Commission so that a Filipino candidate could be designated for admission to the USMA with the class to enter on March 1, 1909 (the time had obviously passed for an admission with the class entering in 1908).

The examination papers were trans-

mitted to the Philippines on August 20, 1908, but were not received in the Philippines until about January 14, 1909. Transportation delays in administering the examinations to the candidates, returning the results to West Point, and notifying the successful candidate forced the first Filipino cadet to be directed to enter on March 1, 1910, with the Class of 1914. Having been through the cycle, subsequent examination schedules were adjusted to provide a successful candidate in time to enter subsequent classes.

## The First Filipino Cadet

Vicente Lim, born April 5, 1888 on the island of Luzon in the Philippines, son of a farmer who died when Vicente was nine years old, became the first Filipino to enter West Point. Lim entered the USMA on March 1, 1910 with the Class of 1914. He was nicknamed "Cannibal" by his classmates, a name which was to stay with him throughout his life. Despite some difficulty in English, Lim graduated on June 12, 1914, standing 77 out of 107. Manuel Quezon, Philippines' Resident Commissioner to the United States, journeyed to West Point from Washington, D.C. to at-

tend Lim's graduation. Upon Quezon's arrival he was met by the underclass Filipino cadets now at West Point. Quezon inquired as to the whereabouts of Lim. One of the Filipino cadets said that Lim was walking the area because "a professor said a derogatory remark concerning Asians and Lim defended us." Quezon replied, "Lim is impetuous, but he certainly did the right thing". (Unfortunately, evidence of derogatory attitudes toward Filipinos by USMA graduates during this period can be found in the published record of the "Banquet in Celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Founding of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.", Manila, 1902.)

Lim was appointed a second lieutenant in the Philippine Scouts and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel by 1935. While a student at the Army War College, Washington, D.C., in 1929, Lim wrote a treatise entitled, "The Philippine Islands—A Military Asset". In that treatise he outlined the pending war with Japan and the manner in which the Japanese would invade the Philippines, including the location of possible Japanese landings and the capture  
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Academic Building,  
Philippine  
Military Academy.



Senator Henry Algernon Du Pont

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# THE DU PONTS OF

by ROBERT M. STEGMAIER

**T**HE spark and fire of this distinguished Du Pont family were well demonstrated in the first battle experienced by Henry Algernon Du Pont, USMA Class of May 1861. In January 1864, as commanding officer of Light Battery B, 5th U.S. Artillery, he displayed these characteristics at New Market, in the valley of the Shenandoah. In that battle, Union troops, commanded by General Sigel, were completely outmaneuvered. A rout was in progress as Battery B arrived at the battlefield. As may be observed on Map 1, one bridge across the North Shenandoah, a definite bottleneck, provided the only means of escape for the blue-clad troops. If Confederate artillery approached far enough, its shot and shell would make passage across the bridge impossible. At this juncture, Du Pont drove his battery to the front and, without infantry support, took up fire positions. To Du Pont it was apparent he had to risk capture of some of his guns in order to protect the retreat. One platoon (two guns) was placed out in front of the rapidly retiring infantrymen and instantly opened fire. Two more guns were positioned 600 yards back and the remaining two a similar distance to the rear. As the Confederates threatened each location, the guns were leapfrogged to the rear and set up until the bridge was reached. Du Pont, the last to cross the bridge, tore up and set fire to the planking as he retired. Let B.A. Colonna, Cadet Captain "D" Company, Virginia Military Institute, a Confederate participant in the battle, describe the result: "We certainly expected at that time to capture a considerable portion of Sigel's army, for it was completely dispirited by bad management and making little or no resistance. . . . Suddenly, we saw guns unlimber . . . and in an instant they began firing furiously. The service of these guns reminded me of the drill of our Cadet Battery—it was different from and very superior to the ordinary. The smoke from a few rounds added so much to the obscurity occasioned by the haze and hung so

low that in a minute or so we could no longer see what was occurring on the pike, and our men in front halted until those in the rear came up. Perhaps it was ten to fifteen or maybe twenty minutes before our line was in condition to advance again. Just then the firing ceased, the smoke rolled away, and there were those two guns getting away to northward in the vicinity of the private road, and the rear of Sigel's army had been saved by the superior management, valor, dash and drill of what I now know as Light Battery B, 5th U.S. Artillery (Regulars)."

In his own account of this battle Du Pont says: ". . . I had to depend upon myself, and did not receive a single order, either directly or indirectly, from any military superior!"

For his outstanding performance in saving Sigel's army, Du Pont was brevetted captain. Major General David Hunter '22, replacing Sigel, published the following Special Order 103, Headquarters of the Department of West Virginia: ". . . the whole artillery of his command will report direct to the chief of artillery of the staff of the major-general commanding, and will hereafter be independent of brigade and division organizations." By General Order 31 of 24 May 1864 Du Pont was made Chief of Artillery with four batteries under his control. Quite a tribute and advancement for a first lieutenant after his first battle.

The Du Ponts came from a distinguished French line (Illustration 1). In 1784, the great-grandfather, Pierre Samuel Du Pont, was Inspector General of Commerce in the cabinet of King Louis XVI of France. In addition to his service in the cabinet, he was a member of seven Academies, an Honor Councillor of the King and the Republic of Poland in the Council of National Education, Councillor Intime des Legations to his Serene Highness the reigning Margrave of Baden, and a Chevalier of the Royal Swedish Order of Vada. Within the year he was also elevated to the French nobility; the latter honor was in recogni-

tion of his services in helping to effect the Treaty of Paris, by which England had recognized the independence of the new United States and ended the American Revolutionary War.

Pierre Du Pont lived by a code and in September 1784 passed it to his son, Eleuthere Irenee, age 14, (Illustration 2) and in response received this reply: "My father, I promise it to God, to my country, to mankind, to the memory of my mother, and to you." In response, the father in part prophetically stated: "May each generation of your descendants strive unceasingly to make the next generation better than his own."

While in France, Eleuthere Irenee became closely associated with Lavoisier, the chief of the government gunpowder works. For four years he worked as first assistant to the brilliant scientist. However, in 1791 his way of life was changed by the French Revolution. In this upheaval both the Du Ponts escaped massacre by the King's bodyguard as the mob sacked the Tuileries. Lavoisier was guillotined. Pierre Samuel Du Pont, finally caught and imprisoned, fortunately was later released as France became embroiled in the Revolution. Conditions in France were chaotic with little hope of improvement. The two Du Ponts, discussing the future of France, decided to take their chances in America, "where liberty, safety, and independence really exist."

In America, Irenee, expert now in explosives production because of his association with Lavoisier in France, found American gunpowder to be of poor quality and expensive. He therefore established in the vicinity of Wilmington, Delaware, a small plant—the beginning of the great E.I. Du Pont de Nemours Company, manufacturer of explosives.

Loyalty to the adopted country became a company policy. For example in 1832, when an order was received for a large quantity of black powder from secession-minded South Carolina, Irenee wrote his agent the following letter: "We have duly

"Duty, Honor, Country"

reinforced by the inspirational

family "Code of Honor"

of the Du Ponts

# USMA HISTORY



Cadet Henry Algernon Du Pont

received your favor of yesterday transmitting an order from Mr. D.R. Holmes, of Charleston, South Carolina, for 120,000 pounds of cannon, musket, and rifle powder, to be paid cash and shipped by the 24th inst. at Philadelphia on board a vessel for Charleston. The destination of this

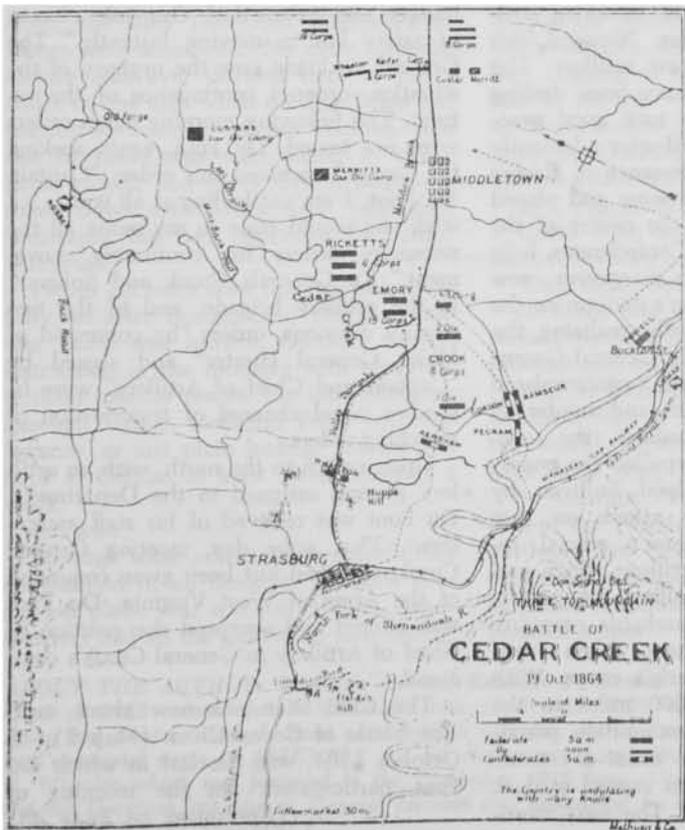
powder being obvious, we think it right to decline furnishing any part of the above order. When our friends in the South will want sporting powder for peaceful purposes we will be happy to serve them."

Henry, Irene's son, graduated from West Point in 1833. After service with the

artillery in the Creek War, he resigned his commission to take over as proprietor and director of the Du Pont Powder Mills. He served there until 1884. However, Henry Du Pont could not restrain his interest in things military. In 1846 he became Adjutant General of the State of Delaware.

Map 1: Du Pont's Battery B rushed to the front and stemmed the Confederate advance as Sigel's troops fled.

Map 2: Du Pont's artillery by holding position for a short period saved Sheridan's Army from complete defeat by General Early.



**Partial  
DU PONT LINEAGE**

**GREAT GRANDFATHER**  
**Pierre Samuel Du Pont de Nemours (d. 1817)**  
**French Inspector General of Commerce**

**GRANDFATHER**  
**Eleuthere Irenee Du Pont de Nemours (d. 1838)**  
**Founder E.I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co.**

**FATHER**  
**Henry Du Pont, 1812-1889**  
**USMA 1833; Adjutant General of Delaware**

**SON**  
**Henry Algernon Du Pont, 1838-1926**  
**USMA May 1861; U.S. Senator from Delaware;**  
**Congressional Medal of Honor Winner**

Illustration 1

**DU PONT CODE OF HONOR**

**Promise that you will never give way to anger and still less to hatred to such a degree that you will shed the blood of any man unless you are constrained by the most absolute necessity. But promise at the same time you will not allow yourself to be cowed by any danger when you are called upon to defend your country, or your wife, or your children, or your brother, or yourself, or any other human being who, in danger not deserved by his own wrong-doing, has need of your help.**

Illustration 2

As the Civil War loomed, Henry had his Union loyalty tested. The first test involved his company shipments of powder to the Confederates. Following company policy, to his agent in Virginia several days after the fall of Sumter, the General forwarded this note: "Presuming that Virginia will do her whole duty in this great emergency and will be loyal to the Union, we shall prepare the powder but with the understanding that should general expectation be disappointed and Virginia, by any misfortune, assume an attitude hostile to the United States, we shall be absolved from any obligation to furnish the order."

A second test of his Union loyalty was internal and state-wide. Sussex and Kent counties of Delaware voted for secession. In Wilmington at the Du Pont residence Union sentiment prevailed. On May 11, 1861, General Du Pont was made major general in charge of all Delaware militia. He ordered that every company be mustered into the U.S. service, that every man subscribe to the oath of allegiance to the Federal Government, and that all who declined taking the required oath be deprived of their arms. When the Governor of Delaware, alarmed at the outcry over his order, rescinded it, Du Pont called on General John A. Dix, Federal commander in Baltimore, for national troops. With their arrival, Delaware became and remained loyal to the Union.

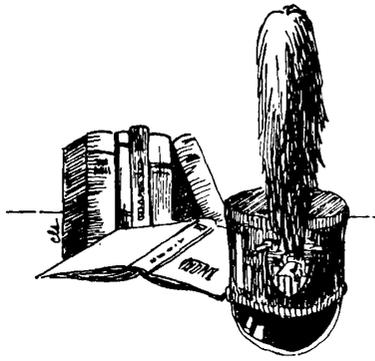
Henry Algernon Du Pont, eldest son of General Du Pont, who performed so well in saving Sigel's army in his first battle, continued to serve with distinction. A prime example of his superior performance follows. After New Market, Union General

Hunter, advancing down the Valley, struck strong resistance on 17 June 1864 near Lynchburg. Confederate General Jubal Early, USMA '37, with the regiment of General Stephen D. Ramseur, USMA '60, arrived from the Richmond area to protect the railroad passing through Lynchburg. General Hunter would not believe the presence of Early's troops. Du Pont, observing the accuracy of incoming artillery fire, reported to him: "General, this is the work of some new artillery. The people with whom we have been dealing could never have made such good practice." Despite this clue Hunter adamantly refused to accept the presence of Early's troops. Du Pont said no more and placed his 31 guns to protect the center of the defensive position. The Confederates, fully aware of their superior manpower, now attacked General Sullivan's division on the Union left. Hunter, finally realizing the enemy's strength, recalled General George A. Crook, USMA '52, from a contemplated flank attack on the right and reinforced Sullivan. In the meantime the concentrated artillery fire repelled the enemy in the center and helped Sullivan by enfilading the infantry attack on that flank. In General Hunter's official report he stated: "The artillery which materially assisted in repelling the attack, was served with remarkable rapidity and efficiency." Prisoners taken verified the presence of Early's corps. With his base camp about 200 miles to the north, with food and ammunition practically nil, Hunter had to order a retreat. The retrograde movement started at dark and continued all night. The next morn-

ing, as orders had not been issued to continue the movement, Du Pont accosted General Hunter with: "General, the enemy's skirmish line will be here at the very latest at a quarter past eight and it is necessary to realize that our men, knowing that they have but little ammunition and less food, won't stand for five minutes, so greatly are they demoralized by hunger and exhaustion. Our sole chance of safety lies in moving instantly." The General, realizing now the urgency of the situation, ordered continuance of the retreat. The following morning again orders were not issued. Du Pont, again seeking the General, received this order: "Captain Du Pont, I am not feeling at all well. . . I wish you would issue in my name all the necessary orders for continuing movement." To Generals Crook and Sullivan, to the artillery brigade, and to the two cavalry divisions, orders "by command of Major General Hunter" and signed by "Captain and Chief of Artillery" were issued—a novel channel of transmission of marching orders.

Upon return to the north, with an artillery general assigned to the Department, Du Pont was relieved of his staff assignment. That same day, meeting General Crook, who had just been given command of the Army of West Virginia, Du Pont was offered and accepted the position of Chief of Artillery in General Crook's command.

The Civil War was now about over. The battle of Cedar Creek (Map 2), 19 October 1864, was the last in which Du Pont participated. On the morning of  
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# ONLY IN KAYDET GRAY III

by KEN ZITZMAN

**AUTHOR'S NOTE:** The first two articles of this series drew suggestions from other grads for future items. I was delighted to add them to my own collection garnered during eight years at West Point as a cadet and two tours back on the faculty spanning the period 1928-1947. Inevitably, I've gathered some vignettes that are historically accurate, screamingly funny, and completely unsuitable for publication in ASSEMBLY. Anyone who sends me an item I can use in the future, and I especially welcome those later than 1947, will receive a personally autographed copy of "Only in Kaydet Gray—the Unprintables" in a plain brown wrapper.

## *Some Skins have Style*

WHEN I was a cadet, and I suspect it is the same today, there was nothing a cadet hated more than a skin, cadet slang for a "Deficiency Report." You were allowed nine demerits a month and when you could get five for a single skin, it wasn't easy to keep within the limit. After that was room con or a tour on the area for each demo in excess. If you accumulated too many, you lost Christmas leave.

Punishment tours on the area were walked Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, the only time that intercollegiate games were scheduled. No more exquisite torture was ever devised than to put a cadet on the area when the Big Team was playing at home in Michie Stadium. The rest of the Corps were there, it was a home crowd, and every time a huge roar rolled down over South Area, you knew something big had happened for Army. But what?

Plebes got more skins than anyone, naturally, so after Recognition, Yearling summer camp was heaven. Outdoor tactical instruction in the morning with every afternoon free for tennis, the inter-company baseball league, Delafield Pond with the femmes, or just plain loafing. Movies and hops at Cullum at least three evenings a week.

But wait.

Through some administrative snafu, the compilation of all demerits awarded during our plebe year was lost. USMA Headquarters had all the individual skin sheets;

12 companies for 346 days each, and there was only one practicable solution. Each cadet would go through 346 skin sheets of his company and record his own: date, offense, reporting officer and demerits awarded.

Rather than relive the anguish again, I considered pleading cruel and unusual punishment but I knew I would be skinned if I did.

But in going through those sheets in the C-D Co orderly tent in July 1929, I had to admit reluctantly that some skins had style.

Lieutenant Maxwell D. Taylor, who taught 1st Section French, was meticulously elegant. For one hour that day I kept tugging at the bottom of my dress coat so the gap wouldn't show. But when we took boards for dictée and I had to listen and write, my coat must have opened a little near the top.

As I was leaving the section room, the P called from his desk, "Monsieur Zitzman, remplacez ce bouton."

"Oui, mon lieutenant, à tout à l'heure."

He'll not skin me, I told myself as the section marched back to barracks. I maxed it today and my ad lib reply was perfect.

Alas, or I should say hélas. Next day's skinsheet had it in English so my goat tac would understand. "Button missing from dress coat, 1st hour French Class."

By contrast, Pop Goode was a real Bull of the Woods. A burly Irishman with outthrust jaw and beetling brows that made an eyeshade unnecessary in the brightest sunshine. But he had a puckish sense of humor.

"Mr. McConnell, (later 1st Captain and later still, Air Force Chief of Staff) you run the 120 highs, don't you?"

"Yes, Sir."

"Well see if you can hurdle these two demerits."

Or. "Mr. Jamison, you're captain of the wrestling team, get an armlock on that dress coat and remove the spots from the braid."

Arf, arf.

But the ultimate showman was Pete Newbie, a fine figure of an artilleryman who went about six feet one and 200 pounds from polished visor to gleaming Peel boots.

He stood on the poop deck of the Old South Barracks at a meal formation where two-thirds of the Corps formed up and saw some horseplay going on at the far end.

"Skin that man with stars on," he belated.

New yearling Jack Daley was wearing his stars for the first time and after getting his three demos, he took the stars off and never wore them again as a cadet. (Happy note. On his last uniform, Jack wore three stars.)

Everyone knows that if you hang a dress coat in a hermetically sealed vacuum, it will gather lint on its braid. One demo, as it was for lint anywhere else on your person. And if you didn't shave before marching to breakfast at 7:20 a.m., gambling that there wouldn't be one of the tac's surprise inspections, you were risking two demos.

Pete caught my roommate and turned in a classic. "Lint on beard on face."

Pete Newbie's ultimate skin may have been apocryphal because I was on Yearling furlough when it happened and I can't vouch for it, but it was common talk around the Corps when I got back. "Disgracing the Corps of Cadets before thousands of people; i.e., spots on crossbelts at evening parade."

But this little passage wouldn't be complete without note of a famous non-skin of yesteryear. Max Johnson, USMA '27, was teaching first section English before World War II when I was teaching Juice. Max later rose to major general after a

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# WOMEN

## ABSTRACT

**T**HIS study examines the problem "do women leave largely as a function of personal characteristics as opposed to external influences within the environment." A follow-up mail out survey was sent to all women of the Classes of 1980, 1981, and 1982 who resigned from West Point. The findings were interpreted in terms of two issues (1) a matter of better candidate selection and (2) implications for modifying aspects of the organization climate and training.

ing Office identified a number of factors relating to attrition at the five federal service academies (GAO FPCD-72-12). For example, the report found that the percentage of attrition which can be attributed to the Academy environment, as opposed to external factors or student characteristics, increases significantly over time.

The purpose of this paper is to examine: (1) the reasons why women have attrited from West Point, (2) the personal feelings or affect of women who have left, and (3) the personal adjustment women have made after their resignations.

to all women in the Classes of 1980, 1981 and 1982 who resigned. The total population was 110. Of that group 68 completed the answer sheets accurately and an additional 4 elected to return long personal letters in lieu of the answer sheets. There was also one personal letter response from a parent explaining the reasons for the daughter's resignation. Including the personal narrative responses 66% of the women contacted responded. In addition, 4 questionnaire packets were returned by the postal service because of change of address.

### Analyses.

The responses given by the former female cadets were analyzed to answer the following questions:

-The reasons they gave for leaving during exit interviews versus how they look back on the reasons now.

-How they felt personally about their former Academy experiences and their eventual decision to leave.

-How significant others have reacted to their decision to leave.

-What their current education and marital status are.

## INTRODUCTION

Like all institutions of higher learning, the United States Military Academy would like to minimize cadet attrition while maintaining high institutional standards. Previous research on attrition at West Point has found that the largest percentage of resignees leave because of motivational reasons. However, a number of organizational characteristics may contribute to a cadet's decision to leave (Butler, 1974). In 1976 a report by the General Account-

## METHOD

### Subjects.

The subjects in this study included all of the women who were ever formally admitted into West Point in the Classes of 1980, 1981 and 1982, who subsequently resigned. The incoming Class of 1983 was admitted during the conduct of the study, and they were not included in the sample.

### Procedure.

A follow-up mail out survey was sent

CHART I

STATEMENTS ABOUT PERSONAL AFFECT	
How do you feel now about your decision to leave?	
1. Made right choice	66%
2. Uncertain	20%
3. Made wrong choice	6%
4. Other (non-response)	8%
Looking back how do you feel about your experience at West Point?	
1. Favorable then and now	67.2%
2. Favorable then not now	1.5%
3. Unfavorable then favorable now	10.4%
4. Unfavorable then and now	11.9%
5. Other	9.0%
If asked would you recommend that other women apply for admission to West Point?	
1. Yes	68.7%
2. No	23.9%
3. Other	7.4%

CHART II

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEM (When you first had doubts about staying at West Point)	
Were you comfortable discussing these feelings with your TAC?	
1. Yes	38.8%
2. No	59.7%
3. Other	1.5%
Did you feel free to go to CCC to discuss your feelings with a counselor?	
1. Yes	35.8%
2. No	62.4%
If you were an upper class cadet with a sponsor did you feel free to discuss your feelings with your sponsor?	
1. Yes	9.0%
2. No	9.0%
3. Other (N/A)	82.0%
SUPPORT SYSTEM AFTER LEAVING	
How have relatives and friends accepted your decision to resign?	
1. Family supportive friends supportive	74.6%
2. Family supportive friends unsupportive	9.0%
3. Family unsupportive friends supportive	14.9%
4. Family unsupportive friends unsupportive	1.5%

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by MAJOR JEROME ADAMS

# AT WEST POINT

## Results.

In the first two items when cadets were asked "why you actually resigned" and "what was the reason you gave," differences were found. These discrepancies support the earlier suspicion that information obtained during the exit interview often may not accurately portray the true reasons why women resign.

Regarding personal feelings about their Academy experiences and their decision to leave, the majority of the women (67%) reported favorable feelings at departure and now. There were 12% who reported unfavorable feelings at departure and now. Also, 66% of the women reported that they felt that they made the right choice to leave. However, there were 19% who stated that they were uncertain as to whether resignation was the right choice. A majority of women 69% stated that if asked they would recommend that other women apply for admission to West Point. There were 24% who stated that they would not recommend that other women apply.

In the analysis of the importance of support from significant others to the decision

to leave, 99% stated that they found support from either the family or from friends after they left. However, the women were also asked questions about support they could obtain from people within West Point prior to leaving. The majority of the former female cadets report that they did not feel comfortable to discuss their doubts about staying at West Point with the Tactical Officer or with members of the Cadet Counseling Center.

In response to the present education status 73% stated that they were full time students in college. Also, 85% of the women reported that they were still single.

## DISCUSSION

The results reported in this study indicate that women provide some answers during exit interviews which differ when asked months or years later to reflect on those same choices. These data also show that there are many factors which influence a female cadet's decision to resign. This confirms the position stated earlier that forces other than commitment do affect commitment choice.

The finding that the majority of women who resigned have positive personal feelings about their academy experiences and that they were able to obtain some favorable support from either family or friends is encouraging. This is the first systematic feedback which West Point officials have received regarding the positive feelings women have about the arduous and demanding experience of Academy life. It is also encouraging to note that most women, if asked, would recommend that other women seek admission.

The finding that the women were uncomfortable to discuss feelings to resign with officials in the formal support system is not new. Often cadets, especially new cadets, view their TAC's in antithetical roles, one as a counselor, the other as a disciplinarian. There are also stereotypes within the Corps of Cadets that suggest a person is weak if it is known that the cadet wants to go to the Counselling Center to discuss a problem. Such labeling may contribute to the reluctance of the women to freely go to the Counselling Center to discuss doubts about organization. (Continued on Page 44)

CHART III

PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE	
Did your physical performance influence your decision to leave?	
1. Yes	20.9%
2. No	77.6%
3. Other	1.5%
Do you believe that there is too much emphasis on physical training and development at West Point?	
1. Yes	14.9%
2. No	85.1%
In your opinion was your physical performance a major criterion for acceptance by male cadets?	
1. Yes	64.2%
2. No	35.8%

CHART IV

PERSONAL ADJUSTMENT	
What is your present education status?	
1. Full-time student	73.1%
2. Part-time student	6.0%
3. Working full-time	20.9%
What is your present marital status?	
1. Single	85.1%
2. Married	14.9%
3. Separated	0
4. Divorced	0
Do you want a copy of the results?	
1. Yes	94.0%
2. No	6.0%



Thomas E. Griess

# GRIESS RETIRES ... FLINT NEW HEAD OF HISTORY DEPARTMENT, USMA



Roy K. Flint

**G**ENERAL Thomas E. Griess, Professor and Head of the Department of History and the last member of the Class of January 1943 on active duty, retired on 31 August 1981. At the end of his more than 38 years of service in the Regular Army, of which some 21 years involved duty at the Military Academy, he was placed on the U.S. Army retired list in the grade of brigadier general.

General Griess was born 25 April 1921 in Sutton, Nebraska. Commissioned in the Corps of Engineers in January 1943, he went on to a series of command and staff assignments which included service in World War II (Pacific theater) and the Korean War. General Griess obtained a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois in 1948 and taught an Engineering ROTC curriculum at the University of California, Berkeley, from 1949 to 1952. Following attendance at Command & General Staff College in 1956, General Griess returned to West Point for the first time to serve four years as an instructor and associate professor in the Department of Military Art and Engineering. A two-year tour as an Engineer Construction Battalion commander ended in 1962, after which he served a year on the SHAPE staff. Returning to West Point in 1963, General Griess served for five years as Professor of Military Art and Engineering. During

this time he earned his PhD in History from Duke University.

When the academic departments were reorganized in 1969, General Griess became the head of the newly created Department of History. In the years since, he has occupied a prominent position at the forefront of curricular development and academic reform. Always an innovator, General Griess wrote, taught, and revised his own elective course on "War and Its Philosophers," guided the development of all of the Department's course offerings, and watchfully oversaw the annual teaching cycle. His penchant for experimentation led him to reform curricular design and departmental organization. He created the elective topics format, instituted the colloquium course and other advanced learning experiences for history concentrators, and introduced the first civilian visiting professor to the Military Academy. Under the direction of General Griess the Department of history grew in the breadth, depth, and sophistication of its course offering until today the history curriculum is on a par with those of other highly regarded undergraduate institutions and, in the narrower field of military history, far superior to any other curriculum in the world.

Superiority in teaching military history is the direct result of General Griess' most important contribution, the creation of a new two-term course on the "History of the Military Art." Born conceptually in the mid-1950's, the design of the new course reflects his historical insights and personal appreciation of the broad sweep of history. To guide cadets through the unfolding history of their profession, he designed a series of ten textbooks and supporting atlases and supplementary material that is unique in the academic world. Over the past ten years he served as editor, manager, advisor, teacher, and expeditor to a stream of instructor-authors who performed the basic researching and writing. Completed now, the "History of

the Military Art" is a capstone professional course for all graduates of USMA and General Griess' supreme achievement.

Perhaps General Griess' most enduring contribution to the Military Academy, however, was his direction and development of the history faculty. He left his mark on generations of instructors, imbuing them with his own high standards and commitment to the intellectual and professional development of the Corps of Cadets.

Another of General Griess' lasting accomplishments was his overall supervision of the Military Academy's celebration of the Bicentennial, culminating in the opening of a refurbished Fort Putnam and presentation of the highly acclaimed Symposium on the American Revolutionary War and its published proceedings in the spring of 1976. Equally enduring was his work as chairman of the Department of the Army *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Army Need for the Study of Military History. The resulting multi-volume report pointed the way to improvements in the Army's school system and the ROTC pre-commissioning program.

General Griess' commitment to academic excellence earned him membership on a number of important faculty and army-wide committees where his wisdom and in-depth knowledge of the Army, education, and military history provided invaluable insights into the West Point experience. Among the numerous committees on which he once served, most notable are: the Academic Board; the National Security and Public Affairs Committee; the Athletic Committee; the Superintendent's Intercollegiate Athletic Special Working Group; the Museum, Historical, and Memorialization Committee; the West Point Fund Council; the West Point Study Group; and the Army Advisory Council on Military History.

General Griess made a major contribution to curricular reform at the United States Military Academy. At a time of  
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BG Joseph Franklin

# THE COM REPORTS...

**A**CADEMIC Year 1981-1982 is underway with all of the momentum characteristic of academic years. We have heard before that old military saw about momentum and a moving train. I can safely say that in my third year as Commandant, I've learned not to stand in the middle of the track in order to find out from whence cometh the train. This edition of the Com Reports is "a patchwork of poop" from my vantage point close by the tracks.

As it has in so many previous years, the Corps of Cadets is led this year by a fine group of young people; I thought you might be interested in their names. The First Captain and Brigade Commander is John Nicholson, the son of Mrs. S. Watts of Baltimore, Maryland, and BG John W. Nicholson, the ADC of the 7th Infantry Division (USMA '56). His Deputy is Thomas Kastner, the son of Mrs. Patricia Kastner from Annandale, Virginia, and

late BG Joseph Kastner (OCS, '55). The Brigade Executive Officer, is Bret Comolli the son of Mr. Max Comolli, of Easton, PA. The Brigade Adjutant is James Zemet, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Zemet of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Brigade Operations Officer is a familiar name, Robert "Abe" Abrams, the son of Mrs. Julia Abrams from Falls Church, Virginia, and the late General Creighton Abrams (USMA '36). Mike Goodwin is the Brigade Supply Officer and the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Goodwin of Pittsford, New York. The Brigade Activities Officer is Mike Hogan, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Winford Hogan of Clyde, Texas. Mike is also president of the Class of 1982. His brother, Mark, was president of the Class of 1981 and he, too, was the Activities Officer in his First Class Year. Jeff Poulin is the Brigade Athletic Officer, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Poulin of Newtown, Con-

necticut. The Brigade Command Sergeant Major is Archie Davis, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Archie L. Davis, Jr. of Memphis, Tennessee. The First Regimental Commander is Jim Murtagh, the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Murtagh of Troy, N.Y. The Second Regimental Commander is Bob Scurlock, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Scurlock, Sr. of Charlotte, N.C. The Third Regimental Commander is John Garrison, the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Garrison of Longwood, Florida. The Fourth Regimental Commander is Brian O'Leary, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward O'Leary of Hopkinton, Massachusetts. Chuck Gorbandt is the Honor Captain and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jones from Rome, Georgia.

On 25 and 26 September, the First Captain, Honor Captain, the four Regimental Commanders and the Class President (Mike Hogan) participated with  
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# news from the SOCIETIES

## NEW AOG PROGRAM SUPPORTS USMA ADMISSIONS

The Association of Graduates' Admissions Committee, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, has initiated a new program to improve support of the USMA admissions effort by the AOG and West Point graduates.

The Admissions Committee, under the chairmanship of Denis Mullane, '52, President of Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, has the mission of recommending to the Board of Trustees AOG policy for support of the USMA admission program and developing, recommending, and executing programs in support of approved policy.

Membership of the Admissions Committee for 1981-1982 includes Buck Abell, '56; Joe Anderson, '65; Dennis Coll, '65; Dick Gallagher, '63; Lee Gray, '53; Joe Kingston, '49; Tom McNeil, '45; Jim Nicholson, '61; and Bill Willoughby, '60. Morris Herbert, '50 of the AOG staff is the Committee secretary, and Colonel Manley Rogers, '50, USMA Director of Admissions, serves as advisor to the Admissions Committee. Committee members serve a three year term, and may be reappointed.

Working closely with the USMA Admissions office, the Committee has been searching for ways in which graduates can provide more positive support and assis-

stance to the Admissions Field Force programs at the local level.

The new program will emphasize the strength of West Point Societies around the country to improve the ties between our graduates and the USMA admissions effort. In speaking to the Board of Trustees, the Admissions Committee Chairman, Mullane, said, "We believe that the Admissions Committee can serve as a catalyst in helping the West Point Societies to become more active in assisting the admissions program at West Point."

At least one member of the Admissions Committee lives in each of the seven geographic Admissions Areas in the United States. Under the new program, Admissions Committee members will personally contact society officers to request their help and explain how the West Point Society can improve support of the Admissions program.

Responses to a recent AOG questionnaire sent to all societies indicates that most West Point Societies are enthusiastic in their desire to do more for West Point; and many societies are currently active in admissions and other programs for the Military Academy. There are, however, some societies that are now mainly social organizations. They will be urged to do more to help recruit outstanding young people for West Point. The Admissions Committee believes that working through the established organizational structure of

the independent West Point Societies will be the best way to add a "margin of excellence" to the already viable admissions recruiting program.

The new Admissions Committee program is built around three specific initiatives. First, the Admissions Committee will urge West Point Societies to support USMA admissions by taking a number of positive actions. These include voting the corporate support of the society to the Admissions Field Force in their area. Societies will also be asked to pledge funds for local support of admissions programs recommended by the Admissions Field Force Area Coordinator. These funds do not have to be large—a pledge of \$50 to \$100 can be important to the local admissions program.

Considered to be key to success can be the appointment, by the society, of an individual to act as the Admissions Program Contact/Coordinator. This society member can serve as a focal point for society members who desire to participate in admissions support activities. In the same vein, the societies will also be asked to strongly encourage their membership to become involved in the grass roots work of the admissions effort under the direction of the local Admissions Area Coordinator or the Regional Coordinator. These admissions professionals, trained by the USMA Admissions office, are ready with guidance and assistance to our graduates who are anxious to help but don't know what is required or needed.

Finally, the societies will be encouraged to invite all Admissions Liaison Officers and Admissions Participants in their local area to join the society.

As the second major point in the new program, the Admissions Committee will be active in publicizing the message of success in the admissions program by graduates, societies, and other Admissions Participants through articles, word of mouth, and committee reports. In his remarks to the Board of Trustees at the Homecoming meeting, Mullane emphasized that the admissions program does not need "fixing". However, in the next few years, as we enter a period of declining numbers of college-bound high school seniors and increasing competition from the best schools for top quality young people, it behooves the Association of Graduates to do everything in its power to help our admissions program find and recruit these outstanding high school seniors.

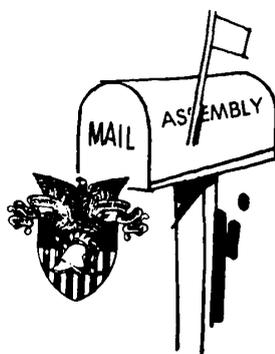
The third initiative in the program will be an effort by the Admissions Committee to assist USMA Admissions by encouraging graduates—and societies—to work in a sustained manner in support of Admissions. The Committee will also identify those Admissions Participants in the Field Force who are worthy of receiving special recognition for their performance, and the Admissions Committee will also attempt to identify those participants who are not performing effectively. This identification

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COL Jack Pollin '44 presents plaque to Denis Mullane '52 for his outstanding work with the Admissions Field Force.



# 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.

## Let Duty Be Well Performed . . .

In recent years a number of Military Academy classes, including 1929, have sought without success to memorialize certain of their deceased members at West Point as part of class gift projects. The reason stated by the authorities for disapproving the proposals is that "for a number of years it has been policy and practice not to list names of deceased graduates on attribution plaques anywhere at the Military Academy." This appears inconsistent with the Academy Regulation which provides that "deceased persons considered appropriate for memorialization at the Military Academy and in whose memory complete facilities or items have been donated to the Academy, may be memorialized by an appropriate bronze recognition plaque affixed to the building or item . . ."

We are told also that Cullum Hall "has been the primary place at West Point where the deceased are memorialized." Perhaps the time indeed has come for a review of the policies governing memorialization of deceased graduates at West Point. It does not detract from the special reverence with which we regard the venerable landmark to acknowledge that the passage of time has had an effect upon Cullum's role. We might note that the availability of suitable space for the display of memorial tablets is not unlimited. Consequently, plaques pertaining to later classes may have to be shown in less desirable locations. Rather more important than this physical limitation, however, is the effect of the evolution of the conduct of warfare upon criteria for memorialization in Cullum Hall.

In General Cullum's day it was the rule rather than the exception for nations to sever diplomatic relations and to declare war before commencing hostilities. It was logical, therefore, to restrict memorialization in Cullum Hall to those graduates who had been killed in action or died of wounds in wartime. Since the conclusion of World War I, however, the distinction between peace and wartime has not been obvious. It should suffice to reflect upon

the casualties sustained by our forces in the unsuccessful effort to retrieve the hostages from Iran in April, 1980. How would current Cullum criteria apply? Perhaps the requirement that a state of war exist as a prerequisite for memorialization is no longer valid.

Following the 50th Reunion of our class our President appointed a committee to propose criteria for memorializing deceased classmates in our class gift, the 1929 Gallery of Eisenhower Hall, and to identify the individuals to be included in the memorial. During the next eighteen months the surviving members of the class were canvassed thoroughly to obtain their views in these matters. Some 83% of the class responded to the committee's inquiry. Of these 86% voted to adopt the criterion developed by the committee: CLASSMATES WHO, WHILE ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES, LOST THEIR LIVES AS A CONSEQUENCE OF PERFORMING ASSIGNED MISSIONS. Note that the expression "line of duty" was avoided. It was felt that this term is insufficiently restrictive. Twenty-nine names, including ten already memorialized in Cullum, were proposed.

Our formula would permit long overdue recognition of those who died while actually doing their jobs whether or not the circumstances of their deaths permit the inclusion of their names on a plaque in Cullum Hall. Thus it would be possible to honor a classmate who is designated in the REGISTER OF GRADUATES as the "first US Officer victim act of war WW2." Captain Losey, on duty as Air Attaché in Oslo, Norway, in April, 1940, was killed by a German bomb during the attack on that city while he was carrying out his assignment to move United States citizens to a place of safety. Since the United States was not at war with Germany at the time, Losey is not qualified for memorialization in Cullum.

Acceptance of the proposed criterion would resolve the invidious situation of the prisoners of war who died while in the hands of their captors. The Class of 1929 has six members in this category; only

two, however, are included on a plaque in Cullum. These were killed by the enemy while the others' deaths are attributed to unknown causes or to natural causes such as pneumonia or colitis, the latter being a euphemism for starvation. The distinction in treatment of these casualties is ascribed to changing regulations issued by the military services to classify deaths of service members. We are advised that "During World War II and the Korean Conflict, those killed in action were classified differently from those who died of sickness while in the hands of the enemy. Subsequent to the Korean Conflict, the regulations were changed so that no such distinction was made."

The writer submits the foregoing message for the information of all ASSEMBLY readers with the earnest hope that the authorities will without delay undertake a thorough review of memorialization policies and practices at the Military Academy, with a view to permitting compliance with the requests of numerous classes for the recognition of certain members.

Implicit throughout this discussion has been the desire to contribute to the enhancement of the concept of Duty, the first of the ideals expressed in the Academy's motto. As we look about in this late twentieth century, few will question the indispensability of keeping West Point in its position as the bulwark of these ideals.

—John D. F. Phillips '29.

## Class Rings

Class rings have always been something special to West Pointers. When I was a young second lieutenant I heard of a grad who had part of his left arm severed by a shell burst in World War I. He applied a makeshift tourniquet himself and the combat medics reached him soon so his life was in no real danger but before they carted him off, he insisted that they recover his ring, which they did.

Playing golf at Fort McKinley in the Philippines in 1935, I heard about a grad who lost his ring and got it back five years later. Some duffer found it in a sand trap  
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# TREASURER'S REPORT

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

### STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES — OPERATING FUND

Year Ended March 31, 1981  
(With Comparative Totals for 1980)

We have examined the balance sheet of The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy as of March 31, 1981, and the related statements of revenue and expenses—operating fund, revenue and expenses—restricted funds and of changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements identified above present fairly the financial position at March 31, 1981 and the results of operations and the changes in fund balances for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1, which basis has been applied in a consistent manner.

*Maia Handman*

Certified Public Accountants

June 26, 1981

	1981	1980
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Dues and membership -----	\$ 14,631	\$ 13,891
Contributions -----	6,135	9,860
Investment income -----	395,384	348,629
Reimbursements — alumni services ----	42,100	35,796
Sales — gift shop -----	193,112	189,841
<b>Publications:</b>		
Subscriptions -----	250,005	197,709
Advertising -----	9,200	10,600
Travel program -----	5,633	4,713
Miscellaneous -----	3,501	769
	919,701	811,808
<b>Expenses:</b>		
<b>General and administrative:</b>		
Personnel -----	\$103,057	\$156,886
Awards and grants -----	4,904	2,707
Investment management -----	13,366	12,283
Alumni services — reimbursable ----	28,792	31,145
Other -----	40,492	50,319
	190,611	253,340
<b>Publications</b>		
Personnel -----	77,196	74,792
Manufacture and distribution -----	191,252	160,444
Other -----	26,142	15,229
	294,590	250,465
<b>Alumni records, information and services:</b>		
Personnel -----	79,988	
Other -----	16,342	96,330
	96,330	
<b>Gift shop:</b>		
Personnel -----	36,765	40,270
Cost of goods sold -----	114,393	122,515
Other -----	16,104	16,744
	167,262	179,529
<b>Development:</b>		
Personnel -----	77,084	60,549
Other -----	43,129	40,702
	120,213	101,251
Travel program -----	1,839	4,924
Miscellaneous -----	4,455	3,633
	875,300	793,142
<b>Excess of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>\$ 44,401</b>	<b>\$ 18,666</b>

### BALANCE SHEET

March 31, 1981

(With Comparative Totals for 1980)

	1981				1980
	Operating Fund	Equipment Fund	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Total All Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash -----	\$ 17,764	\$ 4,216	\$ 285,810	\$ 307,790	\$ 203,218
Accounts receivable -----	6,968			6,968	6,312
Securities receivable -----					1,200,440
Inventories -----	130,059			130,059	134,367
Marketable securities (market value: 1981, \$10,646,605; 1980, \$7,840,179) -----	467,002	128,513	9,070,300	9,665,815	7,883,593
Other investments -----	201		69,380	69,581	68,853
Equipment, less accumulated depreciation (1981, \$53,837; 1980, \$52,277) -----		24,391		24,391	20,206
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$621,994</b>	<b>\$157,120</b>	<b>\$9,425,490</b>	<b>\$10,204,604</b>	<b>\$9,516,989</b>

### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Accrued liabilities -----	\$ 806		\$ 14,674	\$ 15,480	\$ 16,977
Deferred compensation -----	168,212			168,212	122,154
Fund balances -----	452,976	\$157,120	9,410,816	10,020,912	9,377,858
	<b>\$621,994</b>	<b>\$157,120</b>	<b>\$9,425,490</b>	<b>\$10,204,604</b>	<b>\$9,516,989</b>

### STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES — RESTRICTED FUNDS

Year Ended March 31, 1981

(With Comparative Totals for 1980)

	1981				1980
	Restricted by Board	Restricted by Donor	Restricted by Agreement	Total	Total
<b>Revenue:</b>					
Contributions -----	\$ 2,396	\$ 60,749	\$ 880,282	\$ 943,427	\$ 657,923
Bequests -----	12,378		10,000	22,378	37,700
Grants -----			27,887	27,887	2,156,722
Royalties -----			44,375	44,375	
Investment income -----	135,233	25,601	322,404	483,238	441,452
Other -----	2,107	3,379	6,416	11,902	1,815
	152,114	89,729	1,291,364	1,533,207	3,295,612
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Awards, grants and contributions -----	97	1,625	930,075	931,797	616,093
Administrative -----	1,611	2,980	4,508	9,099	8,898
Revaluation of copyright -----					37,710
Other -----	1,894		1,753	3,647	
	3,602	4,605	936,336	944,543	662,701
<b>Excess of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>\$148,512</b>	<b>\$85,124</b>	<b>\$355,028</b>	<b>\$588,664</b>	<b>\$2,632,911</b>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
Year Ended March 31, 1981

	1981						Total All Funds
	Operating Fund	Equipment Fund	Restricted by Board	Restricted by Donor	Restricted by Agreement	Total Restricted Funds	
Revenues .....	\$919,701	\$ 12,566	\$ 152,114	\$ 89,729	\$ 1,291,364	\$ 1,533,207	\$ 2,465,474
Expenses .....	875,300	2,577	3,602	4,605	936,336	944,543	1,822,420
Excess of revenues over expenses .....	44,401	9,989	148,512	85,124	355,028	588,664	643,054
Fund transfers:							
Operating surplus .....	(125,007)	35,000	45,000		45,007	90,007	
Reimbursement for services ..	125,864			(15,135)	(110,729)	(125,864)	
	45,258	44,989	193,512	69,989	289,306	552,807	643,054
Fund balance at beginning of year .....	407,718	112,131	4,582,545	179,881	4,095,583	8,858,009	9,377,858
Fund balance at end of year .....	<u>\$452,976</u>	<u>\$157,120</u>	<u>\$4,776,057</u>	<u>\$249,870</u>	<u>\$4,384,889</u>	<u>\$9,410,816</u>	<u>\$10,020,912</u>

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

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

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

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

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

**2—Property and Equipment**

The following presents the amount of property and equipment of the Association at March 31, 1981:

Property and equipment .....	\$78,228
Less accumulated depreciation .....	53,837
	<u>\$24,391</u>

Depreciation charged to operations for the year amounted to \$2,762.

**3—Deferred Compensation**

The Association has entered into contracts with its chief executive officers whereby it will set aside a specified amount to be paid upon the officers' retirement. Total charges to operations for the year amounted to \$29,435.

**4—Pension Plan**

The Association has a non-contributory pension plan covering all employees with more than one year of service. All past service costs are fully amortized and no contributions to the plan have been made during the year ended March 31, 1981.

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Eight Mediterranean ports of call will be visited on the popular Gala Mediterranean 15-day air/sea cruise itinerary, highlighted by overnight stays in Lisbon, the French Riviera, and Athens.

Although air/sea passengers board the ship at Lisbon, Portugal, their Royal Cruise Line vacation actually begins the moment they board their international flight. Every detail, including the handling of their in-flight seating, transfers between the airport and the ship, and delivery of luggage to their shipboard stateroom is taken care of by Royal Cruise Line and its escorts.

Passengers will begin their shipboard stay with two nights and a full day in Lisbon, the elegant capital of Portugal and one of the largest ports in all of Europe. Sailing from Lisbon on 1 September the "Golden Odyssey" will call at The Port of Malaga, or Spain's Costa del Sol;

at Palma de Mallorca in the sun-kissed Balearic Islands, at Nice or nearby Villefranche or the French Riviera; at Livorno, Italy, for trips to Pisa and Florence; at The "Isle of Capri"; off the coast north of Naples; at Heraklion on Crete; and finally on 11 September at the ship's home port of Piraeus, for a full day and overnight stay in Athens before departing by air for the United States on the evening of 12 September.

Roundtrip air/sea packages from New York begin at \$2,638 per person, double occupancy. Prices from other major United States cities are available upon request.

A two-night London theatre tour, pre or post cruise is also offered in conjunction with the Gala Mediterranean Cruise. The package includes two nights' accommodations at the elegant Park Lane Hotel, located in the heart of London, an evening at the London Theatre and a London city sightseeing excursion. Rates for the London Theatre stopover are \$269 per person, double occupancy.

For additional information on this program, contact the office of the Association of Graduates and watch for the full-color brochure to be mailed in January, 1982.

The luxurious m.s. **Golden Odyssey** will be our "floating hotel" for our 15-day cruise of the Mediterranean. Here we see her in a picturesque Mediterranean setting.



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# down the field...

by WILLIAM L. HICKLIN, PAO, USMA

## LETTER FROM DIRECTOR OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS:

"I look forward to this opportunity to reach you on some sort of a regular basis with an Athletic Director's message.

"As you are probably aware, Colonel Leonard "Deadeye" Henry has recently been appointed by the President of the Association of Graduates to serve as liaison between the Association of Graduates and the AAA. I am delighted to have this tie with Colonel Henry and we are in close and good communication. He is being welcomed to meetings of the Athletic Committee, and has expressed every interest and intention of assisting wherever his services or those of the Association of Graduates are needed. We are deeply grateful for this line of communication and evidence of support.

"There has been a good bit of conjecture concerning the date of the Army-Navy football game. We have agonized on this date only because of our firm institutional commitment that national television for that game is an important benefit to all of our programs and to lose it would be a severe blow to both academies. Conjecture and question on date was caused due to

projected conflicts in the eyes of the American Broadcasting Company. They have been anxious to televise the game but have felt many other pressures. We look forward to a packed house and strong national television ratings. We also look optimistically toward an Army win.

"Another item of public notice has been the controversy between the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the College Football Association (CFA). The Military Academy is a member of both organizations but we have been supportive of the NCAA stand in the matter of college football television. There is a special convention of the NCAA early in December when we hope the reorganization of that association will respond to some of the CFA's positions with regard to self-determination of like member institutions. We support that reorganization and feel that this convention will defuse what is right now a very difficult and incendiary situation.

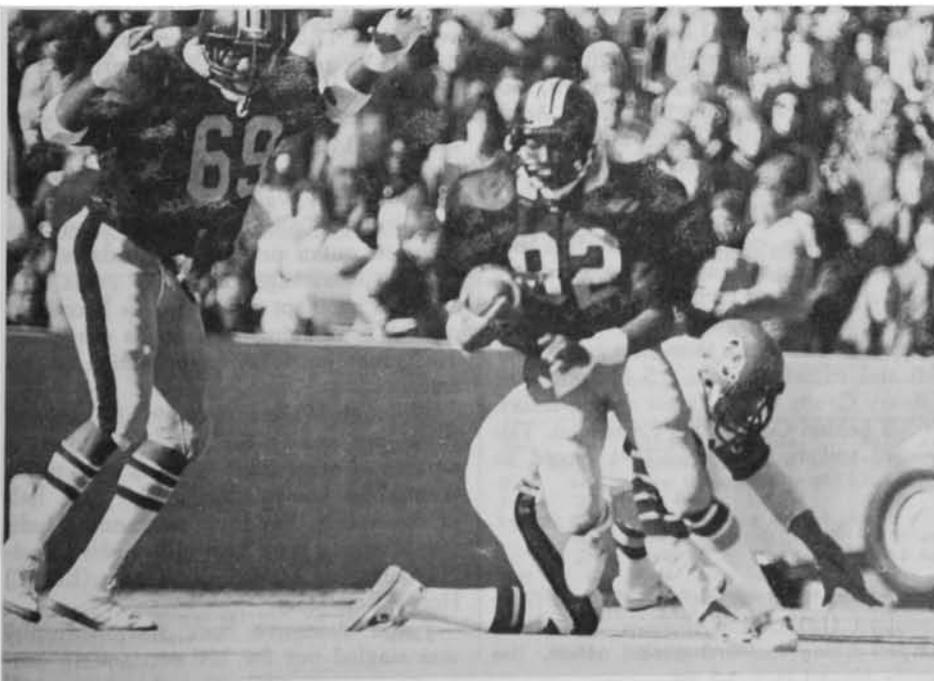
"The incident with regard to the Princeton Band was blown way out of proportion in the media. It is a privilege, not a right, for ANY group to

come to Michie Stadium (or any other stadium) to perform. All evidence indicated this group did not merit such a privilege, and I simply informed the University that with a ticket they could enter the stadium, but they would not be allowed on the field. Bad taste, poor manners, and derision of our people and what we stand for just won't be tolerated—not where we can control it!

"I am pleased to report that, thanks in great measure to the stable, expert and patiently guiding hand of LTC Allan Graham, Associate Athletic Director for Business Management, our financial situation appears to be on a stable course.

"Our fall sports appear to be in good shape. As usual, 150-lb. football is running along at a championship clip, our soccer team has had a number of ties but appears to be promising and improving, our two cross country teams are strong with special encouraging improvement in our men's team. Our women's volleyball team has improved from a year ago and, all in all, we are pleased with the close to .700 clip at which our teams are now performing.

"Our record in Army football is not



Army's flanker Larry Pruitt (82) avoids Princeton tackler at Homecoming clash. Looking for someone to block is defensive tackle Kevin Dobson (69). Army went on to score a 34-0 victory.

what we had expected at this stage of the game. We played a strong game against now #9 ranked Missouri, fell on our face with VMI and Rutgers, but will continue to come back strong. Ed Cavanaugh is a man of great integrity and fine leadership ability. I believe he is the right man in the right place to bring Army football back to the level of competence and respectability that we all crave so deeply.

"To those of you who are assisting us by furnishing names of prospects or by joining the Army "A" Club or the AAA, many thanks for your support. We continue to need your support both morally and overtly. Colonel Jack Woodruff, our Assistant Athletic Director for Admissions Coordination, will be responsive to any referrals you might give him from the standpoint of a young man or woman who can contribute to our athletic program and who also can be a good citizen as a cadet and a good student in the classroom.

"We are hopeful that if you have not already done so that you might consider joining the Army "A" Club and/or the AAA. Should you elect not to do either, we look for your continued moral and spiritual support. We continue to promise you a full commitment toward an Army athletic program and, in particular right now, an Army football program of which you can be justly proud.

"Best wishes from West Point.

—CARL ULLRICH"



**I**N 1980 the Army football team, under coach Ed Cavanaugh, compiled a 3-7-1 record. With four games remaining in the 1981 season, the Black Knights have already equalled last year's output in victories, and could improve their overall performance of last year. The cadets are currently 3-4, with Air Force, Holy Cross, Pittsburgh and the traditional Army-Navy clash remaining to play.

In other Corps squad sports, the Army 150-lb. football team, under the guidance of new Head Coach Larry Henly, are in the thick of the Eastern League Lightweight Conference with a 3-1 record, second only to Navy, with a 4-0 record. Army booters are bouncing back after a frustrating start this fall. Coach Dick Edell's squad trimmed RPI 1-0 and upset Colgate 2-0 in recent outings to up their mark to 4-3-4. In cross country, Coach Ron Bazil's harriers are off and running, currently posting a 7-2 norm, while the women, behind Coach Craig Sherman are 8-0. The Army women's tennis team trimmed Vassar 7-0 and edged St. John's 5-4 recently at Library Courts to raise their season record to 5-2 behind Coach Pete Castellano. The women spikers have a 22-18-1 record so far.

Army booters Randy Richey (19) and Gary Langford (14) double team a Seton Hall player during the first period action. The teams played to a 2-2 tie.

#### Football

Army football has had its ups—wins over Brown 23-17, Harvard 27-13 and a 34-0 Homecoming victory over Princeton; and downs—defeats 24-10 by Missouri, 17-0 by Rutgers, 14-7 by VMI, and a 41-6 rout by Boston College. However, players have been recognized for outstanding play.

Prior to the Boston College outing, Army flanker Larry Pruitt was ranked second among the nation's best in punt returns. He had 11 returns for 193 yards for an average of 17.5 yards per return. Against Brown, he returned one 57 yards for a touchdown.

In kickoff returns, plebe Dee Bryant is ranked 14th in the NCAA. He's averaging 24.1 yards per return. In rushing, Army's Gerald Walker was 15th going into the Boston College game. Walker has pounded out a net of 731 yards with a per game average of 121.8 yards. Joe Sartiano has kept opponents in poor field position, averaging 41.7 yards per punt. This ranks him 41st in the nation in this category.

Although Walker, Sartiano, Bryant and Pruitt are among the nation's leaders, a number of other Black Knights have made themselves known during the first half of the season. For their outstanding individual efforts, they have been named Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Honor Roll picks.

Junior defensive back Kevin Murphy was singled out for his outstanding per-

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#### WINTER/SPRING TICKET PRICES—1981-82 SEASON

1. **Winter/Spring Activity Tickets:**

AAA Members, Post Personnel (and Adult Dependents)	\$20.00
Dependents of the Above (18 years and under)	10.00
Maximum cost per immediate family (income tax dependents)	60.00
<b>Public Sale (adults)</b>	
Dependents of the above (18 years and under)	15.00
Maximum cost per immediate family (income tax dependents)	100.00

The above season tickets will not be honored for Army/Navy contests or any other contests which require special tickets.
2. **Basketball:**

Adults	3.00*
Children (18 years and under)	1.50*

\*Above prices apply to the men's and women's Army/Navy basketball games. Special tickets for general admission seating will be printed for these Army/Navy contests. The Winter/Spring passes will not be honored for admission.
3. **Hockey: (Individual game)**

Adults	3.00
Children (18 years and under)	1.50
4. **Lacrosse (Saturdays only): (Individual game)**

Adults	2.00
Children (18 years and under)	1.00
5. **There will be no charge for any gymnasium or track events.**

Contact Army Ticket Office, West Point, NY 10996. Tel: 914-446-4996

# USMA WINTER VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Date**      **Opponent**      **Time—PM**

## BASKETBALL

Nov	27	Marshall (A)	7:30
Dec	2	US Merchant Marine Academy	7:15
	4	Lowell	7:15
	7	Northeastern (A)	7:30
	11-12	Illinois Tournament (A)	
	28-29	Pillsbury Classic (A)	
Jan	2	Iona (A)	2:00
	5	RPI	7:15
	9	St. Peter's	8:00
	12	Yale (A)	7:30
	16	Manhattan	8:00
	19	Fairfield (A)	8:00
	23	Fordham (A)	2:00
	27	St. John's (A)	
	30	Iona	8:00
Feb	1	Central Connecticut	7:15
	3	Colgate	7:15
	6	Fairfield	8:00
	9	Fordham	7:15
	13	Manhattan (A)	2:00
	17	Holy Cross (A)	7:30
	20	St. Peter's (A)	
	22	Siena	7:15
	27	Navy	2:00
Mar	3-7	Metro-Atlantic Playoffs (A)	

## HOCKEY

Oct	30-31	Kent State	Oct 30 7:00
			Oct 31 2:00
Nov	7	St Lawrence (A)	7:30
	11	Elmira (A)	
	14	Norwich (A)	7:00
	20	Oswego	7:00
	22	Brown	2:00
	24	Yale (A)	7:30
	25	University of Alaska	7:00
	27	Union	7:00
Dec	1	Westfield	7:00
	4	Massachusetts (A)	7:30
	5	Middlebury (A)	7:00
	8	Connecticut (A)	7:30
	10	Massachusetts	7:00
Jan	2	St Nick's (Exhibition)	7:00
	4	Boston State (A)	8:00
	6	Holy Cross (A)	7:30
	7	Framingham (A)	8:00
	9	Northeastern (A)	7:30
	16	St Anselm's	2:00
	20	Williams	7:00
	22-23	Cortland	Jan 22 7:00
			Jan 23 2:00
	26	Iona (A)	
	29	Bentley	7:00
Feb	3	Lowell	7:00
	6	Royal Military College (A)	
	7	Hamilton (A)	4:00
	10	Upsala	7:00
	13	College Militaire Royal	2:00
	20	Boston College	7:00
	22	American Int'l College	7:00
Mar	5-6	Kent State Tournament (A)	5:00

## SQUASH

Dec	5	Princeton	2:00
	9	Fordham (A)	4:00
	10	Wesleyan	4:00
	12	M.I.T., Hamilton	2:00
Jan	16	Harvard	2:00
	19	Williams	4:00
	23	Penn (A)	2:00
	29	Rochester	4:00
	30	Cornell	2:00
Feb	3	Columbia	4:00
	5	Tufts (A)	
	6	Dartmouth (A)	
	10	Yale	4:00
	12-13	Hobart, Lehigh, Franklin, Marshall (A)	
	16	Trinity (A)	
	20	Stony Brook	2:00
	24	Vassar (A)	
	27	Navy	2:00
Mar	5-7	ISA (A)	

(A) Away

**Date**      **Opponent**      **Time—PM**

## GYMNASTICS

Dec	5	L.I.U., Massachusetts, Cortland	2:00
	11-12	Farmingdale Open (A)	
Jan	16	Lowell	2:00
	23	East Stroudsburg	2:00
	30	Temple (A)	
Feb	6	Springfield (A)	3:00
	13	Syracuse	2:00
	20	Southern Connecticut	2:00
	27	Navy (A)	
Mar	6	Farmingdale	2:00
	12-13	EIGL (A)	

## INDOOR TRACK

Dec	5	C. W. Post, N. Y. Tech, Seton Hall	1:30
	12	Harvard (A)	1:00
Jan	8-10	Dartmouth Relays (A)	
	15	Manhattan, Brown	3:30
	16	Olympic Invitational (A)	
	23	St. John's	1:30
	30	Cornell	1:30
Feb	5	Milrose Games (A)	6:00
	6	WP High School Invit	9:00 AM
	7	Princeton Relays (A)	
	13	WP College Club Invit	9:00 AM
	20	Navy(A)	
	27	Heps (A)	
Mar	6-7	IC4A (A)	
	12-13	NCAA (A)	

## WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

Jan	16	Penn, Lehman	1:30
	22	St John's, Queens	5:30
	30	Cornell	1:30
Feb	5	Milrose Games (A)	7:00
	6	Princeton Relays (A)	
	12	Temple, LaSalle	
	20	Alfred, Cortland, LaSalle	4:30
	27	NYSIAW	
Mar	6	EIAIW	
	13	AIW	

## SWIMMING

Dec	2	Fordham	4:00
	4	Syracuse (A)	4:00
	5	Cornell (A)	2:00
	9	Monmouth	4:00
	12	Harvard (A)	1:00
Jan	16	Yale	2:00
	23	Rutgers (A)	7:00
	24	Princeton	2:00
	30	Columbia	2:00
Feb	6	Dartmouth	1:30
	12	Villanova (A)	7:30
	13	Pennsylvania (A)	2:00
	20	Brown	2:00
	27	Navy (A)	3:00
Mar	4-6	Eastern Seaboard Championships	Noon Trials 7:30 Finals
	12-14	U.S. Swimming Metropolitan Championships (A)	
	25-27	NCAA Championships (A)	Noon Trials 7:30 Finals

## PISTOL

Nov	14	NJ Inst of Tech (A)	10:00 AM
	20-21	Maritime Academy (A)	10:00 AM
Dec	4-5	Sam Houston State (A)	10:00 AM
Jan	30	Air Force	1:00
Feb	6-7	Royal Military College (A)	
	20	Army Sectionals	9:00 AM
	27	Navy	10:00 AM
Mar	6	Ohio State, Worcester Poly, Coast Guard, Rochester	1:00
	13	MIT	1:00
	26-28	Nationals (A)	8:00 AM

**Date**      **Opponent**      **Time—PM**

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov	21	Cortland (A)	7:00
	24	Marist (A)	7:00
Dec	2	Vermont	7:15
	4	New York Tech (A)	6:00
	7	Northeastern (A)	5:00
	11	C. W. Post (A)	7:00
Jan	5	Fairfield	4:00
	6	Massachusetts U (A)	7:30
	8-10	McGill Tournament (A)	
	14	Rhode Island	7:15
	16-17	Dartmouth Tournament (A)	
			1:00 PM Jan 16 3:00 PM Jan 17
	19	Boston (A)	7:30
	21	St. Peter's	4:00
	23	Fordham (A)	4:30
	25	Iona (A)	7:30
	28	Fairleigh Dickinson	4:00
Feb	2	Syracuse (A)	7:00
	6	St. John's (A)	6:00
	9	Manhattan College	4:00
	13	New Hampshire	2:00
	17	Queens College	4:00
	20	Navy	1:00
	23	Hofstra	4:00
	26-27	NYSIAW State Tournament	

## WOMEN'S VARSITY SWIMMING

Nov	4	Monmouth	4:30
	14	Boston College (A)	2:00
	21	Manhattanville	2:00
Dec	5	La Salle (A)	2:00
	16	Montclair State (A)	2:00
Jan	30	St John's (A)	4:30
Feb	6	Fordham (A)	3:00
	13	Bucknell	2:00
	20	Navy (A)	4:00
	25-27	NYSIAW (A)	
Mar	11-13	AIW National Championships (A)	
Apr	7-10	US Senior National Championships (A)	

## WRESTLING

Oct	31	Light Tower Open Tournament (A)	
Nov	12-13	Trenton Open Tournament (A)	
	20	East Stroudsburg (A)	
Dec	5	Montclair St, Princeton, Shippensburg	1:00
	7	Yale	4:00
	12	Springfield, Keene (A)	3:00
Jan	6	West Point Invitational	
	9	West Chester Invitational (A)	
	13	Central Connecticut	4:00
	16	Franklin Marshall, Cornell, Lafayette (A)	1:00
	22-23	NY State Championships	12:00
	26	Rider (A)	
	28	Nebraska	
	30	Lehigh (A)	8:00
Feb	2	Southern Connecticut	
	6	Columbia	
	13	Colgate, Rutgers (A)	
	20	Navy (A)	
	26-27	EIWL (A)	
Mar	11-13	NCAA (A)	

## RIFLE

Dec	5	MIT, King's College Lehigh	1:00
Jan	16	Dartmouth, Phila Col of Pharmacy & Science	1:00
	23	William and Mary	1:00
	30	VMI (A)	8:00
Feb	6	Royal Military College (A)	
	13	West Point Invitational	8:00
	20	NRA Sectionals	
	27	Navy (A)	12:30

# Bulletin Board

## Oldest Living Graduate

With the death of Walter Evans Prosser '05 on 11 September 1981, Arthur Willis Lane '05 becomes the oldest living graduate USMA.

General Lane, born 22 August 1883, was commissioned in the Infantry on graduation and served in the 4th and 13th Infantry in the U.S. and the Philippines until 1916. From 1917-1921 he served in the Office of the Chief of Staff USA and in France as Assistant Chief of Staff, 7th Division, and Inspector, 6th Division.

He graduated from the General Staff School in 1922, the Army War College in 1923, and the Naval War College in 1927.

After duties on the General Staff, in Infantry units in World War II, as Chief of Staff Fourth Army and later commander of Camp Roberts, he retired in 1945.

He makes his home in Washington, D.C.

## New Professors Appointed

COL Allen F. Grum, USMA Class of 1953, was officially appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Engineering at the U.S. Military Academy Aug. 25.

The Colonel's previous military assignments include command and staff positions in Engineer units in Korea, France, Germany and Vietnam, as well as research and development jobs at Fort Belvoir, VA, and the Pentagon. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with Valor Device and Oak Leaf Cluster, and Army Commendation Medal.

Grum attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology earning a master's degree in Civil Engineering in 1958. His first tour at the Military Academy was from 1964 to 1967 as an instructor and assistant professor in the Department of Military Art and Engineering. He later attended Stanford University where he obtained his doctorate in Engineering-Economic Systems.

He returned to the Military Academy in 1974 as an associate professor in the Department of Engineering. The assignment culminated in his selection and appointment as professor and head of the department.

Grum is married to the former Jan Patterson of Nashville, TN. They reside at West Point with their twin daughters, Stacey and Carrie. They also have three sons: Allen, Jr., a banker in Rochester, NY; David, a student at Texas Tech; and Patrick, a member of the Class of 1985 at the Military Academy.

Colonel Grum is sworn in as Professor of Engineering.



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Our Association membership of 28,375 represents over 99% of our living graduates.

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

His address:

Executive Vice President  
Association of Graduates  
West Point, NY 10996

Colonel Freeman I. Howard.



On 6 June 81 COL Freeman I. Howard, USMA Class of 1959 succeeded COL Girard Seitter as Professor of Military Hygiene USMA and Commander U.S. Army Hospital, West Point.

After graduation Howard served as aviation officer in an Engineer unit in Germany. In Vietnam in 1964-1965 he served as a fixed wing aviator and intelligence officer in the 73d Aviation Company.

From 1965-1967 he served on the staff and faculty of the Engineer School as an aviation instructor. He next attended the University of Kentucky Medical School graduating with an MD degree in 1967.

After residency in Walter Reed Army Medical Center, he served as Chief Surgeon in the 5th General Hospital in Germany. He returned from Germany in 1978 and served as Chief Ophthalmology Service in Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon from 1968-1980.

His awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Soldier's Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal with 16 clusters, the Commendation Medal, and Purple Heart. He is a qualified parachutist, senior Army Aviator and Flight Surgeon.

Howard is married to the former Gale Foster and they have four sons: James 23, Barry 19, David 16, and Kevin 14.

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

(Fathers names are in parentheses)

### USMA:

- 1936-Edward S. Ellert (J.L. Ellert).
- 1939-Leslie A. Lewis (C.G. Lewis).
- 1943-Murray R. Conarty (R.L. Conarty).
- 1944-Robert T. Aldrich (E.M. Aldrich).
- 1946-Morgan P. Williamson (C.G. Williamson Jr.).
- 1948-Kathryn T. Cancelliere (F.P. Cancelliere Jr.).
- 1949-Philip T. Feir (P.R. Feir).
- 1950-Jennifer H. Wood (R.B. Ferguson\*).
- 1951-Irene E. Yerks (R.G. Yerks).
- 1952-Robert M. Garver (J.B. Garver Jr.), Catherine A. Long (R.L. Wetzel\*).
- 1953-Stephen F. Agather (F.G. Agather), James C. Blastos (C.J. Blastos), Patrick N. Grum (A.F. Grum Jr.).
- 1955-John M. Mc Carthy (T.W. Mc Carthy), Jane J. Schmidt (R.C.H. Schmidt).
- 1956-John W. Crews (W.F. Crews), Vivian C. Haley (J.P.

ASSEMBLY

- Haley), Carl G. Herrmann, (C.G. Herrmann), John S. Kem (R.S. Kem), John P. Patrick (F.G. Patrick), John E. Quackenbush (R.E. Quackenbush Jr.).
- 1957—Calvin C. De Witt (C. De Witt III), Church M. Matthews (C.M. Matthews Jr.), John E. Pritchard (W.L. Pritchard Jr.), Michael B. Wilhelm (E.A. Wilhelm).
- 1958—Robert A. Claffin, (A.B. Claffin), Valerie G. Coffey (R.I. Coffey), John J. Finkenaur (R.G. Finkenaur Jr.), Dale E. Hudson (R.E. Hudson), Peter L. Jones (L. Jones III), John W. Loffert Jr. (J.W. Loffert), William G. Martin (C.W. Martin), Margaret A. Roosma (G.G. Roosma), Clifton R. Thomas (R.E. Thomas).
- 1959—Patricia M. Cyr (A.R. Cyr Jr.), Anne M., John T., Rose Mary Forrester (J. Forrester), Michael D. Isacco (M.D. Isacco), Richard E. Larsen (H.S. Larsen Jr.), Scott G., Steven M. Roesler (G.E. Roesler), Christian J. Williams (D.B. Williams).
- 1960—Stephen W. Bauer (D.W. Bauer), Gilbert S. Brindley (P. Brindley), Richard S. Daum Jr. (R.S. Daum), Stephen T. Houston (D.G. Houston), James R. Jezior (M.A. Jezior), Michelle M. Morin (R. Morin), Helene M. Parker (E.V. Parker Jr.), Frederick G. Terry (F.G. Terry), Glenn G. Seymour (R.G. Seymour).
- 1961—Thomas H. Magness IV (T.H. Magness III), Richard J. Sands (P.J. Sands), (Michael P. Stoneham (L.J. Stoneham Jr.).
- 1962—Charles D. Franks (C.R. Franks), Joseph E., Lisa G. Gross (J.E. Gross III).

#### USNA:

- 1949—Patrick H. Mooney (J.L. Mooney).  
 1950—Steven T. Knauer (G.W. Knauer).  
 1951—Christopher A. Ryan (W.J. Ryan).  
 1955—Edward L. Jaenichen (P.H. Jaenichen), Lisa M. Peterson (M. Peterson).  
 1958—Debra L. Peck (J.W. Peck).  
 1962—Elizabeth Gilstad (W. Gilstad).

#### USAFA:

- 1946—Benjamin N. Bellis Jr. (B.N. Bellis).  
 1948—Ann M. Weaver (P.E. Weaver).  
 1949—Pamela D. Henry (R.C. Henry).  
 1950—John P. Scott (W.W. Scott Jr.).  
 1955—Jeffrey S. Jacobs (D.H. Jacobs), Patrick H. Pirkey (F.E. Pirkey).  
 1956—Michael A. Williams (H.J.M. Williams).  
 1959—Paul J. Skowronek (R.P. Skowronek), Michael P. Taylor (J.W. Taylor).  
 1960—Mark A. Cloutier (F. Cloutier), Lawrence E. Nobles II (C.S. Nobles), Shane O. Summers (D.A. Summers).  
 1961—Patrick M. Stoneham (L.J. Stoneham Jr.).  
 1962—Ernest G. Zenker Jr. (E.G. Zenker).

\*Stepfather

#### First Captain

John W. Nicholson will graduate in May from the United States Military Academy, receiving his second bachelor's degree in the process. Having graduated from Georgetown University with a degree in history, he's now at West Point as a member of the Class of 1982. Nicholson, son of BG John W. Nicholson, of Fort Ord, CA, will not only graduate next year, he'll graduate as First Captain of the Corps of Cadets.

When notified of his appointment as First Captain Nicholson said, "I was awed as I thought about the responsibility of the position after General Franklin notified me at my home in California."

In his first two years at the academy, Nicholson earned a letter in lacrosse, played intramural football and volleyball, and wrestled. He also played one year of lacrosse at Georgetown University. He is vice-president of the Cadet Public Relations and president of the West Point Forum, an international affairs club.

His academic concentration at the academy is international affairs, and he is a delegate for the annual Student Conference on



John W. Nicholson.

United States Affairs, a nationally renowned symposium involving students from other colleges and universities throughout the country.

Originally a member of the Class of 1979, Nicholson left the Military Academy in 1977 to attend Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. After having earned a bachelor of arts degree in history, he applied for readmission to West Point.

"I had a couple of reasons for leaving West Point," he recalls. "I had to make a career choice, and at that time, I wanted to pursue the medical field." As a result of his experiences, his goals have changed.

After graduating from Georgetown University, Nicholson worked for a year as a counselor in the university's admissions office. His experience led him to reconsider his decision to leave West Point. "That job exposed me to a lot of different fields. I then realized that the military would give me the most personal fulfillment," Nicholson said.

"What I did at that time was explore other avenues of becoming an officer as well as the Military Academy, and I had planned to attend Officer Candidate School if I had not been accepted back into West Point."

Some 45 percent of the Corps' first captains have gone into the Infantry branch of the Army, the branch Nicholson hopes for, and 67.5 percent attained the rank of general. Robert E. Lee, John J. "Blackjack" Pershing, Douglas MacArthur, William C. Westmoreland and Pete Dawkins were all first captains at West Point.

Nicholson's concerns, however, are for the present. "I would like to develop a sense of unity throughout the Corps," he said, "because those of us training together now will be serving together in the future."

"I would also like to emphasize the intangibles of duty, honor, country and spiritual development," he added. "And, of course, one of our most important goals is to 'Beat Navy.'"

At this stage of his education, Nicholson is gearing up for his military career. "After all this, I sure plan to give the military quite a few years," he said. "If I ever left the Army, it would be to work in some other aspect of service to the nation."

#### West Point Flying Club Receives Beech Aircraft

In recent years there have been many memorable and extraordinary gifts to West Point by alumni classes, its individual graduates or friends, and by a few foundations. The recent gift of a Beech Sierra aircraft to the West Point Flying Club is particularly noteworthy among these.

Flying has remained very popular among the members of the Corps, both as a professional skill and a pleasurable activity. The West Point Flying Club has filled an important need in that it offers cadets and other post personnel the opportunity to sharpen their skills in this area. Some months ago the club sent a letter through channels requesting AOG assistance in obtaining a gift aircraft to bolster up its tiring fleet. In typical "can do" fashion, the West Point Fund Committee of the AOG answered the call.

It was Mr. John H. Shaffer, USMA Jan '43 and a member of the West Point Fund Committee, who accepted the chal-



Beech Sierra donated to West Point Flying Club by Beech Aircraft Foundation.

lenge. A former Chief Administrator of the FAA and a member of the Board of Beech Aircraft Corporation, he contacted Mr. Frank E. Hedrick, Vice Chairman of the Board of Beech to explain West Point's need. This resulted in the magnificent gift aircraft shown in the photograph. The gift was from the Beech Aircraft Foundation and has value of just over \$100,000. When Captain Dewey Webb and Mr. Art Kingsley of the West Point Flying Club arrived in Wichita to pick up the aircraft, they were warmly received and checked out completely on the aircraft and its systems. It is a beautiful Beech Sierra four-passenger aircraft with retractable landing gear, Lycoming engine, full IFR capability and auto pilot. It even came with a permanent tail number, N 1802 N. We marvel at the coincidence of the craft's tail number matching the founding date of the Military Academy. The N prefix and suffix do not stand for Navy; it is the standard designation for USA in this country's aircraft identification.

The Association of Graduates and the Military Academy are indeed grateful to the Beech Aircraft Foundation and to Mr. Frank E. Hedrick for making the magnificent gift possible.

### Pillings Leaves Post as Head Athletic Trainer

Edward J. Pillings is one institution leaving another. Hired by the U.S. Military Academy in 1957, he has served as West Point's head athletic trainer for more than two decades.

But the days of preventing and treating injuries are nearing an end for Pillings. He retired Aug. 1 and plans to move back to his native Washington state.

Pillings' years at West Point have left little time for idle hands. He directed an eight-person staff that services 40 men's and women's teams for 32 different sports. He served as head trainer for U.S. athletes at the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg, Canada, in 1967 and as one of the 17 host trainers at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, NY.

Last year Pillings was inducted into the Citizens Savings Hall of Fame for athletic trainers. He is a member of the Board of Certification for the National Athletic Trainers Association.

"I would be kidding myself if I said I won't miss West Point and all the wonderful people here," Pillings said. The trainer is leaving behind not only friends, but a legacy of memories of West Point's past golden years in sports.

Pillings said one of his favorite teams was the 1958 football squad which was undefeated, destroyed Navy, and ranked third in the nation.

### 1980 REGISTER available

The Cullum Memorial Edition of the REGISTER OF GRADUATES AND FORMER CADETS is published every ten years and was last published in 1980. This decennial edition includes biographical data on all members of USMA Classes from 1802 through 1980, as well as the Genealogical Succession, statistical data on West Point classes and other historical information. It is a reference work that USMA graduates and all those interested in West Point will want to own. A limited number of the 1980 edition is still available at \$10 per copy on a first come, first served basis. Write to Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, NY 10996.

### Library Needs Material

A recent fire at the Republic of the Philippines Military Academy, equivalent to the US Military Academy at West Point, destroyed more than 14,000 volumes, including English language books, magazines, and other resource materials.

In coordination with the Chief of the Joint US Military Advisory Group, Philippines (JUSMAG-Phil), the US Army Western Command (WESTCOM) has offered to assist in efforts to restore the library's material.

Accordingly, WESTCOM, with Army missions throughout the Pacific theater, including interactions with the Armed Forces of the Philippines, requests donations of books, magazines, corporate and institutional publications, or any English language materials of interest to college-level professional military students.

Materials should be sent directly to the Chief, JUSMAG-Phil, ATTN: Ground Forces Service Section, APO San Francisco 96528. For more information write LTC Karl Piotrowski, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, HQS WESTCOM, Fort Shafter, HI 96858.

### The Gym

The half-lit gray stone hallways,  
cool and permanent,  
echo with the years of youth.  
The body, purged of self-indulgence,  
and hardened with obligatory sport,  
once grew faster than mind  
(more slowly taught and left to bloom).  
The spirit,  
sensing its strength,  
took life from the walls and their sports  
and later remembered,  
as the body grew soft with age  
and the line turned to dust.

—Besanceney '68

### Class of 1951 Supports Lecture Series

At its Twenty-Fifth Reunion in 1976, the Class of 1951 voted to establish an Endowment Fund to be administered by the AOG for the benefit of West Point. The Fund, which now stands at a figure in excess of \$310,000, is currently underwriting from its interest income a series of lectures and follow-up seminars by prominent individuals, as a part of "American Institutions," a one-semester interdisciplinary course sponsored by the Departments of Social Sciences, History, and Behavioral Sciences and Leadership. The Academy is indeed grateful to the Class of 1951 and its members whose continuing generosity is providing an extra dimension to the academic curriculum through a unique type of support.

### Absence Card Revised

On 22 June LTG Goodpaster approved a change in the accountability system as it pertains to the cadet absence card. The major thrust of the change is the separation of a cadet's limits from his/her class privileges. Any unauthorized assumption of privileges now will be handled as a disciplinary matter rather than as a possible honor violation. All cadets, regardless of class, are normally permitted to be in similar geographical areas, but class privileges will restrict their respective activity. The violation of these privilege restrictions will result in disciplinary actions being taken against the offending cadet. The changes are designed to maintain the accountability features of the absence card and make it more precise and appropriate than the previous card.

### Cadets Receive Hertz Scholarships

Four USMA cadets or graduates were named winners of Hertz Foundation Fellowships: CPT George P. Lasche '69, Steward E. Grewatz '81, Robert J. Bonometti '82, and Bruce L. Smith '83. The fellowship includes three years of fully funded study in applied science or engineering at a selected university approved by the foundation. CPT Lasche will attend the Uni-

versity of California at Davis and LT Grewatz the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. With the addition of these four appointments there have been 20 Hertz Foundation Fellowship awards received by Academy graduates since USMA began competing for the awards in 1973. USMA now ranks behind only the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford, and the California Institute of Technology in the number of awards received by an institution during the period.

### Remember How We Danced—Free!

From Cadet Daily Bulletin No. 138—See how they dance now!  
13. *Dance Instruction, Classes of 1982 and 1983*: On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, starting 15 September 1981, dance lessons will be given to interested members of the Classes of 1982 and 1983. Each session (1930–2045 or 2045–2200) on Tuesday or Thursday must necessarily be limited in number, and those who sign up for one session should not attend another unless specifically authorized. The lessons will be given for six consecutive weeks at a total cost of \$15.00 per cadet. Classes will be held in the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom. Sign-up will be taken in the Cadet Hostess Office, Cullum Hall, any time before 9 September. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. Women cadets are encouraged to participate. Telephone registration cannot be accepted, as the \$15.00 fee (check payable to Cadet Activities Fund) must be collected at the time of registration.

### West Point Parents Club, St. Louis, MO

Winter Holiday Military Ball at Norwood Hills Country Club—26 Dec 81.

Our meetings—Please mark your calendar, so you can attend! 8 Nov—Fischers Restaurant, Belleville, IL; 14 Feb—Holiday Inn, South County, St. Louis, MO; 18 April—Ramada Inn, Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO; 13 June—Lewis & Clark Restaurant, East Alton, IL.

The names of the liaison parents for the next year will be forthcoming. The purpose of the liaison parents is to let interested parties know about the West Point Cadet Parents Club and invite them to a meeting. When guests are expected, inform others so we may all be aware of their presence and welcome them. The liaison parents should help the communication within their class of parents and between their class and the entire club. Club members should notify their liaison parents when there is a serious illness or a death in their immediate family, or if your cadet at West Point needs help, or if you would have room for a few small packages when taking a trip to West Point. Then the liaison parents can contact the appropriate parties.

Attention, new members: Until the new membership booklet reaches you and you have all the phone numbers at your disposal, we have listed the officers phone numbers. Please feel free to contact one of them if you have a question or if your cadet needs a friendly face to stop by and talk—call! Pres—Norris & Virginia Kunkel 314-739-4366, VP—Charles & Karen Massie 618-398-6481, Secy—Ed & Joan Edleson 314-487-0308 (evenings) 664-4292 (days), Treas—Philip & Joan Kaiser 314-741-6922.

Anyone having knowledge of an appropriate program for one of our meetings should contact one of the officers.—Kunkel

### West Point Parents Club of Minnesota

*President's Column*: On behalf of the West Point Parents Association of Minnesota, I extend to all of you, both old and new, a warm welcome. The purpose of the parents club can be summarized in one word—support. We exist to provide mutual support to each other in both parent-to-parent and parent-to-cadet relationships. Shortly we will be publishing a directory listing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the members of the parents club and the names of their cadets, including their year of graduation. We invite and encourage each of you to feel free to call other parents when you have questions about what is happening at West Point or what you can expect in the future. At the same time, we encourage those of you who are parents of cadets that have finished their Plebe year to contact Plebe parents from time to time to offer support and information.

West Point is a strikingly new and different experience for

most of us, whether we are parents or cadets. Communications are not always the best and there is an entirely new language to learn, e.g. "boodle." If there is something that you want to know or don't understand, or if you just want someone to talk to, please turn to the other parents in the club.

One of the primary purposes of our meetings is to provide an opportunity for each of you to become better acquainted with other parents and to provide an opportunity for you to share, in a limited way, some of the experiences surrounding cadet life at West Point.

In December we plan to attend the Pillsbury Classic Basketball Tournament in Minneapolis where the West Point basketball team will be one of the teams participating. We will have dinner together before that game. This activity will take the place of last year's dinner dance. Other events are planned for the spring and will conclude with our annual picnic-orientation meeting in June where we will host the new cadets entering in the 1 Jul 82 Class, together with their families.

*Secretary's Notes*: The weather was perfect for our summer meeting, 11 Jul 81, at the home of Jean and Tony Vertin (Tony '82) in Wayzata. We all enjoyed a beautiful barbecued chicken dinner as we conversed about our cadet sons and daughters. Sue Guiton (Ginni '85) showed a videotape which they made of "R" Day for the Class of 1985.

The meeting was called to order by President Cecil Schmidt. New officers were introduced. They are Cecil Schmidt, Pres.; Jean Vertin, V. Pres.; Mary Kamish, Rec. Sec.; Mary Ann Lynch, Corr. Sec. and Editor of the Newsletter; Bill Snyder, Treas.

*"R" Day Reflections*: I was asked to share my first impressions of West Point and R-Day, as we were one of the few Minnesota Plebe parents to visit at that time.

To use one of my son's favorite words, my first impression of West Point was that it was "awesome"; nestled in the mountains along the Hudson River nothing could be prettier. The neatly tailored grounds and buildings are an impressive sight. I immediately felt Steve was very lucky to have been one of the chosen few.

I did, however, have another impression that, I guess, I really hadn't expected. We were not just visiting a very beautiful college campus, but we were on a very efficiently organized and run military post. Guards were posted at entrance gates, MPs walked the sidewalks, and camouflaged vehicles of all types traveled the streets in every direction.

I was surprised to see so many regular Army personnel and shocked to learn there were over 8,000 employees to service the Academy. On the post (we were told to call West Point a "post" not a "campus") there is an elementary school, for children of employees that averages 3 classes per grade.

I realized then, the importance of a cadet liking the military aspect of his/her education in order to complete four years at West Point.

R-Day was executed in this same organized "military" manner. Upon entering the football stadium that morning we saw a sign which read "Processing Area." One of the new cadets with us said, "Gosh, I feel like we're entering Auschwitz"! We all laughed but I think we all felt relieved to see another sign saying "Welcoming Zone."

All events of the day were on a scheduled time table. (We would eat from 1100 to 1330. I panicked as my watch doesn't go to 13). We didn't feel we should be late for anything. Even though all of us were in the reviewing stands by 5:00 p.m. and all the new cadets were in formation ready to march we all waited in a torrential downpour until the appointed time of 5:30 p.m.

It was well worth the wait. Seeing 1,500+ new cadets come marching through the arches was quite a thrill. We had been fortunate earlier in the day to have seen our son practice marching across a street. With the new haircut and uniform it was almost shocking to see such a transformation in the few short hours that had passed from the time we had said our tearful goodbyes that morning. But we were also very proud and reassured that he had made the right decision to join the Long Gray Line.—Nancy Hoppe.

## Thayer Award

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ways the Sun affected this environment, and to design manned and unmanned spacecraft which could survive its rigors.

"Today, we have accumulated a tremendous amount of new data as to the forces, particles, fields, plasmas, radiation belts, and other phenomena which characterize the regions beyond the earth's atmosphere. We know space is not an empty void, and that large and violent turbulences take place over vast areas.

"Soon the Space Shuttle, another national project, will make it possible for scientists from many nations and selected military specialists to physically leave their earth-limited laboratories and continue their work in space. Our standing as a 'space-faring' nation will be greatly enhanced and our progress speeded up. Some of you here tonight may well fly the Shuttle.

"One of the most promising Shuttle projects is the Space Telescope, which is scheduled to be launched in 1985. This instrument will exploit the advantages of observation that is not limited or distorted by the earth's atmosphere. It will have a capability for high angular resolution imagery that will make it the most powerful telescope ever built. Astronomers will be able to observe areas seven times farther out in space than is now possible. The Space Telescope will expand man's knowledge from the present reach of earth-based telescopes of two billion light years to 14 billion light years and provide views of galaxies *at the time they were formed*. Some scientists believe the universe was formed nearly 14 billion years ago, which would be near the time when the light the Space Telescope will see in 1985 started on its long journey.

"With the Space Telescope scientists will be able to look at stars which are 50 times fainter than those seen by today's most powerful telescopes.

"In this and other projects which the Shuttle will make possible, the ability of military specialists to cooperate with scientists and experts from many non-military disciplines on earth and in space will be of critical importance to our national defense and the place our nation will stand in the world.

"The National Academy of Sciences emphasizes the point that the first space-men saw our emerald planet as an entity in a larger system, its delicate beauty in vivid contrast to the stark background of jet-black space. To many, that image conveys a deep sense of loneliness and fragility, a feeling reinforced by the pictures Voyagers I and II have recently sent back from Jupiter and Saturn.

"Our study of our nearest neighbors, Venus and Mars, has given us an understanding of the narrowness of the ecological zone that permitted a life-giving atmosphere and stable environment to evolve on earth but not on other planets. Many scientists believe that if the orbit of the earth were only five percent closer to the

sun, it is possible that its surface would be as hot as an oven, like that of Venus. Some believe that a one percent shift to a larger orbit might have led to glaciation, and the surface of the earth would resemble the cold and arid deserts of Mars.

"In closing, I would like to give you a quote from a recent National Academy of Sciences report, which states: 'Evidence now suggests that tampering with the controls of 'Spaceship Earth' may disturb the delicate balance of the ecosystem. Many have come to realize that the hazards of natural catastrophes [such as volcanic eruptions] and of human interference with the environment can be rationally assessed only if we have a basic understanding of the vast complex of physical-chemical-biological interactions between solar radiation and every part of space from the surface of the sun to the surface of the earth. Furthermore, as new space-age technologies spawn a host of civilian and military applications, relevant issues of economics and security require a better scientific understanding of the nature of space.' That is the end of the quotation, and I have no doubt this will become a basic challenge to those responsible for the large *national* projects in which success or failure will determine our destiny.

"Thank you, again, for inviting me to West Point and for the Sylvanus Thayer Award. I will cherish both as long as I live. Now, with permission from General Scott, I would like to present to the West Point Cadets, as a gift from NASA, an American flag that has journeyed to the moon and back—a symbol of commitment by many thousands of Americans to duty, honor, country. I also have for you an autographed picture of the three Apollo 11 astronauts—Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins, who carried this flag to the moon and back. Aldrin and Collins, as you know, are West Point graduates.

"Again, my deepest thanks."

## Service Academies

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tunity to develop duty concepts for their academies." This seminar was presented by MAJ David G. Hofstetter and MAJ Randall C. Rutler, both instructors in the Department of Military Instruction.

Cadet Colonel Timothy J. Collins, wing commander at the Air Force Academy, said the information provided in the seminar "enhanced our understanding of duty, demonstrated how to detect a higher sense of duty, and showed us that all the services have a similar understanding and need of duty and integrity."

Palowitch said the seminar leaders established specific criteria for evaluating the effectiveness of a program for instilling in cadets and midshipmen the idea of duty. DelRosario noted, "The seminar gave us a foundation, a starting point for initiating a meaningful, strong program for duty awareness and a duty concept."

Johnson said the conference was the first time the top-ranking cadets and mid-

shipmen from all four U.S. service academies had the opportunity to meet.

Nicholson commented, "We all gained an awareness that we have many concerns despite our academies' different missions. Just as important, we all made some new friendships that will last for our entire careers."

"We had the opportunity to really see that the U.S. we all share equates to 'us,' Collins said, "and to examine how we handle similar command experiences. Also we developed a better working relationship among academies that can be used for interservice projects.

"I think, professionally, this was one of the most positive experiences of our lives," he added. "We had the opportunity to learn and grow from each other."

Johnson explained that the J.P. Stevens Foundation has offered to provide \$200,000 to fund the Robert T. Stevens Leadership Development Program. The gift, in honor of Robert T. Stevens, former Secretary of the Army and Thayer award winner, will make it possible for cadets, midshipmen, and staffs and faculties of the four service academies to study and develop leadership attributes, skills and ideals. The funds will be donated over the next four years and will be administered as the USMA Superintendent directs.

From all appearances this first conference was an unqualified success as the maiden effort under the aegis of the Robert T. Stevens Leadership Development Program. We will now review in depth the opportunities to build upon this first accomplishment so that next year's conference will offer to the participants an outstanding experience in leadership development.

## MacArthur Corridor

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suppose in a way this has become a part of my soul. It is a symbol of my life. Whatever I've done that really matters, I've done wearing it. When the time comes it will be in these that I journey forth. What greater honor could come to an American and a soldier."

Well, today, a new generation of young officers are asked to defend our nation just as a new generation of young Americans to whom World War II, Korea and even Vietnam are not even within memory, seek to define their own ideals and search for their own answers to ageless questions. Surely as the tide of time recedes from his era, this new generation will see in Douglas MacArthur an unflinching idealist, an eloquent warrior, a visionary soldier, a gentle conqueror, an authentic American hero.

And the General had some words for you young men. He said once, "that being young meant a temperamental predominance of courage over timidity and an appetite for adventure over love of ease." He added that nobody grows old by merely living a number of years, people

grow old by deserting their ideals.

As long as America affords her brave a place of honor; as long as we as a people seek to keep alive the ideals of selflessness and freedom; as long as we look to the wise and the just for inspiration, our thoughts will turn to the General and the General and the General.

## Gentlemen From Philippines

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of Corregidor. His treatise was cited by the Commandant of the War College as a "Study of Exceptional Merit".

On November 15, 1935, pursuant to the Tydings-McDuffie Act, the Commonwealth of the Philippines was inaugurated with Manuel Quezon as President. One of the initial tasks of the Commonwealth was to provide for a Philippine Army based on universal military training and an active reserve. An American advisory group under General Douglas MacArthur (USMA 1903), Lieutenant Colonel Ord (USMA 1915), and Major Eisenhower (USMA 1915) was charged with organizing and training the new Philippine Army. On June 30, 1936, Lim retired from the US Army and on July 1, 1936 was appointed a Brigadier General in the Philippine Army. Lim rose to become the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Philippine Army and, in 1941, was assigned command of the 41st Philippine Army Division.

General Lim fought in the Bataan campaign he predicted in 1929 and was captured by the Japanese on April 9, 1942. (Ironically, Lim's opponent on Bataan was General Nara, a Japanese classmate at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1926.) General Lim was later released from the prisoner of war camp because of illness. He soon joined a guerrilla resistance group, but was recaptured by the Japanese and executed in January 1945. General Lim's daughter, Lolly, recalled that he left a message for his family in which he said that "he never broke the motto of West Point which meant so much to him".

Each year during the graduation ceremonies at the Philippine Military Academy the family of General Lim presents the second lieutenant insignia to each graduating Filipino cadet. Along with the insignia is a letter in which the family recalls the memory of General and Mrs. Lim and the USMA motto—Duty, Honor, Country.

This discourse on General Lim is important in order to reflect the influence this first Filipino graduate has had on the Republic of the Philippines and the tone he has set for those Filipinos who would follow him. His performance, in many respects, exemplifies Taft's rationale for the admission of Filipinos to West Point.

### The Filipino Cadets

As a group the Filipino cadets appear to represent a broad cross section of Philippine society. Fathers' occupations include farmer, tailor, insurance agent, diplomat,

military officer, civilian employee of US Navy, surgeon, clerk, and druggist. Reasons given by Filipino graduates for desiring to come to West Point include—the superb, free education at one of the most prestigious schools in the world (the most frequent response), impressed by USMA graduates and the fact that they were men of integrity, prestige of the military within Philippine society and of West Point as the premiere military school, the West Point television series, wanted to be a soldier and felt that West Point provided the best training, and (in at least one case) the fact that the US cadet pay would permit him to assist his financially poor family. Two of the Filipino cadets were, themselves, sons of prior graduates—Lim, Jr. (USMA 1944), son of Lim (USMA 1914); and Sanchez, Jr. (USMA 1980), son of Sanchez (USMA 1954). Janairo (USMA 1930), now a US citizen, had two sons graduate from West Point (USMA 1954) and (USMA 1964); Flor Cruz (USMA 1942), also now a US citizen, has a daughter enrolled in the Class of 1982.

Many of the Filipino cadets have had one or more years of college (not including time spent at the Philippine Military Academy) prior to entrance to West Point. At least one had earned a degree in engineering and was a practicing engineer at the time of admission. A sample of 19 post-independence scholastic aptitude scores revealed the following:

	Filipino Cadet Avg. (N = 19)	US Natl. Avg.	USMA Admsn. Avg.
Math SAT	650	498	639
Verbal SAT	564	475	561

Their surprising strength in the Verbal SAT reflects their native education in English. But, as may be expected, most have trouble with the slang and colloquialisms of American English which is an irritating, sometimes humorous, problem until it is overcome.

Medically, the Filipinos fare about as well as their US classmates. A few had sinus problems as a result of the climate change—one had a prior sinus problem clear up in the West Point environment. One missed about half of his first class year due to pneumonia which led to tuberculosis. Another contacted tuberculosis requiring almost two years hospitalization, but still graduated—though six years after entering.

Physically, the Filipinos indicate that they are either equivalent to or a little below the average US cadet. This is especially noted in upper body strength and endurance. This can probably be attributed to the limited physical education opportunities at Philippine schools and universities. Physical education facilities, equipment, and staff are frequently found only at the more financially able schools. Those Filipinos, however, who enter via the Philippine Military Academy (now all of them), appear to be physically equivalent to their US contemporaries.

Academically, the Filipinos performed quite well:

—almost seven out of ten graduated in the top half of their class, with four out of ten in the top quarter.

—less than two out of ten graduated in the bottom quarter of their class.

—the highest ranking graduate was Mirasol, Jr., (USMA 1958) who graduated within the top 3% (15/573).

—at least four Filipinos were distinguished graduates (star men).

—one graduated last in his class, Airan (USMA 1925).

In military training and achievement, one Filipino attained the rank of Cadet Captain, at least six were Cadet Lieutenants, and at least 50 were Cadet Sergeants. One pre-independence Filipino graduate felt that there was an unwritten policy that foreign cadets could not be placed in cadet chain of command positions where they would "command" US cadets. There are counterexamples to this view. On occasion, in cadet leadership ratings, Filipino cadets have been cited for "lack of aggressiveness" and urged to be more outgoing in their conduct and contact with other cadets. Although this admonition can also be found in some US cadet records, in the Filipino case some may have been due to ignorance of Filipino societal norms with the subsequent attempt to create a "US-style" leader. None of the Filipinos felt harmed by such instances. In fact, they unanimously wanted to be treated the same as US cadets.

In the case of indiscipline, Filipino cadets appear to be normal. Many have "walked the area" at least once. Several have been "slugged"—usually for being late in returning from leave, especially when one would travel to the Philippines during a two to three week leave period using space available transportation on US military aircraft. The frequency and severity of punishment appear to be no different than that for their US classmates. Indeed, some Filipino cadets were noted for being especially free of discipline infractions.

Typically, the best memories of the Filipino graduates involve their contacts and relationships with their classmates. The worst memories include loneliness—especially those who were unable to get home during the four years; the long, cold winters at West Point; and in at least two instances during the pre-independence period, the negative treatment and isolation of black cadets by white cadets which resulted in the black cadets' voluntary resignation.

To a man the Filipino graduates would repeat the experience. Several volunteered that their cadet days were the best days of their lives.

### The Filipino Graduates

From 1914–1944, 32 Filipinos were admitted to West Point under Public Law 154. Of this group, 28 graduated. The four non-graduates left West Point because of deficiency in English, physical disabil-

ity, making a false official statement and difficulty in mathematics. One of those who did not graduate was Emilio Aguinaldo, Jr. (ex-USMA 1927), the son of General Aguinaldo, leader of the Philippines Insurrection. A West Point classmate of young Aguinaldo was Frederick Funston, Jr., son of General Funston who captured Aguinaldo. One tale has it that upper-class cadets would have Aguinaldo, Jr., and Funston, Jr., replay the Insurrection.

Of these 28 pre-WW II graduates—25 completed a full career of military service or were killed on active duty or discharged for physical disability. Twenty-three served actively in the World War II defense of the Philippines with 15 of these becoming prisoners of war. Six of these POWs were subsequently executed by the Japanese—Lim (USMA 1914), Segundo (USMA August 1917), Baclig (USMA November 1918), Martelino (USMA 1920), Garcia (USMA 1923), and Cepte (USMA 1940).

During the period 1946–1981, 34 Filipinos were admitted to West Point. Of this group, 30 graduated and four are currently in residence as cadets. The available data indicate that of these 30 graduates—seven completed a full career of military service (one in the Philippine Air Force) or were retired early for disability; and 21 are still on active duty (one in the Philippine Air Force).

During the pre-independence period, the Filipino USMA graduate appeared to enjoy excellent career opportunities. He was working in a US Army environment and was relatively advanced among his Filipino peers due to his USMA education. He could work comfortably with US officers and units and enjoyed the support from USMA classmates he met frequently. As independence approached and the choice of remaining in the US Army or reverting to the Armed Forces of the Philippines presented itself, each graduate evaluated the situation based upon his experiences and desires. Some saw special opportunities in the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Others had experiences with non-USMA Filipino officers and officials that made them apprehensive for their future. Each was an individual decision. (Of the 46 Filipino graduates still living, data indicate that 40 are still residing in the Philippines.)

During the post-independence period, there appear to be several factors that have played significant roles in their careers:

- the growth and maturity of the Philippine Military Academy (discussed below).
- the emergence of the Philippine political system. This system has been described by some observers as an extension of the Filipino family concept, wherein positions and opportunities are based to a large degree on familial, school, or regional connections rather than on merit. Though the Philippines is not unique in this regard, the Filipino USMA graduate views his advancement opportunities as

more a function of these items than his ability to achieve results.

- the martial law period, 1972–1981. During this period many USMA graduates were brought into the civil side of the government. Their subsequent experience with these duties, coupled with several years away from regular military units, have caused them to be apprehensive of their return to line units. At the same time it has made them attractive potential employees of private business and industry.

- the changing role of the military in Philippine society. As the Philippine nation has matured, the business and industrial communities have become a strong force in the society. The emergence of the technocrat and businessman have made these attractive, rewarding career alternatives. Given the high capability and credentials of the Filipino USMA graduates and the relatively low salary scale of the Filipino officer corps, premature termination of military careers may become more frequent.

- the insurgency problem. The continuing conflict presented by the Communist New People's Army insurgency and the Muslim rebellion has caused an extended commitment to remote duty sites. This may result in an unacceptable hardship for some officers, regardless of source of commission.

Given this background, Filipino USMA graduates see strengths and difficulties arising from their USMA experience. Some strengths are: loyalty, integrity, "can do" attitude, leadership ability, managerial ability, mission-oriented attitude, social at-ease, global perspective, and self-discipline. The difficulties generally arise from conflicts with these strengths. For example:

- loyalty. They generally view their supreme loyalty to be to the Republic of the Philippines. However, Philippine societal practice frequently puts a premium on supreme loyalty to an individual.

- integrity. They generally see themselves as having difficulty compromising their basic views of honesty and fairness. This has caused personal conflict and soul-searching for many of them.

- "can do" attitude. Several feel that this causes others to expect too much of them and if they cannot deliver it is a slap against West Point. When they do deliver they occasionally feel that the response is, "Well, it's what you were expected to be able to do."

- global view. Some Filipinos charge that the USMA graduate tries to bring US solutions to local problems. The retort is that obviously since the problems still exist a fresh point of view might be helpful.

In sum, the career experience of the Filipino USMA graduates is that their West Point graduation has

- given them a unique capability to contribute to the Philippines.

- opened doors and opportunities for them as a result of others' recognition of this capability.

- placed them in the role of "setting the example" for officers from other sources of commission.

- presented them with personal conflicts as they wrestle with the gray area between a high set of standards and the compromises they view as necessary to their career.

The influence of the USMA label was perhaps best expressed by one graduate now occupying a senior position in the government when he said that frequently when he is introduced to someone it is not in the context of his title or achievements, but as one who graduated from West Point.

Six of the 58 Filipino graduates have achieved general officer rank—Lieutenant General: Ileta (USMA June 1943) and Ramos (USMA 1950); Brigadier General: Lim (USMA 1914), Segundo (USMA August 1917), Fajardo (USMA 1934), and Magsino (USMA 1951). Others have played significant roles in the Philippine government and society. For example: Velasquez (USMA 1931)—prime force in the development of Makati, the modern commercial district of Manila; Salientes (USMA 1937)—Under Secretary of Defense; Mirasol, Jr. (USMA 1958)—Director of the Presidential Management Staff, succeeded in that position by Luis (USMA 1962); Baraoidan (USMA 1959)—established and became Managing Director of the National Computer Center; Syjuco (USMA 1969)—Career Minister in the Foreign Service, currently serving as Deputy Minister of Highways. The many contributions of the Filipino graduates are too numerous to enumerate here, but in the aggregate they reflect:

- the World War II defense of the Philippines and involvement in the subsequent guerrilla operations.

- the founding, organization, development and leadership of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

- nation building through involvement in civil government, and military civic action roles.

- combat service with US Forces in Korea and Vietnam and the current, ongoing insurgencies with the Muslim secessionist movement and the Communist New People's Army.

## The Philippine Military Academy

Perhaps one of the most significant contributions of the Filipino USMA graduates is their role in the founding and shaping of the Philippine Military Academy.

On January 11, 1936, President Quezon, as a result of Commonwealth Act No. 1—the National Defence Act—established the Philippine Military Academy with a four-year curriculum. General Douglas MacArthur, now Quezon's military advisor, turned his attention to PMA with the view of patterning it after USMA. Quezon and MacArthur selected Colonel Pastor Martelino, a Filipino USMA graduate (USMA 1920) to be the first Superintendent, PMA. He was followed as Superin-

tendent by Colonel Rafael Garcia (USMA 1916).

In December 1941, with the extension of World War II to the Philippines, the Philippine Military Academy was closed. The junior and senior classes were commissioned into the Armed Forces and the plebe and yearling classes were disbanded with most of these joining the underground.

Following the war the Philippine Military Academy was reactivated and the first post-war cadets reported on April 1, 1947. The first post-war Superintendent was Tirso G. Fajardo (USMA 1934) and the Commandant was Antonio Chanco (USMA 1938). Leon F. Punzalan (USMA 1936) was appointed head of a study group with the mission of proposing a new curriculum for the Philippine Military Academy and selecting a permanent site for the Academy. After journeying to West Point and other colleges in the United States, they submitted their recommendations. Pedro Flor Cruz (USMA 1942) personally selected the current site of the Philippine Military Academy at Fort Del Pilar outside Baguio City. On May 24, 1950, PMA was relocated to this site.

The Philippine Military Academy has grown and matured over these past thirty years with an academic curriculum and military training program somewhat similar to USMA. [A recent Superintendent was Flor Magsino (USMA 1951).] Being the only national military academy, the PMA graduates are commissioned in all services of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. In addition, PMA now has its own Foreign Cadet Program. Paragraph 47, Armed Forces of the Philippines Regulations G-134-011 provides that:

The President is authorized to permit a quota of one foreign cadet per class to each foreign country maintaining diplomatic relations with the Republic of the Philippines in the condition that the pay and allowances, per diems and traveling expenses of such cadets be borne by that country. [The cost of each PMA graduate is about \$17,000, as compared to about \$125,000 for a USMA graduate.]

On March 15, 1981, PMA graduated 161 cadets in the Class of 1981. Sixty-one were commissioned in the Philippine Army, 35 in the Philippine Constabulary, 33 in the Philippine Navy and 29 in the Philippine Air Force. Three of the graduates were foreign cadets: one each from Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia.

The Philippine Military Academy is currently in an expansion program from a strength of about 1000 cadets to an authorized strength of 2000 cadets by 1984. This expansion will lead to a ratio of about one out of every four officers in the Armed Forces of the Philippines being a PMA graduate. The influence of PMA in the Republic of the Philippines was well synthesized by one researcher who wrote:

PMA alumni have traditionally enjoyed greater opportunities for advancement to the higher ranks of the

military profession than do those of officers who receive their commission from other sources. PMA graduates direct national economic and social development programs, as well as perform the traditional military and police functions of deterring or combatting threats to national security and maintaining law and order. They belong to the influential PMA Alumni Association that has become increasingly instrumental in promoting the interests of active and retired military officers at the highest levels of the Philippine government. PMA graduates have also been appointed to posts at both the national and provincial levels that have been previously held by civilians. Finally, with the imposition of martial law in September 1972, the role of the military in the Philippine political system has become even more crucial.

### Conclusion

The United States and the Republic of the Philippines have profited immeasurably by the individual and collective efforts of the Filipino USMA graduates. This is exemplified by the establishment and growth of the Philippine Military Academy which, in many ways, is replicating US principles and ideals in Philippine society. The creation of a Foreign Cadet Program at PMA further extends the growth of these principles and ideals to other countries in Asia.

In the words of Secretary Taft, ". . . and when these [Filipinos] returned to their native islands they would carry with them ideas and standards valuable to their own people, and hence valuable to us".

## The DuPonts of USMA

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the 19th a coordinated attack by three Confederate divisions on the Union left flank completely surprised Crook's corps, as reported in Captain D.A. Dickert's *History of Kershaw's Brigade*: "As we emerged from a thicket into the open we could see the enemy in great commotion, but soon the works were filled with half-dressed troops and they opened a galling fire upon us. . . . This did not continue long, for all down the line (the Union left) gave way."

At B Battery's position (which was also Colonel Du Pont's headquarters) Lieutenant Brewerton of that organization reported: "We were under a withering musketry fire, and as Colonel Du Pont was the only mounted man on this part of the field and was riding a gray horse which made him very conspicuous, I expected to see him fall at every instance." Death was not to be his fate.

His instruction to Battery B was to continue firing until Lieutenant Brewerton could see the enemy approaching through the thick fog and smoke. Then the guns were to be rolled by hand down to the

road and there attached to the caisson limbers. Du Pont's description of the scene where the Battery troops were hitching up the caisson limbers was classic: "Although there was not a single commissioned officer in the ravine on duty, the drivers, in spite of a very heavy fire, were making extraordinary efforts to harness and hitch their horses with the greatest possible dispatch. Everyone displayed the utmost calmness and courage and there was not the slightest disorder or confusion. First Sergeant Webb was in command and was loyally assisted by Quartermaster Sergeant Sauffhoff, Stable Sergeant Rogers and all the other non-commissioned officers of the battery. I have never seen a more striking illustration of the discipline and devotion of the patriotic soldiers of the Regular Army than was afforded on that day by the enlisted men of Light Battery B, 5th United States Artillery."

Going to his other threatened batteries, Du Pont ordered the Pennsylvania battery to evacuate at once. To the Ohio battery he gave orders that they fire at the musket flashes of the advancing Confederates: this order was immediately carried out and the enemy's forward movement at that point was temporarily halted. The momentary halt gave the Regular battery and many infantrymen time to escape. Du Pont stayed with the Ohio battery in its retreat and until General Crook arrived. From General Crook, Du Pont requested permission to place the Ohio guns in echelon on the turnpike, anticipating the continued Confederate threat would be in that direction. Crook replied: "I can give you no support." Nevertheless, the guns were moved to that location and there were joined by B Battery. The VI Corps troops held, assisted by Du Pont's batteries. The Confederates began to fall back. Du Pont, with nine guns, galloped down the turnpike to a position overlooking the retreating columns. Here fire of the artillery pieces broke up the Confederate retrograde movement.

Of Du Pont's actions in the battle of Cedar Creek, Lieutenant H.F. Brewerton, a member of Battery B, stated: "It was Colonel Du Pont's heroic bearing and distinguished gallantry at the critical moment, when infantry support wavered and all seemed lost, which inspired the cannoneers and encouraged them to stubbornly hold their ground; and there is not the slightest doubt in my mind that but for his prompt and skillful dispositions and imperturbable coolness and gallantry, nearly the whole of Crook's Corps would have been captured by the enemy." Du Pont was brevetted lieutenant colonel for "distinguished services at the battle of Cedar Creek." Furthermore, the War Department presented him with a Congressional Medal of Honor. The latter citation read: ". . . by his distinguished gallantry, and voluntary exposure to the enemy's fire at a critical moment when the Union line had been broken, encouraged his men to stand to their guns, checked the advance of the enemy and brought off most of his pieces."

On January 2, 1865, for the second time, he was chosen Chief of Artillery of the Department of West Virginia.

On March 1, 1875, Colonel Du Pont retired from the Army, became president of the E.I. Du Pont de Nemours Company. He held these positions until he died in 1926. From 1906 until 1917 he also served as a United States Senator from his home state of Delaware.

Although a man of wealth, Colonel Du Pont was opposed to all ostentatious display, this feeling, no doubt, having been inherited from his ancestors. In an address made at a dinner given for him by the younger men of the family in November 1915, he spoke of having heard this characteristic discussed in his youth by the older members of his family. "In the first place," said Colonel Du Pont, "they believed that the acquisition of money, if gained honestly and honorably, was advantageous and right, first because it enabled its possessors to enjoy the comforts and refinements of life; next because it afforded the means of bestowing upon one's children the best and broadest educational advantages; and last, and the most important of all, in their estimation, because of the opportunities thereby given to help and benefit other people. Their idea of doing this was not by putting one's name upon the subscription lists of charities, nor by leaving bequests in wills, but by direct acts of private benevolence within the reach of everyone, and which, though rarely if ever mentioned, called for infinitely more time and trouble; and they deemed these acts of benevolence much more effective because every dollar thus expended went directly to the person or persons whom it was intended to help. The old people, let me add, practiced what they preached; and while I shall not mention many examples that could be given, I may say that although more than one hundred and fifty years have elapsed since the death of Madame Samuel Du Pont (Anne de Montchanin), the memory of her self-sacrificing charities and good works has come down to our own times; and that the life of my grandfather, Irenee Du Pont, was signalized by countless acts of private benevolence, many of which were never known, and many more only discovered after his death. I will say further, in this connection, that the old people also believed most strongly and earnestly that any personal assumptions based on the size of one's income, or any allusions in conversation or otherwise to the possession or expenditure of money, were odious and vulgar things." It is not surprising, then, that Colonel Du Pont declared: "We should not forget that it is very often easier to endure the strains of adversity than to withstand the snares and temptations of prosperity, which can be successfully met only by the exercise of much sober common sense, great self-restraint and thorough refinement of feeling."

His devotion to the Military Academy never faltered. As an example in 1925, at

the Founders Day dinner in Washington, D.C., Colonel Du Pont summed up his sense of the purpose of West Point in these words: "... The large increase in the number of cadets ... should receive our strong approbation, on the express condition, however, that the authorities of the Military Academy continue to impress upon every cadet who enters that institution not only the supreme importance but the absolute necessity of striving to measure up x x x to the standards of former days—truthfulness, integrity, honor, courtesy, and devotion to duty and to the interests of the government, the whole interwoven with a patriotic love and affection for our common country."

Sometime later Du Pont described West Point's contribution to his life as follows: "As a young man I received a military training, as did my father before me, and, so far as I am concerned, have always considered that my entrance to the United States Military Academy at West Point was the turning point in my life, recognizing as I do that what little I have been able to accomplish in my time has been very largely influenced by the military regime of my early days."

### Only in Kaydet Gray III

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good war record, was Commandant of the Army War College and after retirement from the Army was an editor of the *US News and World Report*.

Then as now, uniform regs required black socks with dress gray but for some reason there was a rage to wear white socks the athletes drew from the AAA. Both the Tacs and the AAA appealed to the academic instructors to help curb the practice.

When Max's section came into the classroom and took seats one day, he noticed that the section leader, no less, had on white socks.

"Mr. So and So, you're wearing white socks which is against regulations."

"Yes, Sir."

"Well put them in the waste basket and we'll proceed."

While his classmates watched, the section marcher took off his shoes, put his socks in the waste basket next to Max's desk, put his shoes back on and the class went on to discuss the Renaissance poets.

#### *It Pays to Speak the Language*

When I was stationed in Washington in the late fifties, I drove over to Annapolis in civilian clothes to see the annual Army-Navy basketball game on Navy's home court. The field house was jammed and my seat was about mid-court on the Army side in almost the last row of the sharply banked rows of seats. A place with an excellent view where, as it turned out, one could also be viewed.

It was a close, exciting game, and during the breaks the voice on the loud speaker system gave the standing of the

squash match which was in progress in the same building.

It was a close one too. Navy ahead 2-1. Tie. Army 3-2. Finally squash was tied at 4 all with one match to go while the crowd was in an uproar over the tight basketball game.

Suddenly the Army squash players in sweaty uniforms and rackets in hand came through a door behind the goal to my left and climbed up on a high railing to watch the finish of the basketball game.

The next time play on the court stopped, I stood up and waved my arms to catch their attention and when one of them looked up, I stuck out my arm with thumb up, then down, and kept wagging it up and down. How did we make out?

The cadet's face broke out in a big grin and he thrust both arms out in front of him with thumbs up. We won, 5 to 4!

I thanked him with the same gesture.

At the time I was a General officer, more than 25 years out of West Point and he was a cadet I had never seen before (or since) but we communicated with each other perfectly because we spoke the same language.

Now he's almost 25 years out of West Point, and if he happens to read this and recalls the incident, I would be delighted if he would contact me.

### Women at West Point

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tional commitment. Based upon the respondents, the majority of women are enrolled in college and are still not married.

The issues and concerns about why women have left West Point will continue to be studied. There are many questions still unanswered. For example, the majority of women answering this survey reported that their physical performance did not strongly influence their decision to leave. Yet, overwhelmingly the women also stated that their physical performance was a major criteria for acceptance by their male peers. This seems to support ongoing research which has linked female cadet leadership evaluations with how they perform in physical performance tasks.

### Griess Retires

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institutional crisis, when steadiness, superb judgment, and informed perspective, and a deep commitment to the fundamental soundness of Academy programs were at a premium, General Griess put those qualities at the service of the Academic Committee of the West Point Study Group. He shared with the other members of the Committee his unexcelled knowledge of curricular reform, acquired from just-completed service on the USMA Curricular Study Group, his departmental experience, and almost a decade of involvement in curricular design. Due to General Griess' tireless efforts, the Committee saved valuable time and avoided major,

even crippling, errors in its reform proposals. He concurrently led West Point's Special Academic Study Group, in which capacity he rendered invaluable assistance to the investigations of the Committee, performed a signal service in his excellent and timely advice to the Superintendent and Academic Board, and worked tirelessly to coordinate USMA responses to the Committee's preliminary proposals. His outstanding leadership and wise counsel resulted in major improvements in the quality of the report submitted by the West Point Study Group. As a member of the the Academy's Committee on Instruction in Ethics and Professionalism, he made a similar contribution to the revision of programs for moral and military development of cadets, addressing directly some of the problems that produced the ever-widening crisis that had engulfed West Point beginning in early 1976. Upon completion of that study, the Superintendent called upon General Griess to make a further significant and broad-ranged contribution by helping to supervise West Point's review and implementation of the Study Group's proposals as a member of the Curriculum Committee.

Following the retirement ceremonies, General and Mrs. Griess moved to Sun City, Arizona where they own a home. General Griess plans to keep busy in the years to come completing biographies of Dennis Hart Mahan and Jacob L. Devers.

On 1 September this year Colonel Roy K. Flint succeeded Brigadier General (retired) Thomas E. Griess as head of the Department of History. Colonel Flint, Professor and former Deputy Head of the Department, becomes only the second man to head the Department of History, General Griess having been its head since the Department was created in 1969. A member of the USMA faculty since 1972, Colonel Flint has served successively as the Associate Professor of Military History and since 1976 as the Deputy Head of the Department.

After graduating from the University of Michigan in 1950, Colonel Flint enlisted in the Army when the Korean war broke out and graduated from the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, a year and a half later. He spent a year with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, commanding Co A, 23rd Infantry Regiment and as Battalion S-3, 1st Bn, 23rd Infantry Regiment and then moved to Hawaii with the 25th Infantry Division. There he served as S-3, 1st Bn, 14th Infantry and later served as Commander C Company of the 14th Infantry. Colonel Flint subsequently served with the 82nd Airborne Division in the 501st Abn Infantry, as Assistant G-1 of the 82nd, and as Assistant Chief of Staff. In 1968 he rejoined the 25th Infantry Division, this time in Vietnam, where he commanded the 3d Bn of the 22d Infantry during the Tet Offensive. Other assignments included service in Headquarters, U.S. Army, Europe as Operations Officer, Operations Center Branch, and Chief of the Command

and Control Section, Plans and Force Development Branch in the Operations Division. In Vietnam he served as Executive Officer to the Deputy CG, USARV. He was an ROTC instructor and a part-time graduate student at the University of Alabama and an instructor of military history at the United States Military Academy. He has attended the Army Command and General Staff College, the British Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Air War College.

Colonel Flint has an M.A. from the University of Alabama and a PhD from Duke University. In addition to heading the Department, he plans to continue teaching while completing work on a book dealing with generalship and the evolution of limited war during the Korean War.

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their counterparts from Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard in the First Annual Robert T. Stevens Service Academies Leaders' Conference. This opportunity, made possible through the generosity of Mr. Robert T. Stevens, a Thayer Award recipient and former Secretary of the Army, is covered in more detail elsewhere in this issue of "Assembly."

As all of you recall, cadets are always looking for activities for their seemingly endless energy. In addition to competition on Corps Squad and company intramural teams, extracurricular activities are unique at West Point compared to many civilian colleges and universities. Of some 86 extracurricular clubs, 23 are competitive teams such as rugby, team handball, marathon and sailing. Allow me to tell you of some of the club's more noteworthy performances this year. Captained by Cadet Mike Proulx, '82, son of COL & Mrs. Clovis B. Proulx, (ROTC '56) of Fort Knox, Kentucky, the three Rugby "sides" have a 7 and 2 record so far this season, including winning the Metropolitan New York Collegiate Championship. This latter triumph guarantees the Ruggers an invitation to the Eastern Championships next spring. Superb coaching by Majors Lynn Moore (USMA '70), Mike Mahan (USMA '70), and Roger Belson, British Army (Sandhurst '69), have significantly improved the team's performance for this year. Four cadets were named to the 12-member US Junior National Women's Team Handball Team which competed in the World Championships in Montreal, Canada, from 17-25 October 1981. They are Andrea Allen, daughter of COL & Mrs. Eugene W. Allen of Arlington, Virginia; Karen Doner, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard J. Doner, of Syracuse, New York; Alison Grey, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel J. Grey, of Syracuse, New York; and Cynthia Werner, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Warren R. Werner, of Florissant, Missouri. All are Yearlings of the Class of 1984.

The Marathon Team has been building a formidable reputation wherever they compete. Witness these accomplishments:

In the Athletics Congress United States National 25KM Senior Men's Championship at East Meadow, New York, on 11 October 1981, Cadet Charles Mann, '82, son of Mr. & Mrs. James H. Mann of Wilmington, North Carolina took 1st place overall and was the national champion. The national runner-up and in 2d place overall was another cadet, Bill Estes, son of Mr & Mrs. Edward Estes, of McKinleyville, California. Additionally, West Point took 1st place honors in the team event. The Marathon Team will qualify from 20-25 cadets for the Boston Marathon next spring by running under the national qualifying standard of 2 hours and 50 minutes for 26 miles.

Although the Army is not supposed to be noted for its seamanship, the Sailing Team this year took first place in all three divisions at the Royal Military College Invite in Kingston, Ontario. Of course, the most treasured victory by the Army's "Sailors" came on 3 and 4 October when the Sailing Team *Club* defeated a *varsity* team from the Naval Academy! The West Point community are solid supporters of cadet extracurricular clubs; this year over 250 NCO's, civilians, and officers have volunteered their services as helpers, coaches and sponsors.

Having received some comments on cadet uniforms, I thought you would be interested in seeing some uniforms you may not be familiar with. The photographs on this page are of Cadets Mark Washechek, son of Mr. Howard C. Washechek, of Brookfield, Wisconsin, and Deborah Gillette, daughter of LTC William P. Gillette, (USMA '58) of Odenton, Maryland, both from the Class of '82 wearing the blazer uniform, first authorized for wear in 1969 and Cadet Washechek in the cadet black sweater, first issued to the Class of 1984. Interestingly, the Army has just approved a very similar variation of this sweater. Both are very popular with members of the Corps.

I would be interested in hearing whether there is anything you would want to know about the Corps of Cadets in future Com Reports.

BEAT NAVY!

## News from the Societies

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should be channeled through societies and individual graduates to the AOG Admissions Committee. The Committee will work in close coordination with Colonel Rogers, Director of Admissions, in this effort.

The AOG Admissions Committee will make their initial contacts with West Point Societies in the next few months, with the first report of progress due at the February, 1982 meeting of the Committee.

## West Point Society of North Texas

From 14-17 March 1981 the West Point Glee Club visited the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Their schedule was very active and included performances at the State Fair

Music Hall with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, the Scottish Rite Crippled Children's Hospital, The Dallas Women's Club, NorthPark Mall, Thanksgiving Square, Bishop Lynch High School, and Hillcrest High School. A group of local college women were organized to greet the cadets shortly after they arrived in Dallas. During their visit the cadets stayed with a number of local graduates and with a number of distinguished Dallas residents. The Glee Club was very well received by the citizens of Dallas and performed superbly, as anticipated. Bruce Clark '72 did an exceptional job in the planning and coordination of the visit.

The Society's annual spring picnic was once again graciously hosted by Nick and Linda Stafford '69 on 17 May 1981. Approximately 100 members and friends attended the very enjoyable event held in the expansive Stafford backyard. Competitive events were arranged for the children and fun was had by all.

On 31 May 1981 the Society sponsored the First Annual Tri-Service Academy Softball Game. Abner Doubleday USMA 1842 would have been proud of the planning and organization of the event by Coach Al Lisi '70. The Society experienced an exceptional turnout of at least 25 members. Many more graduates and friends were in the stands cheering our forces onward as we sunk the Navy sixteen to one but lost a close game to a strong Air Force contingent by a narrow five to four margin.

During the first three weeks of June, two cadets from West Point visited the Dallas area as part of a joint West Point/National Urban League Project known as the Cadet Summer Enrichment Program. The purpose of the program was to help make minority students aware of the free college opportunities available at West Point. The cadets participating in the program, Archie Wilmer '82 and Reynaldo Reysa '84, assisted the Dallas Urban League in its ongoing youth activities program. During their visit the cadets spoke at a number of civic, church, fraternal and sororital functions and at several local schools in an effort to identify promising students and disseminate information on West Point. The Academy was well represented by Cadets Wilmer and Reysa. A luncheon was sponsored for the cadets at the Belo Mansion, home of the Dallas Bar Association.

On 27 September 1981 we had our annual fall party at the Northwood Country Club in Dallas. Bud Bolling '43 sponsored the festivities which included excellent food and a live country and western band. The party chairman, Keyes Hudson '65, did a superb job at both organizing the affair and dancing the "Cotton-eyed Joe."

The Society has been doing a better job at identifying new members that move into the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Our ranks have grown to a membership in excess of 200, thanks in part to the efforts of Rich Dillon '74, Keyes Hudson '65, and Dick Murtland '57 in automating and recording membership data. Dick, the local

District Manager for Prime Computer, generously volunteered the services of his fine company in creating a data bank for our members. The project has involved the development of a computer program which accommodates the Society's need to automate and update its records.

The Society has scheduled its 1982 Founders Day Dinner at the Chapparal Club in Dallas on 19 March 1982. The speaker for the occasion is tentatively scheduled to be the new Superintendent of the Academy, Lieutenant General Willard W. Scott, Jr.—Bickel '70.

### West Point Society of Chicago

The West Point Society of Chicago once again has an active slate of events planned for the 1981-82 year. Led by our newly-elected president, Dick Gallagher '63 and his officers and directors, the Society has scheduled the following events. Our series of Regional Cocktail Parties, which are hosted by graduates for a small group of other graduates and their spouses in the various geographical areas around Chicago, began with a party at Ole and Betty Olson's house on the lake at Fort Sheridan on 26 September. Several other parties are planned in the following months. Details can be obtained by calling Frank Kobes '66 at 312/828-2580. On 2 October the U.S. Army Recruiting Command at Fort Sheridan hosted a presentation and informal cocktail party for our members. The purpose was to brief the membership on the mission and activities of USAREC. Because of the vital importance of effective recruiting and an All-Volunteer Army, this briefing will be very important to all.

In March, we will have our annual Founder's Day Dinner/Dance and shortly thereafter we will have the annual Business Roundtable, probably at a Loop location.

Our membership drive has also started and we urge any graduates in the Chicago area who have not been contacted by us to contact the Society at its Kenilworth telephone number (312-256-4422) and we will be glad to send them the appropriate membership forms.—Coll '65

### West Point Society of D.C.

The second annual "West Point Nite" was held at the Officer's Club at Ft. Myer. More than 100 attended the program.

The basic aim of this program is to stimulate interest in West Point in a selected group of high school seniors, with particular emphasis on explaining the Academy's academic and athletic programs, admissions procedures, and career opportunities after graduation. For this function, the USMA staff and faculty sent invitations to 50 outstanding high school seniors and their parents for a sit-down dinner. The Academy was responsible for the after-dinner program and the West Point Society of D.C. provided the funds,

facilities and legwork to ensure the overall success of the function. The program, which lasted approximately 50 minutes, included the following:

—Master of ceremonies: Gene Sullivan, West Point Society of D.C.

—Welcome: LTC A.S. Collins, President, West Point Society of D.C.

—"What West Point Can Do For You": BG Joseph Franklin, Commandant, USMA

—Film entitled: "Professional Leadership"

—"About West Point": COL P. Rush-ton, Admissions Dept., USMA

—"Army Football": Ed Cavanaugh, Head Football Coach

—"West Point Through the Eyes of a Recent Graduate": 2LT Stan March

Twenty-two prospective candidates accepted the invitation. Other invited guests included General E. C. Meyer, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, several USMA graduates including BG Peter Dawkins and Mr. Harry Walters, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and seven cadets.

The appreciation expressed by the parents of the invited candidates indicated that the Society's efforts were well received and the attitude of the youngsters indicated accomplishment of the purpose—to get the idea of attending West Point in the thoughts of outstanding young men and women. The final outcome, however, will only be known when the Class of '86 enters the Academy next summer.

George Hubert '67, Gene Sullivan '64 and Woody Vaughan '40 did all the legwork and planning to make this effort by the West Point Society a success.—Wilson '46

### West Point Society of Southern Arizona

The newly designated officers of the Society are:

President . . . . . James G. McCray '48

Vice President . . . . . Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Jr. '51

Secretary and Treasurer . . . . . Perin Mawhinney '54

Elected to serve three-year terms on the Board of Governors: Alfred A. Pabst '48, Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Jr. '51, Edward E. Roderick '54

During the past year we conducted three social affairs which were enjoyable, but not as well attended as the total number of graduates in Southern Arizona might support:

a. A football season (Army-Navy) party at Skyline Country Club on 28 Nov 80, attended by 48 people, about half being graduates.

b. Founders Day Banquet on 14 Feb 81 attended by 52 people, about half being graduates. Our guest speaker was our local Admissions Liason Officer, COL Bill Kiser.

c. An annual organization meeting on 16 May 81 attended by 14 graduates and 7 guests, including 3 cadet candidates of '85.

In the forthcoming year we plan a

similar schedule beginning with the Army-Navy party at Skyline Country Club on 20 Nov. We plan to invite parents of present cadets again this year to this affair.

For Founders Day we have put in our bid for the Superintendent to speak at that banquet, and will adjust our plans to his schedule if possible.—Mawhinney '54

## The West Point Society of New York

We invite you to membership in the West Point Society of New York—the largest in the country, and now we believe the one with the most informative program. We welcome as members graduates and ex-cadets, as well as friends of West Point as associate members. The Society's objective is to provide an organization through which persons interested in fostering West Point's principles can maintain comradeship, while simultaneously affording themselves the opportunity to gain insight into the important events of today and tomorrow with special emphasis on military and national security affairs.

"We extend a special invitation to attend our functions to anyone planning to be in the New York area during the coming year. Monthly luncheons are held at Mama Leone's Restaurant, 239 West 48th street in Manhattan."

### 1981-1982 Program:

15 Sept—Head Coach Ed Cavanaugh was with us for our annual kickoff luncheon after Army played the first game of the season.

11 Nov—One of the highly visible television commentators told us how the media looks at the military establishment.

10 Dec—Army Chief of Staff, GEN Edward C. Meyer '51, to give us his thoughts about the United States Army today.

12 Jan—United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Jeanne Kirkpatrick, on how United States foreign policy is projected through the United Nations.

10 Feb—LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr. '48, Superintendent, USMA, with seven months of experience behind him to bring us up to date on what is taking place at West Point.

16 Mar—Founders Day Dinner to appropriately celebrate the 180th anniversary of West Point, with the speaker and location to be announced at a later date.

April—Visit to Ottawa to meet with representatives of the Canadian government and members of their Military Forces. Full details will be provided once the date is set.

May—Annual meeting will take place in New York City on a weekday. Dana Mead has plans for a special Saturday outing, continuing the traditional Spring visit to West Point. *Contact:* The West Point Society of New York at 159 East 78th Street, New York, NY 10021. Tel. (212) 724-7400.

## Space Coast West Point Society

At the Space Coast West Point Society's business meeting, held on 14 Sept 81 at

the Patrick Air Force Base Officers' Open Mess, officers for the 1981-1982 year were announced: Pres. Jack Dibble '40, 1st Vice Pres Russ Bonasso '42, 2nd Vice Pres Tom Burt '49, Secy-Treas Howard Peckham '51.

On 29 September, the new officers met to discuss Society planned and proposed activities for the coming year. The first order of business was to finalize plans already in work for the Christmas party. In his absence from the meeting, Tom Burt was the unanimous selection to serve as Party Project Officer by the other three officers present. The party will be held at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club on Friday, 11 December, with additional details to follow soon by mailout.

Plans are also well underway for the Society's 1982 Founders' Day celebration. Jack Dibble has already located a fine, young(er), genuine youngest grad to replace last year's '51er, who was headed for his 30th reunion two months later. We have high hopes of having a particularly illustrious guest speaker for the evening and the exact date of our dinner is to be determined later, keyed to his availability.

Longer range ideas, by no means firm, include a joint barbecue with the USNA alumni, if we can track them down, and perhaps a couple golf tournaments.

Of course, all grads, ex-cadets, and widows in our area are automatically considered members of the Space Coast Society; however, we're not sure we know who they all are. Anyone not sure whether he or she is on our roster, please give Howard Peckham a call at 727-7244. We want to get everyone on our mailing list for all future functions—and let's hear it from some of you active duty and recent retirees that have come into the area without our knowing about it—Peckham '51

## Letters to the Editor

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and read the owner's name and "US Army" inscribed on the inner side. With that he contacted the AOG and got the ring back to its owner.

The substance of this letter has appeared piecemeal in the 1932 column of a few issues of ASSEMBLY but the results have been so heartwarming that I thought it might be of interest to other classes, particularly the older ones.

Three of my classmates have lost their rings and the wife of one asked me if I had a suggestion to replace it. I did because I was on the Ring and Seal Committee 50 years ago which made the contract with Tiffany's for our class rings. It stipulated that they would retain the dies in perpetuity and reproduce rings on demand. In 1932 a 14 karat gold ring with a semi-precious stone cost \$35.

Thirty years later, my ring was worn smooth and I sent it back to Tiffany's to be rebuilt on my original shank. They did and returned it to me in Paris looking just as it was on 10 June 1932; cost \$40.

But times have changed. Gold was \$20

an ounce in 1932 and after soaring above \$800 is now around \$420. Rings for the Class of 1932 will cost more than \$500. For a new 1932 ring today, the cost is \$2400 for a minimum order of four.

A '32 widow who donated her husband's ring to the West Point museum in 1973 gave me the idea to suggest that other widows might give their husband's rings to a classmate who has lost his. (The museum needs only one of each Class.) I mentioned it in our '32 column in ASSEMBLY and the results were electrifying.

A West Point widow of 1937 whose husband had graduated from Texas A&M before entering West Point wrote she had taken action to donate both his West Point '37 ring and his Aggie '33 ring to classmates at his respective institutions.

A "double widow" of 1932 whose first husband was killed in the Battle of the Bulge on Christmas Day, has given her late husbands' rings to two classmates who are delighted to have them and proud to wear them because of special memories in each case.

Even though most of us can afford the high cost of replacement, it seems to me that the sentimental value would make it worth while for any grad to indicate to his wife that when his number comes up, she not bury his ring with him. Somewhere a classmate may want to wear it and maybe unlike '32, the means to make a new one will not exist anymore.

—Kenneth F. Zitzman '32.

## Army Football Prospects

I wholeheartedly agree with the thoughts expressed in the Wermuth letter (September ASSEMBLY). Army should give up on big time football—set national exposure by playing Air Force and Navy and "keep recruiting the top level leaders, stars in other sports and brains."

—Dwight C. Burnham '46

## Army Football Prospects

I concur with the contents of A. Wermuth letter published in the September issue. The mission of the Military Academy is to prepare outstanding young people for a lifetime of service and leadership for our country. It is not to produce professional caliber athletes.

Certainly, athletic competition is beneficial in the development of leadership capabilities, but at best only a small percentage of cadets play varsity football. The 150 lb team well illustrates that a keen competitive spirit can be developed on a smaller scale.

Army can find many non professional college football teams across the country fielded by fine academic institutions who would welcome an opportunity to play an equal. Let us produce leaders, not just professional athletes. Since its inception the Military Academy has been primarily noted for its military, civil and academic leaders, and that is as it should be.

—Donald H. Henderson '45

## Army Football Prospects

The September 1981 issue of ASSEMBLY included a letter on Army Football Prospects, by Anthony L. Wermuth, Class of '40. It should be "By Order" reading for all Army fans.

Many of us believe Wermuth expressed our misgivings and scored by advocating that West Point give up "big time football."

We are deeply indebted to Army Football and the Athletic Association. The benefits have been incalculable; the pleasures and memories unforgettable; the "bragging rights," over friendly foes, most flavorful, but alas—we simply are not now in the BIG FOOTBALL—BIG MONEY business of people in professional sports and the BIG MEDIA operators.

WEST POINT is not and should not be convertible to a farm club to provide first round draft choices for professional football teams. We should not be frittering away taxpayer's money to subsidize politically pressured or money inspired recruitment of questionable candidates for combat leadership.

Our job is to educate and train youngsters to be the World's most astute, proficient and inspirational soldier leaders, from the hand to hand combat in the trenches to the top commands of the Nation's Armed Forces.

Wermuth suggests we recruit stars from other sports and seek brains. May we also suggest looking for the boy pragmatists, the innovators and the articulate. WEST POINT may never graduate another "All American" but we produce a "National American" when the Republic is in trouble.

—T. C. Ryan '24

## Down The Field

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formance in Army's 34-0 shutout victory over Princeton. Murphy, starting in place of the injured Bryant at cornerback, was named ECAC "co-defensive player of the week." He had two interceptions, one leading to a touchdown, and the other to a field goal. He also made seven tackles and had one pass deflection.

Often referred to as "the hitman," junior safety Mike Williams joined the list of ECAC honorables following his play against Rutgers. Although Army was shut out 17-0, Williams finished his afternoon's work with 11 tackles. He also recovered a pair of fumbles.

Walker has also been on the ECAC honor roll, not once, not twice, but three times. Rushing for a career high 172 yards in 31 carries, while scoring two touchdowns against Princeton, Walker was also honored earlier in the season for his outstanding play against both Brown, 165 yards, and Harvard, 153 yards. Late scores: Air Force 7 - Army 3; Holy Cross 28 - Army 13.

### 150 lb Football

Looking ahead in other sports it will take a victory effort by Cornell over Navy, if the Army lightweights are to return as the Eastern League title holders. Currently, Navy leads the league with an unblemished 4-0 record. Army and Rutgers stand 3-1, Princeton and Cornell 1-3 and Penn 0-4. If Cornell stops the Middies and Army continues to win, a playoff would be necessary.

Offensively, Tom Kastner is the signal caller for the lightweights, while Bob Scurlock is getting a workout at runningback. Also seeing plenty of action are fullback Scott Wakeland, wide receiver Kevin Keough and flanker John Cowan. Glen Bonneville has been doing an excellent kicking job.

Defensively, backs Ralph Carbone, Glen Tindal and John Salvetti have been playing top notch football.

### Soccer

Although they've played to four ties, the Army booters are still in the win column. Off to what some call a slow start, the cadets and their coach were pleased with their recent 2-0 upset over Colgate.

"Against Colgate we played the best soccer we have played all season," said Edell. "It was a total team effort, the type of performance we need every time out."

Scoring goals for Army against Colgate were Steve Murray and Gary Langford. Langford's goal iced the game, while Murray's goal broke a scoreless deadlock. Dan Medina assisted Murray's goal and Reese Griffith set up Langford's tally. Army dominated the offense, outshooting Colgate by a 29-7 margin.

### Women's Cross Country

The Army women's cross country team is off to a flying start, winning its first eight meets.

Turning in strong efforts for the cadets have been team captain Harlene Nelson, Sue Lenio, Dorinda Smith, Joan Foulkrod, Roberta Baynes and Laura Meche.

"In almost every instance, our girls are improving or bettering their best time,"

said Coach Sherman. "They run as a team by running tightly in a pack. This team is constantly improving, something you don't always see in cross country teams."

In extending their winning skein to 8-0, Wendy Anderson and Karen Gorkowski have sparked their team with outstanding individual efforts.

In invitational competition the women harriers put on their best show at Indiana. The team took fifth place in the 18-team field.

### Men's Cross Country

On the other side of the locker room, the men's cross country team has posted a 7-2 record. Although they were shut out by Navy, the team has the second best winning percentage among fall sport teams.

Setting the pace for the cadets are co-captains Tom Wuchte and Jan Afridi. In a 21-34 victory over Cornell, the two finished in a tie for first place. Army had four of the top five finishers.

Cardell Williams and Jay Rutherford finished third and fifth respectively.

"I told my team that if they would stay together until the three mile mark and push hard after that they could win," said Coach Bazil. "They did, and we looked just as strong at the end of the meet as we did in the beginning."

### Women's Tennis

Team captain Gail Petty and Tia Sargent teamed up to win the first doubles match by an 8-6 pro set and Lelia True and Jamie Ruffing won the third doubles match by an 8-2 score as the Army women's tennis team upped its season mark to 5-2 with victories over Vassar 7-0 and St. John's 5-4 recently.

The win was sweet as they bounced back from a loss to Cornell.

Army won all five singles meets against Vassar to secure the victory. Others turning in top performances were Debbie Williams, Holly Harlow and Kathy Spaulding.

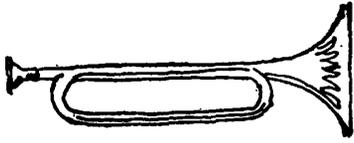
### Women's Volleyball

In volleyball, the women spikers finished a disappointing seventh in an eight-team field at the East Stroudsburg tournament recently.

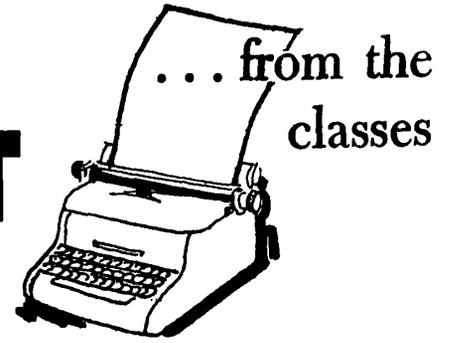
Prior to that outing, the women won the consolation bracket of the Southern Connecticut State tournament. Coach Gail Bennett's squad defeated Bridgeport, Central Connecticut and Connecticut.

They also took runner-up honors in the Brockport Invitational and runner-up honors in the Massachusetts tourney.





# REPORT



## '09

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Perhaps once again "naughty nine," still doughty '09, and locally-gouty '09 (that's why your surrogate scribe, PS Jr. is at the keys), still heads the many fine columns in your ASSEMBLY.

Albeit this illustrious Class still musters a bunch of elderly gentlemen and women, we should not overlook the many examples of nonagenarians not only of our present day (and that's what all the tracasserie is about with regard to paying out too much social security), but also in the past. Will you indulge me a moment with some "for instances?" Now there's the Venetian despot, Dandolo, who led the fourth Crusade (when he was blind, mind you) and rather than wait to kill any Saracens he slaughtered and pillaged the Byzantines in Constantinople. They didn't put him away until he was 97. The first Rip Van Winkle was Epimenedes, one of the 7 wisest men in old Greece. He lived to 289 years. And who can forget Merenptah, son of Ramses II, who reportedly chased Moses (himself living to 120) across the Red Sea? And this old pharaoh hit 97. And if you go to the Egyptian museum in Cairo you can see his blackened remains. Way back in the 6th Dynasty (of Egypt) there lived a ruler, old Phiops—and he was "old"; he didn't get mummified until he was 100. There are quite a few more, and '09 seems to have a lot of steam still in its boilers, too.

The largest contingent of the Class resides under one roof, here, in Atlanta: Gage and Ord. Their good health is of concern to me—because I'd like to limit myself to just one column per ASSEMBLY. With Irene Ord's valuable assistance I'll give a roll call. Dorothy North is well and happy in her Norfolk apartment. Eleanor Harding passed away at Walter Reed in Sept from a stroke. Tony Goetz suffered a heart attack while in hospital for a hip replacement. She's now home in Greenwich, CT. Bertha Oldfield is presumed well in her lovely home in Seattle. Dorothy Devers has moved to a condo in VA. Mrs. Matheson is in the Distaff Hall and Mrs. Walch is residing in Kennedy Warren—both in DC, of course. No word has been received from Krogstad, Stokley, Van Deusen, or Perego, but the condition of their health and good spirits is not in question.

PS Sr. is living a languid life due no doubt to the overly loving care of an ever-attending spouse. It would be this writer's guess that if he had more news, Dad would do some scribing. Therefore, any comments from "down the line" in regard to West Point or the Army would be appreciated by him. And who knows, he might beat out a column again one of these days.

DECEMBER 1981

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

**the Mar issue by — 4 Jan 82**

**the Jun issue by — 30 Mar 82**

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

To you all Dad and Irene send good wishes and hope for a fine holiday season. P. S. Gage, Jr.

## '10

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Fritz Strong has been doing the usual amount of traveling in view of his scattered family ties. Noteworthy was his presence at the christening service for his fifth great-grandchild; what a family! Following that was a visit to Mayo Clinic—great-grandfather must watch his health.

From San Antonio comes news of a party honoring the leading spirit of the Poker Club of Army Retirees, none other than our Guy Chipman, erstwhile of U.S. Cavalry. The horses have gone but sports of the cavalrymen and others remain undisturbed.

Brown, your scribe, had a recent brief stay in Walter Reed Hospital but at this writing is at home recuperating. He is pleased to note that an obituary of Carey Brown Jr. has been prepared by a 1942 classmate and will be published in a later ASSEMBLY. Carey, Jr. lost his life in England, was buried there. After the war his remains were returned to the United States to be re-interred at West Point. No obituary was published at the time.

Many scribes seem well acquainted with the whereabouts of Class widows but such is not the case with 1910. The only one in Washington is Kay Lewis, B.O.'s widow, who leads an active life at Distaff Hall. She recently returned from Chicago where she visited with granddaughter Cathy and her family, including two great-grandchildren. Ella Heard and Hortense Chapman have children living in this area. Unfortunately, this scribe is completely out of touch with any other class widows.



## '11

Billy Wyche died suddenly 8 Jul, full of years, satisfactions, happiness and still singing "1911 She's a Winner." He would have been 94 in Oct. As much as he missed Louise, he lived life to the fullest until he died. Active and alert, he took great pleasure in his close relationship with his four grandchildren—and with his daughter and son-in-law, Betsy and Henry Flory, who spent the last few winters with him.

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## '14

I was very late in sending out notices for these notes. Fortunately Tom Monroe wrote in without waiting to be reminded. Tom seems to have discovered the Fountain of Youth out there in CA and continues in good health and good spirits.

After a very long illness, my wife Ruth died on 20 July. Adjusting to life alone is very difficult. I hope I can do better in collecting notes for the Dec issue.

## '15

**BG Hume Peabody**  
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GENERAL NEWS: Letter from May Leone to Vernon Evans reports that Gene was a bit under the weather. Son-in-law Tom Mesereau attended 11Abn reunion in Jul in AZ, and met Joe Swing and his daughter Mary Anne Fullilove, "both looking wonderful." . . . Bruce Lorch's granddaughter Donna (daughter of LTC John Lorch USAF) and her husband, CPT Eric Wildeman, Abn Inf, USMA '74, are presently in MA where Donna attends Wellesley while Eric pursues his master's at MIT. (To be followed by teaching, USMA.) . . . The Lorch family reunion Jul 31-Aug 2 at beautiful Cumberland Falls State Park was enjoyed by 35 including a newly found cousin from Canada. Bruce was busy with late gardening and the enjoyable summer influx of grandkids. . . . Sept found Winnie Robinson visiting in Williamsburg, VA, for a fortnight and then on to A-N Club, DC, for a few days.

TRAVELOGUE: Aug 4 Det Ellis, grandson Tracy Ellis Mulligan, wife and 3 great-grandsons, embarked on camper, driven by Tracy, and set sail for ME and NH to show the grands where Det's maternal "First Settler" John Lebby first lived and to meet Yankee cousins. Lebby landed near Portland

1635. There they viewed markers and met some of the cousins, then proceeded to Portsmouth, NH, where Det's GT, GT, GT-Grandfather, Nathaniel Libby, was born in 1740. In 1763 he moved to Charleston, SC, and founded the southern branch of the family. He was one of Det's Revolutionary ancestors and Det's GT, GT-Grandfather Richard Ellis was another. (The SAR should charge Det double dues!). En route a side stop at Wellesley afforded an hour's enjoyable visit with Jack & Evelyn Harris. On Cape Cod they fanned the breeze with Jake Meneely who was visiting relatives and about to enjoy the celebration of his 91st birthday. They arrived home 15 Aug, having had a "wonderful experience."

64\$ QUESTION: When did you last send us some news? 'Bye now.

# '16

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The 65th reunion was a climax in 1916 Class activities, and all present had exerted real effort to attend, some with canes, and one in a wheel chair.

Bill & Boots Spence were stopped short on their trip to Georgia and Alabama when Bill had a heart attack and was hospitalized for 3 weeks, then transferred to Fort Sam Houston Hospital.

We regret to announce the death of Bob McBride, who was present at the 65th, on the 24th of Sept after two weeks in hospital with a heart condition, and of Brig Bliss's lovely wife Sevilla of a stroke on September 20th in her apartment in The Kennedy Warren, Washington, DC. Both funerals were attended by classmates.

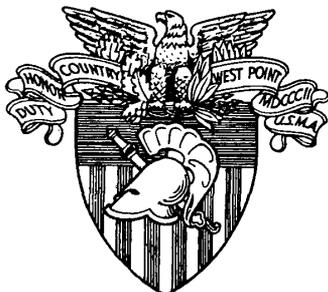
Bob Whitson writes that Nell is now in a nursing home, and doesn't like it. Joan Newgarden has left her ret home in Austin and returned to one in San Ant. Fran Tully is worried about her son Larkin Tully, Class of '44 USMA; and Fay Prickett's health has been deteriorating since the reunion.

Stan & Mary Scott had a double visit to DeWitt Hospital at Ft Belvoir, where they celebrated their 64th wedding anniv, with dinner from trays and a wedding cake from "The Staff." Sons Bill and Gilbert flew up from Dallas and have arranged for a 2-bedroom apartment at Treemont in Dallas, a residence for retired (not military) which they will claim on 9 Oct 81.

Marjorie Moses has also moved, to Fox Chase, South Sutton, NH 03273 as of 1 Oct.

Bob & Sidney Walsh gave a delightful 1916 class party in their home on McComb St, Washington, DC. on 26 Sept, including class "children" and relatives as a farewell to the Scotts. What a grand time we all had! Susan Cockrell was not able to attend but Bob arranged a telephone visit for her with those present.

Best wishes to all and our next report will be from Dallas!



# A P R '17

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On 29 Jul our classmate Clarke Fales died at Virginia Beach, where he and Jessie made their home. He had been in poor health for several years, but before that he and Jessie had always driven the 250 miles to DC for our Class luncheons. He is survived by his wife, Jessie.

After a short illness, Henly Frier died on 25 Sept at Lakeside Hosp in Cleveland, OH. A funeral service was held in the Chapel at West Point on 1 Oct, and burial was in the cemetery there. Although saddened by his death, his family and friends are grateful that he had a long and happy life, was successful in his business and in his family life and was honored in his community. His daughter Virginia Cockrill says that West Point and especially his Class meant a lot to him. He often flew to DC from OH to attend our Class luncheons. On his 86th birthday on 29 Jul he was honored by a big birthday party, to which 90 were invited and 75 attended. There was a huge cake decorated with the West Point seal. Also, the WP Soc of Cleveland had a birthday celebration in his honor. Henly is survived by 9 children, 58 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Fred & Vivian Irving took a trip to ME in Sept, and on the way visited WP, where Fred checked on arrangement for our 65th Reunion and found them to be going well.

# A U G '17

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On 4 Sept we lost our superb horseman, Frankie Carr. We had seen little of him since his ret. He chose to train race horses and a trainer has virtually no time off to travel. But he loved it. He was buried in Burlingame, CA. Mickey Kernan attended the funeral where he met Frankie's son Donald and Donald's 2 sons.

Kit Carson has been having a rough time with his "cavalry" spine. He says that after 2 sieges in the hospital and the invasion of arthritis in his jumbled back bone, he is practically an invalid. But he still wrote a fine letter telling the story.

Anne Hart has also been in trouble for some time. She is home with a lot of inhouse care but she fights back. She plans coming to our Heterosexual Luncheon, 10 Oct. Ted Futch too has been in trouble—a couple of heart attacks. His address keeps changing, it is now Rte 3, Box 366. Peggy is looking after him in or out of hospital.

Good news. Loessa Coffey had a card from Virginia Harloe who was on a cruise to Alaska. On the same ship were Ruth Leavey, her daughter, and son-in-law.

From Winter Park! The Days, Rolfes and Morgans all well and happy. Midge Hall too but Margaret Barber has had to move into the Health Center permanently. Pinky & Nan are still going strong. They plan to rent something at Sarasota that will accommodate all their sons, daughters, etc. at Xmas.

Of course, the Rolfes have declared for our 65th Reunion. So have Hi Ely, Jim Hea,

Llew & Elaine Griffith, Doc Faust & Any, Dutch & Teddy Gerhardt, Georgina Whitelegg. Lot of absentees from the roster at our 60th.

One absentee will be Your Scribe. He has aged in the last 4 years to severely limit his orbit. So he is promoting the Heterosexual Luncheon on 10 Oct. as a mini-reunion or consolation prize. It appears that we will have 31 or 32 present: youth will be predominant. However, Jim Hea is coming from L.A. and Mickey Kernan from the Bay Area and that will be a treat.

# J U N '18

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We have lost our oldest classmate, Hugh (Gen) Murrill, on 16 June and also our youngest classmate, Hugh (Pat) Casey, on 30 Aug. Pat had advised me on 30 Jun about Gen's death. Pat had a stroke on 1 Jul. Gen was buried in Camden, SC, Pat in Arlington. Louise Bishop, Marjorie Clay, Marian Ross and the Grenatas attended. Also GEN Bratton, Chief of Engrs.

Bobbie Oliphant died on 2 Sept. She married Ollie at West Point on our graduation day. Ollie was the first cadet to win 4 A's in major sports. He was a member of the All-time, All-American Football Team. Bobbie was forever proud of his record.

Norma Axelson's son and his wife drove from VA to the far NW corner of Canada last summer. We were interested to hear about the trip when they and Norma stopped by in Sept.

Louise Bishop had a great trip to Portugal last May with a group of friends. All of the Ms's were Army daughters. Ann Kreber went to Portugal and Spain in Sept.

Squire Foster has the program of a Class dinner at Coblenz on 7 Feb 1920(sic). Present: 25 classmates, 1/6 of the Class.

Our son Tom of Glendale, AZ, enjoyed his short visit in Aug as he was here during those unusually cool nights. The Grenatas visited friends in CT last Jul. Also, Betty's nephew, an embassy adviser in Ottawa.

Alice Kramer's lemon tree was stripped of fruit and blossoms, courtesy CA Nat'l Gd, in combat with the medfly. Millie Pichel was also in the San Fran sprayed area. Millie and Richard flew to OH to visit old friends of Millie's, Felix (Nov '18) & Chloe Usis on their farm near Leetonia. The farm has been in Chloe's family for 200 years.

The Mileys drove to Detroit from MS in Aug to attend the reunion of the 17th Abn Div which Bud commanded in WW II—a short trip to Canada, then to Chicago to visit son John and family. Bud still plays golf, his dose is 3 times per week. Added to that, both do a bit of yard work. Here is one of the early parachutists still in first class shape!

Dick Richardson's granddaughter, Carol Brown, is a member of a Boston area womens rowing club. They were 3rd in the 76 Olympics and were first at Henley last Jul.

A recent book, On a Field of Red, has been dedicated to Eddie Sibert. Authors: Brown & MacDonald. It's about the Soviet Comintern.

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## BEAT NAVY

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Too many losses this period. Last 20 Apr Dave Ross died following 5 days of pneumonia. He was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Tuscaloosa, AL. Then on 18 Jul a lung cancer took Henry Lodge. He was buried in the family plot in the Forest Hills Cemetery near Boston. And on 8 Aug Jean Bevans, Stu's widow, died in the nursing home in Leesburg, VA, where she had been staying for some months. Burial was in Arlington beside Stu. Aug turned out to be a bad month for on the 13th Jess Norman left us. He had had a massive stroke in early May and was a patient in the Veterans' Hospital in DC when he died. He was buried in Arlington with full mil honors; pall bearers were Evans, Hastings, Hixon, Holbrook, Wanamaker and Whelchel. Then Harry Krieger died while a patient in the Hines Illinois Veterans' Hospital where he entered on 26 Jun for various tests and treatments. His condition failed to improve and pneumonia and a cardiac arrest took him on 25 Aug. He was buried in the Forest Home Cemetery in Forest Park IL.

Gerry Trichel feels his memory is slipping but his handling of Class affairs in the NE doesn't show it. Dad Miller, one of our 2 seniors in age, has been just as busy since his ret as a pediatrician as before. He says there is no time for a rocking chair as he has so many interests since giving up his practice, things he always wanted to do but couldn't, that his days are well filled. Hugh Palmer, his daughter and his granddaughter spent 5 interesting weeks in Wales and England concentrating on castles and literary shrines in late summer.

Willard Holbrook enjoyed a reunion of his WW II division pals at Ft Knox in Aug but as with many he encountered problems in returning to DC due to the air controllers strike. On Howie Canan's 87th birthday he was given a cake by his classmates at their monthly luncheon as the oldest class grad in the DC area. Jack Lewis is annoyed with the means of transportation he must use, a wheel chair. He has always been a very active young fellow so he feels handicapped with it. The usual 1 Nov Class luncheon celebrated in DC and always managed so well by Bryan Evans was held at Ft Myer on Sat, 31 Oct, this year as the Clubs are closed on Sun. It was a success as always with a good attendance. The Chorpenings were in the DC area for 2 weeks in Sept from their home in San Ant to visit their very lovely twin granddaughters, Kate and Sarah Aiello, age two. While there Corp ran down to NC to see his triplicate great grandees.

The Schows' place in Boca Raton keeps them busy with much tree and other yard work to do. Tiny was not too well for sometime the past year but has been gradually returning to her old pert self recently. Polly Stevens (B.C.) has been concerned about Steve as he has had some degree of set back from his stroke of some time ago. Puss & Molly Molitor feel fortunate to have been spared some of the serious problems that many of us have encountered. They play golf together once or twice a week and do a fair job at it. Reed Yeager spent a pleasant cool summer at his daughter's place in NC at Black Mountain, so much nicer than being in Miami in the warm weather. The First



Nov 1918: Howie Canan celebrating his 87th at a Class luncheon.

Army's Training Center building in Windsor Locks, CT, was dedicated on 7 Nov as, "The General J. W. Middleton Building" in honor of our classmate "Middie." Francis attended the ceremony, going up from her home in Atlanta.

Corp Chorpening took over as VP of the Class for its Region II covering all of the central U.S. with San Ant as the hub of activities. Hal Cocks had carried the load for some years but he hadn't been well for some time and the burden was increasing. Since the change Hal's health has been improving and we are all hoping he will soon be flying his plane in a great way again. One of our oldtime Texans, Buck Freeman, and Henrietta, moved from their home in McAllen to Orlando, FL. We don't think it was due to health, or weather, but may have been just youthful adventure. The doctors are requiring Bill Blair to slow down a bit. He has certainly been overly active managing his extensive ranch and also a business in town. In Jul Isobel & Cornie Hahn attended the reunion of his WW II Regiment, the 338th Engrs, in Huntington, WV, and then visited son Dave and family in Homewood, IL. Alex MacKenzie was somewhat incapacitated requiring Erla to write for him. It was a slight stroke but he's gradually improving although too slowly to suit him. And Slim Styron has many physical problems but he's not letting them put him out of action. He still drives, walks a lot and goes to the horse races which he enjoys.

Mc Monroe in Oakland had a fine visit from daughter Martha in Jul and Aug. They stopped in to see Paul Kendall in the Palo Alto Veterans' Hosp and attended Paul's and Ruth's granddaughter's wedding. Paul's physical condition is about the same. Mc had a week with his brother Tom '14, in Eureka, CA, in Sept. After Elmer Barnes scared us with some serious illness last summer he has been gradually gaining back his strength and some weight. Travel to any degree is still out for him but we are hopeful it will not be for long. Chief Brimmer's big house in Cheyenne keeps him very well occupied as he is the housekeeper, the cook and the gardener. Lee Gray had a new grandson born in Ireland and Lee could not resist a trip over to see the little fellow. Mike Quinn has been visiting his son Dick and family in Ft Lewis. Pinkie Walsh is fortunate to have daughter Sally Johnson and her son Chris living with him in Portland to look after him in every way. He seems to be in pretty fair shape. As do

the Gillespies and the Gorklinskis. Florence Trower and son, Dr. Wm. Trower, were off to Sicily.

Chuck Gildart enjoyed having Bill Mendenhall and Charlie Morrison over for a weekend of dining and lawn bowling. On 5 Oct Chuck took his daughter Ruth Lewis and a nephew and his wife on a trip to Egypt and Greece. After Jim & Mary Carroll returned in Jun from a visit with daughter and her family, the Kirbys, at WP, Jim had a hard time of it from reaction to some anti-biotics. It all put him in the Veterans' Hospital in Los Angeles. All the So CA groups complained of a very hot summer, Tom Ramsey, Mary Carter, the McReynolds, Isobel Lock and others.

'19

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From DC Dick Ovenshine reports that Harry Rex replaces Eddie Strohbehn as Dep Area Rep. Our thanks to Eddie for his long work on this job. Dick got word from Bunker Bean that Clarence Frank had suffered a severe stroke, but Bunker could not find out where Clarence was. A hearty welcome from the Class to Paula Nelson. She and Don were married recently and we wish them many years of happiness together. We hope to have the pleasure of meeting her at our 65th. Scribe has obtained a copy of Al Wedemeyer's beautifully written tribute to and appreciation of the men of our 14th Air Force (Chennault), in WWII. During the latter part of the war Al commanded the China Theater, which included the 14th AF. Last summer Louis & Gladys Ely visited Woolacombe Beach on the NW coast of Devon, England. Here Louis had trained troops in 1943 for the cross-channel invasion of France. From there they went to Italy, visiting Rome, Sorrento, Assisi, Florence; also Venice where Louis tried to show Gladys where he had fallen into the Grand Canal in 1919. Despite the strikes which plagued Italy during their visit the charm of the country, as typified by Lake Garda backed by the Alps, moved them to plan a return visit. In May and Jun, as planned, Fay and Bunker Bean visited Walla Walla, Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Colo Spgs; then home, a fine trip of about 6000 miles. From Tucson, Effe May Isaacs reports a most enjoyable visit from



1919: Ely viewing one of the N. Devon, England, beaches where he trained troops for the Normandy landing.

Deborah Nichols. Effe May and her twin granddaughters, Jarra and Virginia, made a trip to AK on the STATENDAM. En route to the coast they stopped at Colo Spgs, neatly timing their visit with the arrival of Effe May's 2d great-granddaughter. A 3d great-granddaughter is expected this summer. The AK trip was really super with the famous gorgeous scenery and fine weather. Before leaving home, however, Effe May was visited by a very large rattlesnake. She called the fire department, who shot the snake with her gun.

Bob Springer reports from San Ant that he and Rhoda had spent a mostly happy summer in CO, visited their daughter in Denver. The Twinings and Hamiltons are now in AF Village. Nate's health is fairly good and the medicos are very attentive. Whitey Gard broke a bone in her foot, has worn a cast for 5 weeks; now castless, she is regaining use of dormant muscles. Bobby Gard Jr. ret in Jul, is now an instructor at the American U. in Paris. The VA has raised Bobby Sr's service-connected disability rating from 30% to 70%. Alex Bennet, concerned citizen, still takes his walks, still writes to people in authority, recently got a very courteous and thoughtful reply from Windsor Castle. For the third straight year Debra Knappe, Archie Cooney's granddaughter, has won the National Women's Water-ski Jump championship, with a jump of 104 ft., winning a gold medal. She also won 3 first places in the water-events competition of the State of NE—water ski, slalom and "tricks."

Jim Phillips reports from Carmel that Elva steadily recovers from her broken hip but still uses a cane for walking, and they are not planning any more trips at present. They enjoyed a recent visit from Al Wedemeyer, even though it was too short.

From the San Fran Bay area Jack Vance reports a visit by Al Wedemeyer, who invited Jack & Babe Ruth to a very enjoyable luncheon at the encampment of the Bohemian Club. Jack and Betty drove to Carmel for an overnight visit with the Sebree girls. Betty had a very successful cataract operation at Letterman. Amelia Luce wrote Jack that she had visited her son and his family in VA; then she and a friend went to HI. Later she and 2 of her granddaughters visited San Fran but on returning home found that her house had been burglarized.

The new Class roster (Jul 81) has been distributed. Please check your name and address and report any errors to Dick Owenshine or Stone Sorley—and keep your roster up-to-date by checking ASSEMBLY Dec 81, and each issue thereafter.

#### DEATHS

Mrs. Maurice P. Chadwick died 25 Apr 81, of leukemia. She is survived by her husband; for his temporary address see below. BG Joseph V. Phelps died 17 Jul 81 of a heart ailment in Easton, MD. Funeral services were held at Christ Episcopal Church, St. Michaels, MD. Among the many friends attending the services were Doc Loper, John & Bert Hardin, Dick & Emma Owenshine. Joe is survived by his widow, Marion, of St. Michaels; a daughter, Pattie P. Woodbury of Little Compton, RI; a son, Joseph V. Jr. of Fayetteville, NY; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Henry V. Sanderson, Dot, died at their home in Stockton, CA, on 31 Aug 81; she is survived by her husband. COL Hugh B. Waddell died 2 Sept in Charleston, SC. Hugh had leukemia, fell and suffered a concussion, died without regaining consciousness. His remains were cremated, the ashes scattered. He is survived by his widow. The Class extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

#### ADDRESSES

Mrs. Gerald St. C. Mickle, 757 Fairhope Ave, Fairhope, AL, 36532; while awaiting the sale of his house, COL Maurice P. Chadwick is visiting his daughter at 7037 Stamford Rd, Alexandria, VA, 22037, phone (703) 768-8723; Marion Phelps, street number only, changed to 207; Marion Sheehy, zip code only, 94595; Bob Child, phone number only, (805) 984-6875.

#### VITAL STATS

Living grads 80; missing 2; deceased 202; widows 98.

# '20

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Sadly I report that Jean Cross, Warren Rutter, Mary Whitehead and Jim Cullum have died. Our deepest sympathies to their loved ones.

Jean Cross died 7 Jul 81 at the Shannondale Healthcare Center in Knoxville, TN. She was buried in the Highland Memorial Cemetery there. This news is from the obituary notice of the Knoxville Journal for 8 Jul 81 received from daughter Lela, Mrs. John Spitz, of Salem, VA. Surviving are our classmate Fritz, daughter Barbara Jean (Mrs. John Greer), Marilyn (Mrs. Stokely Doster) and Lela, and son, COL Freeman G. Jr. '57; 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.



1920: Three generations of Rehms—George, Tom '52, and Tom Jr. '81.

Warren Rutter died 11 Jul 81 of heart failure at the Langley AFB Hospital, VA. He was buried in the Hampton (VA) National Cemetery. Classmate Gus Vogel attended with family members. Warren served in ETO in WWII. Surviving are his widow Tincy, sons George W. (Ret MG USAF, '48) and William, and 3 grandchildren.

Mary Whitehead died 25 Aug 81 in San Antonio, TX. She was buried in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery beside husband Tom who had died in 71. This news came from a clipping of the 27 Aug 81 San Antonio Express sent in by Millard Pierson.

Jim Cullum died 28 Aug 81 at the Los Gatos (CA) Hospital from an extremely virulent blood infection. He was buried at WP. Attending with family members were Hasbrouck, the Johnstons (EC) and Reierson. Jim graduated No. 1 in our Class. He resided in 25 but returned in WWII and served in ETO as COL (BSM). Surviving are his widow Ross and daughter Janice Ann (Mrs. David L. Hodghead).

The annual elections for 5 of the 10 members of the Class Gov Cte, and for a 6th to replace Frank Farrell's unexpired portion of his term, resulted in the reelection of Den-



1920: Bartlett surrounded by the prize ribbons won by his Fuchsia trees and other flowers.

son, Lemnitzer, Michtell (JD), Plank and Rhem to serve for 2 years until 30 Sept 83, and of Hasbrouck to serve until 30 Sept 82. Giving them a "run for their money" were Goff, Kreuter, Loupret, Routheau, Seybold and Vogel. Over 85% took part in the balloting.

Millard Pierson spent Sept visiting daughter Dorothy, grandchildren and great-grandson in CA.

Bart Bartlett (WH) has had a setback. He wrote Bob Kreuter 30 Jun: "A stroke came my way 14 days ago and it left me unable to write my name and with a mumbly speech . . . (also) an 8-minute TIA (Transient Ischemic Attack—partial blindness) . . . Ruth is stalwart as becomes an Army wife and is carrying on, with the help of Anne (son Hamilton's wife) and 12-year-old grandson Charles, in preparing our tree fuchsias for a big Show 18 Jul." An angiogram and other tests showed no need for arterial operation and he returned home 3 Jul from the Navy's Oak Knoll Hospital. On 20 Jul he wrote again, in clear handwriting: "My progress in writing has been quite rapid . . . and my speech is better, too . . . Gardening as usual since 4 Jul . . . My Masonic Lodge in home town St. Joseph, MI, sent me my 60-year pin today. I wear it with pride . . ."

Bart and Ruth are famous for their fabulous gardens which some classmates have been fortunate in seeing. An article in the 13 Aug 81 Santa Cruz (CA) Sentinel says, in part: "The ret 82-year-old COL now oversees more than 1000 Fuchsias, 1000 Hydrangeas, and countless Camellia bushes in a maze of walkways on his hillside backyard in Aptos CA . . . He is known throughout the Santa Cruz County's garden circles for his prize-winning Fuchsias. Dozens of County Fair ribbons line a living room cabinet . . . He's been asked to provide 10 of his Fuchsia trees for the centerpiece of the Aptos Garden display in the Capitol Mall of the County Fair's Floriculture building."

In Aug, the Bartletts completed editing the 1853 book, "The Pilgrim Fathers" authored by Bart's namesake relative. They are dedicating it as a memorial to their son, "William Harry Bartlett Jr., aged 19 years, PVT and Btry Computer in Btry A, 920th FA, who was killed on a night march during the Battle of the Bulge in WWII at Hof-flize, Belgium, 6 Feb 1945."

Bob Watt writes that CA permits special car license plates. So, his son provided him with one showing "USMA 20."

Jack Goff reports George Bare's widow Mildred has moved to Milford, OH, to be near her son Richard Mittendorf.

Johnny Moreland wrote Chesty Haswell 31 Jul: ". . . Anything I write would need to be so interspersed with ailments that it would seem that I am discouraged with life—and that is far from the truth . . . Damaris and I live on Dog River about 10 miles from the heart of Mobile. We seldom leave the house except when housekeeping or business demands . . . Johnny, the Class godson, is the US rep of a British company, Cambridge Soil Services, which makes and operates equipment for improving the drainage of all types of turf . . ."

Chesty has joined the ranks of the employed and has become an industrial "tycoon!" He writes: "After 18 years on Social Security I was called back into the presidency of a family-owned land and timber corporation. And here I find myself supervising agriculture, oil and timber operations in AR and LA. While I fall short of a 40-hour week, I put in enough hours to keep on top of the job . . . Eulamay and I have been blessed with excellent health in recent months. We lead a rather Spartan life-style with regular exercise, organic food and interesting community and social activities. Occasional bottles from our wine cellar seem to contribute to our health . . ."

Gus Vogel dropped in at the Sept monthly Class luncheon at the A-N Club in DC. He and son John were returning home to Hudgins, VA, from an 8-day motor trip into New Brunswick Province of Canada and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Sister Rose Louise, ret (but very active) nun of the St. Joseph's Order in St. Louis, MO, visited her sister Louise George in Aug, much to the delight of their many friends.

These are skimpy Class Notes this time—not many classmates heard from. Please try to keep in touch at least once a year with me or with your Area Class Rep with news of yourselves and your families and with snapshots. Even a card saying "Hi" is welcome news.

# '21-'22

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"PD" Lynch received several replies to the letter he sent out to classmates and widows and the latter were more responsive.

Rummy Rumaggi as VP General of the South Central Dist, Sons of the American Revolution, and Louise attended the society's meeting in Yorktown, VA, last Oct to help celebrate the Bi-Centennial of the British surrender. Rummy is a member of the Dalas American Legion Post, Rotary Club, Military Order of the World Wars, American Society of Civil Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers. He has taken an active part in all of these organizations. He and Louise plan to attend the 60th and as he

stated, "I hope to see many classmates when the 60th rolls around." I second the motion.

Burt Pierce wrote that "as long as they have wheel chairs at the airports and are kind to old ladies traveling alone, I will enjoy a quiet existence. Last winter she spent 6 weeks visiting her daughter in Carlisle, PA, with her daughter Burtram and her family, and in Jul flew to HI to be with her other daughter, Jeannie, and her family. She thinks she will stay put for a while, curl up in her rocking chair and enjoy the "soaps."

Lil Chidlaw's one and only child, Ben, is a law prof at Colorado U. He married Laurence Craigie's ('23) daughter, Gale. As for the grandchildren., 30 year old Ben, grad of Utah U, is a professional photographer in the winter and a plumber and ranch hand in the summer. He lives in ID. The 2d grandson is Pete, age 25, presently attending Colorado U; Margaret, 19, intends to become a doctor. She is attending Colby-Sawyer, New London, NH. Ben Jr. and Gale live in Boulder, CO, which pleases Lil very much. As for Lil she likes Colo Spgs and is enjoying good health.

"PD's" wife Margrette had been doing some reading in Furlo Book to get the background of our Class nick-name, "Oriole." Here is her poem:

Tribute to  
West Point Class of 1922  
Our class of '22  
Oriole so true  
Join that long gray line  
ending in time  
rising to the roar  
of that unique Corps.  
Young we were and strong  
marching right along  
to the Country's band  
serving our great land.

Margrette is working on a book of poetry that she hopes to finish before the end of the year. I hope to get a copy of the book when it is published.

The Lynches have been traveling around the country. They made 2 trips to Houston, then Tacoma, WA, Lubbock, TX, Albuquerque and Denver. They visited Margrette's son and daughter en route. As "PD" says, "We are back home, feel well and keep busy."

The Jul luncheon meeting of our DC classmates was attended by Myron Leedy, Mark McClure, George Olmsted and Max Taylor. Max brought a Rating Roll of West Point Classes to the meeting. It had been given to him by Eddie Clark. Of the 135 classes listed 1932 was rated 18th. Sorry but we do not have an explanation as to what the ratings mean.

Max Taylor continues to write articles for publication in the newspapers. They probably appear in your local press. They are most interesting and timely.

George Olmsted's Foundation made an unrestricted endowment of \$1 million to the Society of Cincinnati. The endowment will be used to send 9 military officers, chosen each year by the Armed Forces branches, for overseas duty. George stated, "The organization is well deserving of support and I hope the grant will make its program more effective."

More about George. 50 years ago the Young Republican (YR) organization was founded when 300 people gathered at the Willard Hotel in DC. George was elected the first YR Chairman. The YR has grown considerably over the years and is very active today.

The same classmates attended the Aug luncheon meeting at the Army-Navy club. No earth-shaking decisions were reached. How-

ever George got stuck for the liquid refreshments.

Mark communicated with a few of his friends at Distaff Hall and they all agreed that they are very happy there. Which reminded Mark that it was Diddy Taylor who was mainly responsible for starting the foundation to establish the Hall at the time when Max was CS.

All were present at the Sept Class luncheon meeting except Al Kastner and Bill Lawton (Bill had not returned from his summer retreat in ME). Al has had 2 strokes. They have left him in a condition that he needs someone taking care of him all the time. George reported that his traveling exhibit which shows the obligations and rewards of an active army career was being well received.

Cort Schuyler and his bride (both feeling fine) were in DC in Sept for a few days. Cort attended the 4-star seminar that the Army holds once a year.

Mary Lee Mitchell is in a nursing home. She suffered a broken hip but has recovered and is feeling lots better.

The 3d great-grandson and 7th great-grandchild was born to Morris & Connie Marcus on 9 Sept at Kailua, HI. Many congratulations. That Marcus clan is getting to be the birth-of-a-nation.

Ire Douglass is enjoying her home on Eden Isle where she can play golf, read, and play a little bridge. She has always enjoyed traveling. She spent last Jan and Feb in Spain and plans to go to Africa next Feb. I hope WP is on her agenda come next May.

Ann Bodine wrote, "I'm still alive and kicking. My eyes are not good so I am not allowed to drive a car and have had to give up golf."

Meps Smith sent me a Mutual Word News clipping about her son Perry Jr. In addition to his outstanding mil career he was awarded both an MA and PhD degrees by Columbia U. Perry who got his second star on 1 Aug was the guest speaker at the Fireside Forum. His topic was, "Europe and the NATO Alliance—Current Views from the Inside." In introducing him it was stated, "Where else can you hear and meet a pilot-athlete-scholar in intl rels and author, professor and Air Force Staff Officer in one person." Meps, "Do you wonder I am proud?" I believe I mentioned once before that Perry Jr. is the only son of a member of the class who has attained star rank.

The Assn of Graduates reports that our 1921-1922 Class fund stands at \$2,055.59 as of 1 Apr 81. This fund is to be used for the modernization of the 3 dimensional plan that we presented to the Academy at our 50th.

In early Sept Pat Strong called me to tell me that he had loaned his sloop to his son to sail from Savannah to St. Augustine, FL, with the understanding that he would call Pat upon arrival at St. Augustine. Since he had not had a call by 9 p.m. Pat called me and asked that I contact the local Coast Guard to find out if the Guard had any information about the boat. They asked me to get further information about the boat. It was at this time when the Atlantic Ocean was getting pretty rough and Pat was very much concerned. When I called Pat back to get the information the Guard wanted he told me that he had just heard from his son that he and his party has arrived in St. Augustine safely. Pat was very much relieved.

In early Sept Granger & Lucile Anderson received their hearing aids. Granger says, "We hope they will help to hear what is going on." But Lucile says, "I don't like to

hear myself eat." I take mine off when I am eating.

60th

We have already received a bulletin about our 60th Reunion. There isn't anything I can add to that other than to say, "Plan to attend—time is running short—here's hoping to see you all next May."

# '23

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Again this fall the Tredennicks attended the Army home football games, the first one on 19 Sept against VMI. As a matter of interest it is suggested that everyone read the first few paragraphs of the '21-'22 Class notes in the Sept 81 ASSEMBLY. Your scribe needs material from the field to make our '23 reports interesting! The current A Reps are **Wendell Johnson** in ME; **Roy Dwyer** in Mid Atlantic; **Lee Shafer** in DC & VA; **Charlie Gettys** in FL; **Clyde Rich** in TX; **Lyle Rosenberg** in So. CA; and **Glenn Palmer** in San Fran, CA. Send in information to nearest Area Rep or, if you prefer, write direct to your scribe. The purpose is to make certain that we have the latest information about all classmates and their families. As you read this, please recall that **Joe Smith** needs to know if you contemplate attending our 60th reunion in 83. Send him a note!

**Charlie Gettys** is home again in Tampa having returned from his extended trip to visit relatives in and around Sheridan, WY. His journey took him to AZ, CO, WY, UT, NV, CA, (near Lake Tahoe), TX, and OK visiting at various locations, his 2 sisters, all of their children, a number of their grandchildren, and a few great-grandchildren. Highlights of this extensive journey were: a. Attendance at the wedding of a nephew (**Tom Goddard**) at Sanctuary Cove, Tucson, AZ, followed by a reception and party at Tom's home. b. A trip by camper from Casper to Salt Lake City via many historic sites connected with pioneer days, a tour of Salt Lake City, and a visit to hear the Tabernacle Choir. c. From Salt Lake City to Provo and then to Reno, NV, where he visited **Dan Santo**, a friend he had met at Omaha Beach in Jun 44, who was attending a reunion at MGM casino of his 10th Fr Sq. Finally after a number of other stops, he returned to Tampa but shortly thereafter flew to Carlisle, PA, to visit his daughter's family, **COL Jack & Peggy Lee Coon**. With them he drove to WP to visit the grave sites of his wife **Lela** and their infant son. On his return trip he stopped over in Reading for an overnight visit with the **Tredennicks** before going on to Carlisle for a few days, and finally back to Tampa.

Another fine letter with a bit of news was received from **Kenner Hertford**, Albuquerque, NM. Ken has been very busy cleaning out a plethora of correspondence and memorabilia from 3 careers; political, military relations, research and development and atomic weapons (USAEC now defunct). He sent several items to me, all of which were referred to USMA Library for retention in the historical file. One of interest to classmates is a '23 Class Bulletin, Vol 3 #1, WP, NY, 10 Jan 1934 which reports on the 10th Reunion of our Class; discusses our Class finances, (the wedding gift situation), contains letters from many classmates, and a list of '23 officers on duty at that time at

WP. All were LTs and the pay freeze was in effect! The depression was on also but that we didn't mind; we were accustomed to hard times!

**Lee & Esther Shafer** spent their annual summer vacation at Bethany Beach; beach-combing and loafing sans TV, phone, or the frustration of the city life. Now back in DC again Lee reports: "Following more than a year of battling cancer, **Frank Dorn** (Pinky) died in Walter Reed Army Hospital on 20 Jul. Funeral services were held in the Old Chapel at Ft Myer followed by burial with mil honors at Arlington, 31 Jul. The following classmates served as honorary pall bearers! **Adams, Fry, Guevara, Magruder, Shafer, Joe Smith, Sweaney** and **Timberman**. As a cadet Pinky was art editor of our HOWITZER and was VP of the Dialectic Society. An extract from the page of acknowledgements in our '23 HOWITZER shows his accomplishments, ". . . express to **Frank Dorn** some of the appreciation that is ours for the manner in which he has handled the art work of this HOWITZER—the color pages, which are his; a majority of the cartoons in the Humor section, which are his; and any number of articles throughout the book, which are his." He is survived by four sisters, **Beatrice Mathews** of San Mateo, **Evelyn Lortz** of Ben-Lomand, **Dorothy Estcourt** of Los Altos and **Bernice Langston** of Austin, TX. On behalf of the Class a floral piece was sent for the burial service and **Breidster** sent a letter of condolence to **Dorn's** family.

The quarterly luncheon of the DC Group was held at Ft McNair Officers' Club on 16 Sept. Attending were: the **Frys, Guevaras, Gunns, Magruder, Shafers, Smiths, Forstall Adams, Bill Despinosa** and **Mildred Mahoney**. **Louella Magruder** departed 31 Oct on an air/ground tour of about 4 weeks to New Zealand and Australia.

**Jim & Helen Fry** attended the annual reunion of the 88th Div in Montreal then took a leisurely tour of Quebec and Maine on their way home.

During the summer, **Mildred Mahoney** traveled to Europe, with stops in Germany and Austria.

**Joe Smith** reports receiving only 2 replies to his request contained in Jun ASSEMBLY for an indication of intent to attend our 60th reunion in 83. It would be helpful to the cmte to have some idea of numbers who plan to attend as well as suggestions from classmates, and widows, for formulating plans for billeting, transportation requirements, and activities. A bulletin will be sent out about a year from now requesting firm commitments. Please write to **GEN Joseph Smith**, 1400 35th St, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

**Ray & Mary Pierce** visited in DC area for a few days with their son **Dick**, on their way home from a trip to Canada, which included a cruise on the **St. Lawrence River**.

From **Dwyer** came news that he and **Mary** accompanied their son **Roy Jr** and wife, **Jackie**, on a trip to Cincinnati where they visited their daughter, **Helen** and family, and the College Football Hall of Fame. **Roy** forwarded letters he had received from **Frank Wilder** and **Howard Serig** both of whom are staying close to home these days—but do send best regards.

**Gilbert Hayden** checked in from San Ant TX verifying his current address. **Bill Craigie** sent us a card from Peoples Republic of China where he was touring. We should hear more about this in next ASSEMBLY.

**Dave Fowler** and **Lyle Rosenberg** participated in their local July 4th parade; **Dave**

rode in **Veteran's** auto and **Lyle** drove his golf cart which was decorated by their 7 Oaks Drama Club. **Herb Enderton** is home again where he says he'll stay a while to let his bankroll recover.

From **Palmer** the only news from the Bay area of CA follows: First is about himself, a bit of stomach trouble which required a couple weekends in a local hospital (one in early May and the latest at beginning of Aug); nothing serious and he is back again in full running order, but not just as fast as in earlier years. He advises, "beware of aspirin as well as all other medicines." Second, he forwarded another change of address for **Einar & Genevieve Gjelsteen**. It is: 3146 Thomas Ave, Montgomery, AL 36106. That makes 3 classmates now living in AL; **JA Evans** in Birmingham and **Doug Pamplin** in Huntsville being the other 2.

**Clyde & Marge Rich** have returned to San Ant from Paris where they went in late May to visit with their daughter, **Robina**, and celebrate their golden wedding anniv. They were away 3 weeks, with one in Madrid. Their daughter with her husband to be, a French business man, visited **Clyde** and **Marge** in San Ant in late Jul. They were entertained at a dinner given by **Pat & Emily Timberlake**, who **Clyde** says are doing well. He talked by phone with **Katy Lawrence** who reported that **Charlie** is now on oxygen about 16 hours a day. In a phone conversation **Mrs. W. Harold Schaffer** (**Edythe**) informed us of the new address for **Mrs. Sylvester Keane** (**Grace**): 3201 Wolfcreek Apts, Silver Sands at West Ave, San Antonio, TX 78216.

Here are a few notes from different areas: **Frenchy Grombach** writes nothing new to report except he is working on a couple more books but none to compare with "The Great Liquidator" for which he spent many years of work and lots of money to research. **Paul Laning** checked in from Sandusky, OH, with a few pleasurable reminiscences of earlier days and cordial greeting to his many friends. From FL **Doris Heaney** wrote of a journey she made during the summer; a trip to Jacksonville to visit her son **George** and wife **Mary**, then with them and their daughter **Jocelyn** to Gainesville by car to attend graduation ceremony of her grandson (degree in Chemical Engineering) **Joseph Andrew Heaney**. Later she flew from Jacksonville to Atlanta to attend the wedding of her oldest granddaughter, **Karen**. For her next journey she flew to Wash, DC, where she stayed at Knoll House, part of Distaff Hall. While there she met **Louise Tormey** and other friends of earlier service days; also she was guest of **Lee & Esther Shafer** at the Army-Navy Club. Finally before returning to FL she visited her husband's grave (**George Sr.**) at Arlington. Thanks, **Doris** for your news; take good care of your new sea wall and your typewriter!

**Larry Barroll**, in addition to sending a letter he received from **John Pitzer** reporting not much change in his situation, related an interesting story of his four-year-old grandson **Nicky**, now living in Seattle where his father is stationed with Western Airlines. Seattle puts on a lot of marathon races, especially some for children. **Nicky** jogs at least 4 miles every day and sometimes 6 or 7. **Nicky** won a recent race, but he is so small that he had to be placed on a table when presented the trophy! It looks like you have a great athlete, **Larry**, will he become a lacross player like you?

Supplementing the brief announcement of **Garrecht's** death contained in Sept ASSEM-

BLY the following is added: Art died at the Stanford Med Ctr and was buried in Alta Mesa Cemetery in Palo Alto. As a cadet he was a 3-year member of the track team. He is survived by his wife, Agnes; 2 daughters: Mary Ludwig of Mountain View, and Dr. Ellen Garrecht of Arizona, and a sister, Ann Garrecht of San Fran. In lieu of flowers a contribution to WP was made by the Class in the name of Garrecht.

A contribution was sent to the WP AOG Fund in memory of Jimmie Carroll by MG and Mrs. Richard Snyder, long time friends of Helen and Jimmie. Carroll's name will be entered in the "West Point Memory Book" which action is deeply appreciated by his widow, Helen, and the classmates of '23.

A note from George C. Stewart, Asheville, NC, brings us further sad news concerning Stuart L. Cowles (see Sept '81 Assembly notes). The doctors give Stu's wife "Dick" no hope that he will ever recover. He is now (late Sept) in a special ward in the VA hospital, can not walk and spends his time either in bed or a wheel chair. He recognizes his friends but can not carry on a conversation with them. Up until this terrible tragedy he was in good health, worked in his vegetable garden and shared its produce with neighbors.

We close with Happy Birthday wishes to the following who have their 80th in Nov or Dec 81 or Jan 82; Sass, Timberlake, Rich, Craigie, Kerr, Enslow, Mergens, Adams and Towle. To all our sincere greetings for a Merry Xmas and great 1982. Grip hands.

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# '24

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Another documentary on West Point has appeared on the television screen. This one is entitled, "No Excuse, Sir!" and is of one hour duration. It was produced by a little known company in the East and is aired by the Public Broadcasting Corp. It attempts to present a "dispassionate portrayal of the Academy, the place it occupies in American mythology, and the military establishment it symbolizes." It does so in a remarkably evenhanded manner. It avoids controversy and emphasizes the mission and purpose of the institution rather than the everyday life of the cadet. The last portion of the footage is devoted to the Old Grads' Review during June Week in 1919. It features their march on the field, with the Thundering Herd contingent near the head of the procession. Many of the participating classmates are recognizable, and this, if no other, is sufficient reason to see the film.

Sandy Goodman tells us that Ken Strother stumbled over the curb in front of his house, landed on his elbow, and had to be fixed up by a surgeon in the hospital. Sandy himself is having trouble navigating on account of his "lovely degenerative arthritis."

Stubby Stubblebine reports that Mildred fractured her wrist while visiting Bert III (MG, USMA '54) at Ft Myer and had to cut short their stay and return home. She recovered in time to help celebrate their 57th anniv on 30 Jul. Stubby also reports that Harry Bertsch is out of the hosp and in a nursing home in Bay Pines, FL.

Herb & Loreine Vogel went to Taipei in Jul with a team of experts, of which Herb



1924: Hart, Beurket, Mae Hincke and Prather.

was a member, advising the Taiwan govt and the firm Taipower on engineering measures to meet the increasing energy demands to the end of the century. The group numbered about six, changing from time to time as the specialists in various fields came and went. Their activities were concerned with nuclear generation, industrial requirements, transportation, geology, etc. Herb's contribution was to hydro development, especially pumped storage, and a dual role to include harbor development. The work was demanding of all personnel in the various specialties. When Herb was not in the office working from 8 to 5, he was in the field visiting such places as the hydro plant and 2 pumped storage projects on Sun Moon Lake, and a series of dams on the Techi River and in the Taroka Gorge, not to mention visits to all the ports in Taiwan. The Vogels returned to the States during the last week of Aug but will go back to Taiwan for another 10 days in Oct to finish the report.

A recent canvass of the Class widows has brought forth a lot of news about many of the ladies from whom we have not heard for a long time. Maude Ives reports from San Ant that she fell down on 2 Jul and broke a small bone in her right foot, causing her to be housebound for 6 weeks. Agnes Stokes went to Portsmouth, VA, in Jun for her grandson's wedding. She is in good health and expects to return to VA soon for another grandson's wedding. Margaret Hames is going to take a cruise this Xmas and New Years, visiting the Caribbean, Panama and the Mexican Riviera. Gladys Dudley spends 3 months in FL each winter. She has trouble with the sight of her left eye but can drive a car on familiar roads with light traffic. She reports that Marie Furuholmen is in a nursing home and not doing well. Margaret Schaefer recently had eye surgery but is recovering nicely at her home. Tally Hill expects to travel to the Holy Land and Egypt in Feb and hopes to see the King Tut gold treasures while there. Elizabeth Harper says her granddaughter Ellen is a pediatrician and grandson George is in med sch. Neppy Hutchinson confined her travels this year to the U.S., mostly in TX and NM. Son Cary Jr. (BG, USMA '53) is stationed at Ft Riley. The grandchildren are getting married and the family plans a reunion in El Paso this Thanksgiving. Gladys Bennett has a lovely condo on the Phila Main Line, near her daughter and grandchildren. They keep her busy. Helen Stowell flew to upper NY State, then drove through the Catskills to WP where she visited Jim's grave on his birthday and their anniv. The flowers were beautiful and everything was restful and peaceful and she felt gratified from the visit. Valere Herbine lives a quiet life in FL with her friends. Valere's daughter and her husband, who is an AF

pilot, have just returned to active duty at Tinker AFB. COL George A. Bicher Jr, (USMA 1951), son of George and Mary, has been elected VP of the Chas. T. Main, Inc. engineering consulting firm, one of the largest in the country.

Pat Stebbins writes that she still enjoys the big house in Palo Alto that she and Keg bought when he ret. She would like to see any classmates, wives and widows passing her way but asks that they notify her first because she travels a lot. She is active in the Daughters of the American Revolution and has attended as a delegate to their annual Continental Congress in DC for the last 10 years. Pat is also an officer of The American Colonists and The New England Women, and belongs to The Colonial Dames, The Mayflower Society, The Huguenots and several other organizations. Pat spends much of her time visiting and being visited by her sons and daughter and their children. Sons Buz (USMA '45) and Artie (USMA '52) are both ret. Artie's twin sister Patsy lives in Palo Alto and is a nurse's asst at Stanford Hosp. Pat regularly gets down to Monterey, usually with Mae & Ray Coombs, when the West Coast Herd meets there.

At the time of this writing Mary Maglin is planning to visit Egypt and attend a wedding, after which she expects to return to the States via the Greek Is. Susie Smythe is attending the Word of Life meetings at Schroom Lake. Evelyn Coats has spent 10 months in FL during the past year. The Loomis Booths are reported to be in Greece. Marion Mitchell has recovered from breaking her hip in Sept 79 and enjoys her apartment in Montpelier, VT. Daughter Marilyn and her husband both work for the State. Margaret Keeley still lives in Honolulu. Dorothy Griffin has recovered from open heart surgery with 4 by-passes, and feels wonderful. She plans a trip to Hong Kong in Nov to buy some shoes. In Jan she will be going with the AOG cruise through the Panama Canal. Then in 1986 she will hold another birthday bash which will coincide with the next arrival of Halley's Comet, thus adding zest to the party.

We regret to report the death on 27 Jul of Augustus Jerome Regnier. He passed away at his home in Leisure Village in Camarillo, CA, following a heart attack. Services were conducted in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment with military honors was in the Canejo Mountain Memorial Park in Camarillo. Goodman and Fisher represented the Class at the ceremonies.

Word has also been received recently that Winifred Moon passed away in Nov 80. We have no further details.

Malin Craig Jr., died in DC on 20 Jun. He had entered the hosp in Mar, suffering from cancer of the liver. Services were held at Ft Myer Chapel on 25 Jun, with interment in Arlington. Malin had been considered an honorary member of the Class and had always participated in Class affairs.

Clarence Sterling Raymond died of a heart attack on 20 Jun while in the Regional Nav Hosp at Cp Pendleton, CA. Ray had not been well for some time. Memorial services were held in the Trinity Episcopal Church of Escondido on 24 Jun. Interment was in the Riverside National Cemetery on 25 Jun.

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Charlie Saltzman reports that he and Clo this year had an interesting family reunion in Bermuda for a week, which involved all children and grandchildren, including the youngest grandson who is not quite eight months old, but enjoyed ocean bathing. A projected Far East trip will be based on a Congress of the Intl Chamber of Commerce in Manila, which will give him a chance to visit his birthplace, Zamboango, and check up on the changes that have been made there since he left at the age of four months.

Charlie urges us in his letter for Class members to support the Association's annual appeal for donations to the West Point Fund and the Association of Graduates, and it is hoped that donors will permit part of their donations for unrestricted use, as unrestricted funds are important and often difficult to obtain. The Eisenhower Monument project must be done with private, not appropriated funds and the Assn urges support of this important project by all alumni.

Charlie hopes that any classmates coming to New York will give Clo and him a chance to see them. (Address 55 Broad St., New York City, NY 10004.)

Joe Daugherty died 31 Aug in St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Services were held at Meridian St. United Methodist Church. No other details. Hoppie received this info from a cousin of his in Indianapolis. Hoppie wrote to Joe's wife on behalf of the Class and sent a donation to the West Point Fund in memory of Joe. Joe had attended both the 50th and 55th Reunion of the Class.

A letter from Gosco Gose dated 22 Jun, from which the following is extracted: Gosco went to Wm Beaumont AMC in El Paso for a periodic cardiac. While being examined he had a heart attack. He was put into intensive care with a temporary pacemaker. All in ten minutes Gosco claims.

Bill Nutter went to the hospital shortly after and visited Gosco daily, with, as Gosco says, "his mile wide smile." On 17th of Jun, Gosco's birthday, Bill Nutter arrived with a large angel-food cake, topped with an inch of whipped cream. There ensued a party of Mom Gose, nurses, MD's and other help. To quote Gosco: "It has been many many days since I have been so deeply moved, it was GREAT!"

On 27 Jul Gosco wrote that the pace-maker has made a new man of him. It does about 20 minutes work in the early a.m. and the rest of the day he is on his own. As of 19 Aug, Bill Nutter reported that Gosco is again playing golf.

Hoppie reports that his address from 15 Oct to 31 Mar will be 307 Spring Run Circle, Longwood, FL 32750. He had a long visit from Soap Suttles, who reports that wife Jean's health has greatly improved.

Soap Suttle's address has been changed from 104 to 161 Candlewick Dr, Dover, DE. Evelyn Sears will stay at 18 Creek Farm for a while.

Red Newman reports that his previously re-placed left hip joint acted up, putting him on crutches. After a ten day delay, Red asked the medics why? They replied, "It is a question of survivability." Red said to operate, "I do not wish to be on crutches the rest of my life. He was operated on 17 Jul and out on 24 Jul. Says he is not so chipper, but glad to get off the crutches and back to his cane.

Some time ago Bill Nutter reported he had heard that Peter Hurd was ill. Your scribe sought out other sources of information without result. During Xmas holiday in 1980, while visiting my daughter and family in Phoenix, I went over to Scottsdale to an art gallery and asked the owner if he had any Peter Hurd paintings. He brought out two. During the conversation I remarked that I had heard that Peter was ill. The owner replied, "yes, he is very ill." Finally this past spring I wrote to Mrs. Hurd (Henriette Wyeth). I shortly received an answer stating that Peter was suffering from Alzheimer's disease, a loss of memory and recognition. Also that he was in a nursing home in Roswell, NM. Shortly after receipt of her letter, I read an article in a national magazine on the subject of Alzheimer's disease that contained the names of doctors and researchers on the subject. This I sent to Mrs. Hurd. Jul 15 I received an answer thanking me for the article. She said "We (the family) have gone to great trouble to get help, but Peter's condition had deteriorated, not surprisingly but terribly saddening." She ends her letter as follows: "Amazingly enough I am painting steadily with some miracle given me of a remarkable energy return. Otherwise my life would be sad indeed. Thank God I can continue to give tribute to my marvelous life with a great and good man. Good luck to you, Sincerely, Henriette Wyeth Hurd." With this letter came 12 10 by 8 inch color reproductions of her flower paintings.

Those of the Class who attended the 50th Reunion should remember the occasion when Peter Hurd presented one of his paintings to the West Point Museum.

Bill Nutter reports that he attended recently a showing in El Paso of Wyeth-Hurd paintings, which drew a large attendance.

Bill talked to Henriette, and son Mike and grandson David. She said she appreciated the interest the Class had shown in Peter's condition. Bill inclosed a copy of a letter to the editor of the El Paso Times written by Gosco Gose, who offered \$100 to anyone who could prove that there existed a West Point Military Academy. Gosco said in his letter, "It is time that people learned the proper name of the institution that turns out this country's knowledgeable Army leaders."

George D. Deutermann's wife Ellen died on 1 Aug 81 at Belmont, CA. His brother William, Rear Admiral, USN, Ret., died the same day at San Diego, CA.

George continues to live at 1512 Notre Dame Ave., Belmont, CA 94002. No details available.

This is the first report from your new scribe, who asks your indulgence for any mistakes that these notes undoubtedly contain and for omissions that may occur. More than most of you, perhaps, I appreciate the work Nelson, M.R. has done for us as scribe for the past few years. Thank you Nelly.

Vald Heiberg writes from FL that he and Evelyn took off for New England immediately after the 55th reunion, returning to WP to attend graduation. They heard President Reagan's thrilling address to the graduating class. Later in the summer they visited Vald's brother (USMA '19) near Ft Knox, their son Bill (USMA '61) and family at Pawley's Is, SC, and their older son (USMA '53) and his

family at Ft Belvoir. En route they visited Virginia and Web Anderson (USMA '28) at Asheville, NC, and Dottie and Blair Garland (USMA '27) at Red Bank, NJ. Vald also notes that Mac & Katherine McDaniel are enjoying their new condo in Belleair, a suburb of Clearwater. It is their third since moving to Clearwater eight years ago and affords a view of the spectacular sunsets in the Gulf of Mexico. Katherine has planted geraniums and shrubs and has ambitious plans for her garden in what Mac describes as "the best of all possible worlds."



1926: Doc and Betty Jones at their Golden Wedding reception, Atlanta, Georgia, 25 July 1981.

Admiral Sims writes that, following the reunion, he and Carleen with Nelly & Lucile Nelson went to San Antonio, TX, to attend the Daedalian Convention of Ancient Aviators. While there they had dinner with Muffet and A. H. Johnson. Admiral says that Johnny is undergoing radiation treatments but looks well, is courageous, and is in excellent spirits. A few days after the Sims left, Muffet reported that Johnny shot an 86 on the golf course. On the way home the Sims had a three-day reunion with Admiral's brother from Pascagoula, his sister from Dallas, and his eldest daughter, Shirley, from Albuquerque. Admiral would like us to note that the postal people played a trick on him, changing his PO address from Washington to Bethesda, MD 20816; the street address remains the same.

This letter came from Harry Storke, accounting for a busy summer: Soon after enjoying No. 55, Betty & Harry Storke spent their usual month and a half at delightful Abbott's Point, West Falmouth, MA, entertaining families and friends. Visiting families included the Ken Nelsons of N. Attleboro, MA (Betty's daughter Chuchi) with their two children. Camy 14 and Deane 12; the Steve (Betty's son) Bensons of Newark, DE, (Steve having torn away from the financial dept of Du Pont's winning duel with Mobil and Seagram over Conoco) and their David 10 and Eric 7; the Thomas Davenports (Harry's daughter Pat) of Wellesley Hills, MA, with their two young ladies Pam, now stepping up to be a financial analyst for Scudder, Stevens, and Clark of Boston, and Carol, senior at

UMA. The Davenports are moving to Cleveland OH, to head the office there of Lincoln Nat'l Life Ins. Co., to which he has been promoted after having set up and managed Lincoln's New England branch. Also visiting were Margaret (Betty's sister) and Ray Holtan of Freeport, IL. For a few days Deborah Hale of Brookline, MA, was with the Storkes. Not able to get to Cape Cod this summer were Betty's son Douglas and Terry Benson, from Clarksburg, MD, and Harry's daughter Carolyn Mueser of Boulder, CO, with her Jennifer 20 and Chris 17. They were well occupied over the lovely Aug 15 wedding of Jennifer to Mark Bunker. Both will honeymoon as sophomores at MT State Univ. Of course Betty and Harry ran out to the wedding, fully appreciating the courtesy of the very efficient substitute air controllers. Returning to Cape Cod, Betty and Harry much enjoyed their customary visit and bull session and delicious lunch with Dort & Red Reeder, both of whom were in their usual fine fettle.

Report from the Northwest: Bill & Rosie Mills enjoyed the reunion. On the way home they visited daughter Mickie in Fallston, MD. Bill is now in AK, accompanied by daughter Rose Anne Walker, for a visit with grandson in Bethel. Eddie & Teddie Watson also enjoyed the reunion. Eddie regrets that he was unable to get around as much as he would have liked. The heart attack he had last year limits his activity. While in Washington on the way home from the reunion, which Kay & Mac McFarland enjoyed very much, Mac called Don Booth's mother and sister Nancy, who live in Culpeper, VA. Mrs. Booth celebrated her 100th birthday 1 May. From Seattle Ben Thurston writes that he competed in the US Open chess tournament in Palo Alto in Aug. Participating was the cream of the world's chess aficionados, including the top two US players and several foreign grand masters. Ben acquitted himself in a manner to make the class of '26 proud of him and considerably increased his national standing. Norman & Charlotte Matthias report that, following the reunion, they spent the weekend near Goshen, NY, where Charlotte had lived until she was nine. They found the house where she was born and another in which she lived. They then went to Charleston, SC, to visit her sister Helen, widow of MG George Honnen '20; she recently married Gen. Cortlandt Schuyler '22.

From TX Ralph Osborne writes that his mobility is improving, thanks to Kathleen's persistence as chauffeur, housekeeper, and PT instructor following his near-fatal fall last Dec. Ralph says that Stag Stagliano doesn't stray far from home but looks fine and is always his alert self.

From the Garden State Johnny Roosma writes that he and Marjorie attended Graduation Parade. Says that it was wonderful and very inspiring. In Jul he attended the retreat parade at which their granddaughter Margaret Ada Roosma was sworn in as a new cadet. She is the daughter of Garry Roosma '58. Meanwhile, Marjorie attended the wedding of their grandson, John III, who was graduated from Texas A&M in June and is going into the AF. Johnny's health is OK now, and he is back on his exercise program. He saw Jim Wheaton at the Academy and says that Jim looks great and regretted missing the reunion.

From Atlanta, Pinky McDonough wrote that he and Nancy enjoyed our 55th and deeply appreciated the planning by classmates and aides. They attended the reception in Atlanta to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Doc & Betty Jones on 28 Jul.

The party was given by the Jones's son and daughter and was attended by about one hundred guests. A beautiful wedding cake was cut, and champagne punch was served, while the orchestra played melodies that people of our vintage used to dance to. We also got a note from Doc enclosing a clipping and a snapshot of himself and Betty. He says that several classmates had planned to attend, but Pinky was the only one who could make it.

Report from CA by Spud Murphy: In early Jun Spud & Gen had a pleasant visit with Babe de Shazo and her charming daughter, Ann Robertson, who were en route to Ann's home in Tiburon. They stayed overnight at the Park Lane, where Babe & Tommy had often stayed in the past. Spud says, "Over the years as the CA rep for ASSEMBLY I have tried without notable success to obtain news from the elusive Wally Barnes. Quite by accident the other day I came across a sports column devoted to Wally's son-in-law Willie Shoemaker, the famous jockey. It contained a photograph of Wally's beautiful daughter Cindy and granddaughter Amantha. So, second hand, Wally makes the ASSEMBLY." Paul Carroll reports that he spends his time gardening but still plays a bit of tennis. He says his game has slowed up, but Spud doubts it. Paul Black says that he and Margaret continue their languorous way of retired life, everything slow, easy, and placid except his golf, which he claims is improving, but also slowly. Hal Forde reports that the Kirchoffs are doing well as can be expected Art is still confined to home, but Aline sees to it that friends occasionally drop in for a sip or two. Quoting from Hal's letter, "We continue to cope with superfluous birthdays, enjoy our year-old home, and are happy to have Ann and her family so near (a quarter mile). Ann has won quite a following from her writing for the local newspapers. Now I am sometimes chided when she doesn't have a by-line every week and am identified as 'Ann Jolley's father.' In Cheyenne after WW II the introduction was 'Betsy Forde's husband.' (Spud's note: all Hal wants is to be known as Forde with an "e"). I am still having enjoyment in my work with our Rancho Bernardo Center for Continuing Education. Not teaching this fall, but supporting thirty classes by finding classroom spaces. Vald's post-reunion letter was splendid." Bob Nourse is having a fine recovery from his surgery, but still must have chemo-therapy every five weeks. It is not slowing him up at all; he feels fine and is still deeply involved with advisory work in Rotary and is on the Bd of Dir of the Col of Marin Fdtn. He and Big are delighted to have a grandson. Sis and her husband recently adopted a fine, healthy three-day old boy to be a brother to their six-year old son Bobby.

I deeply regret to report the passing of Paul Hamilton on Aug 4. He had suffered a massive heart attack Jul 20 and had spent 15 days in a coma. At a simple family ceremony with clergy present, his ashes were consigned to the sea at his favorite beach, a short walk from his home where he used to go on his daily walks. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Eleanor and to his daughters Anne Hudachek of Ft Carson, CO, and Pauline Burn of Los Altos, CA, his seven grandchildren, and one great grandson. Spud Murphy and Paul Carroll conveyed condolences to Eleanor on behalf of the class.

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**BEAT NAVY**

**'27**

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There are 5 deaths to report for this issue. The Scribe is very grateful to those who sent in the information concerning several of these losses.

Doubtless you all noticed the entry in the Sept "Last Roll Call" of the passing on of ex-'27 member William B. Harris on 16 May. Unfortunately, no further information had been received as of deadline as to his death and burial.

On 20 July, at the Public Health Service Hosp, Seattle, WA, James A. Harron died. He was buried, after cremation and private family graveside services, in Evergreen-Washelli Memorial Park in Seattle. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Revelle Harron, and a niece, Mrs. Barbara Barsotti of Walnut Creek, CA. The current address of Margaret Harron is Apt. 246, 14820 Bothell Way, NE, Seattle, WA 98155.

Our third loss was that of Raymond W.



1927: The San Antone bar boys: Nelson and Williams.

Curtis, who died in San Diego on 14 Aug. Graveside services were held 17 Aug at Ft Rosecrans Natl Cemetery, and it was at Ft Rosecrans that Ray, in 1931, trained as a member of the Army equestrian team that competed in the Olympics in Los Angeles in '32 and in Germany in '36. At the services, '27 was represented by Holland and Felber, ex-'27, by other WP friends, and members of the MOWW, of which Ray had been twice commander of the LaJolla Chapter, and many civilian friends. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Southwell Curtis; two daughters, Norma Steiger of Flagstaff, AZ, and Mary Williams of San Diego; a stepson, Wm. D. Southwell of San Diego; a sister, Mrs. C. E. Cline of Bozeman, MT, and 7 grandchildren.

The fourth loss to the Class community was that of Ova Frances Richmond Hines, 20 Aug, at Walter Reed AMC, after a heart attack. Ova had spent several difficult periods in Walter Reed over the past year or so. Services were held at Ft. Myer Chapel, 24 Aug, followed by burial in Arlington Cemetery. Present for the services were all of '27 available and the many other friends and admirers of the DC Area. In addition



1927: The San Antonio luncheon: The Aloes, Mabel Lepping, Jean Barrett, the Williams', Terry Meloy, the Millers and Grace Griffith.

to Jack, her survivors include son John L., III; a brother, Henry R. Richmond, of San Diego; a sister, Mrs. Charles B. Lyman, of West Chester, PA, and 2 grandchildren.

Jack and Ova had moved in July from their long-time house address in DC to their new one at the Kennedy-Warren, 3133 Connecticut Ave. NW, Apt. 314, DC 20008. There Jack continues comfortably situated, with adequate and capable care, but without the superb supervision given by his beloved Ova.

The fifth loss to report is the death "last winter" of Elisabeth Squire Holmer, widow of our well-remembered Hans W. Holmer. The daughter, Elisabeth H. Duncan, of Irvine, CA, recently sent in the information, adding that Betty "was ill only a short time." Then she added the "good news" that a grandson, Hans W. Holmer, II, is "now a plebe at the Academy." So tradition goes on! Betty and Pop Holmer were a great couple.

The deepest sympathy of the Class is now extended to the survivors of these fine men and women who have been taken from them, and from us all. Now let us turn to our active individuals.

From Esther and Hutch Hutchison, out Oahu way, came a summary of their month's vacation on the mainland. They had about 2 weeks with son Joe and family in Springfield, VA, "helping to get them packed for move to Carlisle Barracks for USAWC." Included in that time was celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary in June, at which they seemed to be in fine health and high spirits, as that splendid photo shows. From VA they moved on to Prairie du Chien, WI, there to be part of another anniversary gathering of Hutch's widely spread 5 brothers and wives and 2 sisters and husbands; "a grand time was had by all." Then on to Bellevue, WA, for a week's visit with Esther's brother and wife. A memorable vacation!

Ham and Bell Hunter also came up to DC to celebrate on 14 July their 50th Wed-



1927: At the farewell party: The Martins and Alice Herrick.

ding Anniversary. Among their guests were Mac and Jean Miller and Bob Lowe, as Mac and Bob had both served with Ham in the 6th Cav before the Hunters were married.

Dutch Holland, in a fine, informative letter, stated that Jean Burgess had made a quick trip through San Diego, stopping for lunch with the Hollands. She was in good health and "hoping to move to the Air Force Village in San Antonio." At the annual MOWW Convention in Savannah, GA, Dutch was "stunned" by receipt of the Natl Commander Annual Award given to "the one who has given greatest assistance to the Commander in Chief during the past year." He and Donnie "were thrilled." Both are "OK." Donnie keeps busy at her interests, and Dutch "plays a bit of golf (poorly)," plus generally getting about.

George Martin reported in late Aug that he and Jo were "beginning to adjust" to their change from Honolulu to Bradenton. He wrote that they had "been on the run making necessary contacts in a new community," setting up housekeeping, shopping, etc., all of which "would have been impossible but for the assistance of Spike Webb and his wonderful Helen." The Mustang then arrived, permitting their striking out on their own. George was glad to find that FL fruits and vegetables were "tastier," such as "luscious peaches." But they did miss "Hawaii's glorious climate and the many friends back there." Apropos the friends left behind, Jo and George had many farewells, doubtless, but Wm. H. Fairbrother, '44, sent a report of a dinner hosted by Alice Herrick, widow of C. J. Herrick, '31, at the Outrigger Canoe Club, bringing together many friends of the Martins. Fairbrother, also "duty photographer" for that evening, sent along that fine snap for us.



1927: 50th Wedding Anniversary: Hutch and Esther Hutchison.

Mac and Jean Miller made 2 trips away from Chevy Chase this past summer. First, 7 Aug, they flew to Dallas to attend the annual reunion of Mac's wartime regt, the 112th Cavalry, Texas NG, with which Mac "spent 3½ yrs in the Pacific area and commanded during all of its combat." He had not seen any of the personnel for over 35 years, but "had a grand time, most heartwarming." Mac agreed with Jean's warm comment that "those Texans were certainly a great bunch!" From Dallas they drove to San Antonio. The first night they had a pleasant dinner with Watlington. That was followed by Chris Nelson's getting the SA Group together for luncheon, of which Mac commented "it was great to see them all."

For the Miller's second trip, they drove to Hartford, CO, for a visit with Jean's bro and wife, Dunc and Din Somerville, '28, including a 3-day trip to the Adirondacks area of upper NY State, a 5-hour cruise on Lake



1927: 50th Wedding Anniversary: Bell and Ham Hunter.

George, a visit to the fine museum at Blue Mountain Lake, and a stopover at Lake Placid. They also got to see son Rusty and his Carol, and grandson Andrew. As Mac commented in closing, "So much for the trips. They were most enjoyable."

From Woody Hocker came a fine, if late, report of their last-year's motor trip, this as a prelude to their plans for another motor tour "about Sept," one on which no further data had arrived by deadline. Last year Betty and Woody drove from SF Bay Area through Nevada and Utah, across Wyoming to Cheyenne, where they visited several Army posts, including Ft. D. A. Russell, where Woody said his parents were married. They also took in the site of Custer's Last Stand and the Black Hills of SD, including Ft. Meade, the old cavalry post. In the museum there, Woody saw a troop holiday menu listing on its roster the name of "Lt. C. P. Bixel." They also crossed Montana, visiting at Missoula with Walter Johnson "for the first time since graduation." After Glacier Natl Park, they visited Ft. Geo Wright at Spokane, WA, where Woody "was baptized and too young to remember." If this year's journey is as expansive as the one of '80, it will be a great one.

Word has reached the Scribe that our Charles B. Stone, 3d, and Martha Hickam Fink were married 4 Aug in Ocean Springs, MS. Chuck and Martha Stone will reside at 10635 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Bob Wohlforth sent in a 2-page copy from Gannett Westchester Newspapers of a series termed "The Graying of America" which opened with No. 1 as a summary of the lives of Bob and Mildred Wohlforth, under the caption "For one couple, life's adventures just continue." Space does not, of course, permit detailed exposition from the long, complimentary article, which covers the lives of both, their careers, their physical drive, their daily intent to "stay active." They are doing well.

From Chris Nelson came his fine report on the Miller's visit to San Antonio. Those present at the luncheon included all able to make it. The only absentees were Watlington, Betty Lovell, Evalyn Flock, Towner, and Lepping. Chris ended his letter with a then perturbing question: "What's with the Black Knights? Seems at the moment as if it's more of the same."

Gar Davidson crashed through just before



1927: Gar Davidson and friend.

deadline, also very perplexed "over Army's feeble performance on the football field. . . . to date there seems to have been no improvement. I try not to lose the faith, but stopped by Kermit's the other day to see if he could tell me what is wrong. He wasn't in, so I spoke with his mother, with the result that is enclosed." That enclosure was the unusual snapshot of Gar and "friend"—mulling over the Black Knights?

Well, that does it for this quarter. Let's hope by the time you read this that Army has finally crashed through with a vastly improved season—especially with a victory over Navy!

As Christmas and the Big Year of '82—that 55th!—come along, please don't forget to send in info and snaps for the next issue of ASSEMBLY. Send something!

# '28

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I have a note saying that Charlotte McCutchen died in late Jul, but have none of the details. To Alan and his family I express the very deep sympathy of '28.

Again by note I learned that Dutch Holley died in mid Aug, and again no details. To Dutch's wife Connie, and his sons and their families, please know that his classmates share your grief.

A sudden heart attack took away Jerry Smyser on 3 Aug. He was laid to rest in the National Cemetery, Jefferson Bks. I had a beautiful note from Toni (or Anne, both short for Antoinette. Another name is Phillis, her



1928: W.D. Smiths and Locketts, Tacoma, WA.

first name and the one used in the newspaper accounts.) telling me about the circumstances. So to you, Toni, and to all of Jerry's family I express here the deepest sympathy of the Class.

I also had a note from Walter Staley about Jerry's death. Added news was that Martha fell and broke her hip in Apr, which caused a delay in a planned trip to Europe. They spend their winters at St. Croix and would love to see any of the Class who chance by that island.

And another sad letter from Tony Delmonico informed that his wife, Frances (Jeri), died 9 Jun of a massive stroke after a long illness. She was laid to rest in the Ft. Leavenworth National Cemetery after services at St. Ignatius Chapel there. The deepest sympathies of the Class go to Tony and the family.



1928: Coldwells, Anney, France.

And a note from Paul Breden informed me of the death of Eugene Harrison '23, husband of Karla King Harrison. Karla was the wife of our own Charlie King, who was K.I.A., Normandy, France, in 44. The sympathies of '28 go to Karla. Paul added that he and Jeannette now live in a ret home with a nursing floor in Clearwater, FL, and are in reasonably good health.

I have greetings from Montreux, Switzerland, from Bill & Marg Caldwell. They have spent their summers at Montreux for the past 10 years. Before leaving for Europe last Jun they entertained the Russ Blairs up from Mexico at their home in Maitland, FL. Bill says he is still teaching Math at Jones College but has slowed to 2 days a week.

Ruth and I spent Aug in the cool of Tacoma, WA, where we got together several times with Jim & Frances Lockett. While there we took a beautiful trip by boat up the inland waterways to the southeastern panhandle of Alaska.

My next deadline is Dec 31.

# '29

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The recent survey to determine the probable number of attendees at our 55th Reunion in 84 resulted in at least 50 "probables." Since this exceeds the space that will be available to us at the Thayer, we shall

check into motels capable of handling our group. Suggestions that were submitted will be given priority consideration.

One fall-out from the survey was the distressingly large number of widows who are "lost" (27, at last count). Since the Post Office has ceased to forward mail after approximately six months, we must rely on all of you to keep us informed. An up-to-date roster is somewhere on the back burner.

Happily, we have found "Kat" Adcock, widow of Tom. Their son Tom G. writes that after his father's death in 48, she married COL David B. Lancaster, USAF in 50. He ret in 57 and died in 73. Her address is: 1351 Venetian Way, Winter Park, FL 32789. Tom G's son Garth is a "knob" at the Citadel—Class of '85.

The Montgomery County Chapter of the American Red Cross gave its Hershey Award to Tom Conley for "Distinguished Volunteer Service." He has been a Chapter volunteer since 61, and has served on their Board of Directors and as Chairman of Disaster Services and the Blood Services Cmte, and on the Annual Dinner Cmte. Congratulations, Tom.

The Superintendent, and the Secretary of the West Point Fund each have expressed appreciation for the recent distribution of funds from our Project 50 account. This was reported to each of you in Nick's letter of 8 Aug. Our contribution to the Eisenhower monument was the first class gift received.

John Phillips sends word that this issue of ASSEMBLY contains a "Letter to the Editor" from him re the policies governing the memorialization of deceased graduates. This is a revision of his proposed article (Assembly note, Sept 81). He finds that other classes have had similar questions, although some are fearful of too great a listing. Since the purpose of his letter is to open up a discussion of memorialization policies, your individual comments to the Superintendent are in order.

On 23 Sept. some of the DC area group gathered at the home of Jack & Rhoda Stone for cocktails and conversation before having luncheon at the Annapolis Yacht Club. Present were: Bill & Kitty Bowyer, Della & Paul Caraway, Fred Chaffer, Randy Hubbard, Judy Lindsey, Mac & Patsy McKenzie, Alice Nesbitt, Nick & Jackie Nichols, Bozo & Gertrude McKee, Kai & Emma Rasmussen, Betty Reilly, Jack Seward, Jack & Rhoda Stone, Daddy/Fenn Sykes, Bill & Nell Thompson, and Van Vanderheide, and Connie Booth ('31) Tom Conley and Slim Vittrup continue their recoveries from hip replacements (Slim's second), while George Conner was at Johns Hopkins for a cataract removal. Jack Stone went there on the 3d of Oct for an anigram.

While at Annapolis, ye scribe learned that the Stones have 6 married children, 19 grandchildren, and EIGHT great-grandchildren (at last count, says Jack). I'd guess that that is a current top for the Class.

Martha Fink, Rudy's widow has married Chuck Stone ('27) and has moved to: 10635 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024. He is our Jack's older brother.

George & Gerry Coolidge are quiet these days (only some 54 holes of golf per week, plus gardening). They were part of the Medfly combat operation—had to strip 2 apple trees, a lemon tree, and an orange tree.

In early Sept. Bill & Nell Thompson drove from DC to Bristol, TN-VA, where both grew up and where they were married, to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary with all surviving members of their wedding party and many other friends of

their youth. They had 3 glorious days—"nothing went wrong, everything went right"—and now look forward to their Diamond Jubilee, which can be 10, 15, or 25 years hence, depending on which authority you consult. They say that if they stay ambulatory and keep all their marbles they, like Dickens's Barkis, are "willin'!"

Chan Chandler decided to be a stay-at-home while Jo went on an 18 day tour in Tunisia. She visited the ruins of Carthage, and several oases via camel back.

Johnny Theimer and other '29ers in that area plan to meet at the Presidio Officers Club on 8 Jan to welcome 82.

Sam Silver has sent a clipping from "The State" of Columbia, SC which reports that BG Robert Wiegand has become the deputy CG of Ft Jackson. He is the son of our late classmate Dudley.

Sam keeps in touch with the Horridges who visited friends in NJ in Sept and have been engaging in their annual debate about visiting in Spain during the cold months. Odds are that they will go back again.

Betsey & Sam spent the last 2 weeks of Aug at Cape May Point where his younger brother has a summer home. It was a most delightful visit. The weather was refreshing and the food was delicious as they were just in time to enjoy the fine fresh vegetables from the South Jersey farms. The big red tomatoes were tasty, the cantaloupes sweet, the corn tender, and the "limer" beans (pole type, of course) were beyond comparison.

Late in the Summer, Jim & Doris Hannigan flew to Salt Lake City to visit with son Tom, wife Ann, and one grandson and one granddaughter. Tom is with Conoco, which was in the midst of a widely publicized merger battle. They then flew to Philadelphia (air controllers strike notwithstanding) to visit with Doris' 2 sisters there. Having picked up a rental car, and joined by the sisters, they were off to the Boston area to see their other son Jim, his wife Sibley, and 3 granddaughters. From thence to NE MA to enjoy their fill of lobsters. A stop in NJ with some relatives and then they flew back to TX.

A&M University has "drafted" Jim to serve on their project 2000 Cmte which has been charged with making plans for the size, shape, and scope of the University in the year 2000. Since Jim & Doris plan to be around then, he is being very careful about the plans.

The McKees visited England in late Aug where their son Christopher is at Cambridge. They went on a 2-week tour of the Scandinavian area. They thoroughly enjoyed the trip, even though Bozo's mobility is somewhat reduced these days.

In Apr, Tom McDonald had a cardiac arrest. Thanks to quick action on Marion's part and the Rescue Squad, he snapped out of it and later in the day had a pacemaker installed. Everything has been OK since. Picking up a bit of past history, in 80 Tom & Marion went to HI for the 50th anniv of Marion's high school graduation from Punahou in Honolulu. There they had the pleasure of seeing many old friend as well as cousins.

Their son, Thomas B. III is CO of the 35th Sig Bde at Ft Bragg. The other son Randy is an AF COL and is experiencing the joys of Pentagon duty in SEC DEF R&D.

Tommie & Rose DuBose are well with only minor health problems. Their son Winston continues to play soccer for the Tampa Bay Rowdies (he is their goalie), but had a bad season because of injuries. Their daughter Gwynne is still in NY with a large law

firm on Wall St. She loves the work but not the subway types.

#### In Memoriam:

William F. Nesbitt, son of John & Alice, died of a heart attack last Apr. His remains were cremated and disposed of locally.

Isabel Wentworth died peacefully in her sleep of pulmonary failure at Walter Reed on 21 Jul. Isabel had been in the Medical ICU for over 4 months. Prior to that, she had long been suffering from a generalized weakness for which no correct medical diagnosis had ever been achieved. She was hospitalized in early Mar for a minor condition. Almost immediately she suffered incipient respiratory arrest and was found to have chronic obstructive lung disease, bronchial, nonmalignant. She was immediately placed in the intensive care unit with her breathing controlled and assisted by a ventilator and by oxygen. She was of course fed intravenously and all vital functions were continuously monitored. During the course of her treatment, a tracheotomy had to be performed. For weeks it was hoped that she could gradually be freed from dependence on the ventilator and the oxygen, and be able to breathe on her own and return to a normal life. But it was not to be, in spite of almost super-human efforts by phalanxes of highly competent doctors and compassionate intensive care unit personnel. Never in great pain, but always under great stress and most uncomfortable of course, during her long period of intensive treatment Isabel displayed courage, patience, and fortitude, and sweetness of spirit that were the admiration of all. Dick would have been proud of her. The end came—as the doctors had warned Bill & Nell Thompson, who were in effect acting as next of kin—suddenly, without warning, and without pain or suffering. After a simple graveside service—just like Dick's, at her request—her ashes were placed beside those of Dick in Arlington. She is survived by a nephew, with whom she was very close, Orrin M. Ernst, of Kansas City. His address is 12726 Overbrook Rd, Leawood, KA 66209.

A class wreath was at the graveside service. Her nephew has expressed his appreciation of our thoughtfulness.

Red Calloway's address has been changed again; this time, only the Zip, which is now 22405.

# '30

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Dear Gang:

Perhaps it's the summer doldrums. In any event, I seem to have little to report and that little regrettably, is mostly doleful. We lost another of our flock when JoJo Carrithers died in early Aug. I think all of us will remember him, from way back in Plebe days, as that irrepressible "JoJo The Dog-Faced Boy" who so often entertained us with his impromptu song-and-dance routines—on the boat going up to the Yale game, or in our Summer Camp "Color Lines" and later in the Hundredth Night shows. After he ret to his home in Walnut Creek, CA, he became a key figure in activities in that area. He was the prime mover in their Contra Costa Trail Riders Assn, and their annual horse show; he wrote one of the best books ever on "How to Run a Horse Show"; he taught school in his "spare" time; and he was for years my faithful West Coast correspondent with information for these notes. Beth wrote

to me: "His death was a profound shock, although he had been ailing for months. We were both optimistic for his recovery, as he had great courage to the end. I will carry on with the same courage—I cannot praise Bob Cron and Bob Lancefield enough for their assistance to me." So we say farewell to another of "The Gang" who has taken his place in the Long Gray Line. It seems fitting that at least two of us were, and still are, on hand to stand by.

It is also sad to report that Anne Gibbs died in Aug and was buried at West Point. She is survived by their daughter, Mrs. Judith Gibbs Alexander, of Waterloo, Iowa.

On the happier side: A good letter from Bob Cron gave a detailed description of a 14-day bus-and-boat tour of New England in Jul. The boat part of the tour was aboard a small cruise ship operated by the American Cruising Line out of Haddam, CT. Bob wrote: "The staterooms were small and the food not up to normal cruise ship standards; but the ship's company, headed by a '44 Annapolis graduate, were cordial and gracious. There were fewer than 100 passengers and the atmosphere was like being aboard your own private yacht. The Captain hosted two cocktail parties and our own tour director hosted three for those in our group. All in all, I thoroughly enjoyed the cruise."

And on the personal side: Dolly and I spent most of Aug in Nantucket and were most hospitably entertained by Sid & Mary Wooten. We had cocktails one afternoon in the handsome house they built there some 6 years ago; and a few days later were their guests for lunch at the local Yacht Club, a delightful establishment. This was an especially happy occasion because Sid had found that Hall & Cece Stokes were also sojourning in Nantucket and joined us for the lunch. Since Hall was my Plebe roommate (along with Happy Brooks) there was much cheery reminiscing over excellent food and in excellent company. It was indeed a highlight of our summer "vacation."

And as these notes are written we are piping joining forces with Joe & Betty Haskell for the Homecoming weekend (Army/Princeton) at the Point and their apartment in New York.

On which cheerful note I leave you for the nonce.

# '31

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It is easy to write this column, since so many of you paid their dues and sent along a letter with the check. Just to remind you, there are a few of you that have not yet paid in the dues.

A letter from Don & Kelley Little states that life is quiet down in Macon. They are going to Germany in Sept to see a son-in-law, BG Ken Withers '56, and the daughter Myra, and then a train to Berlin for some sightseeing. Some people still remember where you came from. I just had a letter from Marcekkus Duffy from Rhode Island with a cartoon that had me and Betty laughing up a storm as a reminder of what used to be. I will write it down, but unless you come from RI you probably won't appreciate it. The cartoon shows two waiters and one of them says to the other, "You will never believe it but a man from RI just came in and ordered a grinder and a cabinet. If you don't understand it, please write to me and



1931: Deke Roller at Reunion in May.

I will try to explain it." Ted & Nina Parker are leaving for AZ in Oct and a trip to China in mid-Oct. Ted will be at West Point for the Thayer award ceremony.

We just got one of them—a nine digit ZIP code. Ham Peyton writes that his new one is 91920785. If I had to list all of those for all the people, there wouldn't be any room for news. Have you seen the new card from Ned Parker, which lists him as a septuagenarian? A couple of letters from Johnny Ruggles. In one of them he said he found a card from Deac Roller nailed to his door. At least it wasn't Deac himself. I'll answer the other one later in the column. I hope to have more information later on. Dutch & Dee Spangler say that things are going all right in El Paso. A nice letter from Mike Brown saying how much she missed the reunion, but Eddie's health didn't permit them to go. Carl Kohl expects Deac to stop by and give him a good report on the reunion when Deac goes back to Mexico to get his Airstream traveler. It had better be soon since Carl goes to work soon at his school. Don & Alice Webber wrote on Hotel Thayer stationery. I guess most of us have some that we purloined from the hotel. They had the same complaint that most of us had at the reunion—there were just too many to talk to. Don Yates says he better get the dues paid before he loses the letter in the round basket at the end of the desk. That goes for all of you.

Chet & Virginia Diestel say that San Fran is dry for news, but then he says that Herb Mansfield has been elected as Commander of the Am Legion Post 52 in Menlo Park and Herb and Vesta are now in England for a short spell. That is all news to us, so the Bay area wasn't exactly dry. Fred & Val Berg are now planning for the 60th Reunion. That is, of course, if Val gets over her broken wrist by then. I had a few letters about the dues and who pays them. I forgot to put in the letter that the dues are for only five years and even the life members do have to pay this time. Hutch & Jean Hutchison say that they enjoyed the reunion, except that their room was too close to the Hospitality Room and Hutch seemed drawn to the room. Bill Hampton says that it makes one feel old when all the sons-in-laws are ret from the service after 30 years. He says the drought has broken in Colo Spngs and he is out doing what has to be done after a drought has broken. Short notes from Tom Marnane, Jock Malloy, Gus Wirak, and Earl

Cook just wishing everyone happy and fine days for the future. Bill & Ella Mae Woodward sent a post card of "the whitest beach in the world," at Ft Walton Beach in FL. Helene Pratt says that Ray has recovered from the reunion which was quite a stretch for him. Helene says that things are going along well for both of them. She mentions that George & Ruth Fletcher nap once in a while during the day to catch up on the day's work. Ernie Easterbrook is thin but that hasn't slowed him up at all. We have another wife to add to the directory; please add "Louise" after Horace Terry. And Don Buchwald says he is living in apartment G-128 not 228 as said in the book. He says that this is a post office move.

Two letters from Bill & Helen Cassidy; the second one to take care of the dues which he didn't put in the first letter. Traveling Dan Callahan is back on the Space Coast but hasn't yet been seen in Indiatlantic. Ad & Alice Dishman keep going around the world on Pan A. Bill & Helen are going to France again in Sept to study French again. Monsieur Fixe's replacement is a pretty native of Toulouse. Bill says it will be interesting to see how the Floridians work out the drought they have. Bill mentions no sink hole around their place. Little Swede & Jo Carlson went back to Cape Cod after the reunion and were joined there by Jack & Petey Gordon. Guess what they talked about, the reunion of course. A letter from Big Swede & May Carlson who spent the month of May in visiting their children and grandchildren in Germany, took a 10-day cruise on the Rhine, toured all over France and Switzerland and then to England for some of the wedding excitement. Apparently everything went up for the wedding since it cost them \$50 plus something for the luggage to get to Heathrow Airport from their hotel in London. They got home just before the controller's strike.

Chester & Virginia Ott write from Portland that they are still basking somewhat in the glow of the reunion. As a matter of fact, it is nice a month or so later to think back and remember how it was to see so and so.

Paul & Irene Burns say they will be at the reunion in 86. They see Jerry & Mary Flaherty who live five minutes away using a golf cart to drive it. Jerry had a knee operation, but is coming along nicely. Gus Wirak comes to all the WP coffees and other get-togethers at Sun City. George Dietz says he is proud that Don Buchwald has moved to IN. That means 2 in the state instead of only George. Ding Carter says that at the reunion he didn't recognize a lot of classmates. He says it was their fault since they had changed so much by getting old. Oh yes, add another wife to the directory: add "Janilou" after Ding Carter. She and Ding were married at West Point in Oct 80.

A note from C.L. MacLachlan wishes happy holidays to all of us. I had a note from Naomi Lehrfeld saying that I had sent the letter to her. The only thing was that I had sent the envelope, but had forgot to put the letter in. I do that every once in a while. I sent one out this time with no postage, so got that one back. Frank Corbin says he is sorry that he missed the reunion, but there will be more and he will try again. Dick Lane says that I should stick with my voice vibrator, it will come out all right in the end. A J. McVea writes that he has not been to West Point since 31, but he still hopes to return there one of these days for a visit. Charlie Hoy sent me a couple of letters with some notes and jokes that he



1931: Carl Kohl waits for Deke.

had cut from the newspaper. Dan & Mary Callahan are expecting to spend more time at home now that Dan is completing his 2d year as Board Chairman of the AFA. I said before about Jerry Flaherty having a knee operation. He had it just about as he was leaving for the reunion so didn't go. Chuck Westpheling had to cancel reservations for the reunion since he was in the hospital on the day festivities started. He says he is going all right now and Helen is recovering from arthritis operations. Chuck says he is working as hard as ever, having made the Big Producer twice this year in the firm that he works at. That means that he sold a big amount for one day. Ned Cotter says he got a great rundown on the reunion from Curly Wilson by telephone and also from Dick Danek. You were correct, Ned, they were talking about me. George & Tommie Speidel are now at the UNH studying plant propagation, creative drama, and seals and whales in NH and ME. I am not sure what the PhD will be in when they finish. Bill & Betty Chandler are back in San Fran after stopping to see Betty's 95-year-old father on the way back. Bill sent many pictures that he took at the reunion. They are now with Trick Troxel who will do something with them. Bill says the pictures might have better identification if certain people didn't want to have Bill's golf losses mount on up. Peter Otey and Anne Ward say that man has three ages: childhood, middle age, and you're looking great. Peter thinks he might have to go to a psycho, since he keeps on working, when he should be doing nothing like most of us are doing.

I don't know how many of you get Charlie Densford's "Root of the Matter." I do and enjoy reading most of it. The last issue I received had a letter from Charlie on getting old. I won't quote the whole letter but one paragraph stands out as you read it. "The truth is that I am getting old. I have been unwilling to accept that, so have been indulging in wishful thinking. I want to keep on doing what I like to do, so I keep telling myself that I can. But I'm kidding myself and it is time to call a halt to that. So the upshot is that I will be late sometimes and I shall not be able to write an essay every week on time. But I won't quit altogether." I think that goes for all of us. Charlie says that when he butchers a calf, he saves all the

filet mignons for himself. Two letters from Wayne & Catherine Taul. All the letters I get interest me, since it means that someone sat down and thought of the rest of us to tell us the news. But some of them may take quite a bit to write. They just bought a new car in Apr, but the car was No. 8 in a nine-car crash on the San Fran Freeway; Wayne wasn't hurt since he had his seat belt on, but the car was demolished, ten thousand dollars. The next one occurred when Wayne fell and cut his forehead and scalp, twenty nine stitches to close him up. And as though that wasn't enough, the brush fires came to their mountain and came on so fast it scared the heck out of them. But fortunately the wind shifted and the fire came up to their gates and then turned. Wayne and Catherine had left everything in the house and had gone to the golf course where they were safe. All the fires were on TV and people saw what had happened and they had calls from Ray Pratt, Johnny Cave, and Art Hogan. There are 3 things there, so I guess it is all over now. Two letters from Deac Roller, on the way home from WP. Deac was busy seeing people in New England and his daughter in New York. After leaving NYC, he came by DC but nobody was home. Then he stopped to see the Kauffmans and went on to MS to see Lily May McGowen. He will spend a few days at the hospital, then on to Baja for his Airstream where it has been for 3 years. Deac has a yellow sweater from Sears that somebody left him and also somebody picked up the cadet bathrobe that he ordered. He would like it back. That's all from Deac at this time.

And the letter from Johnny Ruggles. I don't have any more information, but I'll pass along what I have. Johnny, like Don Armstrong needs a class ring, since his was stolen. Like Don, he doesn't want to pay the price they are asking for it. He saw in Ken Zitzman's '32 column in the ASSEMBLY that you could get '32 rings at \$600 apiece. Now Johnny wants anybody who needs a ring to write him so that he can make up an order. So please write him.

There is some sad news to leave you with. A letter from Doc Patterson says that his wife Peggy died from cancer in Apr after a long illness. Jack Leary has moved to CA from the high altitude area of Ft Huachuca. Unfortunately, his wife Elaine, who had a remission of cancer for quite some time, had it reappear and she died in Aug. We extend our sympathies to Doc and Jack.

Just as I got through the notes and was about to send them in, since this is the last day, I received a bundle of letters from Warren Hoover. So those who wrote to Warren will have to wait until the next issue to see their names in print.

P.S.: I just received word that Bill Hardick died of a heart attack in Berwick, PA.

# '32

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**CLASS RINGS.** Ole! Victoire! Jackpot! 6 mos after I made the 1st timid proposal in the Mar issue of this column, that widows consider giving their late husband's ring to a classmate who has lost his and finds it difficult or impossible to replace, we're on a winning ticket.

In the Jun issue I reported that Harriette Scott Batjer, WP '37 widow, read it and took action to give both of John's Class rings (he



1932: Hunt, Betty Besson and Doris Wallace.

graduated from TX A&M before entering WP) to classmates at the respective schools.

Now our own Mary Bower has come through handsomely with her two WP '32 rings. In the summer of 32 a large group of classmates including Art Blair, Gary Hall, Roland Bower with new bride Patty, et al., reported to Ft Ben Harrison. Mary Westphaling dated all the bachelors and married Art Blair. Art was killed in the Battle of the Bulge on Xmas Day 44 and some yrs later, Patty Bower died tragically young.

At our 30th Reunion at WP in 62, Roland and Mary did me the honor of asking me to announce their engagement at the height of the activities at the Class picnic at Round Pond, probably because I had the foghorn voice to shout down the unruly mob. They were married a few days later and went to Mary's home in Colo Spgs where Herb Thatcher was CG of the ADC. Herb and Frankie greeted them royally and were close to them until Roland and Mary left for San Diego.

After Roland died in 75, Mary moved back to Colo Spgs where the Thatchers have been living since Herb's ret in 67 and they resumed their close companionship. Neither knew it was Frankie's letter to me saying that Herb had lost his ring that started this off until Mary got my letter telling her who needed the rings.

So today Gary Hall is wearing Art Blair's ring, Herb Thatcher is wearing Roland Bower's and Ken Zitzman has a letter from Mary saying "you've made a lot of people happy."

That would be enough but when Eloise Skidmore read the Sept issue of ASSEMBLY she phoned me to offer Skid's ring to the last remaining classmate (that I know of) who has lost his. The system is working, so if there is anyone else out there who has lost his ring and would like a replacement, or if any of "our girls" has one she wants to contribute, let me know and I'll try to match you up. "How far that little candle throws his beams."



1932: Claire Jamison, Marge Sinclair and Hulit Woolnough (back to camera).

**OUR ROVING REPORTERS** (West Coast Div): Chris & Phil Dreyer planned a flight from CA to E. Carolina U and back to see Chris's granddau graduate and be commissioned in the AF. Stayed with Frank Johnston's sister Margaret and her husband, a Prof at the U. Tour of campus including the old Johnston homestead which is now part of the U. Struck by an impulse after the ceremonies, they borrowed the new LT's Toyota and drove to Maxwell AFB for 10 days with Chris's son.

From Maxwell they drove to Anniston and a leisurely lunch with Carrie Bess and Pinky Smith. Both vote for the DC-WP '32 bus for last leg of the trip to our Fun-filled Fiftieth (FFF).

On to Atlanta and overnight with Latrelle & Pop Duncan, taking over part of house usually reserved for Joslin Morris. Didn't say which half of garage they would have occupied if Joslin had dropped in suddenly. Afternoon garden party at friends of Duncans', gourmet dinner at one of Atlanta's best beaneries. Next morning to Pop's monthly breakfast club (Lou Truman among dues paying members) for "banquet type" breakfast. (I knew Chris when he thought a hyperbole was a big tree trunk, now he throws them around like confetti.)



1932: McCawley, Abell, and Dossi Davidson.

En route to DC had a short visit with Peggy and Desch chez lui in Charlottesville and then to Chris's sister's home in Silver Spring.

Long visit with Eleanor McCormack at Distaff Hall. Eleanor as sharp as ever and they communicated easily despite her speech difficulty. Eleanor firm for the FFF and also favors '32 bus. Grand Finale was lunch at beautiful Cedar Knoll Inn at Mt Vernon with Lyons, Sundts and Joslin Morris.

Visited Phyl's dau's families and various Dreyers then back to the coast. Still maintain both homes, Pebble Beach and Grass Valley up near the Donner Pass. Plan to visit our AF BG son Fred at his new station in Sembach, Germany.

O.R.R. ( East Coast Div): Archie & Helen Lyon spent a wk in Orlando at the Nat'l Sojourners Convention taking time en route to call Cle Means. She misses Dale terribly, of course, but is doing well.

Followed it with another 2 wks visiting friends, family and classmates. Marian & Don Hardy (Archie's Beast Barracks roommate) hosted a buffet at the AB Club for several including Ruth Sutherland, Ed & Bee Suarez. The Hardys spend much time at their beach place where they have room to accommodate family and children. Next night



1932: Mini-Reunion at the Bessons: Pugh, Betty Besson, Campbell, the Jamisons and Epleys.

it was dinner at the Suarez home with other friends.

To Patrick AFB where Gale & Gary Hall had arranged a gathering of the local clan, viz., Bob & Billie Terrill, Red & Kit Seaward, Sue Menoher and Barney Bunch. Mary & Click Rees had planned things but an emergency trip to GA intervened. Time ran out before the Lyons could take advantage of enticing invites by Bob Moore and Bill Powers.

To the Gulf Coast and delightful home of Frank & Mary Lou Britton in Largo. North to Ft Walton Beach in the panhandle to visit Archie's bro and saw Stan & Esther Wray who were in process of moving to AF Village here in San Ant. Dinny Kelly hosted a party for all of the above at the Yacht Club.

Long lunch and pleasant conversation in Montgomery with Leo & Nancy Dahl who have a gourmets' reputation for entertaining transient classmates. Struck out in Atlanta with Trumans, Duncans and Meulenbergs all out of town, but in Columbia, SC, had a pleasant visit with Ray Cochran and his sweet Adeline; telephone chatter with Ermine Hanna and with Lund Hood.

And so back to Alexandria and Archie's primary MOS as Secy '32. He reports that responses to the FFF questionnaire are good and that about 83% of those answering indicate they will attend. Marvelous, especially as the widows are keeping apace.

News of the Wash area from Farmer Jamison, Dick Hunt and Joslin Morris. A recent '32 lunch had most of the locals plus Jackie Seidel up from FL as Mary Cain's houseguest. Anne Brucker, en route from El Paso to Germany and England, who was staying with the Hunts, and the Duncans, Joslin Morris's houseguests. A joy to see them all especially Jackie who hadn't been there in some time.

Dick Hunt took some of the accompanying pix and kept a full set to show the Slades, Dreyers and others in CA when he and Helen stopped there on the way home from their Alaskan trip.

And Joslin's letters are always a treat. In my confused file I've tabbed it the Duncans' drawing power. Upon their arrival, Joslin took them to the Eastern shore for a stay at her place on the beach. Big get-together with son Jay and his family who "are absolutely devoted to the Duncans." Pop in charge including homemade ice cream. Back at Joslin's house in town they were "inundated" with invitations; Polly and Hurly Hurlbut, WP '33, threw a beauty with the Bessons, Woolnoughs, Dossi and young Bill Davidson present among others. Any number can play.

Way back when we were cadets we didn't have ladies in our Class but we sure got 'em now. You think Archie Lyon works hard turning out his newsletters, ballots, Class

address lists and all the mailings? You're right.

But he would be a basket case if Mary Cain didn't give a lovely lunch periodically with the likes of Nora Gerhardt, Eleanor McCormack, Dossi Davidson, Fran Pugh and Joslin Morris on hand to address and stuff envelopes, lick stamps (I'm told only Bloody Marys take the taste of the glue out of their mouths) and get them to the P.O. on time.

Being the restless type, Joslin still works part time at the White House. Says she not only enjoys it but has made some new friends. "Always nice, especially in our so-called Sunset yrs." Ho, ho, ho. A lot of guys there will get sunstroke before our Joslin.

Allez au tableaux. Eddie Fransworth ret from his formal position in the school system a few yrs ago but is still helping the kids. Every spring the American Assn of Teachers of French has about 50,000 top notch French students in its Nat'l French Contest. For the past 10 yrs Eddie has been the Nat'l Chairman of Eligibility and has the job of updating the rules for the levels and Divisions in which they participate.

Other news from the Hampton Rds area. Erv Somerville's son is the new Secy of the WP Soc there and Eddie Farnsworth has doubled the membership of the "USMA 32 License Plate Club". Now that we have one on each side of the Miss, Eddie is gung ho for expanding it.

Final Farewells. It was with extreme regret that we learned that John Abner Meeks died of a massive heart attack on 16 Jul in his home town of Charleston, SC, and was buried in the Nat'l Cemetery at Beaufort. He is survived by his widow Margaret, and 2 sons who live in Charleston & Greenville, respectively. Abner's dau-in-law is preparing his memorial article for ASSEMBLY.

A note from Gary Hall said that Barney Bunch passed away at the Patrick AFB hospital on 17 Sept after a brief illness. A local memorial service was held for Barney after which he was interred at WP.

Our deepest sympathies go to Margaret, Rita and their families.

This is one of those rare items which concern '32 but is addressed to members of other classes who read these notes. Secy Archie Lyon has already circulated it among '32.

George & Francetta (Frenchy) Kump died together in an auto accident in '66 and their dau has written with a modest request. She has a delightful 11-yr-old dau Lara, who never knew George & Frenchy and would like her to get to know something about her grandparents from their contemporaries. Anyone who knew George well would be doing the little lady a great favor by writing Miss Lara Suziedelis, 3224 NW 27th St, Okla City, OK 73107, recounting any little vignettes, experiences or impressions you have of George &/or Frenchy.

The Family Sequoia. Last Jun Bill & Winnie Culps' son, Wm S., married Patricia Duncan Adair, a Vassar cum laude, of Glendale, OH. They are now at home in Irvine, CA, where young Bill is VP of Anderson & Anderson, Ins Brokers and teaches insurance at Coast Community College 2 nights a wk. One of the bridesmaids was Bill's & Winnie's dau Millie who is also doing well. Last yr she was Asst Prof at Seattle U but left to establish her own counseling service for women executives.

Everyone who was at our 45th Reunion remembers young Bill accompanying his Dad on his 1st outing after his stroke and how well he took care of him. We know he'll do well at anything.



1932: Farnsworth of Virginia.

Dick & Helen Hunts' son, Lt Cmdr Larry Hunt, USN, is now stationed in the Pentagon with the Def Intel Agcy after having graduated from the AFSC.

1956 was a vintage yr for WP '32, the 1st that any of our sons graduated from WP. There were 7 including our Class Godson Terry (Stewart) Creighton & Jim Skidmore (Herrol J., Jr.) who was born 2 months after Terry. Since Terry's untimely death in '66, Jim is our oldest Class son. He is now Asst Prof of Engr at NM State U at Las Cruces. Younger bro, MAJ Francis R. Skidmore, WP '65, is still on AD, has 3 children and is now on an important, secret asgmt.

And it's not going to stop. Harvey & Dort Fischers' 16-yr-old grandson is bucking for WP with ample incentive from granddad. His parents are the Fischers' middle dau Ann, and COL Wm H. Gavan, WP '62.

Early in his admin, Pres Reagan nominated Jay Morris, son of our Joslin & the late Luke, to be Asst Admin of the Agcy for Int'l Development. The Senate held the hearings and confirmed, so Jay is off and running. How could he miss with Pop & LaTrelle Duncan as his Godparents?

At random in quondam. A good ltr from Peggie Nelson in CA. Lunched with Mary Bower in Colo Spgs, visited her dau in Boulder, trip to Hong Kong and Red China with another Army wife. In between she golfs, does volunteer work and pores over travel brochures planning the next trip. Definite plans for the FFF with Fern Ebey.

When Red McKeown in CA borrows a book he returns it with interest. When he sent back my volume on the Italian campaign he included an autographed copy of "America's Dizzy Dean" (autographed by Red, not Dizzy.) After reading about the baseball nonpareil of the '30's, I made the long throw from the outfield to 2d baseman Dave Schorr in NC, who relayed it to ss Click Rees in FL. 4/9ths of the 1928 Beast Barracks champs involved in 1 play from sea to shining sea.

Good news from Mary Rees. 2 yrs after his stroke, Click is doing remarkably well. Swims daily with Mary, they go out for lunch and dinner often, lots of parties. Recent visit by son Ted, COL USAF at Randolph, with wife and 1 son. They were expecting Lou & Mary Coutts as house guests, but the day before they were to arrive, Mary Coutts phoned that Lou had had a heart attack (1st) and was in the VA hospital in Memphis. I got a card from Lou since & his main beef was that he couldn't get out to see the Memphis Chicks AAA ball club. Since then have heard from Dave Schorr that Lou is back home in MO

and doing very well; still planning on the deferred trip to the Rees'.

A long delayed visit with Harvey & Dort Fischer found everything fine. Self-confessed small town people, they love Lampasas; pop 6000, 1 movie house, 4 homes per city block. They have a group of close friends going back to Harvey's days as CG of Ft Hood in '64, who live in town and operate ranches in the area. Harvey spends mornings truck farming 1 acre on a large ranch whose owner raises Limousins (that's cattle, dude, not automobiles). It keeps him healthy and makes his neighbors happy when he gives them fresh fruit and flowers. At cattle branding time he does the "cold" branding, i.e., keeps the iron in dry ice until it's cold enough to burn the hair off the animal's hide. (If you flunked physics go to the next sentence.)

And for a guy who likes to hunt & fish, it's paradise. He has the keys to the gates of 4 ranches. Pat & I met about 8 couples of their set when they took us to one of the impromptu cocktails their group has every wk or so in someone's home, and understand why the Fischers like their way of life so much.

USMA '32 Nautical Div. Every class should have an Admiral like Morgan Driskell. So he lost a few tenths Plebe yr and left us at Xmas. Shortly after he was #20 of 600 applicants for the US Navy Med Corps. In WW II he was a Naval flight surgeon (and aviator) and was in all the Western Pacific activity. I read some of his official citations and he has a terrific record.

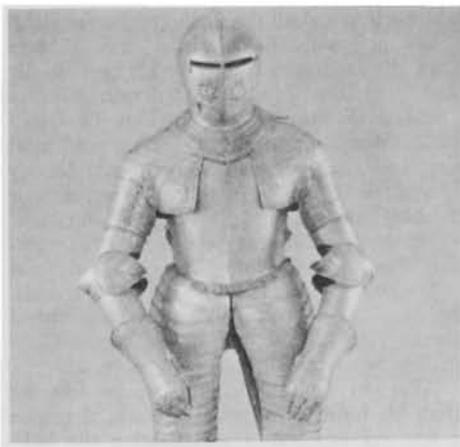
Afterward, he returned to Internal Medicine & Cardiology, and retired as a Rr Adm of the Regular Navy. He is now writing a book entitled "Flight Surgeon: WW II." Over the yrs, Morgan has always felt close to our class and out of a clear sky, wrote that he is going to give 10% of the proceeds of his book to USMA '32.

He's going to be at the FFF as I hope all of you are. After some of the Reunions we've had, I like the idea of having our own medical officer in attendance.

# '33

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It would be great if we could go to press one of these times with no word of tragedy within our Class family of families, but recently we have not been so fortunate. From CA came word that Ben Harrell died of cancer on 26 Jul. "The Memorial Service at the Presidio of Monterey Chapel was an impressive ceremony with many friends in attendance," wrote Stan Lonning. "'33 was represented by George Van Way, Bob Meals, the Leslies and yours truly. Enclosed is the Chapel Bulletin, with a biography of Ben and his outstanding service." Ben will be sorely missed. The Class recalls with pride that he was one of five '33-ers to attain 4-stars; we send our deep sympathy to Harriet, their sons, Hunter and Charles, and others of his family. On 29 Aug we lost Marty Frame, who suffered a heart attack at his home in Camden, ME. Following memorial services at the Ft Myer Chapel. Marty's ashes were placed in the newly constructed Columbarium in Arlington Cemetery. The services, at which Bert Sparrow gave the eulogy, were attended by many DC-area classmates, who met afterward with Maxine (Maggie) and their daughters, Marsha and Jakelyn (Jakie). An outstanding cavalryman, Marty is remembered with affection by all who knew him.



1933: A '33er preps for the 50th.

The words of farewell and regret, always inadequate, are often much the same—but the images in our hearts of each friend are different, reflecting him alone. By these we shall know each other, when we meet again.

"We were in PA during Jul," writes Jim Boswell to Harry King. "Hurly Hurlbut & Polly visited us over a weekend, but it rained so much we were able to play only 3 holes of golf... (Then) Pat went to Ireland and I returned here (CA). Presently she is in Burgundy with our dtr et sa famille, returning here mid-Aug if the PATCO strike permits. And I pray that Reagan & Co won't give in to PATCO!" (Maybe we'd better run that by again, Jim—Just how eager did you say you were, to get Pat back to CA?)

Doug Cairns sends a clipping from the Redlands, CA Daily Facts—a highly favorable editorial about an Engineer, name of Al Well-ing (see later). The editorial is entitled, "With a Grain of Salt." Hmmm... "Lil and I get over to HI about once a year to enjoy the beaches and swimming and to play golf. We saw the Neelys there in Mar and phoned Dunc Hallock. Last fall we visited our dtr Mimi in the Azores, where her husband David Brooks ('61) is the base Civil Engr at Lajes Field (he just made the USAF Colonels list). We plan on seeing them and our son Rob Cairns (also '61) at their 20th Reunion at West Point in Oct. (Rob is Dpty Dir of the Phys Ed Dept, 'Master of the Sword' in our day. While East we expect to get to DC."

From yet another CAian, Ray Corum, comes a copy of his Silver Star award for Gallantry in Action, Germany, 12 Apr 45; the award is dated 25 Sept 79—34 years and



1933: Disarming smile—Ole Olson contemplates the 50th.

9 months after the event... I'm working on an article on "The Spirit of West Point," sez Ray. "How can we best tell Congress that our older retirees, who ret with honor, are now receiving 30% less pay than their younger comrades? The time for simple justice is at hand, before another 29 5/12 years elapses!"

"We're confirmed Westerners," writes Sam Donnelly. "We love the 'Land of Enchantment'—it's great country!"

Mo Edwards, long unheard from, says, "Yes, I'm still active doing some training and travelling a bit. Was in Indonesia in May and will be going to Sweden next month. Combination work and vacation."

From Bus Evans, reminiscence of an incident that took place at Ft Monroe during our 1st Class Trip (summer of '32): "I don't recall all those involved, but I know Gabe Disoway, Kingfish Kelly and I all had a hand in it. Anyway, someone found a large dead sea turtle washed ashore on the beach near our barracks. It must have weighed 60-70 lbs. It had been dead a long time, so it was



1933: At Benny Havens': Moorman, Quinn, Chapman and Smith.

very ripe and smelled terrible. I'm not sure how we did it, but somehow we managed to drag it from the beach and place it under Milt Summerfelt's bed (he being out). When he retired, the smell alerted him; and when he discovered the source, he was furious. It was too heavy and too much deteriorated for him to move it alone. The rest of us were in a state of trying to swallow laughter... I don't recall how he finally solved the logistical problem." (Ed: A few more anecdotes like that, now & then, will make this column very readable. Let's have 'em!)

We have a new address for Tom Flynn's widow Doris: 218 NW Malden St, Port Charlotte, FL 33952.

"Betty & I travelled to FL in Jun for the wedding of our #6 grandchild, Susie Gibbs, the first to be married," reports Dave Gibbs. "The others are boys, and I think nowadays they just don't bother... Besides visiting son David & family in Tampa for the wedding, we went to Orlando to visit my ex-wife Ole Olson & his Billie; and after that to see my brother Bob (RAdm, USNA '25) and wife Elsie at Stuart, below Vero Beach. Included here is a pic taken right after R. J. Meyer and his Skyline (of Tucson) golf team had whipped me and my Ft Huachuca team (you'll notice I'm not smiling). Next week we met on my home ground and got my money and 'The Generals Trophy' back on the wall at Huachuca. We've been playing these matches for several years, generally in the spring at Huachuca; in the fall at Skyline. We have yet



1933: Fresh from the fray: Gibbs and Meyer.

to win on their course, or they on ours. SYAF!"

"Clarabelle & I are still enjoying the change of seasons in the Midwest," writes Tom Glass, "though we seem to be in a minority among classmates. Ret has been great with searching for antiques as a hobby." Tom, we hope you and Bill Given are in touch—if not, you should be (he's a pro).

Skilled & faithful correspondent Pat Guiney reports that due to a strike in a NH granite quarry our '33 sundial project has been delayed. "There is a closer quarry near here at Haverstraw," sez Pat, "but I hear he got into trouble with the Office of Price Control for taking too much for granite!" (Ed: Pat will handle any further enquiries on this subject.)

"Other matters of local interest: One of the huge elm trees in front of Grant Hall got Dutch Elm disease and had to be cut down to prevent spread of the disease. Everyone hated to see this 136-yr-old landmark go. Consideration is being given to WP purchase of the Ladycliff College property (now vacant) for use as the WP Museum and Visitors Center." Pat also enclosed a spirited and inspiring poem, "Hymn of the Fiftieth Reunion," by Charles P. Nicholas ('25) whom '33 remembers as an outstanding Math P and RedLeg.

"We're still unpacking and sorting, here in Asheville," writes Leo Heintz, "after 28 years in Bethesda, and I'm recuperating from minor surgery (gallstone). Allyn & I went to a dinner of ret Regular officers here—very enjoyable. Saw some old friends: Dick Jewett '31, Jack Renfro '34, Sommers Dick '35. There were other Army and assorted Navy, Air Force and Marine types present. We were made warmly welcome."

Clyde Jones reports that he & Bea went on a 17-day tour of Greece with a group of 80 from KU, with Dept heads of Architecture & Urban Design, History, and Greek History. "The professors from the history dept took us to the silver mines which supported Athens during the Athenian Wars, and they pointed out the site of the Battles of Thermopylae. The land tour included Delphi... Olympia... Corinth, then back to Athens for a 4-day cruise—Mykonos... Crete... Rhodes... Kushadasi (in Turkey near ancient Ephesus) and Patmos... Soon after we returned I was hospitalized with heart problems. I might still be there, but I told the doctor that I had tickets to the Army-MU game, and he let me go. The Supe was there and quite a contingent from St. Louis. I hoped Frank Henry might be there, but didn't see anyone I knew. The Army team looked good but needs to improve its passing. Sam Otto was here in Aug to visit his sister, Virginia Weber '34 and his

mother (95 and in possession of all her faculties) who lives with her. Sam looked well and is quite active."

"My hands make writing a chore," writes Kay Kaesser very legibly; "Often I have difficulty signing my name... But Charlotte & I are really looking forward to the Big 50th—and this time, no cane needed for the Old Grads' March!" For more on "K" & his Class ring, see end of Notes.

"The big news here," Augustly writes Mainiac Harry King, "is that just this morning my grandson (Bill's boy) caught a 17" mackerel. Patsy & Bill are here at Bailey's Is, and tonight we're having a lobster feast. Our Tuna Tournament this year netted only 2 normal size tuna (820 & 640 lbs); they must be getting smarter! Christine & Ed Bodeau may stop by during their trip to see her sister (in Brunswick); I wonder if Ed's absence is a factor in the Dow Jones decline! See you in Oct."

Utahian Cam Longley writes from the beach at Isle of Palms, SC: "Glad to learn of the great record of the WP pistol team. I'm still shooting in a UT league that has about 10 teams for the outdoor phase, shooting about once a week. Daughter Jeanne, who works as an industrial psychologist for the Cummins Engine Co, arranged for us to rent a beach house here. It's the first time in 10 years that all 3 dtrs have been with us. Dtr Anne & husband Gary Meeker drove down from Joliet (Gary works in the Sears Tower, Chicago); dtr Jo drove up from FL, but is on her way back to Cincinnati and a new job. Jeanne's boy, Cam (14) is here with us. From here, Lee & I plan to fly to Vicksburg, then to TX to visit my sister & brother in Del Rio."

Wedding Bells! Stan Lonning adds a postscript to his 50-Yr Book biog: "Effie, a lovely military widow, and I were recently married. She has those special personal qualities that give my life more meaning—and happiness... Effie and I have just returned from a 5-week trip to Europe. We were fortunate in our weather, except for clouds & rain in Britain, which we enjoyed anyway. I play golf with Bob Tripp each week. He & Lillian are visiting his son in Montreal, then plan to visit WP. We're heading for my family's annual reunion in Minneapolis (early Jul)."

For Earl Machery, a new address: 8713 So George Mason Dr, Apt 812-W, Falls Church, VA 22041.

Blackie Meyer was briefly in DC area to visit dtr Jean & son-in-law (LTC) Joe Sebesta, who is with USAF JAG; then back to San Ant.

Midsummer report from Bill Quinn: "Just back from Colo Spgs where I had the misfortune of running into Cal Smith, Tommy Moorman, EA Chapman. No good came of the encounter, believe me! Cal threw me to some wolves on the Broadmoor Golf Course, and the other 2 backed me into one of the local bar's bar. Bottom line: They are great, we had a lot of laughs, we'll all be at the Fiftieth."

Another up-beat update comes from Milt Summerfelt (whom I tried unsuccessfully to reach for comment on Bus Evans' reminiscence): "In Jul Lelia & I had a glorious trip through the great West: San Fran, Pebble Beach, Napa Valley wine tasting, and a coastal motor trip to Vancouver, B. C. We picnicked all the way in great lux. Then we boarded the Rotterdam for a cruise to our Alaskan ports: cool, misty, rustic—a great experience!"

A new address for Karl Truesdell's widow,

Lavinia: 6111 East Lewis Ave, Scottsdale, AZ 85257. She reports that their son, LTC John C. Truesdell, FA, has O's to command an FA Bn in 7th Div (Ft Ord) in Dec.

Loyal correspondent Bob Thompson, in DC area with Margaret (Jul) prior to trans-Atlanticing Montreal-to-Europe on Polish liner Stefan Batory (King of Poland, 1576-86) reports "a pleasant, comfortable voyage on a fine ship. To Edinburgh and the Military Tattoo following 4 busy days in London—the Tower of London, the Changing of the Guard, museums, galleries, et al." Bob sent a postcard (which we hope ed will print) with the caption, "Could this be a '33 type prepping for the 50th?" (It is of a gentleman of indeterminate age, in armor, with the visor down—looks a little like Lyle Bernard.)

Al Welling, as we mentioned earlier (Cairns) was the subject of a very favorable piece of one Frank Moore, editor of the Redlands, CA, Daily Facts. "A new boy is coming aboard the missile works at Norton," he begins, "—a BG Robertson, Army CE. If the cattlemen, Indians, miners and saloon keepers let the govt install the MX in Nevada, he'll be the construction boss." This led Mr. Moore to recall the delays and difficulties experienced with the installation of the Minuteman missiles in Montana, 19 years ago. "When keeping the tremendous project on schedule seemed hopeless, the Pentagon put Al Welling in charge." The rest of the article deals with what happened after that—an accolade the more meaningful because it is rendered so long after the event.

Al may excommunicate your Scribe for publishing the above without permission, but

(1) he wasn't home when I called; (2) I did it to encourage Doug Cairns and others of you to send such input to these Notes, and (3) to emphasize the point that when any '33-er achieves favorable recognition, it reflects a little glory on the rest of us toilers... Don't hide your light under the bushes—they just might catch fire!

Red White sent on to us a copy of our 1944 Lucky Star which he had received from Jane (Beeler) Greenfield, "In case you don't have it, and with the thought that it might in some way be useful to the 50-Year-book efforts." It is (see below).

Word from CT is that Charlie Wynne had a coronary in May but is making a strong recovery. Charlie, we count on seeing you at the 50th! and thereafter.

ADDENDA/LATE NOTES: Jose Jimenez-Velazquez called Jack Schmelzer from Caracas to say that he still thinks often and with pride of our Class, that he hopes to come up for the Fiftieth, and that he is contributing to the FYB.

Barbara & Charlie Carver have completed



1933: Golf Winners: Meyer, Kaiser, Lincoln, Pope.



1933: Golfers: Summerfelt, Wallace, Carver, Ryan and Walters.

another swing by motor through the Great Southwest, to include the Mother-in-Law of the Army, San Ant, where they saw many classmates and found the spirits high (in all senses).

**CLASS ACTIVITIES:** By when this is published we shall have had our annual DC Area fall party, courtesy of Hurly Hurlbut and Bill Ryan. Class luncheons, courtesy of Lyle Bernard and Charlie Carver, are normally last Wed ea mo (save Dec).

**MISHAP DEPT:** "An important unfortunate event happened to me," writes "K" Kaesser, when I recently donated my Class ring to King Neptune. I didn't realize my finger was so thin when so many other places on me are quite different . . . I noticed in the Class of '32 and '37 ASSEMBLY Notes a reference to willing widows or other relatives lending Class rings to Classmates who have lost theirs. I suspect I'm not the only stupid '33-er minus his ring. . . I'm too old and cheap to get a new one (Ed: today's price about \$500), but I'd really like to have one and promise to take good care of it (Ed: and will it back to the donor, of course!). Perhaps you can start a campaign to help those of us with this problem."

**50-YEAR BOOK (FYB):** Bob Turner, Asst Ed, appreciates the fine response and cooperation he's been getting in writing up biographies on deceased classmates; but he could still use more help. "Although some biographies have almost brought the deceased back to life as we knew him," sez Abe Lincoln, "Bob has discovered no way for the dead to rise up and compose their own. In fact, 70 of the living need to rise up and compose theirs." Biogs may be modified after submission if desired (updating, etc). But publication arrangements require that we get all biogs in ASAP. "PS," adds Bob, "There are only a dozen deceased classmates left on whom we need help: Bayne, Card, Conner, Crickette, Harrell, Herb, Logan, Lowell, Park, Reeves, and D. W. Smith. I provide xerox copies of HOWITZER biog and obit (if any), extracts from AOG Register of graduates, and earlier Lucky Stars and Class Yearbooks, so the task isn't hard. If you can help, please write me."

**CLASS HISTORY:** 1) Class of '33 Publications: Asked recently to provide to USMA Library a listing of '33's Yearbooks and other publications, I was surprised to find how many we've put out over the years—they are no doubt part of the reason for the outstanding cohesion, character and spirit of our Class; and they are helpful in giving perspective to our forthcoming Class History. Help, please! For the period 1941-46, I have the following **LUCKY STARS:** Vol I, Nos 1, 2, 3; Vol II, Nos 1, 2; the 10-Yr Book; a LS pub Dec '44; and a LS pub Jun '45. Don't send me

those; but if you have or know of any other Class publications between Graduation and LS Vol VII, No 1 (Nov '47), please let me know.

2) Thanks for the thoughtful suggestions still coming in. Please keep 'em coming—I need more material, WW II and after.

**SCRIBENOTES:** The pics help a lot, as you can see. One suggestion: Although many of us do look better behind dark glasses (the larger and darker the better!) please take 'em off so we have some chance of recognizing you.

**PRESIDENT LINCORNER:** Hurly Hurlbut will be our Reunion Rep for the DC Area; Pat Guiney heads up the the WP end.

**NEXT DEADLINE:** ASAP after you read this, please: June and I plan to spend Christmas on the W. Coast with dtr Kathy, husband LTC John Cotton, USAF and family, then on to Oahu and the Outer Islands in Jan. '33 Scribe signs off here mid-Dec.

—and a **MERRY CHRISTMAS!** to each of you. . . .



1933: Golf Wives: Lelia Summerfelt, Betty Walters, Lovey Meyer, and Janie Pope.

# '34

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**DUDLEY BULLETIN** No. 1. This will have all the charm of a wrong number. Those of you who expected a bang will get nothing but a Dud.

But before I lay it I must place a laurel wreath around the brow of Johnnie Diefendorf for his continuous dedicated effort to expand Class Notes to include more of us. He tried to get all of us on the write track. He showed us that this page is not for the gang-of-four but for the gang of '34. He was constantly trying to shatter that Great Wall of self-imposed silence that surrounds the majority of our Class. Why so many stay so quiet is a mute question. Is the situation immutable? Johnnie didn't think so. He kept after the whole dumb bunch of us. He displayed a greater strength than Samson, Samson was a great publicity man. He took two columns and brought down the house. Johnnie took ten columns to hold up our house. But now that his pillars of strength have been removed, this house is about to collapse, on me. After spending 3 mos in CO to keep from being deep in the heat of TX, I had to return in mid-Sept to face the heat of a deadline. And in the laundry bag of mail Frankie brought home from the PO, how many were ltrs for Class Notes? SEVEN! 7 out of 162 brilliant minds—4%! Does that entitle me to a b-ache? May I now lay the blame? Well there's enough there for all of us—except for the **MAGNIFICENT 7**. Wordsworth said it so eloquently, "Seven letters



1934: MG Bagnall and Carol Weber with Class godson Tommy Weber.

does not a Class Notes make." Wordsworth's words are worth repeating, briefly. "7 ltrs dsnt Cl Nts mk." Really, Class, it takes all of us! 4% is no longer a viable rate of interest. The prime rate is 20%. Can we come to prime in time for the next deadline—DEC 15? More than 7 of us passed English, and we couldn't have all been in the last section. It has never been intended that the scribe write this column, only compile it by selecting the Nobel-quality lit from hundreds of avid writers trying to outdo each other in pithy, fast moving expressions. Now that you know the rules, pick up your pen and pith me a fast one before you write another Xmas card.

Johnnie Diefendorf did more for our Class than his compilation of CN (Class Notes). He followed up on the work of Johnny Stevens and other Class stalwarts and built the framework for the COR (Class Obituary Register.) But filling out the COR, like CN, is a task for each of us, and can't be done by 4%ers. To say that Johnny and Johnnie have started a grave undertaking into which each of us must throw himself may be a punny but not a puny statement. We each must write our obit. After all, shouldn't we welcome the opportunity? "If you want to know what a man wants to be, ask him to write his epitaph," some sage advised. So here is the chance. I hope it doesn't result in anything similar to an epitaph in a forgotten, overgrown cemetery in an abandoned mining town in CO that read, "I told you I was sick." Will Rogers said, "I love to hear a man talk about himself, because then I hear nothing but good." Follow Will as your will will, and glorify yourself while there's still time. Write your obit, arrange with someone to finish it off when the time comes (Craig Smyser says we should each strive to become the oldest living grad, because the alternative is irreversible), and send it to the AOG with a copy to our Class historian. I was going to set an example and get mine in first so I could chide the rest of you, but, in my immodesty, obit off more than I could eschew.

Lou Walsh and Stan Brown are a great team. We have all benefitted from their agreement to take a 2d tour on the area as Pres and Treas. Though the Class is flunking Class Notes it responded magnificently to Lou's notes and supported the Cl Gift to such an extent we're excused from dues, thus freeing Stan from collecting, and giving

him more time for multiplying. He'll probably be a guest on Luis Rukeyser's Wall St Wk before our treasury doubles again. Our response to giving is unique. It isn't every Class that generates funds so quickly. When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing. There's a Class ahead of us that will reach its 50th before we do. It was far bigger at graduation than ours, and yet in Jun had collected less than a fourth of the amount we had in the bank. We seen our duty, and we overdone it! A roar for '34!

We have always been blessed with good Class officers. The DC mafia has god-fathered our Class from birth. Just about everyone in the area, past and present, for 47 years has served admirably, and repeatedly. We all owe more to the DC Corps than we can ever repay. But trying to be vocal about that earned me this slug as scribe. On the bus from DC to the 45th I told Bob MacDonald and Lou Walsh that the Class was forever indebted to the DC doers for taking turns in office and holding the Class together, and that those of us protected by geography from ever having to serve were appreciative of their voluntary sacrifice. When Lou became Pres he appointed Bob chmn of the search cmte for new officers and they decided to test my declaration of appreciation for sincerity. So they rewrote the constit making it possible for the scribe to live outside the area, even as far removed as TX. And then called me. So my election was not a case of running for the job, but not being able to run away from it. I have paid off my election expenses, but my debt has significantly increased. I have accepted a debt to the Class on which I must pay quarterly notes, hopefully, with interest. The principal will not be retired until I am— 30 Jan 84. Now whereas I was "elected" (a euphemism) by nearly 100% of the voting electorate, (one voted for Benny Havens, and another for the Army mule), I find at my first press conference that I'm supported by only 4%. Will someone entertain a motion for recall? I'm embarrassed by my overwhelming unpopularity; but I believe the lack of response may be that more of us are dead than those who have grave markers. They are dead in that they have lost interest in the Class. Some have been neglected, others have neglected us. Whatever the cause of the breach, let's all who read CN take part in repairing it. Here's the plan.

I'm going to list the last names, except for widows in which case all identifying names will be used, of those who have not answered a letter sent a year ago, asking for a response to the question, "Are you planning on making the 50th Reunion?" The letter was sent to those who had not made either of the last 2 reunions, and/or who did not take ASSEMBLY, and therefore were out of contact with the Class. 151 such letters were sent. As of Sept, the deadline for this CN, 73 had answered—48%. Of the 73, 49 said "aye," 8 "nay," and 16 were undecided. The responder who wrote in May has a sig I can not read, (there was no other identification) so there's at least one mistake in this list, so any who finds his name there in error, please correct me sharply. Now here is what is suggested each of us do. Read each one of these names looking for friends, and widows of friends, and then write each one, the addresses are in the Class roster, or get the phone no. fr Dir Assist and call them. Establish a contact that will bring them back into the Class. One thing is certain. If we don't get them back by the 50th, they'll never return. And another certainty is, that

unless we try, we've lost. Here are the names of those sitting on dead-center. Move them back into the Class, for their good, and ours.

Anderson, Andrae, Barnes, Laureen Benner, Beyma, Zora Bilbo, Bolland, Gloria Bondley, Crystle Bunker, Canterbury, Catherine Caulfield, Betty Cleary, Cookie Darrah, Polly Elliott, Fajardo, Fell, Fellenz, Gould, Ruth Gross, Martha Hester, Hevne, Toddy Hickman, Hillis, Holzapfel, Howard, Paul Johnson, Kemble, Kushner, Lamb, Lardin, Peg Ligon, Lynn, Marian Manlove, Priscilla Maury, McMahon, Flo McPherson, Meier, Miller, Moore, Neal, O'Neil, Revie, Rienow, Doris Rogers, Rollins, Rusteberg, Marjorie Sanders, Savage, Schaffer, Helen Putt (Schuck), Janey Stark, Stuart, Mary Alice Surratt, Tarbutton, Taylor, Jan Tibbets, Valdez, Jane Athon (Van Nostrand), Lucille Walsh, Miriam Warren, Mrs. H. J. Sullivan (Wilkes), Wolfe.

To those of you with the spirit to try— THANKS! And if you will, tell me the result.

Now to those wonderful ones who made a deadline a live line.



1934: The Lardins lei Stillson Smith.

From that durable and hard working CI prexy Lou Walsh comes copious minutes of meetings of Class luncheons and committees which grind out poop like Jack Donoghue's Pointer staff. Committees are the only acceptable way to reach solutions it seems, but no one ever built a statue in honor of a cmte. The ideal cmte consists of 6 people who are too busy, and one who likes to run things. In regard to the list of names above, note this that emerged from a meeting: "50th Reunion. Attendance by Class widows and dependents is encouraged!" That's the guide-line.

The report I have from Lou on Charlie Brown says he was in Bethesda Nav Hosp 10 Jul for by-pass surgery when other arterial blockage was found. If a later report comes in before press time it will be added. This is not a time to Beat Navy. Tete Brown was staying with the Walshes.

And here is Diefendorf's direct dispatch done dis day at Devil-may-Kill Hills.

"North Carolina's Outerbanks this year was once again the rendezvous point for a number of classmates who gathered there for another post Labor Day sojourn. From the 4 states of CT, FL, MD, and VA they came to share the joys of the time-tested camaraderie as well as the simple pleasures of sun, sand and turf. All came with one objective in mind—to make this mini-reunion the best one ever, and so it was! For stalwarts like Bill Craig and Johnny Stevens, golf was an added drawing card, and from the scores which they turned in, it now appears as though Pro-Golf may very well experience

a new and very unique approach to an old game. The weather could not have been better—warm, breezy days followed by clear, cool nights, thus assuring everyone of ample opportunities for rest and relaxation. With inviting new restaurants to provide a timely change of pace to the tried and true standbys of yesteryear, there was no dearth of opportunities to seek and find the rewarding experience of top cuisine. Thus, it is easy to see why this group continues to return each year in order to reap the handsome dividends these unique Outer Banks continue to pay on such a modest investment of time and money. Those who cashed in on this great "End-of-Summer" windfall were: The Wards, Spiveys, Stevens, MacDonnells, Diefendorfs, Bill Craigs, and Staun Browns."

Other news from Johnnie D. On the seriously ill list is Charlie Brown who has heart ailments not currently correctible by surgery. He needs cheer.

"The news on Louise Walsh is a bit better—in Jul she suffered a series of heart attacks. In Aug she underwent open-heart surgery with a triple by-pass. As of this date (5 Sept), she is recovering nicely and she and Lou want all to know how much they appreciate the loving remembrances and prayers of so many in the Class."

Received a note from Hal & Faith Edson to say: "We spent the month of Jul in Europe, with a 1st visit to Ireland to stop over with Tom & Foss Foote at Kilbrittain on Coolamee Bay, 45 minutes SW of Cork. The Footes haven't changed appearance in 10 years. The highlight of this visit was a 4th of Jul party of Americans plus Irish and English and even one couple flew in from New York just for the party. The Footes are still trying to sell that delightful country estate with beautiful landscaping, gardens and a wide view of the Bay. Be sure to let them know if you hear of anyone interested in living in the Emerald Isle. Then on to England where we successively stayed with 2 Royal Navy couples who had lived next door to us while on duty here as Attachés. The highlight in Britain was a 2-hour personal tour of HMS Victory, Lord Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. The night before departing London, stayed with Sid Telford Jr., wife Mary and son Andrew. Sid is a Foreign Service Officer of some 17 years distinguished service and currently assigned as security officer of our US Embassy. We spent 4 delightful days in the Netherlands with the family of a former Dutch Attaché to the US. Had lunch with another Dutch Attaché family we had known while here in DC. The Netherlands intrigued us with the way the people over the centuries have controlled the inroads of the sea and literally added millions of acres of farmland to their tiny but prosperous country. Here the highpoint was crossing 'The Bridge Too Far' to Arnhem where the British 1st Abn Div was trapped and made famous by Cornelius Ryan's book of that name, and followed by a well conducted tour of the Abn Museum. Our classmates Jerry Higgins and Tommy Tucker (Class of '35, and Ex '34) were part of the American 101st and 82d Abn Divs in that operation 'Market Garden.' We then flew to Norway, the real goal of our entire trip, to try to locate the family of my mother who was born there and came to the US to study at age 18, met my Dad, and never returned. She'd lost contact with the family during the German occupation of her homeland from 1940-45. In accordance with a Nordic custom the family name had changed. But, with some luck and much help from the Norwegians

we did locate the old family farm, now occupied by a 1st cousin. We spent 2 delightful and very thrilling days well fed and entertained by cousins and their children, in one of the most beautiful areas of fjords, mountains and villages we had ever seen, Sykkylven, near Aalesund on the west coast. Of course, like all tourists, we enjoyed a visit to the home of the great composer Edvard Grieg, saw the ship of Fridtjof Nansen the polar explorer, and the raft of Thor Hyerdahl, plus trips on 2 coastal steamers, 2 all-day train rides, over the snow covered mountains at 4000 feet, and many other marvelous experiences. Returned to Arlington late in the afternoon in time to get some sleep to awaken at 5 a.m. and watch the marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana on TV.

"As for the future, we depart 5 Sept for 3 weeks in New England. We'll attend the Mayflower Triennial and visit son Daniel & wife Marcia, Travis & Elizabeth Petty in Tiverton and friends in CT and NH. We are planning to get to Yorktown on 19 Oct for the 200th Anniv of the Surrender of Cornwallis."

Sue Stevenson (Smoller) told me in Colo Spgs 27 Aug that Footes had cut the Irish connection and were now repatriated. I hope it wasn't because of Edsons' visit, but that the Tom had come to say "to Hal with it!" Faith also wrote from Oslo 17 Jul saying "will write on return"—but here in mid-Sept nothing. So, we may have pulled our Foote in, but we've lost Faith. Hal is probably rowing a Viking ship to Hudson Bay and will arrive at the Ericson beachhead on Columbus Day, with a pronouncement on who got here first, Leif it to Hal.

Johnny Stevens is another faithful supporter of CN who never lets a deadline go dry. He attended a formation at the Pentagon on 6 Jul in which, and here are Johnny's own words, "Thomas E. Weber, son of E-square-B and Tammy, was honored by MG Charles W. Bagnel '56 at a promotion ceremony and reception in the SA's Dining Room at the Pentagon. Gen Bagnel is the Ch of the Army CS Manning Task Force, which is to develop policies and programs for enhancing the unit combat effectiveness of the Army. Tom was tapped to join the Task Force while still at the NWC and had worked with the Task Force up until his promotion. Gen Bagnel reviewed the highlights of Tom's outstanding achievements, which include the Itschner and Pace Awards, and he announced, forthwith, that Tom was to be his deputy. Bagnel and Tom's wife Carol then pinned the Eagles, and Tom received the congratulations of some 40-50 assembled officers and friends. Tom's remarks, appropriately brief, were mainly to the effect that Carol really should be getting the Eagles. '34 can be proud of its Godson!" We are, very. We're just glad he picked our Class. Congratulations Tammy, Tom, Carol!

Moving against the trade winds we go from Ireland to DC to HI, and Stilson Smith, 25 Aug. "Just a short note with a news item in case you need it to fill space." Sung and I took the Hawaiian inter-island cruise a couple weeks ago. Harry & Mildred Lardin met us and took us to their beautiful apartment overlooking the ocean for a 'happy hour' before boarding. They took us to the ship, where Harry piped himself aboard. (He also piped himself ashore.) Sung is missing from the picture—because she took it. I am the one in the lei, in case your memory is bad. The cruise was delightful and well worth the small fortune it cost. I had made several short trips to Oahu while on active duty, but had never

seen the other islands. The Lardins are taking the same cruise in Sept. Hope to see you at the 50th if all goes well. Regards to you and Frankie. Sgnd Stilson. P.S. Decided not to sue you. P.P.S. Heard indirectly of John Stanley, thru Harry, but we were unable to get together." I have forgotten why Stilson wants to sue me, but I'm sure I did it.

Betty Moseley, bless her, from Montgomery, AL, in Jun—excerpts follow: "Have made 3 trips to Tinker AFB to visit my new grandson—he is Dick's boy and will be called Jeff, which, of course, I like, and I'm sure his granddad would approve also. Dick is on one yr remote duty in Ireland, so he is missing a great deal of fun and games with the little one. LTC Moseley is a sqdn CO for AWACS there and seems to be adjusting fairly well. As he puts it, 'very hard to learn how to sleep with 22hrs daylight.' I'm headed for the Scandinavian countries and Iceland in Aug-Sep. Not many USMA folk around here, so no reunions, parties, etc. I get my jollies from ASSEMBLY. That's a wonderful publication and I'm grateful to receive it. As for the Reunion, I'm still not sure. I'd love to attend before I get too decrepit to see the doings. Just have to play it by ear. The only classmates I hear from are Canterbury, Hanley and Carey." (Betty wrote in Jun, and John Cary, as reported in the last CN, died in San Ant that month.) "Do manage a visit with Paul & Jody (Hanley) when I go west to visit our daughter and family in San José. But never seem to be there when '34 has a blast together. My timing is awful!"



1934: The Footes with Blarney Hal Edson at Foote Castle Kilbrittain.

I mentioned Beth Lyon when complaining about no late news concerning Louise Walsh. Beth says, "Have seen a number of classmates at parties locally—and a splendid party at the B.J.'s (Richardsons) at Gibson Is a couple of months ago. Larry Sievers, her son from TX, and daughter came to brunch at my place a couple of months ago when my son Bill Rogers and his nice wife were here visiting. The two young men attended the same school in Switzerland many years ago, as well as Valley Forge Military Academy together." Beth toured Europe in Jan.

Perry Bruce Hausington Griffith has a list of books and articles to his credit that is longer than his name. Why can't a poop popper like him handle these CN during coffee break? El Griffo writes, "SHIPMATE is Crabtown's answer to ASSEMBLY. Some time ago the Ed got interested in the cruise

Smith, Alness, Neely, Crystal, J. E. Walsh, and I made in 1934. Upshot: a Swiss Family Robinson by Griffith itinerating our trek—marked by broken hearts and empty whiskey bottles through Europe—back in the stone age. It was published in the Jul-Aug issue of SHIPMATE; and if I can get sprung from jury duty to find the time I shall send it via carrier pigeon or pony express. This you may use to put in your Chic Sale or use to kindle the fire. But it may, just may, have some historical significance." Grif gives a superbly written account of the experiences of the 6 cruising the Med in the Arkansas and Wyoming and enjoying Chevalier-type nightlife in Pigalle ad Maxim's. How he remembers all that I don't know. Perry pays a beautiful tribute individually to each classmate that sailed with the midshipmen that summer. And his conclusion is: "We 6 knew this would be the only post-adolescent hurrah for us before zeroing in on lifetimes of hard reality and God-knows-what. So, in excusable college boy fashion, our hejira through Europe, marked by dicey adventure and a trail of empty bottles, ended. Our extremely varied lives then began: three wars, repeated DC duty, schools, and plenty of command spots. But we had had a good introduction to the Navy. I might change some of my act on a reincarnated go-round of life. But one thing I'd never change is the wearing of a class ring from the USNA, USMA or USAFA—not for anything on earth. Someday I shall, for a harp or a coal scuttle; but here on earth, I won't. And that's an article of faith." Your account of historical significance, Grif, and I am sending it on to Paul Barton, Class historian. I'm sure Paul will send a Xerox to those who would like to read it. Perry sowed a couple of oats in the Feb "Horse and Horseman," but his appearance in that stable is as regular as the electric bill.

Jim & Elinor O'Hara always have a word in time. A note of 30 Aug explains they didn't get the whole summer in O'Haras' Happy Haunt on L. Huron because her mother had a slight stroke—but is resting well now. "I know you probably have all the news of classmates here and of Louise Walsh and of Charlie Brown and their progress. Talked with Janet Diefendorf yesterday. She and Johnnie visiting the Stevens for a day or so—the group of 8 couples looking forward to the annual trek to Nag's Head next week." The summer of 81 when it was so hot in TX you needed potholders to hold your steering wheel, Frankie and I visited the O'Haras on Huron, and skinny-dipping in that lake at dawn can either bring on or prevent a coronary, depending on your heart. If it leaps into your throat you're OK.

Bill & Anna Wises' home in Golden overlooks Denver on one side and underlooks the front range of the Rockies on the other. They keep a stable, and Bill is active in a regional group of horsemen that makes a summer ride along mountain trails annually. Their daughter Anna, pretty as a Redbook cover, is a teacher and practitioner of bio-feedback—how to instrument yourself and then adjust the readings for max longevity by thinking right. She is the Intl Co-ordinator of the Inst for Psycho-biological Rsch in London where she studied under C. Maxwell Cade, an expert in the bio-feed field. In Jan Bill and Anna flew to London to attend the wedding of Anna to Dr. James MacRitchie, a PhD acupuncturist with a needle as sharp as his mind. (An acupuncture is a jab well done.) Their wedding at which Bill's 2LT's saber sliced the cake, served as a model for the Royal

wedding in Jul. Anna and Jym are now on sabbatical, and teaching at Boulder, which in more ways than one is just a stone's throw from Golden. Bill says, "I always said I was waiting for the 50th, and now, by gosh, Anna and I are going to make it."

Kermit Davis is a recluse and loving it on 6 acres of real estate more expensive than a goldmine on the outskirts of Parker, an exclusive suburb of Denver. Kermit and a lovable guard dog who wouldn't bite the hand of friend or foe patrol a 10 rm house, incl an indoor pool, and a garden which feeds Kermit and 5000 grasshoppers. He has canned a 10 yr supply of fruits and vgs, just in case. One day a week in the kitchen, says Kermit, takes care of his dietary needs for a wk. And he has a deep-freeze full of left-overs. If any Cl gluttons are travelling that way just try to eat Kermit out of house and home, if you can stay 6 mos. (My idea, not Kermit's.)

Moving southward and upward 2000 ft. Dick & Helen Legg live in a restful home near Monument, CO. The loudest noise they ever hear is the flutter of humming birds' wings at the feeder. Dick runs the police force of Monument, so if you get a ticket Dick will give you a quick fix. (Peculiar that no one has ever invented a windshield wiper that won't hold tickets.) Leggs' home borders the USAFA, where he, with Myra Stone, presented the Stone Memorial Reference Desk to the USAFA Lib on behalf of '34 on 12 May 76. (Bill Stone was the Academy's 3d Supe). The librarian wants us to know the desk is used every hour the lib is open, and is very much appreciated.

Myra Stone, the queen of Broadmoor and Colo Spgs, lives in a beautiful 6 BR home on the grounds of the Broadmoor Hotel. US Pres Chester Arthur used to live in it. Myra's dau, Sue Woodward, works in the office of the mgr of the Brdmr Empire, a Mr. Tutt. (If he could remove that last T he could raise the height of his ancestral tree by 4 millenia.) Her son Bill on the LTC promotion list in USAF, a USMA '67 grad, and getting a PhD from U of IA, teaches Engl at USAFA. Myra's figure is so trim she can still wear her plebskins. With a face as young as spring, it is only her gorgeous white hair that suggests contemporaneousness with '34.

My visit with Dede & Evelin Simenson in Boulder Johnnie covered in the last CN. Frankie and I visited all these Rocky Mtn rooters. We had a stag lunch in Denver with Bill, Kermit, Dick and Dede: a nutrition-rich health food vegetable-textured-protein diet with Bill and Anna in Boulder; a fit-for-Queen Myra luncheon at the Broadmoor hosted by Dick and Helen; a crowded 3-martini business man's luncheon in a NM place with Sue Stevenson in Colo Spgs; and a smooth take-off and champagne landing at the 94th Aero-Squadron dug-out with Dede and Evelin in Denver. Our Colo Elderhostel-summer started and ended with Ev and Dede, who entertained 2 daus, 2 sons-in-law, 4 gr kids all summer, and then took in the Wilmeths for bd, brd, and borrowed tnspt during our final week of wind-down. The Simensons may never be able to rewind. We chose Colo for our educ venture because at that alt we thought we could get a higher educ. We didn't get caught by the air comptr strike, but when we went to the mint in Denver to visit the sampling room we found the bldg surrounded by the employees on strike to make less money.

I want to add this about the Colo coterie. All plan to make the 50th—except Myra. Now I don't believe that her rejection involves anything sensitive, or I wouldn't mention it

here. But I do mention it because we damn well need her at the reunion. And I believe that if you will write her or phone her, 1-303-475-2728, she'll reconsider, and come. So give her a "Merry Christmas," and, well, you know what to do. No 50th would be complete without her. Ask her to bring Bill and Sue and the whole family. Leave no Stone unturned.

One thing more. We've got to have a slogan for the 50th. Like: "Open the door for 84," or "Make it more in 84," or "Let it roar in 84," or "See the Corps in 84," or "Live days of yore in 84." See what I mean? Well, squeeze your mind and send me the juice. Another thing. Many of our widows do not plan to come to the 50th because they will be in the way, or be neglected, or otherwise feel ill-at-ease. We must not let this happen! Those of you—couples or widows—who are willing to sponsor a widow and her family, please write me. Pick your widow if you like; or volunteer to take anyone needing sponsorship. "Get that spirit of '34 and make it soar in 84!"

The saddest for last: Bob McKinnon died on 27 Jun 81 at Savannah, GA. Bob and Betty have been Class stalwarts for so long that the whole Class feels a prop has been knocked out from under it. Old soldiers never fade away, even though they die. Bob is now in hallowed memory, Betty marches on.

# '35

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It's good to be able to report no losses in the ranks during the last quarter. However we have a couple of casualties. Eunice Root suffered a light stroke and spent a few days in Walter Reed and then a few more in the infirmary at the Army Distaff Hall, but at last report, from Dottie Wheeler, Eunice is back in her own apartment and recovering well. Recent word from CA is that Dee Shower slipped and suffered a broken pelvis and will be in the hosp in Monterey Park for an indefinite period.

Laura Riemenschneider's new address is 163 Treasure Way, San Antonio, TX 78209, Tel: 512-828-7449. The Wiechmann's new address is 226-A Heritage Hills, Somers, NY 10589, Tel: 914-276-2407. Jean wrote a nice newsy letter to say they miss their woodsy home in Armonk, but are actually more comfortable though "cramped" in comparison. She reports that Arthur Fickel made a trip to Paris to visit some of Helen's relatives, and that she and Joe and Gordon and Dottie Russell sat in the pouring rain on 19 Sept to watch VMI beat Army, and hopes it will be better next week (which today's 27 Sept newspaper shows it was).



1935: Robbins, Murdoch, Hill and Schlanser (in lower right corner).

Ray and Mary Firehock made a trip mid-Sept to Nova Scotia and Quebec and to visit relatives in Camden, NJ, until the first week in October. We hope to see them on their way south to North Palm Beach.

A newsy letter from Moon Ferris reports that he and Marie are a pair of gadabouts. They spent a few days with Glenn Thompson in his new home on the south side of Austin, at 2104 Lear Lane and say that Glenn's welcome mat is always out to Classmates, and during the summer two weeks in Tucson at the home of George & Helen Jones while the Joneses went east to a reunion of George's 503 Prcht Regt, and to visit Helen's relatives in VA. Moon says they enjoyed wonderful hospitality of the whole Tucson group—the Morgans, Heckmeyers, O'Neals, Ellersons, and Ethel O'Connor but missed Dave & Isabella Stone who were away at their summer retreat. Moon's and Marie's son Pat has rotated from Germany and is now at the AFS near Savannah. They plan to visit him and our classmates in Hilton Head in Nov and in the meantime plan to visit DC in Oct. Moon's letter is dated 21 Sept and they had just returned to San Antonio from a trip to visit son Tim in S. Lake Tahoe, CA, where he is with Casino Industry.



1935: Ann Symroski, Anderson and Peggy Lou Mitchell.

Break Breakefield made a nostalgic trip to WP on the 50th anniversary of our entrance there and revisited the spots he remembers of our first summer. A hike through Fort Montgomery, down Popolopen Creek to Camp Freezeout, then across the reservation to Round Pond and up the hill to the rocky area where we pitched our tents. Finally down to the Plain to witness an in-ranks S.I. of the class that will graduate on our 50th anniversary. Break says he kept wondering if members of the Class of 1885 might have been watching us while we were in Beast Barracks and what their reactions might have been. Break's reaction was of complete satisfaction with all he saw, and has utmost confidence in the product the Academy is producing. He also visited the Soldiers Statue "in its most fitting location" and sends his profound thanks to those responsible for this tribute and for his own good fortune in being a member of the Class of 1935.

Chuck Symroski is a member of the "Protocol Subcommittee" for the 200th anniversary celebration of the Battle of Yorktown which is to be held 16-19 Oct, and is actively engaged in helping with the arrangements for these festivities.

Carmon & Rosalie Rogers have a new granddaughter. On 27 Jul Blaire Wingate Russell was born to Jim & Diana Rogers Russell. This makes a total of four grandchildren for the Rogers since Susan, the older daughter, and her husband Dick Frank have three children.

The accompanying photos are old news.



1935: Anne Patterson, Charlotte Rumsey, Jill Schlanser, Edna Hill and Jeff Rumsey.

having been taken at the picnic at the Murdoch's last Jun but they were not available in time for the last issue.

A Class luncheon was held on 15 Sept at Ft McNair with 15 classmates attending, including Casey Boys from down on the Severn. The others were Bowyer, Chapman, Fiore, Hill, Orth, Robbins, Rogers, Rumsey, Schlanser, Simpson, Skinrood, Taylor, Waterman, and Wheeler. George Eckhardt suggested we should have a Fifty-Year Book. This subject was enthusiastically discussed at the luncheon and it was unanimously agreed that George should be appointed Editor-in-Chief. So our Chairman, Curly Hill, has written to him asking him to accept this appointment.

Bill Proctor has replied to Bud Russ' 15 Sept S.A. Reunion "Final Bulletin" saying that he and Eulalie plan to start a "shoe-string safari" down the West Coast and across the Southwest gathering the herd as they go and on to the destination in San Antonio! My addition does not match the total mentioned in paragraph 3 of the 15 Sept letter. I get 151 total and Carmon Rogers assures me that he and Rosalie will be there too, even though their names did not get on Enclosure #2. So that will make 153, the biggest turnout ever for our Class.

# '36

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"The ultimate injustice against which human intelligence is powerless" (according to French writer-warrior, Andre Malraux) took place with more frequency than ever before, since this column last went to press. We lost life-long companions Clarence Cozart, Norm Spencer, Bob Albro, and "Dutch" Hartman. God bless their dear departed souls.

Your ex-officio Class "secretary for widows," Sally Beard, wrote a warm and interesting follow-up (to Savannah reunion) to Class of '36 friends (she prefers this to "widows"). Sally is a dedicated and intelligent person and just the type of executive, detail and charming individual that our famous Class needs to keep the distaff functioning at top efficiency (I really hope that no one seriously objects to this editorializing, because—as mainly evidenced by the first paragraph of this column—the Class of '36 should and will carry on long after the males are departed IF there are enough Sally Beards around!)

Ned Broyles confirmed the acceptability of the Las Vegas reunion dates—Tues, May 17, thru Fri, May 21, 82. Ned, being the initiator (with Bill Covington) of the mini reunion—golf championships, he is treated as one of the Manes, Kahuna, or Kami and his auspices are invariably requested. At this writing I have not been able to contact Bill Meany for

any last-minute comments concerning our next spring Nevada assembly. But you will be hearing from him before end of year! Ned wrote in Jun that Both Dickens and Page had successfully "gone under the knife" and were recuperating in good order.

Having received various vague stories anent Dick Carmichael making repeated visits to the hospital, I wrote him and received a full—and encouraging response. His attack of the mulligrubs (possibly gallstones) caused his doctor to order surgery. It doesn't appear likely that a man whose body has been lacerated by repeated beatings and who momentarily expects execution by a Japanese enemy, will shy from a mere gut operation. But Dick did start feeling so chipper that he scrambled from the hospital and went home to Muriel—sans surgery.

Cec & Bev Combs got fed up with TX heat, and in Jul went up to CO and played golf and fished with Clark and Monteith. Cec said Bub has aged; he looks about 35! Cec called Nancy Cole in Santa Fe, who stated she was staying well in her big house, but had found another home for her 2 horses.

The Crawfords drove to DC for a 3-week visit from Clearwater. He stopped by Atlanta for a chat on way home.



1936: The Kellys with friend.

Currans went on a "stop any and everywhere" on Eastern. He said they stopped so many times in Atlanta, he expected to have to pay local taxes. He submitted a raft of good Savannah pics, but since ASSEMBLY printed so many in this last column, I can't use them.

The Hanekes went to VT and had a small vacation with their daughter, Carolyn; this after the Class reunion.

Helen Hess wrote several times. She said they hoped to visit a friend sometime in near future in San Fran.

The Hosmers had lunch with some Gages in early Aug as the former were traveling south to FL.

Chatted with Jim Hughes at Atlanta airport. He'd been visiting up north, and he said Ken Madsen appeared to be in improved health.

Seemed to have lost contact with Bob Joerg, but recently heard from him in his new Eufaula, AL, home. He brought his mother



1936: Three Hosmers and Gages in Atlanta.

with him (from Atlanta). His letter included, "Presently having a hell of a time with gout and osteo-arthritis. Of course, the gout afflicts those of royal blood only, but the arthritis comes with old age. I figure that just as soon as I lose 40 years and 40 pounds, I'll be O.K. Where is Las Vegas? Should I bring money? That's the place where all the hotels burn down. Do we have any Mafia friends to look after us?"

Bee Kelly and Ed Suarez ('32) passed thru Atlanta and gossiped on the phone one evening. It seems that Bee and Ed were all set to attend and do some classmate-catch-up in Savannah; however, Bee's mother was critically ill. The recent trip thru Atlanta was a return from settling her mother's estate, after the dear lady's recent demise. I am very interested in passing on to you information that Ed subsequently wrote me when he got back home to FL. He reminded me that Mike Kelly, our classmate JR's son, is probably the greatest athlete among our sons. He says that Jack's and Bee's son has over 100 track and field trophies, and that he is a member of the Hall of Fame of FL State U and of the State of FL. Ed believes that Jack and our Class should be very proud of this young man's fantastic records, among them being the world's record for 220 and 440 hurdles. I should like to add that Mike and his sweet wife Margaret, and their children came to the Sheraton one afternoon to say "hello" and apologize for the Suarez's inability to attend. While there Mike met another famous classmate.

Grace Layne, who was ill and could not attend the Savannah reunion, is planning and "saving" well ahead to be at Las Vegas.

Ken Madsen wrote and, he also, is planning to be at Las Vegas. If he comes, everyone should be there!

Dan McElheny passed thru Atlanta on way home from a back-packing excursion in NC.

Nip Page reported that he got a knee joint replacement for his left leg. He says the operation was not discomforting, but the 3 months therapy will be. The Finleys and Barbara Waugh Jensen have been around to bolster up his recovery intentions. Dickens has been pushing for a turnout at Las Vegas. Bob Partridge passed thru this berg in Sept on way home from an almost 8,000 mile around the country motor bike ride. How? and why? I can't figure it out. Ask him!

Virginia Persons wrote several notes (bless her) covering trip to HI, visiting with Maxine Cordes, flying down into Grand Canyon (and wondering if she could ever make it down—and—up on foot), and going to Feather River and seeing Nancy Mattern Barrier.

Bob Safford sent a list of the DC group Class luncheons. They are all scheduled for last week of each month.

Howie Snyder called in Jun to announce arrival of his first grandson, by younger son Tom.

Missie & John Torrey have moved from TX to Clearwater, FL—where Crawfords and Edie Wildrick live.

Both Eunice Tyler and Mimi Whipple wrote about their good time in Savannah. Hope they come to Las Vegas.

# '37

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As usual, the last address list triggered more changes and brought forth info we probably would not have otherwise received from our more reticent classmates. We now know, courtesy of Beaver Stevenson, that Dick Klocko married Jane Grey in early Jun and they live at 6 Heyward Pl, Hilton Head Is. Beaver's Frances was inadvertently left off the list. The Hyzers left Hilton Head for 406 Forest Rd, Mt Dora, FL 32757. Benny Workizer is in Augusta, not Atlanta VA Hosp. I understand that he is completely out of it. Another Class wife has been discovered—Gene Stann's Helen. They are at 1467 NW Lake Point, Stuart, FL 33494. Jim Barko advised that June died of brain cancer, 14 Jan 81. Our condolences to you in your great loss. An errata sheet with other corrections to the list will be included with the next Class bull.



1937: Maliszewski and daughter Barbara.

I left you hanging at end of the last column, but it finally happened with a bang when our Barbara produced a whopping Yankee Doodle Sarah Jane on the 4th of July, our first dau-produced grandchild. Along the same line, the Fraziers became first time grandparents when Evan Oliver was born to son Doug's Chris in San Fran, 2 Sept. The Fraziers were vacationing in PA and were oblivious to the event because a phone malfunction prevented incoming calls. A resourceful dau Muffie in MD called the PA State police who dispatched a trooper to their cottage to advise John to call Doug. They, of course are ecstatic and flew out to San Fran 3 Oct for a looksee. Another Doug, Jim Duncan's son in Vienna, VA, made Jim a grandfather again with a dau, Jennifer, born 13 Sept. When I last talked to Jim he was at their place enjoying the new arrival.

Back to the Fraziers, they spent Sept in a commodious cottage on the Caledonia golf course between Gettysburg and Chambersburg, entertaining many friends and family. During one week, several of us converged



1937: Dotty Donohew, Compton, Betty Elkins and Rae McDowell.

on them—the Gildarts and Shives from Potomac and the Mercados returning from a reunion in ME of the 744th FA Bn which Luis had activated and commanded at Ft Shelby in 42. We had a mini of sorts. John and I flailed little white balls over the golf course. Prolonged happy hours in front of a roaring fire and too much food were compensated for by helping John chop wood, pull stumps, etc. John can't seem to sit still as long as there is something to fix. His friend must love renting John his cottage. The gals spent most of their time in the factory outlets in which the area abounds. One night we tried to get Tom & Kay Neier over from Carlisle to help us with the turkey that Ginger brought along, but they begged off and promised to think seriously about joining the gang at the 45th.

Luncheon attendance was down during the summer because of vacations, but still good. Canada beckoned many. In chronological order, the Luteses took the Canadian Pacific RR to Banff and then went on to Ft Lewis to visit their son and family stationed there. The Odens likewise went thataway and also took the inland waterway cruise to AK. The Halls left their Kennebunk Beach summer home to visit New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Later the Lows visited them from their summer place near Augusta, ME, followed by the Registers from their farm near Temple, NH. Apparently Charlie has become quite a gentleman farmer. Even the Shives got into the act and toured with old Navy friends to Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and then to Missanabie for a week's fishing on Dog Lake. Missanabie is an old RR town on the Canadian Pac transcontinental line, and while fishing on the lake I fully expected to see our classmates gazing out the windows of the passing trains. We caught some Great Northern and Walleyes, ate our fill of fish, saw moose, beaver, ducks, geese and beautiful wilderness. Returned via the Soo, Mackinac Is, Milwaukee (our friend's home) and NE Orient home. The natives were friendly and the 120 percent conversion rate was a pleasant surprise. Later, the Ungers motored to Montreal where they took the train to Banff and Victoria and return, and then motored to Quebec before returning home via Madison Bks for a nostalgic visit. The Lemmons visited old friends near Ottawa and went with them to Quebec and a memorable visit to the Citadel where his friend had been the Commandant. I believe we all agree that Quebec is a most delightful place. Je me souviens!

The Wilhoys recently visited the "Mayor" of Farmington and his wife in Charlottesville and there is a photo recording that event. Finn has become an accomplished gardener in addition to his civic duties. Wilhoyt also heard from Salientes' dau that he had serious surgery recently but is now all right. He and Linda are planning to make the 45th. Incidentally, by recent count (Sept 1), the Holiday Inn has received reservations for 86 rooms (approx 140 persons). They have set aside 125 rooms for us and we hope that will be enough. The consensus is that the move from Bear Mt was a wise one. We will all be in one place which would not have been possible at Bear Mt. Further, a classmate and his wife stayed in one of the cabins recently when they could not get into the Thayer and they were appalled at the rundown condition of the cabins and the poor service and attitude of the staff. So you people who had your nostalgic hearts set on the Bear relax and count your blessings. John Frazier is lining up a Greyhound bus, capacity 40, from DC to WP and return 3 round trips between the Holiday Inn and WP. Cost-\$35 per person; first come, first served. Contact John. Don't wait until the last minute.



1937: The Lees, Eleanor Ohman and Wade.

The Sept luncheon was well attended and a bit more raucous than usual. Luckily the staff segregated us in the Pershing Rm to protect the other A-N guests. Seedlock made the scene along with Sam Agee who arrived from Charlottesville with Finn. Sam has been having bronchial problems after a bout with pneumonia. Nevertheless, he went space-A to Honolulu to visit one of his daughters. He looks well enough now with a good tan. We nominated Seedlock to be an AOG Trustee at Large and Frazier (in his absence) to be '37's Trustee to the AOG, succeeding Trapper Drum who has been elevated to Trustee Emeritus. Wilhoyt passed me an article about Fred Clarke testifying before the Senate Cmte on Public Works. He presented ASCE's views on federal water



1937: The Fellows arriving at the mini-reunion in their private train.



1937: Ada and Rene Lopez-Duprey, Jo Walker and the Mercados.

policy. Fred was formerly Exec Dir of the Nat'l Commission on Water Quality which, in its 3 years of existence, produced a report for the Pres. He is now Chmn of ASCE's Nat'l Water Policy Cmte. When the question of the ratio of State/Fed funding was posed, the old pro diplomatically replied that this was not an enrg question (the reporter said he sidestepped the question).

The big social event of the summer was the wedding of **Barbara Maliszewski** to **Peter Ripley** in St Raphael's Catholic Church in Potomac, Aug 22. The accompanying photo shows one of our younger looking classmates, resplendent in his uniform, about to lose his lovely dau. The reception at the Pooks Hill Holiday Inn was a grand affair with many classmates and wives attending. Not to be outdone by civie side in the toasting, **Choppy Brett** led the class of '37 in 3 rousing cheers for the bride and groom. Barbara will begin doctoral studies in psychology at Carnegie-Mellon U, while her husband attends the U of Pbgh Sch of Med.

On 12 Sept, the **Hall's** son **Lee** married **Krista Anne Lochner** in the Catholic Chapel at WP (his birthplace). The entire **Hall** clan was together for the first time in years for the event, taking over most of the 5th floor of the Thayer. The reception was held in the Thayer. **Krista** and her family are from New City nearby. The young couple returned to **Lee's** base of opns in Houston where he earns his living investing in real estate.

My TX correspondent, **Carmen Clagett**, reported that they had a nice vacation in Jun starting with a party at the **Cosgroves** in San Antone, then to CA, Las Vegas, Salt Lake City and Provo, Utah, and Taos, NM, visiting friends and relatives along the way. **Edna Cheal** and **Eleanor Ohman** had the Class in for cocktails and buffet, Sep 18. They were unable to attend because **CT** was in the Ft Sam Hosp for tests and observation. This is also delaying their planned 3-month trip to FL and MD. They are all packed and ready to go and can't turn back because they turned over their home to missionary friends in their church.

Too late for the last ASSEMBLY, I received much poop and photo coverage of the Colo Spgs bash. Many thanks to **Brant**, **Compton**, **Elkins**, **Fellows** and **McDowell**.



1937: The Hardaways and kids.

With all this material I am trying to work out something. As much as I'd like to, I can't put all of it in this column. Some excerpts and selected photos is the best I can do now. Our latest bridegroom (I think), **Phil Brant**, viewed events as follows: "Ruby allows that we put teenagers to shame when it comes to making noise. The Broadmoor Hotel claims that its staff suffers a hearing loss from excess exposure. NORAD reported a plethora of unexplainable 'blips' during our visit. Cripple Creek vows to meet us with an armed posse if we return. The AF Academy will not invite us back. The balancing rock in the Garden of the Gods was last seen rolling into Maniton Spgs and the Pikes



1937: Ida, Mandy and Sam Agee-Colo Spgs.

Peak cog RR is down for metal fatigue inspection. Peterson AFB intends to replace their siren with one that can be heard over Army Blue as sung by **Randy Hines**, **Chase** and **Magoffin**. The golf course is being re-sodded now that **Ohman** has left. **Scott**, **Hackford** and **Low** state that the town will have to drink water until a new supply of licker can be imported. And much to our delight, those 3 gracious hosts included **Red Blaik** at their party . . ." **Tom Compton**



1937: The Georges, Magoffin and the Donahews-Colo Spgs.

sent me a complete chronicle of the reunion. I can't do it justice in this column. He found the NORAD and Cripple Creek day the busiest and most spectacular. Random remarks from his report: "**Dottie & Eph Graham** arrived with a trailer which was parked in the lot beside the hotel. They planned to tour for 3 months before returning home. **Hope & Bill Amos** also arrived with a trailer but parked it in a friend's drive. **McDowell** made a special trip to see it, as he had been studying trailers with a view to buying one. **Jim Scott** has recovered almost completely from his stroke. The **Wades** trade houses here and there when they want to take a vacation and have been pleased with the results. The suggestion that the next mini be held in PR was greeted with enthusiasm. **Randy** and **Bud Hines**



1937: Dolly Wilhoyt with the Ungers in Farmington.

shared experiences traveling and teaching the Navy math. Many stayed on for a few days. **McDowell** struck the nail a telling blow when he said 'I've decided that the ones who come to these minis are the people who like to party' . . . and I think that sums it up."

**McDowell** offers kudos for the **Lows**, **Hackfords** and **Scotts** who did such a terrific job in putting the mini together and running it. He also said that **Dotty Donohew** won by acclamation of a group of young active duty officers the title of "Charleston Champ" of Peterson AFB. The **K Co** six overwhelmed the two **C Co** reps, he and **Smalley**, in the oral contests (modest **George??**). And . . . welcome news from **Moose Hackford**-200 bucks left over for the Class fund. Now that's good budgeting!!

A note from **Van Vliet**, short on news but very welcome nevertheless, with a fat check for the AOG and one for the Class fund. They were passed on to AOG at WP and to **Prentiss** (our Treas) respectively. He said that he did not plan to attend the 45th but is looking forward to the 50th. Van, you need the 45th to warm up for the 50th! His joke about reunions-Same old faces, but all new teeth. (ouch). Thanks for the checks anyway.



1937: The Densons, Cheals and Clagett-San Antone.

From our metro **Detroit** booster, **Stan Connelly**, Project Officer for the **Detroit Free Press** International marathon, a booklet describing the marathon and listing all 3,384 participants in the 1980 one, including our 37 rep in the 60-69 yr men's group. He's



1937: The Lows and Ann Hall at Kennebunk—Jun 81.

slowing down a bit but still finishing the 26 miles plus. Top that one if any of you can. I wonder if any of us could even walk it.

When you read this, sit right down and send me all the news you have because my deadline is the end of the month.

# '38

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Regretfully we must report the death of another classmate and friend. Red Sundin died on 2 Jul in the Charleston Naval Hosp of congestive heart failure. His wife Jean wrote, "They had given him every test possible, but his heart just couldn't beat fast enough to keep him alive—and no operation would have helped. He had a heart attack 3 yrs ago in Apr and until last fall seemed fairly well but had to rest a lot. After a virus attack last Xmas that we both had in FL he never seemed to recover and was in and out of the hosp. . . . On 2 Jun my sister Madge and her husband Don Williams were visiting us and we had to take him to the hosp. He never came home again and wanted to so badly but was too weak to make it . . ." Jean and their daughter Eugenia, (Mrs. Austin Conway) were with Red when he died. He had told Jean and the doctors that he would not want to live as an invalid. During Mar their 3 sons, Alan fr Virginia Beach, CPT Eric fr Germany, and John fr Richmond, visited them at home at Mt Pleasant. Eugenia, her husband, and 3 children fr FL spent Easter with them. Red is also survived by a brother, Carlton, Hampton, VA; a sister Mrs.



1938: The Hendersons, Longs and Harveys at the West Point Society of Monterey.

Ralph Robbins, Fairhaven, MA, and 5 grandchildren. Funeral svcs were held at the Citadel and at West Point. Jean and sons John and Eric were at the WP svcs as were the Amicks, Jannarones, and other friends. Eric's fiancée flew fr Tulsa to be with them. She had met Eric in Germany while teaching school there, and Red had never met her but had talked to her on the phone. They were married on 25 Jul and have returned to Germany. Jean drove to the Sundin cottage in Martha's Vineyard to rest and resume painting again. She will return home to Mt Pleasant in Oct to work with the Artists Guild and live among friends.

On 27 Aug, Kitty Hutchin, widow of Claire Hutchin, died at San Fran. She was survived by 2 daughters, Katherine Menhennet and Marion Hutchin, and son William and wife Linda, sister Ella Keen Gunsler, and brothers Army COL James H. and Charles L. Steel Jr. Kitty was born in Nogales, AZ, to Army COL and Mrs. Charles Steel and grew up in the Army. She met Claire Hutchin when they were both children in Panama and they were married after his USMA graduation in '38. She participated actively in Red Cross and Girl Scouts and other volunteer activities. In recent ASSEMBLY columns Ken Wickham had reported on her serious illness and hospitalization. She was buried on 2 Sept at Arlington with many USMA '38 and other friends attending. We are saddened by these 2 losses from our Class ranks.

In our last ASSEMBLY we reported that Carl Dapprich had been grounded fr world travels by heart problems and was under treatment at Bryn Mawr Hosp. On 15 Aug Dapp wrote from Taipai, "Finished our very pleasant, if uneventful, stay in HI. Had dinner with Jacksons at the Cannon Club, but the Kellys had long gone and we never did get-together with the other '38ers in the vicinity. Are now taking a little tour home via Japan, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. Then a few days rest and back to the old grind."

We also reported that Greg Lynn had his left lung removed early this year. Aug 4 Greg wrote, "A short note to bring you up to date on our doings. I have been Dir of the Army Comptrollership Prog at Syracuse since 1969 (Aug). As of the 30th of Jun I've ret from that job but still continue as Associate Dean of the Sch of Mgmt and Dir of Mgmt Devel. In the latter role I ran short courses for the Army on Resource Management. Present plans call for full ret in Jun 82. Maudie and I had planned a trip to England for Apr. In late Feb, however, I joined the ranks of the Class who have been subject to an operation. A malignancy in the left lung necessitated its removal. We feel very fortunate because the doctor thinks he got it all. At least no additional treatments are necessary. I'm playing golf and feel fine. So far all is good! At the American Society of Military Comptrollers symposium in St. Louis in late May I was given the Pres's award for my contribution to the education of Army comptroller personnel over the past 11 years. We heard great things about the mini-reunion—just sorry that we missed it."

Sept 3, Dick Long sent a picture taken at a recent CA gathering. Mark Brennan has replaced him as VP of the WP Soc of Monterey. Sept 24 Dick Stilwell told me that he has nothing additional at this time about the 45th Reunion. It will be held on the weekend of 7-9 Oct 1983. The Army-Rutgers football game will be played at Michie Stadium and we will be accommodated at the Hotel Thayer as the only reunion class present.

Sept 4, Godfrey Crowe of Armd Svcs Tour



1938: Lynn receives President's Award—American Society of Military Comptrollers.

and Travel Corp informed Junie Lotz and me that 39 reservations had been made for the Delta Queen trip from New Orleans to Natchez and return, Nov 15-19, 1982. Crowe sent information on this boat trip to all Class members and widows whose current addresses are available. If anyone wants more information, contact your scribe (me) or Crowe direct. Sept 25, firm reservations (39) include Mary Lake plus classmates with wives: Bert Harrison, Beverley, Coleman, Sherrard, Ed Bailey, Haynes, Holman, Wallace, Strange, Lloyd Johnson, Art Smith, Bromiley, Peterson, Langford, Strand, McHaney, Moorman, Stilwell, and Barnard. Crowe told me that additional reservations could be made up to about Jan 1982, when all available spaces will probably be filled. He said that this river boat trip on the Delta Queen is now firmly scheduled. The proposed Caribbean cruise did not arouse enough interest for it to be scheduled as suggested during the spring of 83. Crowe stated that he could schedule a cruise at any time there is enough interest, but that perhaps we should postpone it until after the 45th reunion. Please send him, or Junie Lotz, or your scribe any comments you may have on this subject.

On 22 Sept the USMA '38 luncheon (no wives) was held at Ft McNair and attended by Beverley, Bixby, Blackburn, Connell, Collins, Chavasse, Harrington, Johnson, Lotz, Miller, Mrazek, Missal, Ward Ryan, Art Smith, Sussman, and Walson. Stilwell had a reservation but was busy at the Pentagon; Dupuy was in Cairo, Egypt; Kopsckas was scheduled for hernia surgery at WRAMC, and others were out of town. Pat Healy had planned to attend fr Charlottesville, but had to cancel at the last minute. He sent me an old snapshot of plebe summer camp of his tentmates: J. L. Lewis, W. A. Johnson, and J. W. Thompson. He had been using his old files to amuse his grandchildren!

July 8 Marty Craig sent us a postcard fr Kalapana, Hawaii, "Am over here with the Elderhostel program. Frieda Russell is my roommate, and we plan to spend a few days in Kona before flying to Honolulu. Really learning a lot about Polynesian culture." Frieda Russell also wrote, ". . . If you have a spot to mention it some time, do tell people we live only 20 miles from I-5 which is, comparatively speaking, almost on our doorstep and we do love to have visitors . . . I run a fine pick-up service from San Fran (and Sacramento as well) to Chico and return, so if someone flies out this way, that's no excuse for not coming up here. I've done it twice this year. I've also driven to the Bay Area twice this year to visit with people who truly didn't have time to come to Chico.

As you probably know, we didn't attend the mini reunion. I'd have loved it but Mel says he's done all the traveling he ever wants to do and now just wants to stay at home and enjoy the quiet life. However, in Jul this year, I had a reunion of sorts of my own in HI with Marty Craig whom you know quite well, of course. We attended an Elderhostel together at the U. of HI at Hilo. Had a great time and I thoroughly recommend the Elderhostel program. While we were in Honolulu, had dinner with Elsie & Ben Sternberg and Dotty & Chuck Jackson, and also had luncheon with Dotty and Chuck. Unhappily for me, Carter Duncan was traveling in far-off places so missed seeing him. Marty came to Chico with me after we returned from HI. Drove up to Canada in Apr to visit with some ret Canadian AF types. On the way, I spent 2 nights with Ed & Jean Bailey in Sequim, WA. Needless to say, it was most enjoyable. It has just occurred to me that I've not seen any mention of Millie Dale's death in the column. Millie was the widow of Eddie Dale. She died 20 Feb 80 at Poughkeepsie, NY, of cancer, and was buried beside Eddie in Arlington. A niece of Millie's wrote us about it and I suggested she write to you, but apparently she did not.

Sept 17, fr Bill Strand, San Ant, Hugh & Jan Wallace have had a busy summer with visiting kids and grandkids and are now recovering. Their future plans include a trip to Germany to visit their son Butch and family. Bill & Dotsy Strand are enjoying his ret from teaching. They took their two granddaughters to the beach at Port Aransas, TX, for a week in Aug. In Oct they plan to head their van and trailer to Colo Spgs where they will rendezvous with Neil & Marge Van Sickle and go to the Army-Air Force football game. Fred & Trudy Wright are enjoying the good life in San Ant after their recent move from Mexico. Tug & Lynn Hallinger are busy getting acquainted with San Ant and TX after their move from Mexico last spring. They have joined the Opera Guild, the Symphony Guild, and the Conservation Society. Their daughter Gigi has completed her MBA at UCLA and is getting married in Jan 82 to Rick Placone, an MBA student at Stanford. Gigi is the last of their 5 kids to complete college and they all live in CA. Tug and Lynn plan to be there for Xmas and the wedding in Jan. Merrick & Celeste Bayer report all is well with them and Merrick is keeping a sharp eye on the stock market. Frank & Evelyn Hartman have had a quiet summer at home after their enjoyable trip to Peru and Panama last spring. Bob & Paulette Batterson celebrated their 42nd wedding anniv in Aug. They are still working on restoring their TX heritage home and planning to visit their son who is stationed at McClelland AFB and their daughter who lives in Oakland, CA. Ski & M. E. York enjoyed a visit this summer with their son who is a lawyer in Denver and then vacationed in CO and NM. Ski has plans for lots of bird hunting this fall. Mert & Jean Singer are doing fine and Mert is busy working with the U.S. Army R&D Lab at Natick, MA, on 2 projects: a feeding system for worldwide use in Army messhalls and a food packaging system to replace the 'C' ration. The replacement is called 'Meal-Ready-2-Eat.' George & Debbie Artman are busy doing all the things that never got done while he was working. He agrees with Bill Strand that it is nice to be ret after being programmed all those years since we walked through the Sallyport on 2 July 1934 and the Beast detail pushed the panic button. Doug & Lo Polhamus enjoyed a week's stay with their children and their

families at Port Aransas the 4th of Jul weekend. The fishing was great and the water was wonderful. They now have a son, with a PhD in Bio-Medical, stationed at Edgewood Ars. The son claims he is the only AF officer among all the Army personnel on duty at that station. Lo and Doug plan on visiting up East in Oct to see the son and his family as well as attend the wedding of a niece, and visit the rest of the Polhamuses in VA. Their other son is a physician looking after AF personnel at Bergstrom AFB, TX, while their daughter and her family reside in Houston. The San Ant area is now home for 20 members of our Class, plus Beno Bruton, Doc Bruton's widow, and Forrest Harsh X-'38." Many thanks to Bill for such a comprehensive report, and to all of you who contribute to this column.

Sept 29 George & Betty Bixby depart today on a tour to Hong Kong and mainland China. They had returned recently fr Camp LeJeune where they visited daughter Bonnie, her husband, and their grandchildren. Miriam and I will take a tour of Portugal and Spain during Nov, and will spend Thanksgiving week in Frankfurt with our daughter Cynthia and her husband Tom Jacobus, USMA '67. Some of you will remember they were stationed at WP during our 40th Reunion and enjoyed the parties with us. Those of you who mail out Xmas letters are requested to send me a copy with a note about anything you want included in the ASSEMBLY. Your letters, phone calls, and snapshots are invited and appreciated, and will be used if space is available.

# '39

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Best wishes and congratulations are past due Jean & George Higginson who were married last Jun in Galveston, TX. George's 3 daughters and 1 son, and Jean's son all attended the wedding. George and Jean will live in Austin where he has worked since ret in 65. He is with the SE Educ Development Labs in the development and admin of tests for prep school and college level students. He says he is not as active now as the multiple sclerosis which he has had since 57 has progressed to the point that he has to have 2 canes to get around at all. He uses a wheel chair in his home. Lyle Peterson is the only other classmate in town. Sometimes he talks by phone with Lyle but has not seen him recently.

Jim Knapp reports that he and Mary Erma seem to have settled in pretty permanently in the suburbs of Omaha. He is still working with a company that sells utilities to the municipal area. Recently he was given the title of Energy Coordinator with primary mission of finding good new sources and utilizing old ones with more efficiency. He is pres of the local WP Soc with around 100 eligibles in the area. The closest and one and only classmate in the area (that's about 300 miles out there) is Dave Matheson who lives in Valentine—the coldest spot in NE. As it appears that Dave never comes to Omaha Jim says that shortly he expects to drive up and find out what Dave is doing. Jim's son is in the Harvard business school. Five of his grandchildren are in college this year.

Bur Showalter ret for the 2d time in the latter part of 79. He says he is enjoying ret life—however, he is not quite fully ret. He took on the job as pres of his condominium

assn and is finding out that all members do not have the same concerns as he, nor a great willingness to provide for maintenance—especially longer range maintenance the normal tenant doesn't think of—such as a new roof or furnace. He expected to take a trip this fall (1981) to New England and especially to Cape Cod where he was looking forward to seeing Fran & Tom Smith and Jean & Dick Morrison.

Last summer Grace & Ed Hamilton were in Columbus, GA, and had dinner with Phyllis & Wiley Wisdom. Ed Schroeder had just gotten out from a bout in the hospital. They didn't get to see Peg or Bob (R.C.) Williams although they were reported to be in town and in good health. Word comes that Lydia & Frankie Joe Kobes had a trip to AK at the end of the summer.

Two classmates died this past Jul. Al Ginder and Lee Kirby. There was a memorial service for Al in the new chapel at Ft Myer, VA. He was buried at WP by his wife Ruth who died last Thanksgiving. Lee Kirby died in AR after a short bout with cancer. His wife Helen, in her letter to Norm Farrell thanking the Class for the contribution to the cancer society, said that Lee had been feeling fine on 12 Feb when his cancer was diagnosed, but that in spite of cobalt and chemo therapy he was gone 24 Jul. Our sincere condolences go to both families.

Nancy & Chet Lenhoff again hosted the DC area Class steak dinner at their home in Sept and a good time was had by all 45 attendees. This year we were blessed with the following out-of-towners: the Dziubans who were on their return to CA from a 6 weeks trip in their motor home (Stan promises a good report for the next ASSEMBLY), the Hinternhoffs, the Walt Higgins and Speedy Hulls. Ed Hamilton arranged that a handsome thank-you scroll, complete with portrait, excellent calligraphy and signatures of many wives and classmates be given to a very appreciative Class scribe. And after that presentation the scribe has to report that this turns out to one of the driest times for gleaned news and apologize for such a short column. Hope that the first 2 weeks of Oct don't bring in several newsy letters which miss the deadline and cannot be published until the Mar ASSEMBLY. Often letters arrive saying something like—don't know what your deadline is but hope this makes the next issue. The deadline for copy at WP appears in each ASSEMBLY on the first page of REPORT from the classes (with the Class of '09 in the Sept issue). It takes some time to assemble all information in some semblance of order and then get it to WP.

In mid Sept our standing committee—Norm Farrell, Art Allen, Chet Lenhoff and PJ Long met to discuss classmate obituaries, a replacement on the cmte for Al Ginder, and our 45th Reunion. Bill McCaffrey has agreed to work on getting obits written for those deceased classmates where none has been published in ASSEMBLY. Under the new rules or system our 45th Reunion will be held in the fall of 84, not during June Week. PJ Long plans to be at WP this fall to observe the setup used by other classes and do what preliminary planning he can.

Chet Lenhoff has assumed the job which has drawn the least response from the Class in the past. To date there are over 70 deceased classmates for whom no obituary has been published in ASSEMBLY. These average approximately 6 per company. While the list is too long to publish here, their names are listed in the current REGISTER OF GRADUATES. Anyone who will assist in writing

an obituary please get in touch with Chet, Box 6, Springfield, VA 22150, who will send you specific names as you request or names by company. (Ed Note: Also get in touch with the AOG since they have information in each graduate's file which may be helpful to the writer and also will provide guidelines for preparation of obituaries for publication in ASSEMBLY.) All obituaries received by him will be cleared with the next of kin and then forwarded to ASSEMBLY for publication. Any assistance and suggestions will be welcomed as the standing cmte believes that all classmates should be remembered in this manner. Even if you have no suggestion to offer, all of us should insure that the bare facts needed to prepare our own obit are assembled and sent to AOG for file where they are readily available at the time some one has to write yours. We will probably be hearing about this subject for some time unless we get with it—and Chet.

A sad note: Beverly Coates, wife of our classmate, Charles E. Coates, died 14 Jul 81 at Durham, NC. Graveside services were held West Point on 28 Aug. Charles and their two sons attended.

# '40

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In the Sept ASSEMBLY, you recall, I promised more information in this issue about a possible mini-reunion of the Class of '40. Your Class officers met this past Sept, compared notes, and found that responses from classmates indicate a strong desire for some sort of intermediate reunion. After reviewing several alternate locations and lots of comments, it was agreed unanimously that we should hold a mini-reunion at Hilton Head Is, SC, on 29 Sept-2 Oct 82.

Before settling on Hilton Head for the 42.5th, we considered other possible areas, including San Ant, the DC area, Honolulu, and the UK. We talked about several factors: We wanted a location with reasonably good travel connections, within an acceptable distance of a substantial segment of the Class. We wanted a place where we could be housed fairly close together (preferably under the same roof), with ready access to a variety of nearby athletic and entertainment facilities. And we also wanted a few classmates living close by who might make local arrangements for us.

On balance, we concluded that we would



1940: Watrous admiring George Mueller's Senior Olympic medals.

do best this time at Hilton Head. Don Bennett has agreed to chair the arrangements cmte, which will include Frank Meszar and Mosshead Parker, with help from some classmates in the DC area. Hilton Head lies roughly in the geographical center of the 51% of the Class who live east of the Appalachians; it's close to Savannah, giving fairly good access by air for the remainder of us (it seems easier to get there than to WPI). It has a number of resort hotels and inns with a full variety of athletic facilities and other activities: island cruises; sailing; sea and surf fishing; and visits to nearby historic areas in Savannah and Beaufort. In short, there's enough to do to keep us almost out of mischief.

You should be receiving shortly a separate letter with much more information about the mini-reunion program as well as reservation blanks with which you can sign up so that we won't march off without you!

I'm sorry to report that Thad Floryan collapsed and died on 28 Jun while participating in a World Affairs Council meeting in Ather-ton, CA. We send our deep sympathy to Aline and their son, Thaddeus Jr. Aline will remain at the Los Altos address.

Len Orman writes from Pueblo that he recently visited Page & Helen Smith at Colo Sprgs to say hello to Don & Sandy Baumer, who were passing through on their way to the slot machines at Vegas. Len went on to say that he's been pursuing the academic life vigorously enough to be promoted to Assoc Prof, but nevertheless intends to ret after one more academic year. He'll then divide his time between supervising several of his rental properties and being pres of the local symphony.

Don Bennett wrote to point out that MAJ M. C. Meigs, a Class son who helped to make our 40th Reunion such an outstanding success, has been selected as a fellow in the Intl Affairs Fellowship program. He's now pursuing his doctorate in hist at UWI; with that behind him, he'll do his fellowship project for a yr at MIT.

From Satellite Beach, FL, Ed Wynne sent a stack of good 40th Reunion photos for the files (FYI, Bryce Denno is collecting such records as these as part of the Class history). Ed added, "Our daughter Maureen came from Holland with her 2 daughters and spent most of Jul with us. Her husband came the hard way; flying an F-15 for 11 hrs and 7 inflight refuelings to Las Vegas. I spent what seemed like at least 11 hrs with the 2 granddaughters on top of an elephant at Circus World. Elephants have bony backs!"

George & Fran Mueller drove to St. Louis last Jun to let George participate in the Senior Olympics. An article in the Ft Ritchie News, describing the results, had the lead line, "What does it take to be in great shape? Ask COL Mueller, who is 66 yrs old and has leukemia, but works out regularly at Ft Ritchie." The article went on, "Mueller's exercising paid off big in the Senior Olympics. Entrants were 55 yrs and up; more than 600 competed in dozens of events. Mueller won 6 medals: two golds and a silver in bicycle racing, a gold in rope skipping, a bronze in swimming the 100 yds free style, and a bronze in raquetball."

The article continued, "Furthermore, for 20 consecutive yrs, Mueller has earned the German Athletic Badge each yr. He earned his first badge in Heidelberg in 61 while he was on the staff of the NATO Central Army Gp. In earning the badge last Dec, Mueller qualified in swimming (200 and 1000 meters), bicycling (20 km), high jumping, broad jump-



1940: Dill Ellis with Bill Wilcox in L.A.

ing, running (50 and 3000 meters), and shot-put. It looks as if Mueller has found the way to beat a normally disabling disease!"

Fran Mueller added a few explanatory notes, "George was gung-ho all the way as we drove to St. Louis. On a free evening, we visited with Frank & Helen Watrous, who were great hosts and showed us the city, including an historic restaurant where we had a delightful German meal. And—speaking of German food—in Sept we're going back to Bavaria—where George left part of his heart—to visit familiar friends and haunts."

Bob & Jean Williams wrote from Ft Worth to applaud the idea of a mini-reunion next fall. Bob added, "I still enjoy my full and very satisfying job with Bell Helicopters Intl and have no early plans for a change. Jean and I have been doing a lot of business travel lately (since 70, I've taken Jean on each of my trips of more than 3 days); so far this year, we've made trips to each of England, France, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, and Iraq. Our health is outstanding, for which we're truly grateful."

Jim & Barbara Maedler wrote from Oakland, CA, We're still getting settled in our new home. We've seen Mark & Frances Klunk, Wing & Naomi Jung, and Jack & Ruth Harnett recently; the Klunks hosted a fine dinner in San Raphael the other day."

I asked Bill Lewis (that's Willis F. of E Co) what he's been doing. His answer: "In truth, we've rusticated since ret. I found it relaxing to build a home here about 12 mi from Shreveport. We have a few acres, hence a little privacy, and enjoy our garden and shrubs (no pot). On hot summer days, we scurry to the air-conditioned grandstand at LA Downs to see if we can pick a few winners (handicapping, also, is not an exact science)."

Bill went on, "Occasionally we travel. From 46 to 50, I was on Air Attaché duty, living in Guatemala City. About 4 yrs ago, nostalgia compelled a return. The changes there were quite a shock; the tourist trade had virtually ruined the native culture. We rented a car and drove up in the highlands to Lake Atitlan—the quaint Indian towns were wall-to-wall with tourists, mostly American and German, so we retreated. As we passed through Chimaltenango, a town of about 25,000, I commented that it was about earthquake time, since that area historically has a major quake every 40-50 yrs. We had planned to spend about 10 days in Guatemala, but for some reason that we ourselves didn't understand, we suddenly switched our reservations and took the first flight out to Panama. Two days

later, there was a catastrophic quake in Guatemala and most of the people of Chimaltenango died. We still feel that it was literally an act of God that took us out of Guatemala."

Dave & Ruth Crocker wrote from Rindge, NH (where else?) to tell what they do when not getting DAR awards (see the Sept ASSEMBLY). "Summers are devoted to house maintenance and raising our yr's supply of vegetables. About Jan, we go to winter in our hideaway in PR. Our daughter Dotti, with her husband and 3 children, live in Antrim, about 35 mi from here--this is just about the right distance. Son Tom with his wife and son are in Rochester, where he works for Kodak. Youngest son John is a USAF LT in England; we hope to visit him via space available this fall."

A card from Phil & Chic Elliott shows that they're on the road again. The Elliotts were obviously much impressed with Pod's & Ginnie Podufaly's home and hospitality in Sherwood, MD--right on the water on the Eastern Shore. The Elliotts: "We head for New England in the fall."

Dill Ellis, having completed his trip to Australia and Papua, New Guinea, to review WW II memories, wrote to say that he stopped to spend a couple of days with Bill & Retha Wilcox in L.A. He reports them well and happy.

This past summer, Dick & Eleanor Abbey undertook an activity that's becoming increasingly rare in the Class--their dau Mary Ann was married in Alexandria this Jul to John Howell.

Dick Kent and I have been conducting a small research program: We asked available classmates from E Co with whom they roomed during the last half of first class yr, what their room number in barracks was, and what other classmates lived in the same div. We've reached some interesting conclusions. No one had any difficulty in recalling his roommate; most could recall many of the roommate pairings in the company (tain't easy, try it on your own company). However, when we got to the question of who lived where in barracks, the geographical memory banks were nearly empty. Several could tell which div they lived in, some could describe the div's location in relative terms, others would have had to rearrange and renumber the divs of Central area to make their guesses come out right. Few could recall a room number. Con Murphy, for example, replied. "Time does funny things to one's memory. I ought to remember clearly my room number during First Class yr, since I spent a large amount of unscheduled time in confinement there. Once was for losing the toss in ordering three cut-rate wardrobe trunks from Sears Roebuck for myself, Bob Cassibry, and Bob Cameron. Sears mis-delivered the trunks to the Post S-4 -20 tours."

And, just before my deadline for these notes, Charlie Banks wrote, "Realizing that Army would be playing at UMO on 12 Sept, we took early steps to have a mini-gathering of the Class in the midwest. We wrote 16 classmates within 500 mi of Columbia. Of the 6 who signed up, we somehow lost Ed Cook, who was to meet us at the game, but didn't make contact. The remaining stalwarts consisted of Art & Dolly McCartan and Frank & Helen Watrous from the St. Louis area as well as Walt & Loma Lavell, Larry & Pat Klar, and Charlie Banks and Kathleen Scruton from Tulsa. The broiling sun in the stadium was almost unbearable, but the Army team gave MO a terrific game, although ending up on the wrong side of 24 to 10. After the game, the 10 of us went to a local bistro

(selected by Watrous) for libation and an excellent meal."

Start making your plans for 42.5 at Hilton Head Island!

Marge joins me in best wishes to you all for the Holiday Season and for a happy and successful New Year!

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Well, we may have to admit that our panache (I'll try to spell it correctly this time) quotient has been eroded a bit by time, but as everyone knows, such qualities are passed on through blood lines. And so we find a positive identity with 2 beautiful young people who made the international wire services by getting married on top of a watchtower of China's Great Wall! CPT James Gauvreau & Maya Hahn climbed a steep steel stairway--Jim carried the champagne. After they were pronounced man and wife by a Chinese official who wished them happiness as enduring as the ancient structure, they drove to the Summer Palace where they signed a wedding certificate, bowed 3 times and then attended a banquet in the "Listening to the Orioles Pavilion." The pix of the event are not at hand because they will arrive chez Gauvreau soon while PCSing to new asgmt at Rhein Main. But to prove their adventuresome spirit, Dave gave me the pix showing them only a few months earlier as they climbed half way up Mt. Everest. When not climbing mountains and scaling watchtowers, Jim commands a C-130 in the USAF and Maya teaches art in the American School System.



1941: The Gauvreaus on Mt. Everest.

The afterglow from the Reunion persists. Response to Jack Norton's letter sent me a deluge of pix and notes--which sadly have had to be greatly compressed. The Brochure will be out before Xmas--larger and more copies than planned--thus a small surplus should go to our dry Treas. Many are those who urged more minis during our 41st year!

And a super salute to our new Ambassador, Ed Rowny! Secy Haig swore him in on 14 Aug as Chief Negotiator and Head of the U.S. Delegation for Arms Control and Disarmament Negotiations. He says that Rita continues to improve and is most grateful for all the help from the Class wives. They will be going to Geneva in early 82.

Perhaps this next input should go to Guin-



1941: Cooney and Callaway.

ness. Hugh & Mary Jane Foster were driving through PA in their car adorned with USMA 41 plates and passed a car headed in the same direction. As they pulled ahead the lady waved and held up a hastily made sign reading "USMA 41." Pulling over they found Lois Gould and Ed Gelderman on their way back to DC after a visit to the Point. And on another occasion Hugh was driving the beltway around Baltimore when a passing car honked several times. As Hugh looked to see who the honker was, he was greeted by a salute; whereupon the young man gunned it to reveal a plate on his stern reading "USNA 81."

The very active Atlanta Chapter has inducted a new honorary member into the Class. He is MG James P. Cooney, M.C., USA (Ret) who was on the hospital staff when we were cadets. Present at the West Point Day luncheon at Ft Mac on 11 Jun were Moose & Betty Ann Male, Roger & Connie Lawson, Bob & Jo Kramer, Pappy Callaway, and Steve Kosiorek.

And speaking of the Kramers, they paid a visit to Denver recently and the Gauvreaus had a scrumptious luncheon in their honor. PS: We're trying to seduce them into PCSing to CO after Bob's 2d ret.

A byproduct of the brochure was some very happy news, lots of update on families, and some sad news. First, one of our long lost buddies has been found: Ike Winfree at 118 Leatrice Ln, Vicksburg, MS 39180, wrote to Ben McCafferey: "... have been in and out of a hospital in Jackson, taking tests, undergoing surgery and further treatment. My 3 daughters are all married. Wish I could have been at the Reunion." Helen Humber is delighted with the miniature--it not only fits, but it has her birthstone, a garnet!!! And a position report from Zumbabwe: Jack & Betty Kelsey are on a tour buying gemstones and other supplies for their store--itinerary--Zurich, the Mosel area, Kenya and Salisbury. Jack reports the situation in Zumbabwe is "Bad."

Skip Brown reports, "Happy news at our house--Sue has announced her engagement to Weston Howland III. Wedding in May."



1941: Faulkner and beauty queens.



1941: Ladies at Maine Mini.

Al Dalby sent a news pix congratulating his son, Ensign Al Jr, after swearing him into the Navy. He graduated from Cornell with honors and was awarded the American Defense Preparedness Award for outstanding performance. Bill Roton sent the new address of Gae Panke: 150 Winnebago St; La-Crosse, WI 54601. Their granddaughters 7 & 10 live nearby in NM. Dick Travis reports continued contentment after 11 years in beautiful Chapala.

Bill Vaughan who sent in another cold max of a cartoon for the brochure reports that he and Nancy, "... share a common interest in skiing at lower elevations and warmer climates, and in comparing more frequently occurring physical ailments." Lucy Millikin wants everyone to know that she extends an open invitation to DC travelers—she is only 10 min from Wash Natl. She is recovering from surgery on her arm and hand that were injured 5 years ago. She's a great left handed typist and reports a record turnout at the Sept Class wives luncheon, which included Tulah Crow from the great state of TX. Bob & Wilma Salisbury are RVing down the W Coast to visit children: Jan, psychologist in Seattle, Tom music producer in LA, and Bill, Cdr USN in San Diego.

Ruth & Jasper Vaughn report Kathy Diennelt Pollock and family stopped en route to Stanford where COL USAF Pollock will take a management course. Marilyn de Silva wrote: "Peer Jr, 23, training in electronics and living nearby; Paul 18 transferring to the UVA; Catherine 17 is a freshman at Marymount. Chuck & Martha Schilling are busy with church and consulting—Carolyn, husband and 3 boys will return from Okinawa in Jan and live only 4 hours away; Chuck Jr & Pam presented our first granddaughter; Kathy manages a racquetball club in Fairbanks and is the state womens champ. Steve in college and Bob soldiering at Ft Irwin, CA."

Potter Campbell reports a mini at lobsterman Dixon's. Bob runs a line of 30 traps, keeps a good supply of the delicious critters & shares with neighbors: Curt & Terry Chapman, Elmer & Nat Yates, Earl & Randy Brown, Potter & Betty Campbell. Pots sent two pix—a his and a hers—so natch, only the hers is attached hereto. Jack Towers reports a new address: 1120 Wandering Oaks Dr, Ormond Beach, FL 32074.

The sad news is very sad indeed. Since the Reunion we have lost Clint Ball, Ed Kisiel, Fitz Fitzpatrick and Dick Rastetter. Swampy Marsh reported that Clint died after a long struggle on 9 Aug. Pallbearers were: Son Clinton K. Ball; Brother Thomas H. Ball; Pete Crow, Jim McKinley, Swampy Marsh and Frank Linnell. Said Swampy, "All the children were there and they were a great comfort to Jeannie. And Frank Linnell,

God Bless Him, drove all the way from Beaufort, SC. That's real devotion!!" The details on Ed Kisiel are skimpy, we do know that his fight with cancer started over a year ago. Hilda Fitzpatrick wrote that Fitz died on 1 Sept at the Anderson Hosp in Houston, TX. Dort Rastetter's beautiful letter dated 24 Sept said all the children were with Dick after his condition began to worsen. Karen called her at 4:15 p.m. on 17 Sept to say that 'Dick's suffering was over.' Bob Edger, true friend as he has always been flew to WP for the funeral and succeeded in getting Oscar Tonetti and Helen, Dick Von Schrittz and Anna & Earl Brown. Dick has asked that a few of his friends be there, so I know he's happy. I truly appreciate their effort and look forward to future Class activities." These gallant ladies can be reached as follows: Jeannie Ball, Rte 3 Box 500 ED, San Antonio, TX 78218; Adele Kisiel, 6902 Bright Ave, McLean, VA 22101; Hilda Fitzpatrick, 69 Brams Point, Hilton Head, SC 29928; and Dort Rastetter, RD #1, Mineral City, OH 44656.

Lyman Faulkner reported, "Had to miss the Reunion but as you can see, I was busy." Besides getting a fix on Ike Winfree (first one ever?) we received messages from guys & gals who haven't checked into the circuit in a long time. And we are delighted—the ties grow stronger with age. Tom Collison sent pix of his grandchildren which appear in the brochure. Bob Froeber, Stan Hutson, Dick Delaney, Bill Pratt, Margaret Willes, Marilyn deSilva & Betty (Waitt) Shearer, all sent greetings to the Class for the holidays plus pix that go in the book. Cliff Cole sent pix of wedding of youngest son, Bill, and reported a grand 7 month tour of the US and Canada after second ret.

Bill Vaughan reports daughter Vicki, husband LtC Paul Morgan, and son, Christopher 10, starting tour at McDill (do they call it Ft McDill now?); son, John single, living in W. Berlin, a professional musician. Ed Poole—"All well here. Lois after some illness is doing better and holding her own. I'm flying my own aircraft and running marathon. Try it; it's great!" Sy Coker—Son Norman, a VP at Union Bank in LA; son, David soon to graduate from Amhurst; Daughter Diana grad from Wellesley, wed Richard Von Etten, in her last year at Stanford Law and Rick in his 4th year at Stanford Med Sch. Sy still working for the DOE. Lou Edler, new add: 20812 Fourth St. #22; Saratoga, CA 95070.

For those who were upset by the slanderous article in the WSJ on Bill Seawell, suggest you read *The Spike*, a best-selling revelation of the extent to which our press is manipulated. During the Reunion Pooge Curtis installed a plaque on a tree above Ft Putt which says in part, "Her ashes are scattered over Monterey Bay but we courted and planned our future under these trees and this memorializes our great love."

Harry V. Ellis: "Resettled in Dallas after scoping out 8 other places. Saw Ed Buttery and Mary who is quite ill with cancer. Had a mini in FL with Mickey & Mary Ann Moore and Dick & Doris Kline. John Locke plans 2d ret and PCS to Austin. Harry Jr. still with NASA—we're very proud of him." George Johnson donned his uniform to swear in son Craig. Stan Ramey has located Mrs. Gordon J. Brun (Elizabeth)—she is Ralph Hetherington's widow at 5001 E. Valley Rd, Ft Smith, AR 72903; he sent a check for a copy of the brochure for her. Joe Grygiel's son Mike, USMA '68, is a nuclear engr for Westinghouse. Cleo Powell, after a disaster-

ous automobile accident just after the Reunion, is back on her feet. Says Spec, "She's a fighter!"

A sweet note from Lois Gould says, "Finding things in common, we are reaching for an enjoyable life beginning in our sixties. Keeping company (I Co., that is) with Ed Gelderman." New add: Ralph Upton—450-C Billingsgate Ct, Birmingham, MI 48010. Horace Brown reports, "Son John reported into Dept of Hist, USMA, with Mary Beth and Amy & Todd. Woolwine reported, "Tanous, Hays, Gurfein, Garrett, Camp, Elsberry, Woodruff, Reed, Canella, Green, JO, and Buttery at latest luncheon." Fred Stanford reports: "Will marry Serena Wade on 19 Dec. She's a PhD in Communication Research at San José St. Am thoroughly enjoying my life as a management consultant. Paul Skowronek: "Postponed going to Saudi Arabia to summer with Virginia & Trish. After grad from ASU Trish moved to Dallas. Will go the PI for the rest of the year before trying for another exciting stint in the Mid-East."

And we had a wonderful flood of input from our cherished widows—those who went to the Reunion sent moving messages—typical—from Ann (Sykes) Sherwood, "Can't believe how lucky I am to be involved with the wonderful class of '41." Ann McElroy, Helen (McDaniel) Mahone, Anne Coakley, Helyn deJonckheere, Sybil (Lokker) Wilson, Jennie Shadday, Beanie Aldridge, and Pat Lee all spoke eloquently about the importance of the "warm glow." Betty (Waitt) Shearer was sorry to have missed it and sent a pix.

You'll notice my new address above. Kay & I are excited about our next TDY to Germany. Curt and wife Joan will join us on a package tour to Egypt and the Holy Land en route—I report into Worms on 1 Feb. Our latch string will be out. And to add frosting to this delightful cake, the USC leaders have sent a contract to Jack Christensen. He and Muriel will be teaching only 60 km away! So it looks like the USC program is about to get a shot or two of '41 panache, slightly eroded or not!



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To start these scribbles with an unaccustomed touch of class, be it known that Wyley L. Baxter was given a by-line in a recent issue of *Forbes*. So maybe it wasn't a by-line, but they did publish his letter to the editor asking that the economists at Brookings, who want to tax Social Security benefits, be reminded that the wages from which contributions to Social Security were made had already been taxed federally and probably locally. 'Tis a pity that our ret school teacher thinks that such sound logic would in any way affect an economist's views.



1942: Peggy will pose with anyone.

August was highlighted by our annual picnic chez Norma & Jim Cockrell. I'm not sure who Ben Hill recruited to help, but he's getting awfully good at running those shows. A gloomy day turned sunny but too late for Sam Koster to lure anyone else into the pool. A goodly number took a turn on the Robinson-Cockrell flotilla, while the balance of the 57 concentrated on the bar, the buffet and BS. Westy's latest pictorial record of our prior antics concluded the fun. Great to have Lois Newman with us and to have Ginger & Ec Cutler maintain their attendance record, though Fred Rosell claimed the greatest dedication, having come directly from the airport after a CA flight. "Poor" Al Hunter was the only one wearing a long face. He and Nancy had come to the big city a day early, and she had apparently done her best to qualify him for food stamps.

Fred Rosell continues to gad about and provide much grist for the mill. During the summer he visited Paul & Fran Omans who probably hold the record for residential stability. Talked with Jake Ballard just before he and Lucy were leaving to visit an AF son and family in Japan and tour the Orient. Found Sam Henton in the sack but talked with Pat. Overnighted with Jim & Earlene Hayes just prior to Jim's ret from Rand Corp to have more time for his artistic endeavors. Reuned with his Nav PG Sch Class (25th) at Monterey, the first class to do so undoubtedly because Fred wrote a newsletter for them for 20 years. Overnighted with Tom & Virginia Furey. Tom golfs during the daylight and teaches English by night—and no wonder, with Virginia's mother and 2 daughters there to assure that his participation in the democratic process is pro forma only! Joe Dilworth joined the evening festivities. Next stop with John & Allyce Atwood. John is low-keying it with a firm which manufactures and installs pipe organs. Fred took time to supervise son Kerry's wedding AFTER restoring his house in Westchester from the ravages of 4 years of 4 bachelor renters! Lunched with Chief Hinckley. Janice has recovered so well from a hip replacement that she's back doing her share to keep their 6 horses exercised! Had a phone visit with Don Connelly. Harriet was freshly back from visiting their LT JG daughter in Spain. Missed the Gernerts who were at Wright-Pat checking out their latest grandchild. Continuing to minimize his input to the economy (who said "cheap?"), Fred overnighted with Ben & Beth Hill. Kids include an Army MD at Knox. Beth reports Marion Ladd ret from Alumni Sec job. Josendales were next. All kids on somebody's payroll. Debbie still spending what Jim is earning! Saw Virginia Helmstetter and met young Carl and family (now 4). Found the Cerars fine

and anticipating a visit from Jack Cockrill. Another trip provided a chance to talk to Phil Riedel, retired-retired and keeping his blood pressure in bounds. Tom Trainer came by the BOQ at the NAS, Dallas, to catch up on Class news. He's selling condo's—or doing his best in these days of high interest rates!

From the latest Rienzi-gram comes the enclosed picture of Peggy Fergusson and 3 beach bums. The specialist on the right is called Palfrey; he had just returned from a nostalgic look at the air base in England from which he departed for STALAG #1. Tom says that Rita Blair is a busy bee and doing fine.

A feature article in the local press on the half-price sale at the "Spring Valley mecca of preppie matrons and their equally proper daughters." Cited was the noon arrival of "Enid Hyde, Pres of the National Fine Arts Assn." She had made an earlier attempt, waited until 10:29 to get in and then had to rush off to a 10:30 tennis date. And you think you have problems!

And while the following item might convince you that your scribe is wont to peruse the society page, honesty requires me to confess that I stumbled on it while frantically searching for the latest Roy Rogers coupons! With proper apologies to her 4 star father and her 5 star mother, I report the engagement of Carla Lynn Clay to Richard K. Berry. An early Dec wedding is planned.

Noted that Jack Deane and Fran Roberts are serving on AUSA Advisory Committees, for Fran a continuing labor of a good many years.

He and Polly have survived a late-Aug gathering of a very motley crew—the guys, not the gals. As best I remember the Boltons, Hanleys, Kosters, Marks, Plotts and Shedd's comingled at Pinehurst for a 3-day party, broken by occasional rounds of golf. The gals were to swim and play bridge. (There must be a way to say delicately that they didn't shut up long enough to get to bridge!) Bill and Bette Lou checked in by phone to say that it was a blast. The last dinner was at the Ft Bragg Club, with a cocktail stop courtesy of Jim & Sue Bartholomees.

Incidentally, W. Cloyd Plott, Esquire, erstwhile member of the firm of Foresman & Plott, got Hank to ret so he could get top billing in the new firm of Plott & Igo.

If your USAA Subscriber Savings account shows a small decline, be not alarmed. To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the opening of their DC area office, USAA held a very nice reception, with McDermott, Jan '43, coming up from San Antone to heap well-deserved praise on Pinnell, Jun '43. Conscious of the heavy responsibility of representing all you members, I did my best to get your fair share of all the refreshments!

Phone call from Ted Michel who had been bugged by Bob Evans for reunion information. What are the odds that the call came on the far side of midnight?

Another from Wes Hyde. He and Margaret Betty are plotting and planning to coordinate our 40th, a high school reunion and the Indy 500!

Gernerts were checking to see if there was still an outside world. They'd had family for more than a month and were bushed! Jim Josendale called to report all their troops in line. Hank Ivey requested copies of the super speech given by GA Congressman Gingrich at our AMAA Annual Meeting.

The Aug issue of Army Magazine contained a thoughtful article on the need for young officers to carefully analyze both sides of the coin in deciding whether to leave the service

or stay in. The young author must have inherited a bunch of his mother's genes. His name? James F. Marks.

The Kosters treated some of the locals to a pleasant Aug outing featuring their pool, a busy bar and steamed crabs, among other delicacies. Everyone did well in demonstrating their appreciation of Cherie's culinary efforts. They are obviously "in" with their young-married neighbors, as a group of them crashed the party when it got noisy enough to be inviting! Saw a couple of their grandchildren when daughter Nancy brought them by to see the old folks at play.

A brief hello with young Bill Shedd when he was here for services following the death of his father-in-law (Al Ginder '39).

George Allin found his job of Dir of Auxiliary Services for Arlington County schools a victim of fiscal retreat but leaped into the handy foxhole of Dir of Trans, for which he had been recruiting! He was nicked in the local press for the high cost per mile of the county school buses but was commended for having the second best rate of usage in the state. Daughter Cathy was wed in L.A. this summer. The bride and groom are both involved in the campus ministry in that area. While each of us is grateful for the success of our offspring, perhaps none is more so than George. It seems that son Tom has an office in Paris! From there he directs the Golden Arches operations in French-speaking Europe. A recent family reunion in these parts attracted almost the whole tribe, no small feat!

John Sheffey was the sacrificial lamb on a recent Phil Donahue show dealing with proposed legislation for divorced spouses. The 2 divorced spouses had a problem letting each other talk, so John's part of the seven minutes was modest indeed!

Jeff Davis suggests planning your March 1982 visits for the 6th. That's the date of the '42 spring dinner-dance at Arlington Hall. Out-of-towners contact him for details!

Our Postmaster tells me that our Zip+4 will be 22211-0142. Having noted that Congress is taking a dim view of the Postal Service spending money on an unauthorized program, I would not urge its use as yet!

Happy to advice that the Hanst family has outdone the 17-year locusts and attained a 16-year cycle. Joining our teenage granddaughter Kristi is grandson Chris, courtesy of son-in-law Roger Willis and Susan. Barbara dusted off the old skills and has been grandmothering like mad! In an effort to counter the grandpa image, I attended a reunion of the 110th Inf. It was a stirring experience but left me with a question. What were the rest of you doing in Europe when we stalwarts of the 28th Division were winning the war?!?!?

I continue to be proud of the effort Al Hunter is making to get all obits underway and the commitments coming in from you all. We're down to about a dozen not as yet assigned, but some of the volunteers are in need of support. Anyone with any knowledge or clues as to the families of John M. Baker (remarried widow Mrs. Jack G. Glasgow in Oklahoma City), Charlie Berra (mother Ida in St. Louis), Bill Guckeyson (remarried widow Mrs. Hudson Dunlap in Dallas), Jack Pryor (remarried widow Mrs. Josephine W. Wood in Fort Worth), Tom Ray (widow Annabelle P. in Pittsburgh) or Rad Simpson (father in San Antone), send it to me to pass along. All parenthetical information above is 20 years old—but the best we have.

The project has had some extra benefits such as Yates Hill having been brought back

into the fold. He has ret from IBM and volunteered to help with the 40th. He and Dick Horridge bumped recently. Dick is pumping for a 42nd year book so be prepared to support the nomination of "guess who?" when the subject comes up at Reunion!

Dick & Ann Wise have moved back to Tulsa. I suppose that means that he's drained all available oil out of KY or wherever he was working.

A call from Al Thompson in connection with an AMAA member. He's deeply involved in stamping out the "med flies" of the life insurance business—the ones who coax you into cashing that lousy old insurance and buying theirs (of course it will cost more or run out or whatever, but they're only looking after your interests!)

Noted in the Army Times that Tom Rienzi was called by the government to testify in the spy trial of J. G. Helmich Jr. Wonder which garb Tom wore?

A deadline note from Fran Roberts reaffirming the success of the Pinehurst gathering and adding a couple of revealing quotes. Tom Hanley: "Here we are at the 17th hole, and I've already had a par." Sam Koster, winner and scorekeeper (a natural pair), when his records were being audited: "Disregard the slashes." No one knew what he meant and so could argue no further! A Roberts' dinner at the Pinehurst Inn a week later found the "boisterous generals" still the topic of conversation.

Fran and Polly were just home from MA where he lost in the finals of the U. S. Seniors Invitational on the 20th hole. No salmon available in New Brunswick so they had to load up on ME lobster!

John Westenhoff took me to task for my comment comparing my "In" box to Dolly Parton's Bustenhalter in the last column. I obviously said something wrong, but I need another letter from John to splain what!

A happy Holiday Season to all and a healthy 1982—until the time for Suffern.

# JAN '43

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'Twas a great day for celebrating and storytelling when Pappy/Jane Doyle came to DC for a reunion of former members of the USAF OSI, with which Pappy was serving in Japan when he was compelled to ret due to physical disability in 60. Although he broke a little toe in his motel (while trying to rid himself of a cramp in his left foot in the middle of the night) and developed bronchitis (due to an "unusual" spell of damp DC weather), Pappy still came up with some of the best stories you've heard in a long time on finding a coin-a-day, an old A-pin of his that unexpectedly reappeared in the mail after 38-39 years, and the pleasure of owning a 16-year-old Chrysler Imperial known as "The Princess." According to Pappy, if you spend your time looking down rather than up, you'd be surprised how many coins are just waiting there to be found. For Pappy, no day is complete without finding at least one coin on the streets, on the beach, or on the floor of some store—and it takes a keen eye and a good cane with a wad of gum on the end to be successful. As for the A-pin, Pappy quickly got it out of the house by sending it to their youngest daughter, who now wears it on her necklace—but not before Jane spotted it in Pappy's "junk mail"



Jan '43: The Smiths at home overlooking Lake Champlain.

and reminded him that she never had an A-pin.

Other out-of-town visitors this past summer included:

- B-wig Berenzweig, who flew in for a one-week course at FEMA's Natl Emer Mgmt Sch in Emmitsburg, MD, in connection with his duties as Vice Dir Civ Def for HI;

- Duke Kane, who came to town to kibitz on his TRW associates attending the 47th MORS at the NDU—this is Duke's 11th year with TRW;

- Alice/Bob McDermott, who, as indicated elsewhere in this column, were enjoying a bit of socializing along with USAA business activities; and

- Ray Ruyffalaere, who passed through the DC area following a month-long camping trip in the Canadian NW territories, during which Ray spent 7 days canoeing down the Yukon from Dawson City, Canada, to Eagle, AK. Now, he's looking for some sturdy souls, like Adrian St. John and Harry Pritchett, to join him on a 20-day canoe trip down the Mackenzie River next year—any other "volunteers?"

Speaking of out-of-towners during this past summer,

- Kay/Dee Armstrong visited their daughter (Kate Ellen) and son-in-law (Bill Alston) in Palo Alto, CA, and during the course of their visit got together with Marilyn/Bob Beightler in Oakland for some tennis with mixed results, according to Bob—i.e., a trouncing by Dee in their singles match, but a triumph for the homecourt team in doubles;

- Marie/Joe Conmy, who sojourned in HI



Jan '43: The Armstrongs and Beightlers at the Beightlers' home overlooking San Francisco Bay.

for some three months before and after the wedding of their daughter, Maryalice, to Patrick Gill in the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Pearl Harbor on August 2nd;

- Frank Shaw, who drove up to Gettysburg, PA, for a reunion of his WWII organization (the 76th Inf Div) and enjoyed seeing the Jerry Cosgroves, who now live in Stevensville, MI; and

- Bob Baden, who also participated in a reunion of his WWII outfit (the 95th Inf Div—"The Mighty Men of the Metz") in Harrisburg, PA.

Interestingly enough, the foregoing information with regard to Bob Baden was provided by Zoo Gorelangton (Jan/June '43) in the form of an article from the Sacramento Bee, which describes the reunion and its participants as viewed by another former member of the 95th. According to his account,



Jan '43: The Ruyffalaeres visit Hume at Hume, VA.



Jan '43: Harrington campaigning with Ginny's help.

"A tall, good-looking guy walked to our table wearing the blue registration card that indicated that he was a first-time reunion participant. 'I'm Bob Baden,' he said—sticking out his hand to everyone, in turn, at our C Co table. Before he reached me, I realized that this was not just a Bob Baden. This was 1st LT Robert E. Baden, C Co's CO from Jan to Apr 45. I had to resist a sudden urge to snap at attention . . . Baden had taken over a company that was dispirited by the loss of 4 successive CO cdrs in the previous 6 weeks and had whipped us into good fighting shape by increasing training and insisting on intensive levels of guard duty . . . He always led from out front and I was only 10 feet from him on his last day with C Co . . . when his ankle was shattered by a machine-gun bullet. As he was being carried off on a



Jan '43: The McDermotts and Dottie Bennett at the Bennetts' home in Mt. Vernon, VA.

stretcher, he kept protesting in true John Wayne fashion: "It's just a scratch. Bandage it up real tight and let me go on with the co," but the medics shook their heads and took him off to a hosp."

Incidentally, Zoo is manager of one of Mervyn's stores in Sacramento—the fastest growing chain of soft goods retail stores on the West Coast. In his spare time, he's also an insurance broker. Occasionally, some former classmates, like the Flatleys (en route to Australia) and the Ruyfflaeres, visit Sacramento and drop in for a welcome visit.

During the course of their extended vacation in HI, the Conmys spent a lot of time with Don/Dagmar Griffin. According to Joe, "Don is still working as an engr with the city and county of Honolulu keeping the island beaches in tip-top shape. He is also currently coordinating with B-wig Berenzweig, to obtain some heavy helicopter lift for a major restoration project. Dagmar, still one of the leading women surfers in the islands, has now taken up wind surfing—mercy, what next?"

Now, for some congratulations for members of our clan like Jim Hackler, who was named "Man of the Decade" (1960-1970) by the AF Assn of SC at its annual convention this past Jul. The Myrtle Beach Sun News cited Jim not only for his AFA son accomplishments, such as serving on the SC Exec Bd and the Natl AFA Bd of Dir, but also for his outstanding civic work with the Rotary, the Boy Scouts, his church and charitable institutions. Meanwhile, Jim is in the process of reconditioning a golf course that he bought earlier this year—just in case some of the golfing members of our clan drop by for a round or two this fall or winter.

Congratulations are also in order for Bob



Jan '43: Wood, Conmy and Benson at the DC contingents' annual summer dinner-dance at the ANCC.

Harrington, who ran for the Republican Party's nomination to the Arlington County Bd in VA and won by a landslide. His next hurdle will be the general election on 3 Nov when he'll be running against the incumbent Democratic bd member, who is seeking her third 4-year term. According to Bob, the major theme of his campaign will be the efficiency of Arlington County Govt or, as he was quoted in the *Washington Post*: "the time is overdue for the county govt to look into some of its programs and see if they are doing what they're supposed to do and if they're cost-effective." More power to you, Bob and Ginny—we're on your band wagon! As indicated elsewhere in this column, Bob and Ginny also had reason to be mighty proud when their son Doug received his USAF pilot wings at Reese AFB this past summer and joined the "Flying Harringtons"—that is, Bob, Richard (a MAJ's list selectee and F-16 instructor at McDill), Charles (a CPT flying F-4's in Germany) and now Doug. How about that!



Jan '43: Henry, St. John and Schofield at the ANCC dinner-dance.

Also to be congratulated are

- Bob Smith, who has been nominated by the Pres to be the Asst Sec Def for Health Affairs (ASD/HA) and should be confirmed on/about 1 Nov. This will be Bob's second tour as the ASD/HA, so it should be "old hat" for him.

- Joanna Smith, whose forthcoming book entitled *The Marriage License*, presents some novel ideas and humorous situations with regard to renewable marriage contracts. Joanna is also a sculptress and has her own workshop outside their home on Lake Champlain. Having served for many years as an engr for NY State, Bill is now in a consulting role.

A brief note from Bill Neale in Colo Spgs indicates that "Phil Bischoff was an official at the World Volleyball Championships, which were held at the USAFA in Sept. He recovered by taking Jessie on a trip to Italy and Yugoslavia in Oct." Bill also reported that his son (Bill too) scaled the highest mountain in N. America (Mt. McKinley) in Jul as a member of a "Colorado-on-top" team. Although Father Bill is justly proud of his son's accomplishment, he wishes privately that he'd take up "a less expensive and dangerous hobby—like girl-watching from a mile away."

Here, in DC, some 25 members of the clan met for their annual fall business luncheon at the ANCC with Frank Shaw (Pres) presiding. Among the subjects discussed were

- Proposals for the enhancement of the



Jan '43: Moses and Bennett at the ANCC dinner-dance.

Class Fountain at USMA in connection with our 40th reunion at USMA in Jun of 83—B-ball Harrington is handling this project;

- Nomination of classmates for the Ben Castle Award and AOG Board of Trustees—Adrian St. John is heading this committee; and

- The mini-reunion in San Ant on 1-3 Apr or 30 Apr-2 May, and you should have received an announcement from Bill Starnes on this subject. If not, drop him a line (4310 Little Lane, San Ant, TX 78229).

Finally, I have the sad task of reporting that Charlie Wirt died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage here in DC on 14 Aug and was interred at USMA on Aug 20th. Some 50 classmates, wives and friends joined his family in paying their final respect to Charlie here in DC on August 18th. Among them were Charlie's old lacrosse playing colleagues, Johnnie Nazzaro (now ret, but working for Merrill Lynch and playing lots of golf), Merle Carey, Ted Ardery and your scribe, plus out-of-Towners Helen/Fred King from Baltimore and the Ollie DeGroucheys from Severna Park. Subsequently, a special memorial service for Charlie was held at the Wesley United Methodist Church in DC on 9 Sept.

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East of the Sun a carrier pigeon unable to keep up with the meanderings of the K.B. Smiths dropped on my patio to inform me that Ken and Nancy have returned to GA after 3 weeks in Europe and a month visiting Ken's folks in Boston. Had the chance to coffee-down with the Si Sylvesters in the DC area before hitting home base. A brief note from Ed O'Connor to express his thanks to the many classmates and wives who were present at Rita's funeral. Jack Elliott of Atlanta reports his attendance at our next reunion is doubtful because of an awkward workload, but sends his best. Jack is an excellent cartoonist whose apt work kept us tanker types smiling in those early days. Mo Anderson challenges one and all to a golf outing followed by a commiserate libation. All this in Lynchburg. Hal Head a fellow Virginian checked into the net from Lex with an "All's Well" and Seth Frear just finished 2½ months of back repair at his local VA Hosp. He has been a paraplegic



Jun '43: At the Wheelers': Pherson, Easley, Wheeler, Galas, Shea and Keefer—March 81.

since WWII and now reports a rosier outlook with best to all.

The Sun is Brighter for Maggie Saine who forwarded his est of the sit to inform us that he has married Ernie Young, 27 Jun at Pomaria, SC. For both the second time, netting them 5 children and 7 grandkids. She is a classmate from his pre-cadet days at Newberry College, both are ret from teaching and will eventually build their home in Pomaria. Another Carolinian, this time Johnny Moses, made the Aug issue of TROA mag as pres of the local chapter and presenter of medals to 2 ROTC cadets at Wofford Coll. If anything, Johnny looks as military in his bearing as he did in grey.

West of the Moon The much heralded move of Barbara & Grady has taken place and so far the indians of NM have accepted the intrusion without rancor. As the master wit himself wrote: "We are getting ready to move again, God help us, and should be ensconced by early Sept. Much soul searching before this decision but kids and grandkids are out there and Mrs G. is a demon grandmother. I am enjoying the process of the move as much as I would a prolonged protoscopy and find what comfort I can in the thought that this, too, shall pass." Ducrot Pepys closed saying that he would chisel over the lintel of the new dwelling "J'y suis, J'y reste." The improbable address for their lighted tennis court is: 6 Tennis Court, La Luz, Albuquerque, NM 87120. From the chilly environs of Duluth comes one Walker Jamar who opines that life up North is good, business thriving, skis in the winter, sails and swims in the summer thus making him another inland admiral. Walk has just completed a series of business maneuvers which will benefit USMA and the Class Fund greatly. My constant correspondent, Norm "Mercedes Benz" Keefer, signifies that our So CA group is healthy if not wealthy. Alice Wheeler surprised Dick, who had forgotten about birthdays, with a party in Mar which month also included natal days for Alice and Norm. In Aug the Pres Easleys had an attitude adjustment session with buffet. The attendees at both affairs were: Paula & Dan Shea, Kaye & Dave Galas, Ann & Pres Easley, Ruth & Norm Peherson, Alice & Dick Wheeler and Marion & Chuck Dickenson. Norm continued with the info that Felix Kalinski is an infrequent visitor usually on business and that he has visited and found well the Vordermarks of Vandenberg Village (roll that around your tongue). Jon is still teaching math but sidelining in genealogy by searching early census records. Norm included a pic of the men at the birthday celebration apparently taken in the kitchen where I presume the ice and liquids were.

A final note: check your old roommates, are you all current in the latest REGISTER? Someday your decendents may be searching out your tree and would like to know about you and what you did in your world. Sound recall, bugler! Dan'l Flannel.

# '44

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The only time I ever regret that my flying days are over is during the last week of Sept when the New England maples and all their hardwood cousins conduct their spectacular turning maneuvers without my oversight.

This week, in our first VA Norther, a few maples flashed their red underwear, hidden all summer under modest green. The main color act commences any day now, and the Big Strip, which bares all the limbs, is only weeks behind.

Chan took Marie Gilson high into the Andes to study Inca industrial design at Machu Picchu, Peru, and points vertical therefrom. After 3 weeks isolation and intimidation, Marie agreed to renew Chan's marriage contract for a second decade. Gonzales-Artigas '53, resident of Manta, Ecuador and 65 UCLA biologists witnessed.

At our 15 Jul Class luncheon, attendance of 30 testified to how few of us now summer at the beach. Harry Buzzett, down from Boston, supervised the dragoning of Joe Cutrona to be 40th Reunion Chmn.

Bob Day bestirred himself to report his resignation on 1 May as Exec Dir of the Intl Tennis Hall of Fame. However, it was wisely decided he must remain on the Board, probably to defend himself during whatever reorganization that this, as all institutions must inevitably undergo. Bob conveyed the news of the death in Apr of William Linzee Prescott, painter of the D-Day mural given by the Class of '44 to the West Point Museum.

Ernie Graves, supervised by Nancy and cheered by Buzzett, Connell and Sullivan, raised the drawbridge around his Engr Castles for the last time as he ret on 31 Jul after 40 years and a butt in uniform. Small wonder he was kept on so long; he doesn't look old enough to be promoted to MAJ. Our congratulations to the last man to go save Fred Smith and Jack Pollin, who remain firmly ensconced behind the parapets below Storm King, watching each other to see who will be the next. Last man out brings the brandy!

His brother, Jim, USNA '42, writes that Lark Tully underwent radical surgery at Brook AMC San Ant for throat cancer. As of 10 Aug, the medics were optimistic at Lark's recovery, but a long road looms. Lark may be reached at 1514 Hasking Drive, San Ant, TX 78209 by those who wish to check in with the possessor of that irrepressible grin. Get 'em LARK!

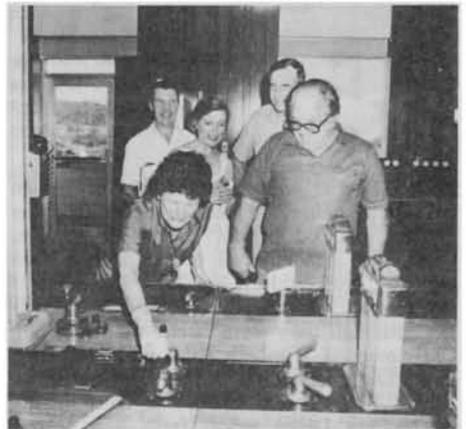
I had received all sorts of threats from revanchist opponents of the Panama Canal Treaty that Phil McAuliffe was to be keel-hauled the length of the ditch by his left heel. So, it was pleasant to receive a letter from the once and future Admin of the Panama Canal Commission, still parrying the Pirates of Penance after 2 years and establishing new tonnage records through the Canal at "zero cost to the U.S. taxpayer." Phil reports that the noise of the rain (great for the Canal) and the political quiet are the best he could hope for.

Tomorrow ends Sept; autumn is late this year but the squirrels are as busy as Win

Scott, who is preparing his famous Old Tyme Rhode Island Clambake for 10 Oct Class consumption at his home. I remember my first-and only—such at his home 2 (or 3 or 4) years ago. Though not a hearty eater, I succumbed to tastes and smells totally foreign to an Okie and was blitzed, bloated and bow-legged by the fruits de mer. It's with anticipation and fear that I approach the occasion again; the food is matched only by the hospitality.

The U of KY Press sends along its catalog of special publications; featured prominently is Doug Kinnard's 3d book: *The Secretary of Defense*. Now there's a rousing topic which could start a jolly good shouting match among several of us blind men who have felt the DOD elephant here and there! I look forward to reading this one.

John Susott checked in the other evening from nearby DC. Wisely, Kay did not let him loose for long before plane time back to Oahu. John has vowed to separate Kay from her Med practice at the Army Hosp in HI and to settle down to loafing alongside him. More travel is in prospect and classmates are warned to expect calls from nearby airports at odd times. Please address soothing remarks to the gentleman and all important questions to the smiling lady.



1944: Kathleen McAuliffe destroys Miraflores Lock while Meyer, CSA, wife and Phil register horror!

Roy & Sylvia Bahls were spotted recently disappearing into the Blue Ridge to spend a week at their condo in Massanutten, VA. From there they repaired to another mountain chalet in NC before returning to Vero Beach.

Bill Fairbrother was in town recently to visit his daughter. I didn't see him, but Susott turned him in.

The Colo contingent is strangely quiet. I can't imagine George Brown, Burrell, Steffes, Porter and Junior Merritt not creating havoc of some sort; just wonder who is hushing it up.

There's a VA election in Nov, but I haven't yet found Jelks Cabiness' name on any sample ballots. However, I did hear of his purchase of a beautiful and historic town house in Old Town Alexandria. No termites, we hope!

Had a nice chat with Jim Cumberpatch recently, who is operating a very successful technology consulting firm in Kensington, MD. Press on, Jim.

Charlie Daniel gave me another tennis lesson last week. He has every right by now to consider me hopeless, but I keep trying to beat him.

Lately, we have missed John Eisenhower's

late nite life insurance commercials. I believe he's got a good approach: if you're too old to stay up late to hear them, he doesn't want you for an insured, anyway.

Was pleased to read somewhere recently of Hi Ely (Sr), Class of Aug '17, being entertained by his errant son on some occasion or other. Hope both father and son make it to their 65th Reunions.

**Doc Greaves**, otherwise quiet on the CA Western Front, was noted as a contributor to *Army Magazine* recently. So we know he's alive, but haven't lately seen him on TV.

**Bob Rodden** called in Sept, in town from CA to brief clients of his firm. Was pleased to learn that the young teaching tennis pro at Army-Navy, summering from his job as Maryland U tennis coach, is Bob's and Betty's son-in-law. Betty picked well. The **Roddens** recently entertained the **La Marres** who were en route somewhere. **Jack Peterson** turned up to play tennis at ANCC recently, looking combat ready.

**Susett** reports that **Silvers** and **Stasers** are doing great as condo developers in Honolulu, in spite of the **Stasers'** considerable commute from Anchorage.

That's all that's legitimate news, and then some. Next you hear from me I'll be on the way out the door for Aspen & New Year's. Follow me, this'll kill ya. GSOYP,A!

# '45

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**Don Fowler** wrote me the last of Jun to tell about being at graduation on 26 May 81. As reported in the last issue, his son, **Chris**, was a member of the grad class. Don said the grad address by Pres Reagan was really great and he enjoyed the grad activities although they were hectic as usual. Son **Chris** married **Maribeth Ryan** of Massapequa Park, Long Island on 6 Jun. The ceremony was at Holy Trinity Chapel at West Point.

The San Diego report from **Bob Dingeman** arrived in Jul. Bob says he sees **Tom Drake** and **George Churchill** frequently, but hasn't met with the others listed in that area. **Tom Drake** is doing fine & is now fitted with a pacemaker—one of the results of his heart attack earlier. **George** gave up commuting 1½ hours to work with General Dynamics. Bob said he's been a student again. Just received a 3d master's degree—History this time. Bob teaches history, pol sci, and math/econ at the Comm College. He and **Gaye** planned to go down the Colo River thru the



1945: Bob Dingeman, MA in History, UCA SD, July 81.



1945: Bette Root, Kerrs, Ives, and friends, Monterey Peninsula, CA, Jun 81.

Grand Canyon this Aug and were looking forward to a trip to Yucatan in Dec. Bob was in charge of the annual community parade and picnic this year while **Gaye** was the race director for the Ecology Centre 10K run which had 1,200 participants.

**Bette Root** wrote me about several good times with visiting classmates. In Jun **Bob & Gene Ives** were in CA to see their son's wedding in San Diego. **Bart & Brian Kerr** drove them to the Monterey Peninsula to visit with some ret Army friends, the **Earlys**. **Bette** and **Jim** along with **Babs Patchel** were invited to join them for lunch. **Bette** Reports that both the **Ives** looked great as usual. ("It's really not fair to the rest of us that two people should show their age so unfairly. **Bob** looked like the **Pond's** ad of yore and **Gene** looked like the girl he became engaged to. All that and talent, too!") **Brian Kerr** is doing fantastic artistic things in Marin County and **Bart** is publisher.

As the 4th of Jul approached the **Roots** were looking forward to the usual Independence Day celebration at their local beach—eating potato salad, deviled eggs, hot dogs smothered in catsup, mustard, and the red, white and blue, with the usual foggy Carmel summer weather. The morning of the 4th the sun came out, the phone rang and the **Idaho Burnells** said they were in town and coming for a visit. The picnic was still ordinary but the company was suddenly great. **Bette** said they were talking together until dawn's early light and her washing machine will never recover from the sand in her jeans. In sum, they're all doing well in Carmel-by-the-sea. And **Bette** also reports that the **Walt Roots**, **Hardys**, **Rattans**, and **Mackinnons** are not too tacky in TX, either. **Bette** and **Jim** are still running The Sandwich Shop where **Bette** says she's the Maid of the Mustard. And incidentally the **Roots** are expecting another grandchild this fall!

"The Duke," **William G. Stewart**, wrote me that he's formed a new company. After 7½ years with **Linton & Co**—the last 5 yrs as Pres—he formed the **Stewart Analysis Corp**. **Stew** said he wanted to concentrate on defense issues until the country gets past the "window of vulnerability."



Our Class Secy, **Jim Elkey**, has the sad duty to report on deaths in our Class family. Three deaths were reported this past summer to him. **Ramona Pavia**, wife of **Frank**, died on 15 Jun. **Frank's** present address is not known. **Louis D. (Gingras) O'Hara** was overcome by smoke in a hotel fire and died on 23 Jun at Shawinigan, Quebec. He was buried at West Point on 30 Jun. **John, "Jake," Knight** died from a heart attack on 18 Aug in Lancaster, CA, where he was buried. The Class made a donation to the scholarship fund of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots per the family's wishes. **Jake's** widow, **Georgia**, is staying at their home. Our heartfelt sympathy to the families of each of these three.

**Jim** also told of 2 of our classmates who have been seriously ill. **Harold, "Hoots" Van Hout** suffered a stroke in early Sept. He was admitted to **Walter Reed** but at last report is back at home in Fayetteville, NC. We wish him a speedy recovery.

**Hank Hughes** suffered a heart attack on 5 Jul and had been in a coma until 2 Oct 81 when he died at DeWitt Army Hospital at Ft Belvoir. His wife **Barbara** may be contacted at 8332 Wagon Wheel Road, Alexandria, VA 22312. Our heartfelt sympathy to his family.



1945: The Morris and Boettchers.

The whole **Macintire** clan got back together for a week at the beach at Nags Head, NC. Daughter **Jacquie** with husband, **Bill Bunt**, from Perry County, PA, and their two kids, **Barb** (3) and **David** (9 mo); son **CPT. Dave** from Ft Bragg with friend **Diane Hutson**; and son **Jeff** from Knoxville with wife **Jerrie** all gathered with us in a big beach house. We really did enjoy it!

**Ivan L. (Van) Foster** called me on the phone recently. He wanted to know if it was too late to report news of a Founder's Day celebration. I said it was a bit late this year, but how about some other news. He's teaching math in a Fayetteville HS where all the kids from Pope AFB and half the kids from Bragg go to school. This past summer went by without a family vacation (which he usually takes at Myrtle Beach) as he had to go back to school to keep his teaching license.

About the time that many of us have slowed down or hung it up for the 2d time here comes **Quent LaPrad** starting out a whole new career. After umpteen years of active duty and nine years working for the State of TN, **Quent** left government 1 Sept

and is now in charge of marketing for an engr consultant here in Nashville.

If you've been reading this column for the past 10 years you may have noticed that there're some classmates whose activities are reported regularly. There're some you read just every once in awhile. And there's a whole bunch that you NEVER read about. This is not a plot on my part. Rather it's a direct result of news that all of you send to me. I'd be delighted if I heard from some of you who have been very, very quiet for the last decade. So write me at Christmas or any other time and let all your classmates know what and how you're doing. Have a great holiday season!

# '46

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(140) Pictures of reunion continue to come in and they include shots not previously printed, so I'll send them along for publication. There's lots of good news, but one very sad note, which perhaps most of you already know. Jack Green succumbed to the brain malignancy that's been with him for well over a year. He passed away 4 Aug 81, in Nashville, TN.

In early Jul Jeanne had written to indicate that Jack's life was ebbing away. There had been a period of real hope for recovery, but the tumor started up again and Jack's strong heart could not overcome the odds against him. Jeanne also wanted to pass on her thanks for all the letters she had received.

I know that the Class was able to send flowers as soon as we knew of Jack's death, although it was a few days late. To Jeanne, her daughter and sons, as well as Jack's five sisters and four brothers, I wish to extend our most sincere feeling of deep sadness over Jack's passing.

Miller Robinson, a VP of the Third National Bank in Nashville, as well as Hap Macintire, '45 scribe, and Harry Maihafer '49 were kind enough to send me the clippings from the local paper. Thank you.

In a much happier note, the France family can report: the marriage of oldest daughter Sandy to Kenneth Underwood; the beginning of freshman year at Smith College for youngest daughter Ann; and the return to CONUS



1946: Reunion: Saunders, McClure, Schug, Hunt and Williams.



1946: Reunion: Alumni dinner.

of son Bill '74 and his wife Debby. Bill is a CE CPT assigned to work for the civil engineering branch of the AF in Atlanta, GA. He has responsibility for work at Andrews AFB and Bolling Fld, both of which the Navy is responsible for. I'd say he's really working toward service harmony.

Lou Creveling, Cub Scout Chairman for the Southeast Region, BSA, reports that this year's Jamboree was at Ft A. P. Hill, VA. On 30 Jul 81 Gen Bob Shoemaker, FORSCOM Cmdr dedicated the Gen J. E. B. Stuart (CSA) field/arena at which the opening and closing shows of the Jamboree were held. Lou was working on scouting details so missed seeing Bob. Lou said that Sam Walker left his area of NC to take over at VMI. Sam may have done too good a job already by the way VMI played Army in football for the season opener at Michie. Lou invites golfing classmates to visit in Pinehurst and use his extra bed.



1946: The Seamans

Creveling also wrote a 2d letter to include a clipping from the 20 Jul 81 Houston Lighting and Power Co's in house paper (his son is an employee). With seven golfers as witnesses Bob Lowry, Proj Mgmt, Energy Development Complex, made a hole-in-one while playing at the Atasocita CC, 28 Jun. Lou has been trying to do just that at Pinehurst, but has yet to succeed. Lou's daughter Marianne successfully defended her Greater Los Angeles Ladies' Open Championship for the 2d time and she was seven months pregnant at the time.

Zeke Hopkins reports he has been promoted (Aug 81) from asst prog mgr to prog mgr for the McDonnell Douglas KC-10. This is the mil tanker version of the long range DC-10 freighter. Zeke says the first plane delivered has been selling itself, doing the work of 4 KC-135 tankers and two C-141 transports.

Harl & Judy Koch are off on their annual buying trip to the Far East. Before leaving, they received visits from classmates while still in San Fran. John & Kitty O'Connor, with Std Oil of CA were the first and then Steve &

Squeak Conner dropped in later. Jack & Annetta Sadler flew in from Austin, TX, as house guests and to "do" the town. Jack reports that Dick & Sue Fuller are now in Austin and that Dick was formerly with Marriott Hotels. Jack is working towards an MBA.

In the last issue of ASSEMBLY I had reported that Will Joffrion ret 19 Jul 81 as Cmdr 377th TAACOM. Actually that was the date of a change of command whereas the date of ret was 30 Jul 81. Will received a LM award at the ceremony and feels he must be the last in the class to ret from a reserve unit. During Will's period of command the 377th moved from a Spt Bde to a COSCOM to the present TAACOM effective 16 Jul 81.



1946: Adams and Saunders present bookends to Armstrong, Troy, Malley and Matejov.

A post card showing a lovely shore scene of So Portland, ME (my vacation state) was received from Ric Lamp. Ric is teaching jewelry at Nevada U in Las Vegas. He must have a hankering for ME, so the card's as close as he can come.

Marie Parmly wrote a very informative letter last Aug. Although she gave address of 95 Voyager Ct, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082, she will be up North until spring taking a course in spiritual growth. She'll be in Putnam Valley across the river from WP part of the time with her daughter Barbara and husband James. They are expecting a baby in Mar. Also Marie may be in Highland Falls some of the time. Marie has kept busy with grandsons and her own children. She was at Bragg for awhile where she and Lea spent 2 tours. Son David in last year at UFL was at a summer encampment at that time. Son Michael is in DC where he'll be taking over the Portuguese desk at State Dept. Marie also notes that along with David at the encampment were sons of '46 Peter Webb and Bill Lamb. The 3 sons had also



1946: Memorial Day, West Point: Hutto, Marie Parmly, Saunders and the Gruenthers.

been in scout troop 23 at West Point when their dads were stationed there.

Jim Dixon is now Dean of Valley Forge Military Junior College, Wayne, PA. He had joined the Valley Force staff last year as asst Jr College Dean. Jim had been an instructor at WP from '57 to '60 teaching history subjects. He recently was teaching adult ed courses in South Carolina where he was living prior to his move to VF. Jim completed his work on his doctorate in intl rels at the USC.

Jack & Betty Barth are planning to visit NY Mil Acad for a reunion soon. Beno Hadley is Supt there now.



1946: Jim Dixon

Ed & Jean Saunders sent along some pictures, one which shows Memorial Day flowers being placed at classmates graves. Jean points out that Ed has done this since they arrived at WP in 61. Most of the time he has had help from classmates, but there have been a number of times, especially in the rain, when Ed had done it alone. Their son-in-law John Baker '72 has a law degree and is in JAG in Panama. Daughter Lynn is expecting their 3d child. Lynn has a master's in Special Ed and Reading. Ed's & Jean's son Rick '73 has a master's from Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton, as does his wife Mary Howard. Rick is due into Soc Sci Dept USMA in 82. At present he is CC and jumpmaster with 82d Abn, Ft Bragg. Daughter Lisa, Dartmouth grad, is a 3d year med student at Stanford and is a 1LT in the Army program. Son Mike is at Stevens and ROTC there as well.

A note from James W. Strain requests that we put the following notice in ASSEMBLY: "My brother, Milton A. Strain, Class of 1946, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Woolacombe, England, on 2 Oct 1981." James' address is 4703 Elvedado, San Antonio, TX 78233.

'47

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Mike Maloney, now in New Canaan, CT 06840, (333 Oenoke Ridge), is organizing and planning our 35th Reunion which will be held at WP on 17-19 Sept 82 (Army-Brown football game weekend). 91 hotel rooms, 51 of which are at the Thayer, have already been

reserved. Tom Flattery and Mike co-hosted a Class gathering 12 Sept at Tom's home in Darien, CT. It is not known at this time who attended the picnic affair organized to generate interest in the planning of our 35th Reunion. I believe Tom Benson has agreed to coordinate the planning activities in the DC area and George Dell in L.A. area.

Patt & Duke Duquemin sent a long epistle announcing Duke's ret on 1 Jul. At Ft McPherson, LTC Jack Forrest presented Duke with 4 National Guard awards, 4 USAR awards and an Oak Leaf Cluster to the DSM. Classmates attending were the Heisers Jim Fraser, Allen Gould, Bernie & Susan Abrams, Bill & Betty Conger, George & Sissy Bland. Duke started work with Vinnell Corp as Proj GM for training the Saudi Arabia National Guard in Riyadh in Aug and Patt joined him there in Oct. They figure on returning in 2 years to their newly purchased home in Roswell, GA. Meanwhile their kinder are all doing fine: Peter and wife in Atlanta, David at Lackland AFB at Officer's Tng Sch, and Peggy is a senior at the UGA. With Duke's ret, only 3 remain in Army service now: Bill Webb, Wash DC; Bob Haldane and Jack Faith in Europe. New address for Duquemin is: Gordon J. Duquemin, PGM, Vinnell Corp No. 1, APO NY 09038.



1947: Tallman '46, Supt USAFA, Meg Sargent and Dee Tallman.

Betty Lou & Bill Reckmeyer again sent their mid-year pictorial of all the family in a king-size Christmas card. All 11 of the children and families are doing well; Chris and Nancy produced #14 grandchild in Feb. On a trip to the Far West, they saw the Rosens in San Fran and recently, Dolores & John Novemsky and 2 dau who passed by No VA.

MaryLou & Jim Edington sent their usual long quarterly letter. Their 2d granddau, Sara, was born in May to son Robert and wife Sharon. Edingtons plan a long trip via USA to London to visit dau Patricia and then back in Oct westward across the US to see the remaining children. Joy & George Dell, after a week of R&R in Kona, spent a day and night on Oahu with them. Shortly before, Dottie Hauck stopped by after visiting parents in Kaneohe.

Barbara & John Culin report that the grapes in CA this year are outstanding. After the grape crush in Oct, they plan a long trip to Dallas with Barbara's anniversary present: a new Audi Turbo.

Barb & Frank Boerger report that Bev & Bob Rosen went with their dau Meriam to Washington U in St Louis, MO, for Freshmen enrollment. They also saw Marge & Merlin Anderson and Hugh Bartley in Chicago. Apparently the Andersons decided after their long western trip that they liked Colo Spgs area the best and so they may be moving there soon. Boergers children are busy as



1947: The Veaudrys

follows: Tricia: soph at UC Irvine; Marybeth: Jun 82 grad of US Davis; Heidi: nursing; Chuck: music; Sue: para-legal tng in Sioux Falls, SD. Barb Boerger's mother lives close by in San Fran area.

Meg & Howie Sargent gave more news from the Far West (L.A.): Both are progressively bigger and better in acting, painting and filming. See portrait of USAFA Supt Ken Tallman recently accomplished. They visited Fayetteville, NC, and son Chris (CPT) and wife Karen. Then to NYC to lecture at the National Portrait Seminar. And later saw the Steiningers in Westport, CT. After "Madam X," Meg became Nurse McGuire in "Quincy" with Jack Klugman's opening production this fall. Howie, with his own movie production, is producing film for Walt Disney to be shown in Disney World. Meg says that he also is supervising the construction of a large new studio for her!

I guess you all will write for Xmas. Have a good Holiday period.

'48

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It is sad to report that two class wives have passed away since the last column. Smocki Hoffman succumbed to a long bout with cancer in mid-Aug, and was buried at West Point. She remained at home until the last few days. Tom and the 2 boys have our sincere sympathy. Tom plans to remain in this area, and has picked up life well.

And, Elizabeth Beirne died last May, also of cancer. Bimmy was an Army Brat, her father, Laurensen Myer, was a ret COL from the QM, and her grandfather, Frederick Stritzinger, a grad of USMA. She and Randy have 3 children, Elizabeth Lippitt, of Chicago, Mary Beirne of Lyme, NH and Daniel Jr. of Baltimore. Bimmy was a ret teacher, and Randy still is a prof of sociology at the U of Baltimore. Heartfelt condolences to you and the children, Randy.

The last issue carried the death of Ronny Morgan in Apr 80 in Atlanta. I have asked Irv Schoenberg if he could find out the details. If anyone else knows details about Ronny's death, please let me know.

Irv provided some news—he and Ann visited the West Coast late last winter, and stayed with Bob and Bev Rosen ('47), who invited John and Mary Delistraty ('47), Frank and Barbara Boerger ('47), Phil Day and his spouse, John Withers (Pat was off to the "beauty farm"), and Mike Maloney ('47) and his wife. Phil Day is still keeping San Fran



1948: The Hattes, the Meinzens, and Caldwell.

safe, and John Withers continues to do well in real estate near Santa Rosa. Irv and Ann went to Denver in Aug for a family get-together and spent the night in Colo Spgs with Ken & Carolyn Barber. They live near the Broadmoor, and have a very lovely home with a magnificent view in every direction. John & Pat Withers, whose son had just received his MBA from the U of Denver, and Jim & Ann Hooker joined them for dinner at the Garden of the Gods Club, well known for its great buffet, and scenery which surrounds the club.

Irv also has found Saul Resnick in Dallas, at 10535 Pagewood Dr, when he visited that city in Jul. He reports that Hank & Lucille Stelling have been moved to L.A. by Rockwell Intl.

The Schoenberg boys are busy: David graduated Magna Cum Laude from UVA in May, and went to Europe for 6 weeks, and for another month in a kibbutz in Israel before returning to start law sch at the UGA; Eric has returned to UVA for his sophomore year; and Jeff finished 6 weeks at the GA Governor's Honor Program on a scholarship last summer, before returning to Dunwoody HS for his junior year. Ann and Irv are still into tennis—keeps them young and beautiful!

Buck Borg has finished his tour with the DOS IG, and has moved to Helsinki, Finland where he is Dpty Ch of Mission. More skiing in store, I'm sure.

Mercedes Hughes has been cruising again. She challenges all Class brides to a contest: who has swum the furthest south in the world? Last summer she took the Santa Magdalena of the Delta Line on a trip around South America. In the Straits of Magellan she swam amongst the ice blocks in the ship's pool! She is now a member of the Penguin Society, an august (and small, I'll bet) group of "sporty" (and spartan) types who have accomplished this feat. I think you win hands down, Merc. Earlier in the summer she did a college tour with her two youngest, and saw Tom & Joan Tyree, who have a ski shop for their own use in their basement—repair tools, etc.—and a ski run in their backyard in Glenmont, NY; and Arnie & Kit Sargeant, who have a bona fide archeological dig in operation in their backyard. Apparently, the mound upon which their house was built in Albuquerque, NM has many strata, each with

a distinct civilization. Very interesting and unusual, and reminds me of the trenches from the battle of Atlanta in Al Gould's ('47) backyard.

Fran & Nancy Schless are still enjoying Pennsylvania. Gov Thornburg asked Fran to join his admin, where he is Comptroller for the Commonwealth.

Tom Ware has ret from BDM, Inc, a very successful consulting firm here, and is going back to school to get a doctorate in history. Another challenge for the rest of you.

Pierce Gaver has also ret; he departed the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Jun. He finds ret absolutely great.

Joe & Ginny Meyer have bought a great townhouse on the 10th green at the Escondido Country Club—1203 Wren Glen, Escondido, CA 92026, (714)-489-5406: Ginnie urges all to come by with golf clubs, swim suit and tennis racket. Joe is still a systems analyst/programmer with the San Diego City School system. Jim & Pickle Barnetts' son, Clay, John Withers, and Norm Robinson all have either visited or called them in their new retreat.

Donn & Letty Starry have moved to MacDill AFB, FL, where he is CINC of the REDCOM. Their quarters' address is 403 Bayshore Drive, 33621. Rough job, Donn.

Andy Anderson has been appointed deputy exec dir of the Air Force Assn. A fine selection. Mort Mumma called the other evening to report that Harvey Livesay is still in San Ant, TX, so we'll run him down from there. Fred Tibbetts has left the Rockies and moved to 240 Stissing Lane, Stanfordville, NY 12581. Now, what brought you back East, Fred? Spent a delightful afternoon with Bill & Helena Patch at their country home outside Leesburg, VA. The house, the view, the feeling of isolation are just great.

Several of the folks here, Marianne Kiernan, Bob & Dolly Petersen, Joe & Louise Bratton, John & Ann Bellinger, to name a few, spent the Labor Day weekend at the Greenbrier at White Sulphur Springs. No one is admitting how many pounds they put on.

The Brattons have moved to quarters at McNair, and have leased their home in Chain Bridge Forest to an ambassador from South America—good protection for the property. And, the Bellingers have moved down the street from the Brattons' house.

All for this time—let's hear about your doings.

## '49

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Big new in the 4 star ranks for this period. Joining Tom Marsh in that category are Don Keith and Jim Hartinger. Don is the new Cmdr of DARCOM; developer, producer supplier and maintainer of all Army equipment—a tremendous responsibility but one they couldn't have picked a better man to handle. Jim will remain the CINC NORAD/ADC which has been upgraded to its former 4 star status. Congratulations to Don and Erika and Jim and Mickey, may you all do well at your appointed tasks.

Recent retirements included Jack Albert from the AF Log Cmd in Dayton and Phil Feir in Europe. Jack is going to settle on his farm and raise cattle in Lynchburg, VA, while Phil took life easy in Ocean City, MD, this summer, no word yet on his future career. George & Elaine Sylvester are enjoying ret and at the time of this writing,

they are backpacking someplace in Canada.

Dick Bowman is getting a lot of activity these days as Dir Eur Rgn, SECDEF office of Intl Security Affairs. In between his trips to Europe, he's trying to finish painting his house. I discovered one way to get people to write is to make a mistake—I did that last column with John Chandler. He and Jane had a group of classmates from the NH area for a get-together in Jul. Chuck & Pat Wason, Hayes & Katy Metzger, Bill & Nan Luebbert and Bob Derrickson—wife Marilyn was on duty at the hospital that day. John did leave the engineering firm and is doing some consulting work, but his primary thrust is teaching 2 courses in the MBA program at Plymouth St Col in NH where Bob Derrickson is also on the staff. John enjoys the flexible schedule, does some off-campus teaching in places like Hanover and has the summers off—Jane is a part-time student at Plymouth St, working towards certification in education. They're hoping for a get-together at the Harvard game in Cambridge in Oct.



1949: Ab Martin, Vice President

Jack & Jean Kiely spent a recent weekend with the Wasons which included a day at the County Fair in New Boston—the grand prizes awarded were named after Chuck's dad. All of Pat Wason's many friends will be happy to hear that she has made a great recovery from last year's illness.

Ted & Joyce Marley were in town for Don Keith's promotion and Al & Doreen Fagg had a party in their honor—they are presently living in Lawton, OK where Ted is affiliated with a bank since his ret. Picked up some of these notes there. Hill Dickinson and Joe St. Clair were there stag, their wives were at the Dickinsons' cabin in Canada where their husbands were joining them that weekend, a 14hr drive and then a boat ride to the cabin which cannot be reached by road. The Griffiths oldest boy is stationed in Europe, Harry heads up DNA. Carl Fitz is also at DNA and has recently moved to Shadyside, MD, to be with his boat. He was engaged in a legal controversy with a neighbor who opposed extending his dock by 100 feet so that he could dock the sailboat. John Maurer returned to the DC area after ret in Europe and has spent his time repairing their home, which was rented for a number of years; also playing some golf but beginning to think about finding a job. Gus Meyerson completed his year as Cmdr of the PA NG Bde and will probably retire next year. Ray Moss is back at work in the Pentagon, office of Asst Sec AF for Log. Ort Spencer has completed his MBA and is now gainfully em-



1949: Wren and Bob Ennis in Piza, Italy, Jul 81.

ployed by one of the Beltway Bandits. **George Pollin** left Sys Planning Corp and has joined Calculon. **Ed Wilford** is back in DC on a part-time basis working in Civil Service.

**Dan Williamson** has left the DC area and has settled in Atlanta where he's helping to care for his father who is quite ill. **Bob Pfeiffer** has joined a travel agency in DC as an account exec and appears to be enjoying the work. **Charley & Cindy Adams** have given up their antique business in Annapolis.

**Art & Barb Kingdom** were excited over the birth of their 3d grandchild, born in Utah and appropriately named **Arthur Kingdom IV**—Barb spent some weeks out their helping their dau-in-law with the new arrival. **Clay & Mary Moran** are also new grandparents. **Tom & Jo Marsh** are still claiming the lead in that department, their 3 daus have produced a total of 7 offspring thus far. **Hugh Kinney** retires from Civil Service on 1 Oct and is looking at some entrepreneur opportunities to tide him over the next couple of years when they will ret to Myrtle Beach. **George & Jean Hoffmaster** also going to spend some time at Myrtle Beach, bought a condo there for summer use.

**Larry Ogden** spent some time with **Jim Hartinger** while in Colo Spgs attending a gas symposium. Larry was recently elected V/P of the Int Gas Assn. Larry was also recently in touch with **Emil Nakfoor** who was visiting **Jack Wogan** and family out in Aspen. The present SA **Robert Marsh** was almost a '49er, many of you who were stationed at Benning prior to entering WP may remember him there in one of the USMAP companies.

**Wren & Bob Ennis** made a summer trip to Europe on a Greek cruise ship, the **Golden Odyssey** from Lisbon to Athens via Cadiz, Palma, Nice, Livorno, Capri and Malta—sounded great. In the accompanying picture the tower is leaning not Bob.

The DC contingent is still about 100 strong and averaging 45 people at our bi-monthly luncheons. **Hugh Kinney** has arranged for our next dinner party which will be held at the Bethesda Nav Hosp O Club in Oct. **Dave Bolte** represented our Class at the Thayer Award ceremony where he ran into **Gil Kirby**, **Art Driscoll** and **Lew Zickel**. Art is still busy working with the fund raisers for WP and Lew is living in the Dobbs Ferry

area involved in land development, I believe. **Harry Griffith** is heading up a cmte for the Class on next years Thayer Award, **Lee Surut** heads up one on nominations for the AOG and **Bill Bumpus** heads up our nomination for the Castle Award.

**Bob Dalrymple** sent along an annual report from Sperry Corp which featured their top officers including **Ab Martin**, V/P Def and Aerospace Gp. Bob hasn't invested in Sperry yet but notes that Ab's impact can't be too bad since he appeared on the scene in 80 and their earnings have increased in 81.

**Bill Lambert** has come along nicely in his recuperation from his heart attack, the doctors are permitting him to play a little golf using a cart—he looks good and warns everyone to cut out smoking. Bill and Jeanne completed the sale of their home in MD and have taken off for ret in FL.

**Paul Monahan's** son **David**, a grad of Bowman-Grey Med Sch at Wake Forest, is an intern at Letterman Army Hosp at the Presidio. Paul has rediscovered his musical talent and is playing the clarinet in the Northern VA Symphony for which he also serves on the Bd of Dir.

**Dick Gillespie** is the Asst Dir with the National Council for U.S./China Trade. Has made 5 trips to China since 79. He is presently engaged in trying to arrange a telecommunications exhibit. Dick also passed on word that **Perry Hunnicutt** and his wife own and operate several apartment complexes in Houston and Galveston. Dick looked him up on trips to TX in 79 and 81.



1949: Graduation Eve, West Point 1981: Costa, Griffith, Cadet Fullerton, Fullerton and Kirby.

**Bob Swantz** working for GE in Charlottesville has bought property in the Wintergreen Mtn resort where the Gillespies also own property, Bob is very active in the Wintergreen Owners' Assn.

I hate to close with bad news but as most of you were aware, **Chuck Spettel** had been suffering from lung cancer which resulted in his death in mid-Aug. A very large contingent of classmates turned out for the services at Ft Myer and burial at Arlington. Chuck is survived by **Ebba Jo**, sons **Scott** and **Stewart** and dau **Nancy Stamm** and **Martha**. The family can be reached at 3003 Cunningham Dr., Alexandria, VA 22309.

Another tragic death in our group was the unexpected death of **Rick Baumann**, 25 yr-old son of **Lew & Pat Baumann** who died in his sleep early in Sept. The **Baumanns** can be reached at 6822 Reynard Dr., Springfield, VA 22152.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the two families.

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## BEAT NAVY

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# '50

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Fall is in the air, and an ASSEMBLY deadline is right around the corner. You should receive this in early Dec; how about sending me a note with news of you and/or your family?

Before giving you the news, I'd like to make you aware of the fact that ASSEMBLY space is at a premium. This Class has been fortunate in having rather lengthy columns, thanks to your sending me news; please continue to do that! However, now the scribes are asked not to make parenthetical remarks ("Congratulations," "Nice Work," etc.) which will further have to be edited. It's been nice all these years to make this column sort of a letter to you all, but I respect the editor's problem, and will try to comply.



1950: Duncan, Fray, McCormick, Roush, Davis, Prosser, Kuyk and Miller in Seattle-Tacoma.

Received the good news in Aug of **Bill Ward's** promotion to MG, the highest rank attainable in the U.S. Army Reserve. Bill took command of the 12,000 member 77th USAR last Feb. He and Elaine live in Suffern, NY. Bill is VP of a NYC investment and real estate mgmt firm.

**Jack & Bev Macmull** are back at their old stomping grounds, Ft Bragg, where Jack is Cdr XVIII Abn Corps & Ft Bragg; hope to see more of them now. **Blackie & Mary Bolduc** are living in Columbia, SC, at least temporarily; Blackie was Cdr of Ft Jackson, SC, before ret in Aug. **Volney & Janice Warner** have returned to the DC area from FL, after his ret in Jul; Volney is going to be one busy person in his job with Rhein Mattel.

**Boyd Bashore** recently made a trip to Korea on business. **John Wickham** was out of the country, but **Skip Scott**, who is John's new dpty, took Boyd and **Jere & Lou Sharp** to dinner; Jere had arrived only a few days before as the new Ch KMAG. Boyd tried



1950: MG Ward, USAR.



1950: Eek Works on layout of 30-50 Book.

to call Eddie Ramos to congratulate him: Eddie has been promoted to LTC and appointed VCS on Pres Marcos' new cabinet; that's a 3d hat for Eddie, for he retains his 2 other jobs as Ch of the Philippino Constabulary and Integrated National Police.

Dave Pettit sent a postcard from St. Tropez; he has a client with a villa there, and said he shocked everyone by going swimming with his bathing suit on. He had dinner with a French family there—their telescope is focussed on Brigitte Bardot's pool—"Honest!" Dave was leaving for Switzerland the next day, where he had another client, "so you can see this is all business."

Leo & Marilyn Romaneski had a great visit with all their '50 friends at WP in May, when Leo went to lecture the cadets in the Dept of Mechanics. Bob & Peg Wilson had dinner for them the night before, so they were able to see the Camerons, Herberts, Reinharts and Rogers.

Did you all see Volney Warner and Jack Mackmull on TV in Jun? Volney was interviewed by Tom Brokaw on the subject of the readiness of the REDCOM. Jack spoke about women in the Army; both expressed their views well, which was no surprise.

Jack Allen spent an evening in Jul with Bob & Martha Morrison, who live in Irvington, VA. Jack said their home is beautiful—the center section built in 1840, with additions on both ends and an extra home on the property. Bob has finished building a large dock for his sailboat. They had just returned from a vacation in Bermuda, travelling on their own boat—6 days over, 2 weeks there, and 6 days back. Bob was teaching an intermediate sailing class at the local yacht club.

Lyman & Sarah Anne Hammond have ret to the Virginia Beach area, where they'll find several classmates. Lyman manages to keep busy as the director of the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk. Leo & Muriel Wegner finished up their Army career at Carlisle Bks, and after ret moved to Pebble Beach, CA. Leo has promised some news at Xmas time about their new life out West.

Tom & Bonnie Sharp's Xmas letter (late for 80 or early for 81?) arrived in Jul. Their lives remain full of "hectic joy." Son Tom, a HS soph. has been a football player since he was 8, and much of the family activity revolves around interest in his playing; he is also busy with track and wrestling, is an honor student and beginning to look at col-

leges. Toby, 14, is enthusiastic about basketball and baseball, and is working toward becoming an Eagle Scout. Tom Sr. has full days in building up his new real estate investment corp; has finished a 3-year tour on the Bd of Gov of the Orange County WP Society, but is still active in cadet candidate work. Bonnie teaches English, Speech and Drama, finished a third year as deacon in their church, continues to head the AAUW Dana Sharp Memorial Music Fund, which now provides over 50 instruments to disadvantaged children in the county each school year.

The Animal Rescue League of Western PA put out an enthusiastic news release when Clark Martin joined them in the spring of 81 as their Exec VP. In Jun, Clark received an award entitled "Commander Ordre National du Merite" at the French Embassy in DC in recognition of his job as Ch of the Office of Def Cooperation—France, while in Paris 1977-1980.

Bill & Sue Davis flew out to Ft Lewis, WA, in Jul to visit their son who is a company exec and weapons platoon leader in the 9th Div, before going off on a delightful trip to Victoria and Vancouver, BC. They went through the Crittenberger Library at Ft Lewis, which is a beautiful memorial. This was a deeply moving experience for Bill who knew Jack from age 9 when they were kids at Ft Knox together. Harvey Prosser and Clark Duncan organized a Seattle-Tacoma Luncheon, and someone had a camera on hand. They all look great and are thoroughly enjoying the northwest. A perfect ending for Bill and Sue was a trip through the San Juan Islands with Harvey & Maris Prosser on their elegant converted tug.



1950: Tullidge-Farrell wedding.

Drew & Kay Rutherford, out in Salinas, CA, have a business named Regency Antiques, which plans and arranges 2 tours each year to England. The tours are limited to 15 persons, and will appeal (as the name implies) to people interested in antiques. Drew and Kay lived in England for 3 years, and have been in the antique business since 71. The tours leave from L.A. but can take care of anyone wherever they might live. News of the Rutherfords: Drew keeps in shape by running and has taken part in several short races including the Ft Ord 7, Soledad Mission and Spreckles Runs—the latter 2 were 10 km; "My macho image was damaged when several females dashed past me." Kay is a Kelly Girl now, having interesting different jobs in different places. Drew and Kay were expecting a gathering of the clan in Jul: Middle daughter, Andrea, plus husband Ian and new baby Tara, were coming from Dubai where Ian is the country manager for American Express; older daughter Cindy plus husband and 2 children, were flying out from Tampa; meanwhile, Kitty is taking

summer courses in San Diego so that she can register as a junior this fall. The Rutherfords see the Grows on an almost daily basis; Bob is still into flying—he instructs in fixed wing and soon will have his instructor permit for helicopters.

Frank & Frances Thompson became grandparents on 5 Jun 81 when daughter Terri Eggers and her husband presented the Thompsons with a 9lb 2oz grandson named Eric. Frank says Eric is preordained to graduate with the 200th anniv class at WP, Class of 2002. Frank and Frances took their travel trailer down to Titusville, FL, for the event and SLEPT in it each night—"Smart, eh?"

There are several weddings to mention. The first is the double wedding of Ed & Marcy Wests' daughters, Rebecca and Stephanie on Father's Day 79. We spoke of it in a previous column, but Ed just sent the picture, accompanied by a nice letter. On the left is Steffie who married Michael Lieberman; they live here in Alexandria, VA. Becki on the right married Bruce Lev; they live in Philadelphia and are the parents of Joshua Brandon Lev. The Wests left Pittsburgh last year, sold their condo in Ft Lauderdale and have moved to a new home in Tamarac, FL. They are embarked on a new business venture; Ed helped found a company 3 years ago called Agripost, Inc. They took the company public last May and have a contract with Dade Co, FL. The company has a proprietary method for solid-waste disposal: converting solid waste into soil conditioner or fertilizer with 100% resource recovery and zero adverse environmental impacts.

The next wedding to report was 25 Oct 80 in Staunton, VA, when Anne Garland Tullidge, Tom's & Flo's daughter, married Thomas Francis Farrell II, Peter's and Joan's son. This is the first wedding, to my knowledge, of 2 children of our classmates. See the picture which shows the bride and groom with the Tullidges on the left and the Farrells on the right. Flo sent news of their family: The newlyweds live here in Alexandria where Tom is a lawyer. Their other daughter Agnes is also married to a lawyer and they, with their 3 children live in Richmond, VA. Son Tom is in UVA Law School.

On 21 Jun 81 Ensign Alan Davis Lewis, Ben's and Malvene's son, married Cheryl Ann Benn in Vernon, NJ. The young couple is living in Sacramento, CA. On 7 Aug 81 Dick & Marilyn Cody were on hand in Weatherford, TX, when son Richard Neal Jr. married June Tinsley; the young Codys are living in College Station, TX, where he is a Sr at TX A&M and she teaches learning disabled students at the local high school.



1950: Ed West's Father's Day.



1950: Welzel-Mangas wedding: The Steeles; the Lodewicks; Cloyce, Sherry, Ron, Joan, Laurie and Jean Eek; and the deGrafs.

Cloyce & Joan Mangas drove from IN to Alexandria in Aug to be here on the 15th for the wedding of their son Ronald Brian to Sherry Ann Welzel.

If any of you are in historic Fredericksburg, VA, you might want to stop in at the Country Sampler, Ltd., a new shop in a 200 year old building, opened by Lou's & Rose Genuarios' daughter, Donna Hart. It specializes in folk art, Williamsburg collectibles, country furnishings, etc. Then if you journey up to Olde Towne Alexandria, VA, you'll find PRINTS AND NOT PRINTS, an art store recently opened by Rufe & Nancy Smiths' daughter, Dana.

Ardath Wilson wrote of a joint effort "do" to say farewell to Volney & Janice Warner just before they left FL. The fun took place at Ardath's in Indian Rocks Beach, FL. In addition to the Warners and Ardath were G.G. & Shirley Thomas from Bradenton, Dick & Ruth Newton from St. Pete, and Emmett Lee from Tampa (Rowland was in TX). A good time was had by all.

News of Ed & Lee Pierces' young people: Lynn graduated from William and Mary Law Sch in Jun of 81; Nancy is a C.P.A. working with a bank in Denver; Eddie is in his 3d year at the U of Houston on a swimming scholarship—he's majoring in Hotel and Restaurant Mgmt; Kathy is 16, a H.S. Jr. She's been to 2 jr. National Swim Meets in 81.

Norm Hubbard called in Sept. He and Dahl have settled down in Albuquerque, enjoying the lovely southwest; Carl & Dottie Stone are also out there, representing the Class of '50. Tom Strider was in the DC area for a few weeks in Sept and we saw him at '50 Bridge. Dave & Bev Monihan became grandparents again in Apr; their daughter Colene and her husband Tom Lewis had a little girl, Bethany Sarah, who has a 2-year-old sister, Heather—the family lives in Phoenix.

Just received a fine newspaper article from Mary Bolduc about Blackie's ret ceremony at Ft Jackson. There were several fine pictures of the family. Paul, Ruth and Tim Gorman drove down for the occasion. As Blackie and the family left the Post for the last time, senior NCO's lined the streets from the reception to gate, rendering the hand salute as the last tribute. Blackie is going to school (tax accounting and pesticides?) in Columbia; he and Mary have rented a home for this next school year, and then will be off to TX for their permanent ret site.

Many of '50 are working hard on the final stages of the 30-50 book. You're going to be surprised at the number of people who have sent in pictures and family histories. Those laboring the hardest say they hope

to have the book in the mail right after Xmas. We all owe them a debt of thanks.

I regret deeply passing on the news of Harry R. Steffensen's death in nearby Vienna, VA, on 19 Sept 81 of a heart attack. Steff ret from the AF in 73 and had been the Asst Finance Dir of Fairfax County, here in VA. I know you all join me in extending sympathy to Lois and their children: Janet Johnson, Carol Huff, and Jim. They can all be reached at Lois' home address: 320 Broadlead Dr, Vienna, VA 22180.

Please write and send me your news. Remember, deadlines are the last day of Dec, Mar, Jun and Sept.

# '51

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Al Akers left the Pentagon to take command of Ft Jackson. Elmer Pendleton moved from REDCOM J4 to become the REDCOM J3. And Bob Yerks hung up his three stars this past summer along with a passel of 30-year veteran classmates. To my knowledge, the class of '51 has only general officers on active duty now except for Jim Phillips, Commanding EPG at Huachuca. All of you who have ret, please drop me or Doris Buell a card with your new address. And speaking of retirements, Doris Buell, our Class admin officer, is ret in Feb. She will continue working for the Class, Her address is: 4301 Columbia Pike, Apt 511, Arlington, VA 22204—Tel: (703) 920-2907.



1951: Myers, Weyand, and Quinn.

A former H1 plebe—now commanding the 24th Inf Div—sent me the photo of Bill Grugin along with some nice words about his former company firstie. Bill & Betty have settled in GA. Frank & Carla Bashore dropped a card that they moved from TX to Albuquerque, NM 87111 at 8605 Cherry Hills Rd, NE. Bruce & Dolly Bailey have moved from MA to Bristol, CT—but I have no address. Paul & Sarah Coughlin decided at the last minute NOT to move to FL. Paul is now an acct exec in Vienna, VA, with



1951: The So. VA Gentlemen—Henney, Prehn, Aaron and Wardrop.



1951: Buzz Aldrin and Sam Dickens.

Merrill Lynch—willing and able to help you with your investment needs. Travellers George & Anne Meighen stopped in Demopolis, AL, this past summer to see Barnett De Ramus. Baron & Betsy are renting an old home in downtown Demopolis until they build their grand home on 35 acres of land outside town. Dewey & Kitty Detar had a wonderful visit with Lew & Marilyn Casbon in CO this past summer. The Casbons were sorry they missed the reunion but their daughter, Linda, graduated from college that weekend. They are building a cabin near Gore Pass and the Detars spent 2 nites there with them. Dewey & Kitty also ran into Dave Abshire in San Fran. Dave was in Saudi Arabia during the reunion and could not be with us. In Aug, Ted & Betty Griesinger were hosts at their MA home for a New England lobster feast and clambake honoring classmates who were attending the Exec Program at JFK School of Govt at Harvard. The Harvard attendees were Atkeson, Fant, McGann, Rockwell, and Helene Boatner—Jim's sister who is with the State Dept. Bicher, Elmblad, Foss, Horgan and Ross also attended the mini-reunion. Jerry Reeve's wife, Carol, was vacationing in the area and attended with the other wives. John Ross is a Boeing rep in the area working on AWACS. Don & Elaine McGann came from CO and the next day left for U of Penn where their daughter, Cam, is entering med sch. Pete & Marie Foss are planning other



1951: The Russells with the Bradleys.

ways to spend their money now that tuition payments are over—children Mike and Mary graduated with honors in Jun and daughter Deborah, an engr with Corning, married in Jun. George Bicher joined Chas. T. Main, Inc. of Boston in 1979 and a few months ago he was elected a VP. George supervises the construction mgt svcs and directs activities of project and construction mgrs on field assignments. Phyllis confirms however that George is still an avid long distance runner, participating occasionally in road races.

Mike & Maria Mallea graciously hosted



1951: M-1 thirty years later.

our fall social this past Oct in DC. As you may remember, Mike was recalled by his govt at the end of yearling year. At that time, the Supe gave Mike full rights and privileges as a '51-er. Now Mike is back with us as the mili attaché from Argentina—and as a general. The touch of Latin charm made for a memorable evening of enjoyment. In Nov, Navy hosted the 2d annual Class of '51 Army-Navy luncheon at Bolling—just prior to the game. And now, mark your calendars for the Spring Fling the weekend of 25-28 Mar 82. Pete Clay is coordinating this annual southeastern mini-reunion which will be held at the Sea Palms Resort. Daily room rates at the Sea Palms Inn are expected to be about \$65 per couple with condos available for 2 or 3 couples wanting to share. There are several special events that can be planned such as boat trips, oyster roasts, tennis and golf, etc. Pete has put together a package—write to him direct at: Sea Gate Inn, 1014 Ocean Blvd, St. Simons Island, GA 31522 (Tel: 912-638-8661). Although world-wide attendance is encouraged, you might want to see if there is any interest in your region to having a Spring (or Fall) Fling. One reason we think they have been so successful is that they are smaller than the reunions at WP and people really have a chance to visit with each other on a more personal basis.

**FEATURED REGION—VIRGINIA:** The Great Commonwealth, less the Northern "Power Center" is represented by Pete

Prehn, who ret from the Army as Compt, Ft Eustis, in 79 and stayed on in Newport News. Pete reports the Class population in his area appears to be on the downswing. Anyone knowing of classmates moving into the area—please get in touch with Pete. One recent returnee is Tom McMullen, who pinned on his 3d star last year and came back to Langley as Vice Cmdr of TAC. Tom and Clara hope to see Tom Jr. in AF blue soon. Tom Jr. is a recent Radford grad and has already applied for entrance into pilot training. Son Jack is a freshman at VPI with aspirations for a career in Engineering. Daughter Susan is a budding artist in Columbus, OH. Tom reports attending Billy Ellis's ret in Aug at Shaw AFB. Billy & Barbara plan to stay on in Sumpter, SC. Tom also reported a recent telephone conversation with Matt Collins, including the fact that Matt will be undergoing a serious operation in Wilkes Barre, PA, in the near future. Pete also talked recently with Britt Doty—seems she and Kie have acquired a 100-year-old house on a 100-acre-farm in Amelia County near Richmond. Restoration of the house will be their project for some time to come. Daughter Elizabeth is a sr at Mary Baldwin and hopes to pursue a med career via the Army ROTC program. Another daughter, Britt Catherine is working in the real estate business in Northern VA. Sons Kie III and Gordon are in HS. Kie is with the Army Rsv Ctr in Richmond as a civil servant. Paul & Jill Summers continues to enjoy Charlottesville where Paul is in the financial planning business and Jill raises horses at "Knole." We're all hoping Army will schedule VA in the not too distant future. Some of us still have pleasant memories of a great after-game party with Paul & Jill some years ago! Bob ORLIKOFF was living in Williamsburg until recently, but his landlord reports Bob has taken off to sail around the world. Sounds like the great American Dream many of us would like to pursue. Pete was able to get 4 of the Class together recently with Fred Henney's help. Dr. Fred Henney is asst to the Pres of Thomas Nelson Community College—one of the largest in VA. Fred received his doctoral

degree some years ago from William and Mary. He and Carolee hope to see Fred Jr. commissioned as Ensign Henney at the Naval OCS, Newport, RI. Daughter Valerie is an electrical designer with the Newport News Shipyard and Cynthia is a stewardess with Delta flying out of Atlanta. Wife Carolee is teaching the 6th grade. Pete Prehn is Dean, Finance and Admin at Rappahannock Community College, a sister institution to Fred's, so the 2 of them are able to get together in that forum. Wife Cathy is a tng supervisor in the Army's Inst for Professional Dev, a TRADOC activity at Ft Eustis. Tom & Barbara Aaron live in Hampton where Tom is in the financial planning business—but tries not to let it interfere with his golf. Their daughter Cynthia, a Radford grad, teaches school. Their other daughter, Suzanne, is a Sr Business Admin student at VPI and was recently married to Mickey Gunter, a grad student in Geology at VPI. Rounding out the "other than Northern" area of VA are Dan & Noreen Wardrop. Dan ret several years ago and is more or less taking life easy, although he has done a stint of jr hi teaching, but continues to look for something a bit more challenging. He and Noreen reside in Williamsburg and try to keep track of daughter Daneen, a musician in MI and daughter Karen, who is trying to break into the theater as a dancer in Seattle.

Elsewhere in the column is a pic of some of the Southern gentlemen of VA. Thank you Pete Prehn. Next issue will feature the CA region under rep Mert Bangerter (in Mar, George Meigh is volunteering).



1951: Krupinski, Samotis and Russ Johnson.

**FROM HOLLY'S NOTEBOOK:** Al & Mary Akers' son Frank is in Tulsa, OK, as a jr exec with a large construction firm. Daughter Martha was a counselor at a tennis and horseriding academy in TX after completing her freshman year of pre-law at Baylor—she then was off to Europe as a participant in the "Baylor in London" program studying Elizabethian poets. Ted & D'Arcy Charneys' son Doug is a sr at Penn State on an ROTC scholarship, daughter Chrissy is a hi school sr and member of the national honor society. Ted is a ski instructor in the winter at Roundtop when he is not planning for reaction to nuclear power plant accidents and other natural or man-made disasters in job in the PA Emergency Mgmt Agcy. According to D'Arcy, Ted is really a jock at heart—she's had to "join him" in these endeavors or she would never see him. Sandy Cortner is also a planner with the PA Emergency Mgmt Agcy—but in Harrisburg, while Ted is in Kingston. Sandy's & Nancy's oldest daughter Cathy has already provided them with a grandson; Jennifer is a freshman at Lafayette; and Laura is in hi school—and the 3 generations are all in Carlisle. Bill Cuthbertson is owner of BAW-



1951: The Scheiders with the McDonalds.



1951: The Peckhams with Peggy Byers.

CUT Enterprises. He develops real estate, land and mineral interests and operates the Natchez KOA & Wild-n-Wet Water Slide. Wife Millett is an advisor for the local Protestant Home Board, Regent DAR Chapter, and a piano teacher. Pete Foss forgot to mention earlier that wife Marie is a successful exec with John Hancock Insurance. Marie is asst dir of the employee's organization. **Barry Harriss** is Dir of Public Works & County Engr in Putnam County, FL. Barry manages repair and maintenance of the county roads, bridges, sanitation collections, and is responsible for mosquito control—and keeps at least a majority of the county commission happy at all times. Wife Phyllis is in the computer service business. Youngest daughter graduated from UFL this past summer; other daughter in Macon, GA, and son in Deland, FL. Once in a while, Barry sees **George Harman** who is assoc managing dir of Jacksonville Electric Authority. **George Meighen's** father is 93—God Bless. "T" Nance's wife Nancy attends Metro State for double degree in English & Communications. The Nances live in Aurora just east of Denver but still have their home in the mountains 80 miles west of Denver in Ski Country USA—Frisco, CO. Oldest son is MAJ John Spears Jr, WP '71, instructor with BS&L Dept at the Academy. Comments from "T" Nance: **John Cousins**—Chief, Ohio Dept of Natural Resources in Columbus, OH. **Jimmie Cox**—most successful lawyer in Memphis, has own firm and other banking



1951: Betty watching Galvin '54 pinning two LM's on Bill Grugin.

interests. **Bunker Elmsblad**—most successful private investor living outside Boston. **Ted Criesinger**—most successful int businessman with major interests in Mid-East. **Jake Jacobs**—lives in McLean, VA, and works for engineering firm that builds airports worldwide. He would have been at reunion but had son graduating from UVA. **Del Ring**—ret near Dayton, OH, and raises and trains horses on a large farm. **Mel Snyder**—graduated from law school at UWV and remarried—running for DA last year in WVA. **Jim O'Neil**—most successful lawyer in St. Paul, MN—he's a workaholic, but happy and doing great. Thank you T-Nance for info about your M2 classmates. The Hawaiian holiday **Bill & Lil Edler** took this past summer was to celebrate getting out of the Regional Rep barrel as Bill, knowing a live one when he sees one, handed over the McLean, VA, area keys to **Chuck Ewing**. **Betty & Chuck Ewing** also got out of town long enough to visit colleges with daughter Cindy, a sr at Dana Hall, and go fishing in the Poconos. And finally, **Jim Boatner** was spotted getting a razor cut in the Ft Myer barbershop before appearing as best man at his sister's wedding.



1951: Libby and Shy pinning 3d star on Ernie.

Many more kudos to **Red Leffler** for his continuing herculean efforts to put together our 30th yearbook. With the enthusiastic support and help from all involved, Red is staying on his schedule to have the book distributed during the first months of the new calendar year. The first inputs are at the printer. And the last item, monies, have trickled in to refurbish the Class fund for day-to-day operations. Anyone who can afford a few dollars please send to: **Don Zurawski**, 15712 Broadford Dr., Laurel, MD 20810.

# '52

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Merry Christmas! And, thanks to all who contributed names this quarter.

**Otis Moran** forwarded me a couple of reports this quarter, which I am combining below: "**Bert Stubblebine's** change of command ceremony was very impressive at Arlington Hall Station on 7 May 1981 when he became Cmdr, INSCOM. There were troops, staff, band, VIP's and spectators and the weather was cooperative—sunny. The VCS introduced Bert who then made a short inspiring speech concerning the cmd's worldwide role. On 9 Jul 1981, I attended **Bill Moore's** promotion ceremony in the Pentagon. His promotion to major general also precipitated a move to Korea. He is now the J3,



1952: The Horney Holidays gang.

USFK, APO SF 96301. In attendance were Bill's lovely wife, **Jacque**, his lovely daughters, **Leslie** and **Lisa**, and '52ers **Ed Thompson**, **Dick Larkin**, **Al Griffin** and **Otis Moran**! The DC contingent held its Sept luncheon at the Ft McNair O' Club. Business: **Al Griffin**, **Bill Raiford** and **Dick Larkin** were nominated for Class Pres. The Class will receive ballots in the mail in Oct. **Birt Kidwell** gave a glowing report of the activities scheduled for our 30th Reunion next May. Birt will mail information to all in Oct 81. A new 7 member Exec Cmte was elected to preside over the mundane activities of the Class for the next 3 years. These members are **Hank Lowder**, patrol leader, **Ralph Cline**, **John Keeley**, **Sam Hubbard**, **Birt Kidwell**, **Frank Pimentel**, **Otis Moran**. In attendance at the luncheon were **John Bovard**, **Paul Brown**, **Al Griffin**, **John Kenney**, **Birt Kidwell**, **Dick Larkin**, **Don Lasher**—a welcome new face in the area—**Hank Lowder**, **Otis Moran**, **Frank Pimentel**, **Bill Raiford**, **Scott Shipe**, **Jim Sullivan**. Trivia: Talked to **Jack Quinn** last week. He and **Kay** now reside at 19 Sheridan Dr, Ft Riley, KS. They plan to ret next year and remain in the Ft Riley area. **Jack** professed to see **Gar Weed**, ret, and **Willie Snyder** (ROTC) on occasion. **Jack** has departed for Germany to participate in exercise 'Reforger' as the 'Elderly Statesman.' **David Ahearn** has moved from Alexandria to El Paso, TX. **Ralph & Carol Cline** spent the last weekend in Aug with 'Nib' and 'Mid' **Niblack** and **Lou & Jane Davis** at the **Niblack** home in Highlands, NC. A good time was had by all. **Nib** is going to **Gunsmith Sch** graduation Feb 82—How about a picture **Emmitt**? **Ralph** said that **Lou** still had a big appetite. Still trying to catch up for 4 years of running track. More Trivia: **Jack Pilk**, **Dayton Pickett** and **Becky Pickett** were observed playing racquetball in the Pentagon OAC, 25 Jul 81. **Don & Claire Sells**, **Jack & Carol Burkheimer**, **Paul & Pat Brown**, **Wes & Jean Jones**, **Paul & Ann Malone** (a.k.a. Dr. Horatio Horney) just returned (Jul) from a week in Bermuda all tanned, loquacious and flashing pictures of people who 'haven't changed' since 52 with beautiful scenery in the background. Please visualize all of the



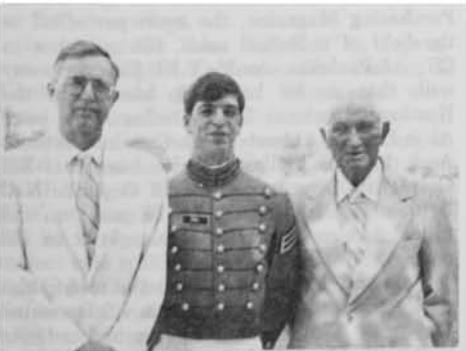
1952: Three generations of Lashers.



1952: The Browns, Stubblebines, Moore, the Thompsons, Putnams, Kay Paluh, and the Morans at Bert's Change of Command.

folks mentioned wearing crash helmets, yellow tee shirts, riding mo-peds and terrorizing the island natives and tourists. The Hampton Princess would not permit them to make reservations next year—I am told they are planning a mo-ped assault on Ft Putnam to commemorate our 30th. I plan to observe.”

Paul Malone reported further on the Bermuda trip and enclosed a photo which you may find with this article. Paul reports, “Ann and I are preparing for the Aug wedding of our daughter, Marylee. I'm now the Asst Dean for Undergraduate Prog at the Sch of Govt and Business Admin at GWU. The attached snapshot shows motorized advanced elements of the most recent Horney Holidays Task Force during its recent invasion of Bermuda (Jul, 1981). The operation, the 3d in the Horney Holidays series, consisted of 8 couples to include 5 from the Class of '52 (mentioned above). The group spent a week at the Southampton Princess Hotel in Bermuda making quite an impression on the local inhabitants with their yellow and red Horney Holidays tee shirts and secret code rings made of genuine KRYPTONITE. The origins of the 'Horney Cult' can be attributed to Dr. Horatio Horney, who earned a PhD in joyiatrics (fun for the dull-witted). Committed to the mood of middle-aged mirth and madness, Horatio developed a non-profit tour group in 78. The first 2 expeditions were a week in Acapulco (79) and a Caribbean cruise (80). Horatio is considering the organization of a 3-day stay in a posh Atlantic City casino/hotel immediately following the Class of '52 30th Reunion. Long-range plans include a cruise to the Greek Is during the summer of 83. Horatio works through his Dir of Cultural Operations, Paul Malone, who works out of a tiny office in his basement. If you can pass



1952: Three generations of Rehms.

the rigorous qualification criteria (middle-aged, heterosexual couple willing to leave cares and kids behind) and are interested on getting on the Horney Holidays mailing list, contact Paul Malone at 3420 Holly Rd, Annandale, VA 22003.”

Don Lasher sent a photo of 3 generations of Lashers at the promotion to captain of his son Bill. As Don said, “As you can tell, I have more than the usual reason to write. The photo is a picture of my son, William T. (Class of '77), being promoted to captain on 3 Apr of this year. In case you don't recognize the guy on the left, that is me. On the right, in mufti, is my father, MG (Ret) E. C. R. Lasher '29. This may not be the first time that father and grandfather (both graduates and generals) were on hand to promote a young 1LT (also a grad) to CPT, but it has to be fairly unique. I am now the CG of the CSC at Ft Belvoir. Nadia and I also live on post and, even though we are in the DC area, we haven't seen many classmates since we have been here. You know how that goes. In any event, we would welcome any and all who come our way to stop by and see us on their way. We did see the Lowders, the Parks and the Weinerts at the Ft Belvoir Founders Day dinner. They all seemed to be happily busy and prospering.”

Mary Rehm sent me another 3 generations picture taken at Tom Jr's graduation with USMA '81 in May. Tom's dad is Class of '20.

I received a photo of Barbara & Ed McKnight, left over from Founders Day, when Ed, as CG of Ft Gordon, was host and final speaker.

Bill Raiford sent me a 6 Jul 81 Washington Post article by John Keeley discussing his frustration with the dichotomies of command in the Army of recent past. John indicated that giving command responsibility without command authority is high among the reasons why command is avoided by many and figured significantly in his ret in 76.

Bill also mentioned, in passing, a book he wrote in 67. “West Point and the Society of the Cincinnati.” From a limited edition of 300, less than 80 copies remain. A free copy can be obtained by writing Bill directly. If any other classmates have written books, it would be helpful to know how a copy of any and all could be obtained. How about forwarding such information to me for inclusion in the Class article? Who have written books?

Bill Duncan wrote to say hello and to forward a copy of a report he had written for

his family of this year's annual training period as a member of the DE NG. With a trip to Korea included to participate in a major field exercise, he had a very eventful and interesting time, the highlight of which was a reception and dinner at the “Blue House” with the Pres of the ROK (among 50 American and 50 Korean senior officers). Bill continues as the 2-star Cdr of the “one of a kind” reserve component, DE NG, ACC Affiliated, TCC(A)-261 Theater Comm Cmd (Army). He also continues out of uniform as physician/admin of St. Francis Hosp in Wilmington DE.

Dick Stanier wrote to inform me he returns to MI in early Sept 81, to manage Tele-dyne Continental Motor's competitive entry for the “High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle” program to replace several current vehicles including the Jeep and Gamma Goat. He enjoyed his part of the Centurian program in Jordan, including the people he met. King Hussein, himself, was among those Dick had a chance to brief. Dick's principal regret is the hepatitis that threw him for a complete loop last Xmas, including a month at home recuperating. (Although the illness extended his stay, he'd have been home anyway, so it definitely wasn't worth it.) Vonny stayed busy with assorted activities (including bringing Dick back to life last Xmas) but is most pleased that Dick's 20 months in Jordan are now behind him.

In Palatka, last month, I bumped into a young man who used to work for me in Korea a few years back and who also happens to be the son-in-law of Gene Stokes. He informed me that Gene is still the Coordinator of Contract Ops in the Trans Dept of the County of Sarasota, FL.



1952: Ed and Barbara McKnight.

Vann Brewster phoned me the other day and followed up with a letter. He's been in St. Petersburg, FL, for about a year, (having accepted a job as Med Dir of FL Power Corp. He and Babs are building a home on the water and expect completion in Nov. All classmates will be welcomed; phone number 522-6192. The naming of their children has displayed a trace of nostalgia. Their 5-year-old is named Grey, after the “Long Gray Line,” and their 10-year-old's middle name is Honor. The full lineup is Noel 16, Joy 12, Holly 10, and Grey 5. Vann thinks that Graham Hildebrand is in Sarasota.

Jim Spence writes from Costa Mesa, CA: “Tom Murphy and wife also live in Costa Mesa. Saw Tom at the WP summer social last month and they're fine. Tom's marketing manager for a local electronics firm. Earlier this summer Jack Foley, King Cogman, Tom Harrington and I had a long lunch together. Jack is the big man in charge of the Laguna Niguel Water Dist (controls the water for southern Orange County); King

Coffman just joined the search firm of Recruiting Svcs Inc. and is another happy headhunter. Tom Harrington is a big stock broker with Sutro (an ole line CA firm.)

A Class daughter, Nancy Eckert Selleck, reports, "My parents Ed & Pat Eckert are still in Roswell, NM. Dad is the senior instr for Jr. ROTC at NM Mil Inst. He seems quite happy and I think enjoys the reasonable hours. He finds working with high schoolers a real challenge. Mom is the cadet hostess which she is well suited for. She loves it provided she can find someone else to chaperone the dances! They moved into their beautiful custom built home in Dec. Cheryl (the oldest daughter), is an E-4 in Bayonne, NJ, and should be Korea bound come Oct. She's looking forward to it. Jim, the only son, is a junior at CO State U. He hasn't made any final decisions yet about a major. He is ROTC (Army). Can't say we don't support the Armed Forces! Pete (77) and I are happily still at Ft Carson. Pete is B Co. CO in the 4th Engrs. I'm teaching 3d-4th grade and loving it. Pete's parents Pete & Dolly Selleck are on their way to Boston, MA. Pete is finally ret and after many offers accepted a job as a proj mgr in an engr firm in Boston. They bought a gorgeous 50-year-old home in Welsley. Cathy (only daughter) just left Colo Spgs to hunt for nursing job in either Kansas City or Boston. Joe (youngest son) is a freshman at the U of NE." Thanks, Nancy!



1952: Spence, Foley, Coffman and Harrington.

Last week I took a week's leave to concentrate on clearing the mess my builder left in my yard and cutting up the trees in that mess into firewood. It was a monumental task inasmuch as the trees included one 4-ft diameter oak and the builder moved them out of the way and into piles of dirt and debris with a bulldozer. Rescuing me and my weary muscles in mid-week was a call from Hank Carter in Colo Spgs. He and Maysie live about a block away from Jim Cain, across the street and through a school yard. Hank ret from the AF about 2 years ago. He is now engaged in restoring old Mercedes. He has 2 190 SL's now under restoration and expects to be able to price them at \$15,000 to \$25,000 when they're done. He concentrates on restoring every detail like the factory-built original. Jim Cain ret from the Army about 7 years ago. He is teaching school and coaching soccer and is a member of a ski patrol. Hank and Maysie recently stopped at Kemper to visit with Loyd & Liz Rhiddlehoover. Loyd, in turn, had earlier brought his daughter to see the USAFA. She is interested in attending there in a few years. Hank used to see Phil Erdle before Phil went off to Saudi Arabia. Hank has seen Bob Blaik who is in the oil business in Colo Spgs. Bob's father is with him at the moment. Jack Hettinger is said to be somewhere in Colo Spgs, also, but Hank hasn't run into him yet.

Jeff & Micki Knight, the Teckelwood Puppeters, sent me one of their brochures. There's a very good picture of them included.

It's a shame I can't pass it on to you. They have quite a repertoire listed in the brochure. Jeff also reported, "We live on 30 country acres, mostly wooded; raise a few sheep, do a small business in firewood, and clear and replant fir trees at a slow pace. Had to learn electrical wiring and basic plumbing to keep 5 buildings operating. Micki spins and knits our wool sometimes. As a would-be engr, I finally got my own bulldozer—a small D-4 equipped for forest work. For excitement Micki and I trained to be ambulance medics for the local volunteer ambulance service. We serve mostly during the weekdays when almost all the other attendants 'work out' in jobs away from here. Doing CPR on a heart attack case going Code 3 into the hosp is almost as exciting as a night tactical jump. Son Cliff is 52's rep for the Class of 84 at USMA. Occasionally, Cliff sees Bobby Garver, who just entered with the Class of 85. Son Fred is a LT in the combat engr with the OR NG. Realizing Micki had talent in her 25-year hobby, I joined her in puppeteering. We helped start OR's only puppetry guild in 78, and our guild hosted the first Pacific NW Regional Puppetry Festival last Feb. So, it's life in the slow lane. But we're working harder and busier than in the Army. The latchkey is out for classmates, with plenty of room. We're only one hour from Portland airport."

I had occasion to speak to Bill Schroeder this past week. He and Joan were about to go to Costa Rica for the weekend on behalf of EF Hutton. Bill informed me that Joe Santilli's wife Donna seems to be recuperating fine after her hospitalization. He also reported seeing Jim Campbell on TV the other night. It seems that Jim was the latest victim of a sinkhole in central FL. One opened up in his backyard. Bill also reported that Bob McQuarrie, ex '52 E-1 plebe, now lives at Cedar Key. He owns a Baskin Robbins there.

George Tronsue writes that he and Florie "are happily settled in San Diego—a climate and environment that are just hard to beat! I'm in my 4th year with Dean Witter Reynolds, and Florie likes putting finishing touches on a home that we won't be moving away from every few years. Last May we belatedly celebrated our 25th wedding anniv only 2½ years late—with a month-long trip to Europe. We visited our son George (USMA '78), wife Elsa, and her granddaughter Lindsay, in Wiesbaden. (They return to Ft Benning at year's end.) We also put 1,800 memorable German, Swiss and Austrian road-miles on a Hertz car. While in Wiesbaden, we talked briefly with P.B. & Ann Malone, who were visiting their son P.B. IV also USMA '78). We also rode the rails to Brussels and spent a couple of days with Steve & Carolyn Nichols at their picturesque country estate—tennis court and all! We had a great visit with 5 years of news to catch up on. Their youngest, Donnie, is now off to college, so their nest is empty, too. Other family news: Barbara leaves her OR job as a prof forester with Int Paper and becomes an Army wife on Dec 12th in San Diego. New son-in-law Jim Sullivan (USMA '78) has an Inf Co. at Ft Lewis. Karin graduated last Jun from UCLA's School of Nursing, and is learning about stress and tough but fascinating jobs in the Intensive Care Unit of Children's Hosp in L.A. We hear quite frequently from Warren & Jan Spaulding in CO. Warren is with CO Sch of Mines at Golden. This was a busy year for them, too, as they became grandparents last spring when Lynne presented them with a granddaughter. Then to keep things really busy, Sara was married



1952: Shipe, Lasher, Sullivan, Kenney, Pimental, Brown, Kedwell, Lowder and Moran.

on June 6th. Mimi goes to college at Durango."

From Army Times: John Cannon ret 30 Jun; and Sam Wetzel has been named to command The Infantry Ctr and Sch at Ft Benning.

The Engineer Update, out of OCE, had a picture of MG Drake Wilson, Dir of Mil Programs. The same issue reported that Jack Gilkey has been named Ch of the Resource Mgt O.

Until the next time, keep those cards and letters coming!

# '53

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The Class was saddened by the death of two classmates this past summer. Roy Fowler passed away of an illness in Alexandria, VA, in Jun. He was interred in Arlington Cemetery. Bob Martin was killed by gunshot while attempting to aid a cashier during the holdup of a cafeteria at his firm in San José.

The DC contingent of the Class, which numbers 81 members at last count, has scheduled a number of events for the coming months as follows: 10 Dec: Christmas Party at Ft McNair with wives; 2 Feb: stag luncheon at Arlington Hall Station; 6 May: luncheon at Evans Farm Inn with wives; 3 Jun: stag luncheon at the Pentagon. In Jun we also plan an outing at Wolf Trap Farm for families. We print this schedule in the hope that some of you visiting DC may be able to join us at some of these events. Just call me at the phone number above or Jim Bam-berry at 693-8412.

The Class of '53 now has a four star general and not all classes can make that boast. Glenn Otis was given his 4th star last summer and is now commanding TRADOC at Ft Monroe. But, the active duty military is not the only segment of the Class that has shown four star performance. The CT segment is doing just fine in the business world as Jim Currie has been selected as one of the top ten industrial salesmen in the US by Purchasing Magazine, the main periodical in the field of industrial sales. His neighbor in CT, Al Paulekas, couldn't let Jim get away with that so he has been chosen as the Northeast Regional Truck Dealer of the year. Al is Pres of Airport Truck Cen in Hartford. And, down in Dallas, TX, we learn that Bill Colvin has been named VP of Republic Natl Bank of Dallas. What else is going on out there? Let me know so I can get it in the next ASSEMBLY.

Nola and I took an extended auto trip this past summer and visited many classmates. Down in Clearwater, FL, we had a great visit with Chad & Joyce Freidersdorff. Chad is a program mgr with Honeywell and they

really enjoy sunbelt living with swimming pool and boat. In El Paso, we visited with the **Oblingers** and **Dalys**. Also, learned that **Sam Fisher** and **Herb Friesen** are living in El Paso area. While visiting our son at Ft Sill, we enjoyed a reunion with **Ed & Sue Dinges** who are living in style at Sheridan House.

Last week brought a chance reunion with **Tom Williams** at a Congressional breakfast. Tom is Sr Advisor to the TX NG and lives in Austin. He was in DC on Guard business. A note from **Ray Eineigl** reports that for a brief period last summer '53 was running WP with **Art Brown** as Acting Supe and Ray as Chief of Staff. You guys should have not allowed the new LTG to take over. Ray also reports that **Jim Endler**, **Art Arduna**, **Curt Brewer**, **Ken Heitzke**, **Al Grum** and **Al Biggerstaff** are also in the WP area. Also, received info that **Bob Dean** is the sculptor on the Eisenhower Monument to be erected at WP.

Don't forget that we are still way under the mark on funding for the 30th reunion gift, which is a room in the library. Send your checks to the West Point Fund. Be sure to designate '53 Fund on your check so that our Class will receive credit.

No pictures this time troops. I need pictures! Thanks to all of you who wrote me.

# '54

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**James A. Williams** not only became the Dir of the DIA but also was promoted to the grade of lieutenant general. Congratulations to Jim for a promotion well deserved, and now we can expect those estimates to be more accurate.

**John Klingberg** and **Colby Ross** have made a Class decision to host a June Week "West" on the 4th, 5th and 6th of Jun at Las Gaviotas, B.C., Mexico which is about 30 minutes south of Tijuana. Those interested please contact: **John H. Klinkberg** c/o Polycamp, 6301 Owensmouth, Suite 308, Woodland Hills, CA 91367.

Letters and news from **Buck Weafer** and **Marie**, who have recently returned from a 3-year tour of duty in Wiesbaden. They returned to CONUS just in time to catch son No. 2, **Bob's** graduation at WP. Son No. 1, **Tom**, is on duty with the FA in Hanau and will make CPT around Xmas time. **Buck** is currently a ROTC Area Cmdr with the 3d Reg Hqs at Ft Riley, KS, with responsibility for MS and AL. **Buck** reports that Ft Riley is absent from any other Class of 54.

**MG Carl McNair '55** sent a note of interest to our Class. **Bob Gomez** and his wife attended son **Pat's** graduation from flight tng at Ft Rucker. **GEN McNair** had just pinned on **Pat's** new wings.

In reading the "Last Roll Call" in Sept issue of ASSEMBLY, I saw that **Robert S. Clarke Jr.** and **John A. Wisniewski** were listed. Anyone having information please call or write as roommates/friends are concerned.

**Ed Agunno** has been reassigned from DCSRADA to DLS, Logistics REDCOM or RDF at Macdill AFB, FL. Ed was on the BG list so I assume that at this printing the correct title is BG Ed Agunno.

**MG Joe Palastra** left CONUS for a tour in Korea as CS 8th Army/US Forces Korea—let's hear from you Joe. **BG Vic Hugo** returned from a tour in Korea to resume duties as Dir, Mgmt, OCSA.

**Frank Hart** has ret and accepted a position with Xerox Corp to study and reorient their training of maintenance and service personnel worldwide. No one is better qualified in new training techniques than he, as Frank has over the past 10-12 years specialized in pushing the state-of-the-art in training and instructional techniques.

**Doug Stuart** ret from DCA/CCTC and will pursue a second career with a management consulting firm in DC. Doug picked up his CPA during his last year on duty. **Phil** and I attended a ret luncheon in his honor, given by his friends in DCA/CCTC. He received some wonderful gifts which included a home made golf club, a nifty jacket which he had worn at his high school graduation and a book from the thrift shop from his wife. Truly a beloved man to receive such wonderful, thoughtful gifts. He seemed to like them almost as much as the brief case, which appeared to be the only new thing he got. Doug gave to us a poem which he had written covering his Army career from the day he first stood on the Plain at the Academy. We were proud and happy to be included as old friends at my former roommate's start of his new career.

**Jim Obendorfer** visited Patrick AFB and met with **Bill Clark** and got a status report on **Carter Cobb**. I had reported earlier in the year that Carter had "Lou Gherig" disease and was having a tough time. His condition has worsened and he is now functioning supported by life-support machines. Our hearts are heavy for Carter and our prayers are for his family at this difficult time for them.

**Walt Evans** gave a fine end of the summer party, several classmates were there and none of us remember anything about trying to call **Lee Levensky** collect from Germany. We do remember talking to **Glemm Matsumoto** who is with USA Troop SA, as Dir of Concepts and Systems at Ft Lee.

Not a very good quarter for news on the Class, so please sit down and write your scribe a letter. My next deadline will be right after Xmas.

# '55

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Oh heavy are the woes of the class scribe! Deadline has arrived! Hardly any news has come in! Scribe off on a business trip! Mike Krisman breathing hot on my heels! What to do? What to do?

Seriously, this has been a very sparse quarter for news and it really is very difficult to write our Class article without any Class news. The problem is obvious. We're all very busy and as many of us turn to 2d



1955: Newton, Wheeler, and Feagin in the snow at Granite Springs.



1955: Doyle, Wilburn, Gay, Hotchkiss and Traut, K-2, '55, 31 July 81.

careers our Class contacts diminish. I would argue, however, that this is just the time when we all most want news of each other. As many of us begin to settle into new careers, possible we can help each other get settled in a new area, provide advice on civ life, or just in general be there if needed. I could propose the following. Once a year if each classmate would just drop me a postcard with some news of yourself or others this article would be a snap and I could do a much better job in getting the news out. Just a postcard! Certainly each of us has time to get off one postcard, once a year. We're all busy, but I dare say not that busy. Please help! I need your support if this is to be a meaningful article each quarter.

Congratulations to **Howie Stone**. Three stars and still moving but I'm sorry to report that **Howie** has a real problem. When you're wearing 6 different hats, how do you get a hat rack that will handle them all? Seems as if **Howie** is now simultaneously the DCG TRADOC; CG CAC; CG, USA CACDA; Cmdt CGSC & SC; CG, Combined Arms Tng Development Activity; and CG USA Disciplinary Bks, Ft Leavenworth, KS. How about a business card? It will need to simultaneously show his name followed by all titles above. I'm sure, however, that **Howie** will solve those tough problems and continue to perform in such a superior manner. We're all very proud of you!

**Carl McNair** sent a short note bringing news of **Dan Dugan**, **Rawleigh Ralls** and **Jack Jeter**. **Dan Dugan** had just returned from Paris where he flew the XV-15, Army-NASA tilt prop rotor advanced research aircraft. It was one of the few advanced R&D aircraft the U.S. had at the Paris Air Show and was a show stealer. **Dan** is a research test pilot for NASA having learned the trade as an Army test pilot before his ret.

In Jun **Carl** was invited to Little Rock by the Gov of AR to attend the swearing in of the new state Adj Gen. **Carl** learned that the AG's son was married to **Rawleigh Ralls's** daughter. **Rawleigh** is now **Dr. Ralls**, a private economics consultant.

In the Pentagon this summer **Carl** bumped into **Jack Jeter** who ret this past summer and returned to SC to run the family parts business. Another '55er moves out into the business world. Thanks, **Carl**, for keeping me up to date on what's going on in your travels.

**John Feagin** is drumming up business for his clinic in Jackson Hole, WY. **Dave**, **Caye** and their 2 children and **Linda**, **Bob** and their 4 children went skiing for 2 weeks this last winter. **Bob** writes that the picture was taken at Granite Spgs—a swimming pool by a 112°F hot spring located about 25 miles from Jackson Hole. The families hiked in 5 miles to enjoy the swim. Good old '55 spirit—just like the Plebe Hike.



1955: The Troboughs

My old Vietnam roomie "Sabu" Gay pinned on the star on 31 Jul. Because I was on a business trip I just couldn't make the ceremony but several classmates did. In addition to the K2 contingent, Zack Hagedorn, Bob Carpenter and Ted Bishop also made the festivities. Ted is now working for my old plebe squad leader (Vol Heiberg L-2, '54). Rest assured that Vol will shape the new BG up. We're proud of you Ted!

As I sit here on 30 Sept writing this article I've realized that it won't appear until the Dec ASSEMBLY. So from Dorothy, your scribe and the Goldstein kids we want to wish you all the happiest and healthiest holiday seasons and hope that the New Year will be one filled with prosperity, health and happiness for all.

'56

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I have just returned from our unforgettable 25th Reunion, and I am still caught up in the spirit of our sentimental journey and this most enjoyable gathering. In the interest of keeping my report as brief as possible, I will constrain myself to passing along only those personal news items that have come to my attention so far. I am supremely confident that Ward Le Hardy will do a masterful job of telling you elsewhere in this issue "how it was" at our 25th.

Unfortunately, I must begin by informing you Nick Bruno recently died as a result of a massive heart failure. I do not have many current facts to report about his family or other pursuits these past few years; however, I believe he had 4 children, Brian (22), Sara (21), Joc (19) and Ellen (16). Nick's last known address, as reported in our Class Twenty Year Book, was 1307 N. 23rd Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160. If there is any other information known about Nick or his family, I would very much appreciate having it to share with all of you as appropriate.

I have also learned that Roland (Rol) Crase died at the Andrews AFB Med Ctr on 16 Jul 81 after a long bout with cancer. Rol was medically retired from the AF several years ago as a LTC and his wife, Myra, and 2 children, Michael and Nancy, reside in Annapolis, MD. Our Twenty Year Book reported that Myra worked for Senator Nunn in '76.

Mel Wuest was severely injured in an auto accident in Boston last Jun. Mel had recently joined the Prudential Ins Co, after many years with IBM, and was one day away from completion of his indoctrination course with Prudential when the accident occurred. He and 3 colleagues were hit head-on by a drunk driver who had no license or insurance and who had a record of similar offenses. One of the three other men in Mel's car was killed instantly, the remainder, like Mel, were seriously injured. The drunk was released with minor bruises and scratches. The femur bone in Mel's right leg was broken in seven places, a large amount of flesh was gouged out of the leg, and his left elbow was crushed. He was returned to a Chicago hospital to be close to his wife Anita and family. By the time you read this, he should be at home recuperating. I am certain Mel and Anita would appreciate hearing from any of you at this very trying time in their lives. Their address is: Melvin R. Wuest, 271 Grandview Ave, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137; phone: (312) 469-8443.



1956: Founders Day 81 at Palace Hotel in Tel Aviv: Coltriel '73, Griffis '60, Morris '73, Gilley '52, (not identified), Green '64, and Wall '56.

I am indebted to Jerry Morgan and his wife Jo Ann for providing this information concerning Mel and this tragic accident, and for doing what they can to help the Wuests through this difficult period. Jerry and Jo Ann have resided in Glen Ellyn for about 10 years where Jerry is associated with J.A. Morgan & Co., a firm which helps its clients to buy and sell businesses. Their eldest son, John, graduated from Cornell a couple of years ago and manages a jewelry store for the J.B. Robinson Division of W.R. Grace. Their other son, Chris, is a junior at Augusta Col, Rock Island IL. They also have a daughter Meredith still at home in Glen Ellyn.

I am very proud our Class offspring were so well represented at the Class of 81 graduation last Jun. These are the sons (and a daughter) we helped add to the Long Gray Line at that time: Doug Brown, Ed Fox, Pete Lash Jr., Jim McNulty Jr., Hugh Munson, Steve Parker, Bryan Richardson, Jim Waldeck and Linda West. Thanks to Gerry Richardson most of them, including their dads, are captured in a photo accompanying this report.

Paul & Donice Winkel reside in Annandale, VA, where he is with the OJCS involved in command, control and communications (C3) systems responsibilities. Paul sums it all up as "very interesting, very complex, and very



1956: Graduation '81: Fox '81, Fox '56, Waldeck '56, West '56, Waldeck '81, Parker '56, Linda West '81, Parker '81, McNulty Sr. '56, Lash Sr. '56, McNulty Jr. '81, Lash Jr. '81, Richardson '81 and Richardson '56. Missing: Doug and Bob Brown and Hugh Munson '56 and '81.

frustrating" work. Donice is carving a niche for herself in real estate work, their son, Paul III, joined the Army Reserve while attending No VA Comm Coll and will try for the Class of 86 at West Point this next year. Their daughter, Heather, is a high school senior.

Jim & Doris Strozier have just completed a year's sabbatical at the UUT in Salt Lake City. Jim was assigned to Dept of Mech and Indl Engr during that time. Before returning to West Point, Jim and Doris visited L.A. (attending an American Soc of Engr Education Conf at U.S.C.) and then took the southern route through San Diego, NM, Dallas and Atlanta visiting with a few classmates and friends along the way. Unfortunately, our communication wires were crossed, and we missed seeing them in L.A.; however, we finally got together at the 25th Reunion.

All is going very well for Jack & Betty Lou Sharkey. They live in Alexandria, VA, and Jack was recently promoted to GS-18 Asst Admin for Data Mgmt and Tele at the VA. Betty Lou teaches 3d grade in Alexandria just across the street from their home. Their son Mike, a recent grad of the UVA was accepted into Georgetown Med Sch, and later was awarded an Army Prof Med Scholarship. He's now a 2LT in the Army Reserve. Their daughter Marianne graduated from James Madison U two years ago and is now head bookkeeper at one of the Grand Union supermarket stores in VA. Jack also mentioned that Marty Zimmerman recently hosted a luncheon for 25 classmates at the Pentagon, and Pete Verfurth has "volunteered" to make arrangements for all quarterly luncheons at the SA's Dining Room for '56ers in the DC area.

Harry Crandall sent his regrets that he would miss the 25th Reunion. He is in his second year of seminary studies at the U of the South at Sewanee, TN. This past summer, he served as hosp chaplain in Norfolk, and was selected to receive the Woods Leadership Award at the annual (Oct) Founders Day gathering at Sewanee. Jesse & Cynthia Blackwell dropped me a picture post card from Tokyo on their way to Shanghai and a boat tour up the Yangtze River. They both wanted very much to return to the 25th; however, they had reserved this Sept-Oct 81 tour of the Orient in 1980, thus, the conflict.

We were pleased to see Charlie Singletary at the Reunion. He gave us all added inspiration by reading from the Holy Scriptures at the Class Memorial Services at the West Point O Club. Charlie is Pres and Founder of Church Resource Ministries, a ministry to help churches throughout the U.S. in their growth and overall health. He also serves part



Wright (13), is in school in Tel Aviv and learning Hebrew.

These are some of the classmate and family highlights I picked up while at the Reunion. Bob St. Louis is Dir of Govt Affairs for the Congoleum Corp. His office is in DC. Marcy Williamson is Dir, Radiological and Env Sc Lab in Idaho Falls, ID. He is with the U.S. Dept of Energy. Al Beauchamp is residing in Clearwater, FL, where he is Rgn Pres, U.S. Home Corp. He married Ann Pickens in Jun 79. He has a daughter, Susan (21), a junior at the U of FL and a son, Robert (19), with the 82d Engr Bde at Bamberg, Germany.

Bob & Frankie Hull live in the DC area where Bob is Ch of West Div, DIA. Frankie teaches 7th grade science and heads the dept at Key Intermediate Sch in Springfield, VA. Their son David graduated in Jun 81 from GA Tech as an EE. He had an ROTC scholarship, was an honor grad of the Signal Officer Basic Course, will work at the Harry Diamond Labs in suburban MD, and plans to marry in Jan. Their daughter Lianne graduated from GA Tech in Jun 80 and married Mark Griffin, an Infantry 1LT stationed at Ft Benning in the Ranger Dept. Another daughter, Robin, married Scott Stevenson in Sept 80. She works as a word processor at DIA. Their daughter Helen works as a bank teller and has her own apartment.

Bob & Norma Devoto are still enjoying London after an 11-year residence. Bob's mgmt consulting practice has now centered on the acquisition of U.S. companies by U.K. companies, and he has opened an office in Atlanta, headed by his brother. In addition, Bob is responsible for strategic planning and corp devl world-wide for the Rank Org, a \$2 Billion conglomerate. Gene & Ginny Lynch live in West Springfield, VA. Gene is CS, ERRADCOM at Adelphi, MD. Their oldest son, Mike, graduated in Jun 80 magna cum laude, electrical engineering from U of SC, and presently is an assoc engr with IBM in Manassas, VA. A son, Bill (20) and daughter, Kathy (19), are on their own and had a great time with their parents at the Reunion. They also have another daughter, Pam (13), and son, Brian (9) at home to keep them young and on their toes. It was good to see Bob Farris again at the Reunion. He is a mgmt consultant and lives in Westport, CT. Ward & Judy Le Hardy were there also, and looking very young and fit. Ward commands the 3d Bde, 101st Abn at Ft Campbell, KY. Their daughter Sally presented them a grandchild, Durrant Kellogg III on 3 Ap 81. Ward Jr. graduated from VA Tech last Jun. Marcel is a 3d year student at James Madison U in VA on an ROTC scholarship. Their youngest, Peter, is 14. In addition to her family responsibilities, Judy is attending college full time.

Charlie des Islets and wife Ann are residing in Sparks, NV, where Charlie has his office as Sr Rgn. Sales Mgr for the Western U.S. & Far East for the Audichron Co. Among other things, Audichron makes wake up and alert systems for hotels. Their son, Tom (22), is married and a police officer in Reno. Another son, Robert (20), is married, has given them a granddaughter, and works for a concrete products company in Acworth, GA. Their youngest, Allan (18) is living at home.

As luck would have it, Chuck Hunter dropped by to see me at work the week I was in NY for the Reunion. I believe Chuck is still with NASA as a PM for many of their satellite systems. I'll give you more input on Chuck when we finally make connections, hopefully before the end of 81. Bob Stein

and his wife are back in the L.A. area living in Rancho Palos Verdes just a few miles from our home. Bob is with the COMSAT Prog Control Office at the AF Space Div in El Segundo, CA.

Our daughter, Carolynn (20), and I enjoyed the Reunion immensely. We stayed with Roger & Judy Root in New City, NY, for 3 days prior to the scheduled events at WP. Roger is still with IBM in the Tarrytown area and both Roger and Judy are regulars at the Army home football games and other major events. Their son Steve is a Cow Corporal this year, and showed Carolynn around the Academy while she was there. Their daughter Susan is married to LT Richard Jordan, who graduated with the Class of 79, USMA, and is now serving in Korea. Richard and Susan are expecting around March 82. Their youngest son, Jonathon (11), is a fine boy and much like his dad.

Before signing off, I think all of you will be interested in this information provided by Hawley Oakes, Chief, Alumni Affairs and Gift Prog Div at USMA. Hawley says many have asked if we could not do the same thing for our 30th Reunion in 1986 (fall football weekend instead of Graduation Week). The new policy is that the 45th, 35th, and 25th Reunion classes will return on fall football weekends. The 50th, 40th and 30th Reunion classes come back to West Point during Graduation Week. Therefore, make your plans early for Graduation Week in 1986. Hope to see all of you then!

# '57

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The Class had a great Sept party at the home of Esther & JD Smith. It was attended by at least 70 classmates (my estimate) and their wives, dates, etc., all of whom were beautiful and vibrant. Congratulations to Don Ley, Ted Voorhees, JD Smith, Fred Smith, Fletch Elder and all the others who set it up. A few classmates who I haven't seen in a while were even kind enough to give me some info for the column. Others just shrugged and ignored my pleas and little white cards. Before I cover the info, however, I want to tout JD's model electric train layout. He probably has more invested in train models, books, and accessories than I have in my house, and when it reaches the full dimensions of his plans, it will really be magnificent. As far as I'm concerned it's already great and I encourage you all to be sure and visit JD if you're in the DC area so that you can see it. I know he'll appreciate your interest.

Now the news. Bill & Margie Echevarria are living in VA and Bill is a sys engr with the Tomahawk Cruise Missile Dept, Vitro



'957: Nottingham, Hatch and Luther.

time on the staff of the Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, AL, as the Dir of Discipleship. Charlie received an MA in Missiology (the study of world missions) at the School of World Mission, Fuller Theo Sem, in Mar 81. Charlie and his wife Pat have 3 children in college; one is a sr at Cal State, Fullerton; one is a junior at Auburn, and their only daughter is a sophomore pre-med student at Samford in Birmingham.

John Wall is CG of the Army Near East Proj Office in Tel Aviv. He is responsible for building 2 airbases in the Negev for the Israel AF. John obtained a law degree from George Washington U in 80. He and Suzanne have a son John (24), who has presented him with one grandchild and another on the way. John has started law sch at Cumberland in Birmingham, AL. Another son, Hank (22), is married also, started law sch at SC this year, and was commissioned in R.A. from ROTC at Washington & Lee. Their youngest son,

Lab Div in Silver Spring. Their 2 oldest, William Jr. and Ruby, are attending the UFL and Marissa, their 14 year old, is a H.S. soph. They also have a 3-year-old, Michael, and that just shows how young we still are. Jim & Dianne Edgar are also living in VA and Jim has been working in the Bureau of Pol-Mil Affairs, State Dept, since his return from Afghanistan. Dianne has been the political coordinator of the N. VA Bd of Realtors (political family). Their daughter Eve is a soph at Bucknell U and their younger 2 are in H.S. Dick Fadel has moved from DARCOM to OTEA where he is the Plans and Ops O. Tom Kehoe went from ODCSRDA to DARCOM where he is the PM for the Tactical Fusions Prog. Tom said that Ed Svetecz left Ft Hood (where he had been forever) in Aug to be CS, Berlin Cmd. Bill & Julie King are part time shepherds and are raising 4 lambs, a number they hope to double in the spring. Also, Julie is raising dogs for "The Seeing Eye" foundation. Lest you think they have retreated to the farm, Bill is in ODCSOPS and Julie is awaiting the results of the Bar Exam, having graduated from the Washington School of Law at American U. Their son Tom is a jr at Duke U and daughter Debra-Ann is a jr at Lake Erie College. Nick Monaco is moonlighting as Exec VP-Controller for a new company, Data Center Engineering, while still holding down his job in the Budget Office of the NRC. His daughter Tine is in the jewelry business and Nick says, "she can't get it for wholesale." His son Nick is a Tournament Racquet Ball player (didn't even know they had them) and a teaching pro. Rudy Pataro ret on 1 Aug and is now running the Persl/Org Dev Dept in the Corporate HQs of the Marriott Corp. Parks Houser, who is CG, 7th Army Tng Ctr in Germany, got the prize for coming the farthest. Obviously, nothing can keep Parks from coming to a '57 Class party. On the other hand, after the party there was nothing left to keep Bernie Loeffke in the DC area and he left for the PRC the next week. Bernie will replace Bill Webb as the mil attaché in Peking. As of now, I have no idea where Bill will be going. Jerry Schumacher, who is in charge of the White House Commo Center, was the most neatly dressed individual at the party—must be the influence of the job. Fletch Elder, who continues to sell real estate and doubles as a chef, brought the beef and served it—and it was tremendous. If he ever opens a restaurant, be sure to patronize it. Bob Tener is now assigned as the Exec to the ASA(CW) of the Army and I even managed to corner him on business—which really wasn't nice. But after all, what are classmates for. Champ Buck reported that his son and the other '57 offspring who graduated from WP this year were presented the Class gifts at an appropriate ceremony in Gerry Galloway's house. Eventually, I'll publish a picture (hint). I regret that we failed to make the presentations at Navy and the AFA, but those grads will receive their gifts before the next graduation. As I said, there were a lot of other classmates present, many of whom I haven't seen in a very long time, but I didn't get any info from them and I didn't keep a list of the attendees. There were some pictures taken and I'll publish them in the next column—if I get them (another hint). One important item that was discussed at the party was the 25th Reunion, which will be held the weekend of 2 Oct 82. You should be receiving (or have received) mail on this subject. If you haven't, write to Ted Voor-



1957: Founders Day, SHAPE, Belgium, March 81: The Schorrs, Albrights, Gales, Hockers and Stevens.

hees or me. All efforts to publish the 20th Reunion Book have now been abandoned and all the effort will be devoted to making sure that a 25th Reunion Book is published. It will include some material from the 20th. The money which was collected for the 20th is in the bank and will be returned or used as part of the payment for those who attend the 25th. More info will be disseminated at a future date.

Now to the telephone/mail bag. Got a great picture from Hank Hatch, who is soon to depart his job as Pacific Ocean Div Engr in HI for the job of USAREUR Engr. With Hank are Ralph Luther, who was on his way home from Japan, and Dave Nottingham, who was on his way to Japan to replace Ralph as the Dist Engr. HI was certainly a nice place to transition. Hank revealed a close-hold suspicion that the Japanese Historical Society secretly requested the transfer of Ralph and Edie when they realized that Ralph "had bought every antique in Japan except those protected by the moat and high walls of the Imperial Palace." Ralph, you can have equal space in the next column to defend your reputation, but I doubt if the FE job at Bragg will leave you much time. John Hocker sent a picture from SHAPE, and the sign speaks for itself. Please note that I addressed the book a few lines back, but I doubt that Bill Golden will ever end out another survey. According to the note that came with it, Mike Higgins and Windy Gale have now rotated back to the States, leaving Tony Albright, Dave Schorr and John at SHAPE, and Frank Stevens at NATO. Jack Sobraske wrote from Maastrecht, Netherlands, where he is Cdr, Hq Det Forward, AFCENT Reserve Corps (Allied Forces Central). He wanted to correct the incorrect info given me by J. J. Meehan (maybe I should print more incorrect info) that he was assigned to NATO—it's a USAREUR unit which is primarily a planning hqs established in Jan 80 to handle CONUS based reinforcements in the event of trouble. His son John was attending the U of Liege and moved to Stanford last month. His daughter Cathy will finish up at an intl H.S. this year and has yet to decide where to go next. Liz is being kept quite busy with social events of the unit—which Jack describes as being made up of a lot of bright people—and the intl social scene. They live in a Dutch house surrounded by many nice Limburgers, which sounds great even though I don't know whether those are people, flowers, etc. He also mentioned that he travels to Heidelberg quite often and has seen Bill Ray and Tom Garigan there. Bill should be back in the DC area by the end of the year. Got a letter from Joe Beben with

a picture of his youngest, Daniel, born 6-7-80, which was taken in Ramat Hashmon, Israel. According to Joe, he is saying "You must be kidding, Lord! You want me to pick up that rod and strike the Red Sea and expect it to split right in two?" Could be. Joe came back from Israel (he was assigned to the airbase program) this summer, ret in Aug and moved to Hyde Park, NY. Danny is the 5th of 5 sons, and until he was born, the youngest Beben was daughter Lauren, who is now 15. Joe now works as Fac Dir for the Comm of PW in Dutchess County, and enjoys being a one man engineering staff trying to respond to a multitude of customers—sort of like being the post engr of Camp Swampy. By the way, for the record, Danny has a nephew one year older than him. Anyone care to try topping that one? Had a phone call from Bill Huckabee, and he said he really enjoyed being a civ aide to the SA. It was a 2-year appointment and he had some good trips, including visits to the troops at places like Ft Bragg. The last time he was there, Jerry Scott was the C3, 18th Abn Corps. Lou Circeo saw Ace Cross on a recent visit to Savannah, GA, where Ace is the Dir of Port Planning and Harbor Devl for Savannah. He actually works for the GA Port Authority, and is enjoying the good Southern life.

In the last column I mentioned that we were electing new Class officers in the DC area. Ted Voorhees is our new Pres, Fred Smith is the VP, and Don Ley is the social chairman.

The Class is now eligible to nominate someone for the Ben Castle Award, presented by the WP Society of DC to the USMA grad who has 1) distinguished himself in exemplifying the ideals of WP, and 2) is personally available for the presentation ceremony in DC at the Founders Day dinner. You won't be able to respond for this year, but I'd appreciate nominees that we can present in future years.

That's it for now. Have a happy New Year and Write!

# '58

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Twenty-first column. Seems as though I'm entering the twenty-first century in the scribe business. Time flies when you're having fun. I've hit a lower low than that with which I began the last column. Then, you may recall, the editor had called my boss and explained to the latter that I was late. This time, Linc Jones has been calling for some information that AMMRC and I owe him. Late to the ASSEMBLY is one thing, but late to a BG-classmate in line of duty! Not sure I'll recover from this.

You won't get the true flavor of this effort because you can't see my typing. Judy and I have just returned from the Fri night party (rally?) before the Harvard game. It is 2145 and we are awaiting the arrival of Garry & Jill Roosma and their plebe daughter, Meg. Beat Harvard! Tomorrow. In addition to Roosmas and Siberts, party attendees were Eddie & Faith Ofgant (who went on to the "Friends of Harvard Football" formal dinner dance. To keep the Supe and Com company according to Ed) and Bob & Carol Finkenaar. The Finkenaurs are blessed with the

distinction of being the parents of 2 cadets: a cow and a plebe. Bob asked me to extend his appreciation to classmates, friends, neighbors, and all tax paying Americans for assisting in the college education of their sons. I am flattered by his generous over estimation of the readership of this column. Just imagine you're reading the news of '58 on the op-ed page of the Washington Post, Boston Globe, or the Sun Valley something-or-other. Ego trip.

A second beginning after the GAME: 27-13. This was the same day that Yale upset Navy. My hope is that all of this portends success over Navy in Nov. At the game or the victory cocktail party I saw a few more classmates. Jim & Dottie Castle were there with their kids. Nervous-city for me because I knew that the younger Castles had never attended an Army game at WP or away at which Army won. Their jinx was broken: 27-13. Mike Mahler was up from Ft Meade, but other than admiring his Loden coat from a distance I got no information from him. Sat too far away and didn't see him after the game. The Brad Johnsons (parents and yearling son) were up from WP for the game.

A third beginning after a call from the Editor! This routine will be broken starting with the next column.

Mailbag. Bill Clary wrote in mid-Aug. "While not exactly rehearsed in writing to the Class scribe, I resolved I would do it at least once in my life upon ret, so this is it!" Bill completed 2 years in AK, but remained there to complete 5/6ths of the tour, then returned to Stone Mountain, GA. Back up. While in AK, Bill teamed up with George Robertson to form the WP Society of Alaska. George was the first Pres; Bill was the first Secy. Both were charter members and are life members. Another charter member was Kelly Robinson, currently the Treas. More of you '58 types need to get involved in local societies as have Ed Ofgant in MA (WPSNE) and Pete Penczer in CT. Back to Clary. He is flying for Atlantic Southeast Airlines as a First Officer. He is also a Jet-Star C-140 instructor for Lockheed. Bill, another resolution for you: don't wait till your next ret to write your 2d letter to the scribe.

First letter after receiving the Sept ASSEMBLY. And I quote, "The Advance Mortgage Corp of Alexandria, VA announces with some trepidation that COL James & Annie Stanton and family have been permitted to occupy a HOUSE at 1611 Ruffner Road, Alexandria, Virginia. . . ." When friends buy a house at the interest rates prevailing today one doesn't know whether to offer congratulations or condolences. One does know not to offer to help with the payments! Hope to see Jae and Annie and others in DC area during the AUSA annual bash on 19-21 Oct.

Another '58 baby. Second letter announced that Randy & Bruce Rodenberg were blessed with the arrival of Louis Brand Rodenberg III on 28 Aug 81. Hope the date is correct cause the letter is misplaced somewhere in the 27 rooms or 12,697 square feet of Quarters 111. Randy's August was further blessed by his promotion to 0-6 in USAR. Congratulations on both accounts!

Third letter. Chuck Toftoy wrote to confirm that he and Palmer McGrew did meet for lunch as mentioned in the last column. Chuck has one son at Massanutten Academy in 9th grade. Chuck is planning to visit WP for a football game and wrote for names of classmate progeny at USMA. Excellent opportunity to skip to letter #8 from Jim Ramsden. There are 9 sons and daughters of '58 in the class of 85 (please note the reversal



1958: Robertson with the Collinses, Sept 1981.

from 58 to 85, pointed out to me by Florence Salisbury). Robert Alan Claffin, Valerie Grace Coffey, John Joseph Finkenaur, Dale Ernest Hudson, Peter Lincoln Jones, John Wesley Loffert Jr, William Glenn Martin, Margaret Ada Roosma, and Clifton Richard Thomas. Jim and Rae are beginning their 2d year back there in Chemistry. Appreciate the assist from a former '58 scribe, thanks, Jim.

Fourth letter. John Galen wrote from Shreveport, LA. He ret there as Dir of Public Wks in Bossier City after losing an alligator during his final USAF tour. He has a daughter at LSU-Baton Rouge "majoring in fun" while he's a freshman at LSU-Shreveport—major in Computer Sciences. On a summer trip to upstate NY they stopped at the "place" and watched plebes drilling on the Plain. The "nostalgic" trip evoked some understanding of the feelings spoken of so eloquently by MacArthur along with some fear of approaching senility. Meanwhile back in LA, John has taken up calligraphy. He reports that Charlie Bond was there as Vice Wg Cdr of 2d Bb Wg, but has moved on to Blytheville as a Wg Cdr. John was there last year when Mike Dugan became Cdr of 14 TFWG. So much for news of AF types in LA. Thanks, John. He wrote, "Since becoming Pub Wks Dir, I am dismayed to discover that the slit trenches, grease pits, etc we so fondly created at Buckner were in reality a blight on the environment. Now it is called solid waste mgmt, and the mgmt part is how to dispose of it now that your can't bury it." John concluded with a promise to remit \$100 to the class memorial fund!

Fifth letter. Glenn Brown was prompted to write following a recent trip to Huntsville, AL. "A veritable nest of '58 for such an out of the way place," sez Glenn. Marie Pellegrini orchestrated a mini reunion on 2 hours notice. Ray & Gerry Coffey and Tommy Thompson answered the call to rally at Pellegrinis' to see Glenn. Glenn has volunteered to spearhead a drive to contact F-2 classmates to "cajole, convince" them to attend the 25th Reunion. Unfortunately, I do not have an F-2 mailing list, so you F-2ers contact Glenn at 1301 Briarcliff Pl, Bel Air, MD 21014.

Sixth letter. From Portland, OR. You know I never reveal my Portland source. Source had a letter from Don Palladino in Ft Worth saying Bob Kirtly is a Wg Cdr at Carswell AFB.

Seventh letter. A short one announcing that Tom Carpenter is ret on or about 1 Nov 81, ". . . a difficult decision . . . made for compelling personal reasons . . ." That's all scribe knows about it other than to state the obvious—Tom's leaving is a true loss for

the Army. Best wishes for the Carpenter transition to mufti.

Ninth contact was a call, not a letter. Ken Herberger called to say he felt "negligent for not having ever written a letter . . ." You think I absolved that sin? You think scribe is crazy. I work hard to engender such feelings of negligence and guilt. Stock in trade. Glad Ken called because he passed on some practical advice: better to give to the Class memorial fund this year in light of tax reduction for 1982! Stop NOW, grab your PEN and CHECKBOOK and do it in the waning days of 81 while reading the column. Leap for the whole \$100; it will never get you more back on your tax return. Ken was Professor Harold Hill in Music Man recently. Since then he's been waiting for the phone call from Broadway. Ken said that he was certain I had all the Monmouth news via Florence Salisbury. That was 22 Sept and I said, "not lately." You guessed it.

Tenth letter. Florence Salisbury's epistle arrived the next day. She wrote that Alan said, "we've been classmated at the highest level, obviously Adam Benjamin is marching to a different drummer, at least from those of us who are still on active duty." A few newspaper clippings reported that House passed the military pay raise 396 to 1, "with only Rep. Adam Benjamin Jr. (D-Ind) dissenting, saying the nation couldn't afford the pay increase and that it discriminates against other government workers," according to a 16 Sept article from the Washington Post. Time for a scribe op-ed comment. In my opinion, Adam was right for the wrong reason. Military pay only began to catch up when it was linked to civil service raises in the early 60's. In 1981 military was separated from civil service and we got more. Wonder how long it will take to return to the pre-linked days when the military got significantly less? I disagree on the subject of what pay raise was affordable. Since 72 govt and mil pay has been held well below comparability and inflation. My first preference would have been for civil service to have received more than 4.8 percent along with the mil and for the pay cap to have been lifted for both ser execs and sr mil. Barring that, the 2 groups remaining linked together this year would have been good insurance for the military in the future. If Adam's vote and my comments don't prompt letters. . . .

Back to the Monmouth report. Mel Drisko is there as Cmdt of USMA Prep. He's reported to be running 20 miles per day! That tidbit is via Bill Giallourakis. Bill passed the NJ, FL and DC bar exams and is practicing (still love that term) in Red Bank. His specialty is patents. Jim Frick is still at Monmouth as Dep PM of Def Comm Sys. Jim and Carol live in Freehold, as does Ken Clark who is still flying for PanAm. Ken is recruiting for the USAFA. "Traitor," writes Florence. Branch & Mary Worsham seem to travel a great deal with Florence having received recent cards from ME and Bermuda. I want to remind all wives that this is an equal opportunity column. Your letters are received with the same relish, joy, enthusiasm, excitement, amazement as those from classmates. Please write.

Letter eleven. Your timing was great, Joan Collins! She reports that George Robertson was at Waterways Experiment Station in Sept and sent a photo for proof. Sad news is that Joan's mother is critically ill with cancer. The letter was short as Joan was flying to NJ to be with her mother.

Number 12. Norm Gustitis wrote to cor-

rect an item from last column. Seems only 2 of his offspring are pilots. His daughter Roxanne will be commissioned in Army in May. Congratulations on that account as well as on Norm's recent promotion to COL in the USAR!

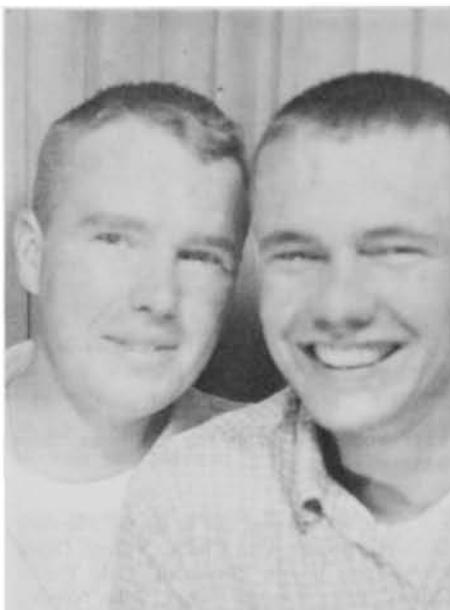
Thirteenth. Ed Weckel writes from Aberdeen where he assumed command of the Chem Sys Lab on 18 Sept from BG Walter Kastenmayer, an hon '58 member since his teaching tour at USMA. Neil Mathis, Dep Dir/Cdr of the BRL, also at Aberdeen, was there for the ceremony. Son Tom Weckel is yearling at WP while his older brother Charles is jr at RPI. They still have 3 at home in Bel Air keeping the Weckel household an active spot. "Per your advice I made my contribution of \$100 to the Class of '58 fund. I thought it would be more prudent to get it over with in one fell swoop rather than have you bug me for the next 5 years. I was also pleased to note that personnel who made a contribution to the fund received a picture suitable for framing of the old Academy grounds. This may be an incentive to make the contribution in one lump sum." You all now have 2 reasons to do it all at once: tax advantage according to Herberger and a picture according to Weckel. Try it, you'll like it.

Fourteenth. An announcement from Westbrook Hosp, Richmond, VA, that James F. T. Corcoran, MD has joined the staff as Dir of Young Adult Services. The announcement included the following information about Corky (love using cadet nicknames with a classmate whose name today has the appendages of M.D., F.A.P.A.) "attended Yale U's Inst of Far Eastern Languages and received his medical degree from Cornell U. He trained in Adult and Community Psychiatry at the Neuropsychiatric Inst of the U CA at L.A. Dr. Corcoran is a Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry."

Fifteenth. Another lost letter, but I haven't lost Lynng Penczer's check for \$100. Talk about loyalty, a wife who would sign the check for our Memorial Fund!

Sixteenth. A long phone call followed by a letter from Gene Scales to report on the South Central TX Assn of Class of '58. Gene began with the observation that the caption under the picture of Mike Harvey and Linc Jones was wrong. He's right, it was wrong. I didn't see the picture before it was published. Many pictures, especially those from Founders Day are sent directly to the ASSEMBLY. If the captions are poor, there is little that Mrs. Gledura at the ASSEMBLY or your scribe can do about it. Sorry bout that. Gene did organize a reunion in San Ant. Attendees included Dale Cockle who has ret in Austin area. Dick Buckalaw recently passed the TX bar and is still going to school in San Ant. Larry Sutherland was there from Austin. Bob Hayden ret to engr consulting and had Tim McLean in tow as a houseguest from the Ft Hood area. Don McCullough was there, has been promoted to O-6, and is enroute to Lubbock as a Dep Cdr of something. Stan Slater is ret in San Ant, has lost weight and looks good according to Gene. Bud Davenport is there in school to become a teacher. Art Mace ret in Feb. My notes are garbled, something about a lot, building a log cabin, something about his wife Jackie.

Gene then provided info on others who weren't able to attend. Seems Stan Bacon was AWOL because of confusion over whether stag or drag, seems the get-together was stag, tho a follow-up affair in Austin to watch Army beat Navy will be drag. John



1958: Guess Who? Guess When?

Buchanan was at the hosp with his brother while his sister-in-law was having a baby. John is a pers mgr for a firm which manufactures drilling equipment. Brad Eliot is stationed at Randolph Field. Dick Garlick and George Klotzbach are both in the San Ant or Austin area. Larry & Suzie Sutherland are organizing the A-N party in Austin. John Bradley is in Houston as a Div VP for Browning Ferris Industries. Phil Raign has ret in Lubbock. Others in Houston are John Isaacson, Frank Bowen, and Bill Wafer. Ft Hood has Tim McLean, Dick Graves, and Glen Bugay plus Fred Mayer who ret there. Thanks for your help, Gene.

Miscellaneous. Jim Brooks has joined FMC in San José, CA, as has Garth Payne according to Garry Roosma who is FMC-East. Carl Sullinger, FMC-West, is making a great recovery from his back operation: good news provided by Garry. Saw a Pentagon News item saying J. J. Madigan III ret from DIA. Hugh & Ann Trumbull stopped for a too-short visit in late Jul en route to his new job with GE Space Div near Phila. Their new house isn't finished so the move is a bit complicated. We might turn it into an Army-Navy game CP, just what the Trumbulls need is help like extra classmates visiting before they're settled. Hugh said that Bill Serchak is the DIA IG which makes him a world traveler. Barrie Williams is Munich-bound to command the 66th MI Group in summer 82. Bob Higgins and others reported that Mike Davall has been laid up with a severely broken ankle from contact racket ball in Jul. Higgins in the DC area still has finally arrived: someone put him on the mailing list for Navy football tickets. Talked to George Lawton who had gotten together with Joan & Sam Collins this summer. Lawton attended the George Robertson promotion to BG ceremony. Rusty Robertson, USMA '82, was there also. Rusty was presented with Gale's father's WP sword. Sorry I missed the ceremony. Seems to me that someone should have taken pictures. Help! Tom Sands called from NYC. He and Barbara are in quarters at Ft Jay, Governor's Is. Tom is Div Engr.

A message from HQDA took me back to 62. Seems the current promotion list to CPT had sequence numbers which were incorrect because the master file for 78 West Point graduates was wrong. "The computer mis-

take affects most first lieutenants with a date of rank of 7 Jun 80. Those assigned sequence numbers 2073 through 4163 on the current list will have their numbers changed by the revised list." In 62 we got our sequence numbers alphabetically which was incorrect. At that time promotion to CPT would have been spread out over 2 weeks or so. Bullis almost boned the files that Willis would have lost by that alphabetical induced error. I have an interesting letter from TAG to V Corps AG saying that publishing revised sequence numbers was rejected (Aug 62) because that move would have exposed the error to everyone. The way chosen to correct and cover up was to promote us all the same day, 26 Oct 62. I applaud the TAG and HQDA now for the courage to admit a mistake and correct it without covering up.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Without offending my sources I want to encourage new contacts. I'm in a rut and seem to report on the same few of us all the time, but to report on other classmates I need the help of those who haven't been mentioned lately, or ever. This is your column, but I need to hear from you.

'58 Memorial Fund. Send in \$100. Take advantage of the 1981 tax deduction and get the picture from AOC. Start planning now to attend the 25th Reunion in the fall of 83. So much for sermons. Bye now.

'59

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Mart Lidy, Chm of the Prog Cmte, reports that the class scholarship program becomes a reality commencing with the 1982-83 school year. The award will be about \$1,000 per year, subject to availability of funds, and applicants must be dependents of classmates. Those applying for the first year's scholarship must be enrolled in an accredited four-year college or university in the United States and must be entering their junior or senior year or postgraduate program in the fall of 1982. Application forms may be obtained by writing COL James L. Abrahamson, Dept of History, USMA, West Point, NY 10996. Applications must be completed and received by 15 Mar 82, so the sooner one writes for an application form, the better.

Mart says that a final determination has yet to be made regarding our guest speaker program. Our proposal to provide \$500 annually or \$1,000 biannually is still in the hands of the Dean, who is awaiting implementing recommendations from heads of various academic depts. We hope to have something further to report next issue.

Al Rushton, who is Dpty Dir of Admissions at the Academy sends word that all class sons and daughters are still on the rolls this year. I don't think we've ever seen all their names in one place before, so here they are: Class of 1982: James Cameron Ferguson, III; Holly Elizabeth Getz; Mary Ann Phillips; Karl E. Reinhard; and Christian Charles Thudium, III. Class of 1983: Bruce Williams Hilmes; Gary Drew Langford; Kathleen Louise Medaris; Alan Burgess Phillips, Jr; Michael Timothy Sullivan; James Edward Walsh, III; and Eric Scott Williams. Class of 1984: Dwight Edward Beach, III; Michael Patrick Cyr; Robert Lawrence DeMont; David Emerson Echelbarger; Timothy Arthur Haight; Wayne Winston Lambert, Jr; Bradley Paul Nordgren; Paul Francis Passarella; Susan Lynne Reinhard; and Theresa

Lucille Walsh. Class of 1985: Patricia Marie Cyr; Anne Marie Forrester; John Thomas Forrester; Rose Mary Forrester; Michael Dominick Isacco; Richard Earl Larson; Scott Gilbert Roesler; Steven Michael Roesler; and Christian James Williams.

Don Tillar, who is Sp Asst to the Supt, USMA, sends an update on our West Point contingent. Besides Don and Al, they are: Jim Abrahamson, Perm Asso Prof, History; Rod Ferguson, DCSCompt; Duke Gerhardt, XO, Mechanics Dept; Freeman Howard, CO MEDDAC and Surgeon, USMA; Charlie Johnson, CS USCC; Peter Stromberg, Prof and DHD, English; and Ed Temple, Perm Asso Prof, Foreign Languages.

Two other notes poured in this time. Al Dorris has been named Corp VP of Proform Engineering in Minneapolis; and Bob Weekley left in July for Madrid, where he will be Ch of the Army Sec in JUSMG. He invites classmates to make his digs theirs when passing through, and he can be written to at APO New York 09285.

I'm very sorry to report that Dewitt Monroe was buried in Greenwood, MS, on 4 Aug. He suffered a heart attack while shopping at the Springfield (VA) Mall on 1 Aug. His mother's address in Greenwood is Mrs. D.T. Monroe, 2009 E. Monroe St., 38930.

# '60

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I am beginning to believe that suspense date for the column, and my inability to meet it on time, are directly tied to some comments made by my raters when I was a 2LT. Amazing how the "trends" described by the flesh peddlers eventually must be recognized by all of us doubters. As you may have noticed from the address, (if you haven't, go back and reread or the following will be meaningless to you), I have willingly(?) departed the hotbed of tranquility—Carlisle—for the intrigue, and moving train of Ft Lewis. As I write this column, I am in the midst of a TDY trip, sitting at Washington National, and hoping that at least one classmate will pass



1960: Max Rumbaugh

by and give me some copy. If one doesn't this column could very easily degenerate into some innate comments made by passer-bys.

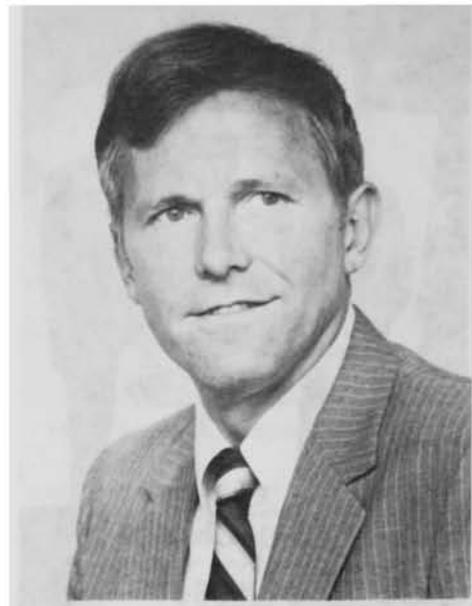
The move was a short notice one, and Pat and the boys will remain at Carlisle for awhile until the transfer process becomes less hectic. My travels have in fact been productive in uncovering (or revealing) the location of a few classmates, and that has been enjoyable. If someone would only write . . . !

Carlisle news . . . Ed Laurence came through Carlisle in the fall to address the Class of '82. He is currently (and has been for a few years) at the Nav PG Sch at Monterey. The summer saw a number of classmates attending the resident phase of the Corresponding Course. I can recall 7 of the 10 who passed through . . . I will look up the other 3 so that they can be acknowledged. Darrell Houston (DCSOPS, WP), Jim O'Connell (SHAPE), Tom Haycraft, Bob Totten, John Lenti (DCS at Ft Monroe), Ted Crowley (Insurance in NJ), and Brion Chabot (Bn at Ft Sill) all passed through as part of the summer program. No picture appears here, although it is important for the Class to know that such an event was scheduled for the first group of 5. All was laid on; Lenti and Crowley were presumably in charge. It brought back recollections of trying to get 100+ classmates in formation at Ft Benning. The old adage of "rank among classmates . . ." is as strong as ever. The 2d group saw O'Connell, Houston, Haycraft, Totten and Chabot receive their diplomas and the self-satisfaction that they did it the "hard way."

Washington . . . Jud Bierly is scheduled to move from DCSOPS to OCE as one of the numerous VP's. He joins Gene Brisach, Sam Kouns and Tom McGinnis (resident environmentalist) at OCE. Joe Felber hosted a water skiing party on Pohic Bay for a number of classmates, no press release was received after the "event." Joe has been ret for one yr—dabbles in real estate and the General Rsch Corp. Punky (I believe) is still working in real estate. If not, maybe she'll drop a line and correct me. Found an announcement in a BOQ in DC (Ft Myer) that Vince Grande was one of the honorees at a ret ceremony at Myer on 30 Jul 81. Chip Fenton is currently working in DCSOPS in the nuclear business—probably contingency plans for Diabalo Canyon.

During the summer I attended a conference in DC and found one of the experts in the audience was Jim Lincoln. I could have saved the Army a lot of money had I known his autovon number prior to the conference. Jim recently switched jobs from the TRADOC Sys Mgr for the MLRS to Dep Dir for the Corps Support Weapons System (CSWS) Special Task Force. He expects to be moving in 82 to Redstone Ars to open up a proj mgmt office for CSWS. Dave Holder was also at the conference—new in his job as the Special Asst to the Dir of the Equip Provisioning Ctr in Chamberlain, OH. He and Janey just finished a tour in Newburgh, NY. Bill (Beetle) Bailey recently turned over a bn cmd at Ft Sill, and moved over to the Dept of Tactics, Combined Arms and Doctrine. Bri Chabot recently (spring) took command of a student bn. Buck Bonifay (USNA '60), an adopted classmate, is still in command of a 155 Bn. Frank Farrell continues as Ch of Force Development in the FAS Combat Devel Dir. Butch Nobles is scheduled to take over the FA Bd in Oct. Other than that, the buffalos continue to roam!

Tom Eynon surfaced in Hong Kong long enough to send a note. Tom is a missionary



1960: Albert J. Dunlap, Senior VP.

with a group called the Navigators. Tom writes, ". . . we help people find out how to become Biblical Christians, and then help them learn how to use the bible to get the most out of their new life. Have been at this full time since '69, and have worked previously with the Chinese in Taiwan (4 yrs) and USA (5 yrs). Steve Covell was in England with the Nav's, and has just returned to DC. I have been married 18 years, have a 16 yr old, Bret, a mean left winger in soccer, and Deryk 10, a fullback, same sport. Wife is Carolyn—my greatest temporal asset." Tom's address: PO Box 99966, TST, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Although the following news which just surfaced is a year old, it is most appropriate that I include it. "In an impressive and moving ceremony held on Veterans Day, 11 Nov 80, the Exchange Clubs of Champaign County, IL, dedicated a Veterans Memorial Plaque honoring the country's deceased veterans from World War II, Korea, and the Vietnam conflict. Included on the list of names on the bronze plaque is that of MAJ Edward "Wally" Crum, USMA '60, who was killed in action in Vietnam on 6 Feb 68." The plaque can be found on the first floor of the Champaign County Courthouse.

In a recent announcement, the American Can Co elected Al Dunlap to the position of Sr VP with responsibility for the Performance Plastics Packaging Gp. He was also appointed to the Corporate Mgmt Exec Cmte. Al had previously been VP and Gen Mgr of the Flexible Packaging Business. Prior to joining American Can, he was co-founder and pres of Nitec Paper Corp in Niagara Falls, and previous to that Sr VP of Sterling Pulp and Paper Co in Eau Claire, WI. Al and Judy reside at 41 Old Wagon Road, Ridgefield, CT.

Bob & Sheryle Drennan are in Rio de Janeiro—a fact which hasn't been reported in the 3 yrs they have been there. Bob is now Director Presidente of Twin Disc Transmissões. It appears that South America has its attraction: one classmate in gold, one in garbage, and one in twin disc transmissions or whatever. Given time, this story is going to get interesting. Anyway, the Drennans have a son finishing his 2d year at Tulane and a daughter entering college this fall. Sheryle claims they will attend the 30th. Their ad-



1960: The Strucks and Flint.

dress: Rua Senador Simonsen, 280/301, 2241 Rio de Janeiro; Tel: 266-4066.

Max Rumbaugh has joined SAE as mgr of its Engr Activities Div. This is the div of SAE which has responsibility for national meetings, technical papers, continuing education courses and its educational and technical displays. Max goes to SAE's Hq in the Pittsburg area from Indianapolis where he was the Dir of Rsch for the Schwitzer Div of the Wallace-Murray Corp.

Notice the Founders Day picture from Chicago. The Soc stated the pictures were delayed due to an unavoidable delay by Kodak. I think that means they were all in Boston getting ready to take on Polaroid in the courts.

Last issue I promised to run a serial on the Dan & Jitske Smiths. I would continue but the copy is now on a van somewhere in the midwest. Besides, Jitske doesn't want you all to suffer from Smith overexposure, so I'll change it to excerpts over the next 8 issues (2 years) in the form of—did you know that Ingrid and Jitske spent the summer in Europe while Dan took Sybren to Central America? Sybren started an enterprise brokering U.S. sports equipment for some surf shops. I am sincerely appreciative to Jitske for writing.

Fred Faery checked in and reported ret in Jul and joining Stone and Webster Engr in NYC. Fred is in-training to become a proj mgr, and expects to take over a project by Xmas. Fred now commutes 1 hr and 45 min from Norwalk, CT, while Linda does the same, but only 30 min, to White Plains—thats enough time to consume all the ads in the NY Times. Fred ran into Pete Hastings in the street in Boston. Pete is still in Hartford, CT . . . 203-547-0200.

Pete Lagasse ret at WP in Apr and is with an engr consulting firm in Ft Collins, CO. The Faerys attended a Labor Day cookout with Dick & Jeanne Carnaghi in Newton, CT. The Carnaghis' daughter is engaged to a cadet in the Class of '82. Fred recapped his career for me and indicated that he had spent 14 of his 21 years either in school or teaching—culminated by his receiving his professional engr license this past Apr.

Visited with the Pelliccis at Ft Ord in Sept. Jack is off to command an allied bde (U.S., Australian, New Zealand) for an exercise in Oct. Sue looks very good—and the 2 of

us were able to give a running commentary on Jack as he attempted to do the outdoor bar-b-que bit. If there is enough of a response, I can go into great detail. Suffice it to say, Jack does a good job chopping peppers.

Charlie Otstott and Bill Carpenter are still running at great speed with their Bdes at Lewis. Charlie should finish his command next summer—Bill should get promoted in Oct with an assignment still unknown.

That finishes this attempt. It may or may not make it in on time. If not, the next issue should really get newsy—even if the news is 6 months or more old.

# '61

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Having neglected the job to which the Class elected me in 1958 (!), I now sit behind the typewriter for the first time in 15 years in an attempt to continue to report the activities of our members. My thanks, and those of the entire Class, to Don Anselm and the scribes who preceded him in keeping us posted; I will humbly attempt to maintain their high standards of accuracy and clarity.

Now that we have passed our 20-year mark, it is interesting to note the names of those who have entered the honorable roles of USA (or USAF) Retired. In the next issue I intend to include a list of our classmates who have moved to greener pastures with the security of their well-deserved ret pay.

Among those is the ringleader of the '61 social life in DC (and in earlier years Ft Sill, Schofield Bks, and WP), Gary Hyde, now working for Martin Marietta in Orlando, FL. We can assume that he and Button are busily coordinating with Molly & Paul Palmer to insure that the hub of Class social activities becomes firmly ensconced in Orlando. Also newly ret are Don Landry, with an engineering firm someplace deep in the heart of Texas, and Howard DeWitt, with Vought in Dallas.

I well remember that in the early '60's a prime source of my Class notes came from the annual HI newsletter. Bruce Cowan has forwarded his 81 edition, kindly attributing a rather low response rate to the stability that accompanies 20 years of post-graduation life. Arlene and Bruce have delayed their plans for ret for a year, and they plan to stay in the Louisville, KY, area where he is now the Dpty Dist Engr. The newsletter goes on to report that Bob Kewley has also decided to postpone ret for a year—he is teaching Solids at USMA while Loire is working on a master's degree. Carolyn & Russ Cornelius are still in New Orleans and report their children are fine and have been joined by a new addition, COL Bogey, a buff colored Cocker Spaniel. Bob Janoska remains in Highland, MI, where he is with the GM Tech Staff; Bob is raising 2 sons, aged 19 and 15, and in his free time is managing formula racing cars leading to entering a Corvette in this year's Seabring. Karen & Bill Nesbeitt are still in Dallas where he is Pres of Uni-Bell Corp and spending a lot of time on the road promoting the use of plastic pipe products. Their older child, Marie, is on the verge of college, while their son Kirk finished his high school freshman year as a jock in football, track, and weight lifting. Marie & Russ Phelps continue to live in Bel Aire, MD, where Russ commutes to Aberdeen PG. Marie is working full time in the local community college, and their son Rusty is working on his

Eagle Scout requirements. Diana & Mike Underwood are now in Howell, NJ, where he is Asst PM for a system of arty sensors and radars (FIREFINDER / REMBASS). They are somehow supporting 4 children in college and one in Junior High.

Having just returned from a 4-year exile in Europe, I am new to the DC scene and can only begin to report on the host of classmates in the area. With me at Ft McNair are Bruce Dagleish (formerly Dpty to the Under SA for NATO Rationalization/Standardization/Interoperability) and Don Lionetti (fresh from a posting with the Army's Chief Signal Officer). JoAnne & Bruce Halstead were unexpectedly curtailed from a tour with Engineering Dept, USMA, to come to DC where Bruce is XO to the DCG, DARCOM. Jim Tedrick is now the Editor for the Army Comptroller's "Resource Management Journal," and he and Anne arrived from HI with a new addition, Elizabeth Anne. I have had a chance to work with JB Taylor, with Exercise Division, OJCS/J3, and have been helped in my job by Donn Miller, now in his 4th year with OJCS/J5. Ted Vander Els recently came from HQ USAREUR to Ft Belvoir, where he assumed command of the brigade-level Army Mobility Equipment R&D Cmd.

Ron Hannon tells me that Class response to the 20th Reunion, fairly slow at first, really picked up with late additions (including yours truly). The ASSEMBLY has allowed a hundred word summary to cover this major event, which took place several weeks after the deadline for copy for this issue.

# '62

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Homecoming and 20th Reunion 1982 is scheduled for 22-24 Oct for our Class. More data to come from our DC Reunion Class cmte. The Class will have priority on the Hotel Thayer that weekend with BC as the football opponent.

GEN Bruce Clarke '25 wrote to celebrate the 20th year anniv of the Berlin Wall by indicating that some of our classmates moved with a Battle Group ordered into Berlin to reinforce the garrison. He selected the 1st Battle Group of the 8th Inf at Mannheim with COL Glover S. Johns Jr., VMI, to go.

GEN Clarke approved some cadets going who were on AOT there, and at Helmstedt, just before crossing the border, these cadets, thought to be Class of '62, were almost turned back as they were not to become engaged in any "military operations." GEN Clarke did not know their names, but was interested in securing them. So, if you participated in that operation, please notify your Scribe.

Tom Faley and his wife Sue plus 3 daugh-



1962: At Schofield Barracks, unknown with Kosco, Krause, and Walker.



1962: The Sayers, Ft Gordon, GA.

ters are in Germany where Tom is G1 3rd Inf Div after 2 plus years in Germany with the 26th Inf. He decided that he would add to the Class notes after being in this, his first tour without any '62 classmates.

Jim & Tina Heldman, faithful West Coast operatives, hosted a 77th invitational birthday party for GEN Gar Davidson recently. Helping to plan the activity in CA were Ed Hendren and Bob Meceda. The Heldmans recently visited Puerto Vallarta, Mex, with the Terry McCarthys. Jim also reported that Wayne Downing is completing a tour as secy in Hq EUCOM in Stuttgart with next assignment being a Bde in an Armored Div. Wayne recently was wed to Cindy Rose Newman, CPT, USAR in Atlanta on 6 Jan 81. Their new address is Box 1295 Hqs, EUCOM, APO NY 09128.

Speaking of moves, places and events: at Ft Campbell we have Starbird, Blynn, McEnany and Wilkerson; Ivy in Atlanta with his law firm; Don, Patti and Sue Kauer in Hudson, OH, where Don pilots 737's for United; COL & Mrs. Joe Sayers at Ft Gordon; "Doc" Chan Armstrong as Ch of Family Practice at Ft Ord; Tom Mennie at DCASPRO; Stan Thompson at DCSRDA; Jim Dodd at Smithsonian as Mgr of Arts and Industries Bldg; CC Holcomb from Polk to DC; Borrello to Carlisle; Bondshup to DC; Szwarcop to DC; Boozer to DC; Buttolph to Brunssum and Kirkegaard from Pentagon to DC.

Bob Szymczak is my regular correspondent



1962: James G. Andress, VP Abbott Labs.

from the DC area where our Class is about 100 strong. He sent photos of himself and some of the DC crew at Kimseys night spots. Bob's address is 9129 Maywood Lane, Fairfax, VA 22031 for data on Homecoming and our 20th. Bob was in DCSOPS having changed to the Mil Asst to the Dep Undersecy of the Army for Ops Rsch.

Merle Williams, USAF, wrote for the boys in blue. He moved in 80 from Atlanta to St. Louis to CO the Def Ctr, DCASMA of the Def Log Agcy. He is looking for Mike O'Brien of I-1 fame. Where you are, MIKE??? "Tank" Telenko writes that he left Lima, OH, and X-1 tanks for the 5th Bn, 68 Armor, 8th Inf Div in Mannheim and that his son, Trent, is hoping for a cadet spot. Al Ruschatz's son is also at USMA from reports.



1962: Acklin, Heigl and Kimsey.

Latest COL selections list: Alcalá, Andrews, Benchoff, Borrello, Broshous, Brown, Gary, and Brown, Roger; Bryde, Buttolph, Comello, Easterbrook, Ellis, Fintel, Garvey, Higginbotham, Hurst, Kambrod, Kays, Kirkegaard, Krause, McDowell, Pakula, Petty, Redmond, Rumph, Sklar, and Whitehead. ANYBODY ELSE I MISSED????????



1962: The Kauers—Don, Patti and Susan.

Congrats to Jim Seltzer, X62, on his marriage to Noyam Morton in Boise, ID, where he is a stock broker with Birr, Wilson and Co. Inc.

Congrats also to Jim Andress on being promoted to VP Corp Plg and Devl for Abbott Labs. Jim got an MBA from Wharton Sch of UPA.

Great letter from Jim Malley, who, with wife Judy, son Jim (12) and daughter Julie (8) are at Spt Co 7A, CATC Box 371, APO NY 09114. He is the Dir Trg for the Comb Arms Trg Ctr and Judy is the child support service coordinator. They live in a remodeled dispensary and enjoy the soccer and jazz dancing pursuits of their children.

John & Peg Wagner write of sons Bart



1962: Szymczak, Biddison and Morgan.

and Peter who help Dad as VP—Pengo Ind., an oil svc co. They are now at a new address: 3403 Bridlegate, Arlington, TX 76016. Peg is into real estate and is doing well.

In Oct, your scribe visited Pete & Anna Horoschak in Poughkeepsie, NY, where Pete is Supt of Schools; deep into soccer with 2 sons and a coach/about-to-be-married daughter Susan. Daughter Katherine is at Skidmore. Saw or heard about Cal Johnson, Howie Prince; Russ DeVries, athletic director for a school system in NJ; the other DeVries still is lawyering for Nabisco; Mary Ann Whitehead; Gus Fishburne; and Fred Bothwell now in parts unknown with IBM, while at the football game.

Lee Pardi is COL, MC and finished a tour at Vicenza, Italy, in 79 thence to Ord in Feb 80. He was Medical Board certified in OB/GYN and became 0-6 in Oct 80. He went to the Flight Surgeon course at Ft Rucker soloing in TH55's and on to Germany as V Corps Surgeon with address being V Corps Hq, APO NY 09079.

Ken Wallace is with 3d BT Bde as Tng Batt CO at Ft Leonard Wood. He reports seeing Gordon Rohn, X62, LTC, SJA. Ken reports a family of Lydia, 15; Mike 13; and Kendall 10; who are nicely supported by wife Helen in all their endeavors. Ken also reported that Harry Harris is Dep SJA at Ft L. Wood where wife Bev started a jogger group called the Slope Lopers Club. Sons Eric and Todd are probably the next running champs in the State.

A late entry on film is the Schofield Bks clan of Kosco, Krause, Walker and an unknown. Please identify. . . .

Reports are that Godwin and Hyde joined the ret list; Marv Norwood was awarded the MSM, Fintel went to APO 09403; Lape to Ft Lewis; Art Brown from Bragg to Harrison (that makes 20 moves in 20 years???) and the "Mean machine" Sonny Sloan has become (Egad!) a WP Regt Tac.

Congrats to more COL's—Landry, Sherard,



1962: Sam Steele and wife.



1962: The McCarthys

Shoup, Buck, Dickinson, Gunderman, Kilmartin, King, Lau, Pendergast, Wallace, K. ANY MORE????????

Congrats to the AWC Non-resident Course grads: Chegar, Dickinson, and Lau.

Jeff and Sheila (Dean) Stilton have moved back to Richmond, VA, from Chicago. Home and phone are 1507 Leewal Ct., Richmond, VA 23233; (804-740-6993).

Washington and Lee U Magazine furnished by stalwart and faithful reporter, Rusty Wilkerson, lists Col Joe Rigby as a songwriter of some country music during his tours as PMS&T. The tune is "A long Way from Lockney" celebrating Joe's birthright in Lockney, TX, and chronicles some of his Vietnam experiences. Another Barry Sadler in the making. . . .?????

Finally, a long and great letter from Chris Robbins in NYC. He reminded me of my pledge to create a "Bald, Grey, and Old" 20th Reunion volume.

So, I NEED \$10 and a photo of you and yours to include in this album. The deadline will be MAY 1st, 1982. I'll run as many photos as we get with as much info as we can secure. The rest is up to you . . . Surely you tycoons, moguls, sheiks, minimum magnificents, and plain ordinary folk can get a preferable black and white photo, stamp, mailer etc. together to add to our celebration??? Do it now—Don't wait!!

To continue, Chris has had a long and full military career, leaving active duty in 75. He is now VP of Citibank after a Harvard MBA. He is located at 399 Park Ave, NYC



1962: Seltzer with his bride, Noyam Morton.

10043. Maintaining his ties with the Army, he is a Reserve LTC serving with the 77th Army Reserve Cmd in NY.

That does it for a bit of time . . . BEAT NAVY and support your local Coast Guard unit . . . SPIZZERINCTUM



1962: LTC Tom Foley

'63

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Received a letter from Mike Vopatek. His mgmt consulting firm continues to grow, VOPATEK AND ASSOCIATES, INC., 15 Spinning Wheel Road, Suite 10, Hinsdale, IL 60521, Tel 312-323-4244. They represent Wilson Learning Corp and presently have five associates. They do seminars throughout the country on the subjects of management and salesmanship. Mike enclosed an article from the Chicago Tribune regarding Viet Nam. The article included a nice story about the late Hunter Shotwell: "I saw that he had served, he had shouldered his responsibility, and yet he had done it again . . . He represented to me what was good and right in the nation and he was destroyed." The article was extracted from "Everything We Had: An Oral History of the Viet Nam War by 38 American Soldiers Who Fought It" by Al Santoli.

After 9½ days as Dpty Admin of Vet Affairs, Al Clark, left the VA and returned to TX. Al is currently asst to the pres at Thomas D. Coffman Inc., principally an independent oil and gas production and exploration firm, but also involved in real estate, ranching and manufacturing and service companies in the energy field. The Austin American-Statesman in a feature article reported "Al quit as the No. 2 man in VA because his position had become a token role. Even before Al arrived in Washington, Clark's assignment underwent radical changes. The changes were the result of political maneuvering within the VA that removed Al from any substantial roles in running the agency. The bottom line [according to the article], is that this administration has been unable to come to terms with having Vietnam veterans in high level VA positions. Faced with accepting a 'token role' to appease Vietnam-era veterans or bowing out, Clark left. In several



1963: The Entlichs and Genettis.

interviews, Al has declined to discuss details of his short VA tenure and the circumstances of his leaving."

Bill Smith called while visiting relatives in the area. Bill and Inge and two sons are at Ft Bragg. Bill commands 1/39FA. Bill reports Phil St Amant at Bragg commanding 1/73FA. Jeff Davis in 8 Div, Baumholder commanding 3/16, and Gary Marchand commanding Engr Bn in 1st AD. Spoke to Dick Eckert at WP, we will stay with the Eckerts for the homecoming game. Dick reports Mike Bowers has been appointed Attorney General of Georgia. Looks like Mike is on track with his career development program as prophesied as a cadet. Missed seeing Tim Young, who was at Walter Reed for a week completing his required orthopedic surgeon training. Tim reports all is well with the family. He is at the Eisenhower Med Cen, Ft Gordon, GA. Windy Gideon was last seen heading for WP to root on the Army team. Every little bit helps. Lee Earnest have you retired—as rumored? Bob Foley departs the Pentagon for MILPERCEN shortly to handle Inf Col assignments. All you Infantry LT COLS better hurry up and get promoted while RAPID ROBERT is in charge. Joe Galle called from San Jose, CA (2217 Paris Way, Tel. 4082632892). Has three extra bedrooms, invites all to visit. Joe is working for Lockheed Missile and Space Co., Sunny-side, CA as a Program Plans Analyst. In Jan 79 he married his old H.S. girlfriend, Judy, from Manhattan, MT. They had a baby girl 1 Dec 1980. Joe is active in the Army Reserve. Joe's stepson Gregory Dyekman, is a yearling at WP. From reading a novel a night, Joe, is writing a novel a year. Currently, working on his third military publication on My Lai incident following History of 11th Brigade and Military History of Montana. "Joe that last one must have been a short story—only kidding!"

I will depart shortly to take command (May 82) of a bn in the 321st FA 101st Abn Div. Your support has been greatly appreciated and has made this tasking rather painless. In keeping with retaining the scribe, for the present, in the Washington area our newest arrival, Frank Hall, has graciously accepted to assume the position. He needs your support—so what are you waiting for? Write LTC Francis G. Hall (or wife Donna), 7600 Ruston Dr., Springfield, VA 22153, telephone (703) 455-3662 or contact him in the Pentagon OSD (PA&E), AVN 227-4311. 63 Quality—you done good! Have a Merry Christmas and a Great 1982!

# '64

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You may heave a collective sigh of relief. Inasmuch as at least a few of you folks out there looked forward to the serialization of my career since graduation with something less than enthusiasm, and were consequently motivated to communicate with your old scribe, I decided to postpone, at least for the present, the epic work to which I referred in the closing lines of my last effort. I am sure none will be disappointed with that decision; none, that is, except my mother, who had called to say that she was most anxiously awaiting my autobiographical endeavors.

Although the response to my threat was underwhelming, you will be happy to learn that I did receive 2 letters from classmates during the last quarter. I'm sure that to some, 2 letters may not seem like many, however, when you realize the number represents a 100% increase over the prior quarter, you can share my enthusiasm. Let me also be quick to note that this veritable literary deluge was supplemented by phone calls and the combination of the 2 provided me with not only the resolve but the substance with which to drive on to my task.

In News from Around the Flagpole, Norm & Holly Grunstad departed WP in Aug for DC and DCSPER. Norm & Sandy Gill arrived during the summer, as did Jim & Jan O'Donnell. Norm is running the French section over in the Language Department and Jim is the Deputy DCSP&A on the USMA staff. Norm Gill, the only new arrival at the time of our initial Class meeting of the academic year was not surprisingly elected Class Chairman by acclamation.

Bill & Ann Reynolds drove up to recon the site of their next assignment. Bill is currently at Rutgers trying to set a record for the longest time spent in grad sch by an active duty Army officer.

Joe Mastrianni wrote from Redbank, NJ, where he is the dist mgr for NJ Bell, to provide info on some of the folks he has kept in contact with. Dan & Joan Banovic are living in Kinderhook, NY, where Dan is in the private practice of law. I also heard from Dan, who called to say that he would be at WP for the Homecoming Game and wanted to be included in on any Class festivities associated with that event. Joe further reported that Dan & Clare Klunk are at Ft Monmouth, where Dan is the IG; Bill & Joan Robertson are in Trumbull, CT, where Bill is a Data Systems Manager for Continental Forest Products; Ron & Kathy Odum are in Heidelberg, and Bruce & Carol Howard have moved to DC after an extended stint at Picatinny Arsenal.

Our 2d correspondent was Mont Hubbard who is now an associate prof in the College of Engineering at the U of CA. Mont reports that he successfully negotiated the publish or perish obstacle, has been granted tenure, and will spend the next year on sabbatical leave in Cambridge, England, and in Sweden at Lund Inst of Tech. Mont indicates he occasionally runs into Bill VanBuskirk, inasmuch as they are both in the Bioengineering and Applied Mechanics Div of the American Society of Mech Engrs. This bit of information leads me to believe that Bill is also enjoying the fruits of life in Academia. Mont also said that he talks from time to time to Bill Hoover, who is working with the Sacramento DA's

office and occasionally renews his Army ties in the Reserves.

As I indicated earlier, our meager supply of written correspondence was supplemented by several telephone contacts. Jim Cobb reported in from some place in CA called Port Wahini, where he is an engr working for the Navy at the Pacific Missile Test Ctr. Page (a.k.a John) Duffy called in from NYC where he works for Mobil Oil, commuting from Yardley, PA. John passed on the information that the Class is well represented in Mobil Oil with Mike Kowalchik, Bob Brown and Jim Pederson.

Football season up here always brings various members of the Class out of the woodwork, so to speak. This year has been no exception. Spotted at Michie Stadium following the frustrating fortunes of Army football, were season ticket holders Rusty McCormack and Jim Kofalt, as well as Jim Gantsoudes, Mike Conway, Kevin Kelly and Gene Sullivan. Ever in the search for material, your erstwhile scribe managed to collar several of the aforementioned individuals to provide grist for this literary mill. Jim Gantsoudes is with Morgan Stanley and has recently moved to New York from Chicago. Kevin & Rosemary Kelley are in Providence, RI, where Kevin continues to carry on professional duties in Economics at Providence College.

Gene Sullivan, as ever, was a wealth of material on the comings and goings in DC. Herewith is his report: Larry Brewer continues to occupy the E-Ring in the Pentagon as a Mil Asst to the SA. Dick Tiplady is Chief of Protocol for DoD. Norm Grunstad has just joined Mel Tratenseck in DCSPER. Also spotted, haunting the halls of the Pentagon were John Murray, Steve Bettner, Gerry Werner, Ben Sternberg and Artie Lozeau. Jed Brown is out at Ft Belvoir where he is Chief of the Doctrinal Div at The Engr School.

It often seems that over half of our Class has been to law sch, a fact I attribute to the good influence of my uncle, BG West, who was head of the Department of Law while we were here, and who I fondly recall announcing on the first day of class that no one had ever been turned out in the history of the Law Department. They are now, my friends—another of the many momentous changes which have taken place at your old alma mater. In any event, attorneys from the class are well represented in Washington: Doug Bennett, Mike (Jere) Richardson and Joe Zengerle are in private practice; John Lang is back at the Smithsonian as Ombudsman; Sullivan and Al Carver are in the Justice Dept; and Roy Jones is over on the hill as counsel to the House Interior Cmte.

For those in the DC area there will be a Class function on 20 Nov. All interested, contact Sullivan or Bennett.

# '65

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Greetings once again. We are slowly receiving responses from our initial mailing. As I indicated to you in the previous newsletter, we will be sending out letters to several classmates each month in an attempt to locate and ascertain what they are doing. Of the letters that we have sent out, we did not hear from Abraham, Applin, Arkangel, Armstrong and Axley. If anybody knows their whereabouts, please drop us a line.

I heard from CA that Gene Farmelo has arrived at Ft Ord and will take over the



1965: The Doughtys, Walshes and Ruggles—SHAPE March 81.

Div Sig Bn. From Norfolk we see that Dick Williams graduated from the NavWarC on 8/19. Howard & Betsy Reed, along with Andy (13) and Debbie (10) are now residing on Kwajalein in the Marshall Is. Howard is the Ch, Log Spt O. The golf course has only 2 hazards—the ocean and the runway. The Reeds invite anyone in the area (!) to drop by.

"Boris" Borkowski writes from Birmingham, where he is VP and GM of a Ford dealership. He has been in the car business for 10 years and reports that this is the best year in the past 24 for his dealership. He and wife Robin have 2 children, ages 4 and 2. His "work car" is a red Ferrari 308 GTSI. Who will ever forget Boris, his "Vet" and his elephant ear racing gloves. Boris reports that Monty Kennedy was last seen working for DuPont in Augusta, GA.

Tom Ferguson reports from Germany, where he was Regt S-2 for the 3ACR and is now G2 of the 3rd Div. Beverly and little Robin (7) joined him in Jul. The enclosed picture was taken at the Shinsekis' in El Paso in Mar. Ric and Patty were also in Germany where he was the XO of the 1/3 ACR. Ric is now assigned to ODCSOPS in DC. Jack & Annette Lowe are at Ft Bliss, where he is the FinO. The Fergussons visited John & Karen Pickler in Idar Oberstein, where John is CO, 2/81 FA (8th Inf.). Tom is looking for Jim Golden. Where are you, Jim?

Speaking of misplaced comrades, I received a note from Ed Abesamis just as this was being typed. He sent a \$10 bill (to cover the roster sent to him aeons ago, plus interest!) all the way from Saudia Arabia, where he is now with a company doing stevedoring work. He says that if we have a ship we want unloaded fast, to call him. His Jeddah number is 642-7668—temporarily. Unfortunately he did not mention his ADDRESS. How about it, Ed?



1965: The Shinsekis, Fergussons and Lowes.



1965: The Connors

I tried (unsuccessfully) to corral Joe & Lynn DeFrancisco on their trip out West. Joe is going to Ft Lewis to take over 9th Div Arty. While in Germany, they saw Mark & Linda Walsh. Mark was at SHAPE, but has since moved to Berlin, where he is G2. Mark, let us hear from you.

Lots of classmates in Germany. George Ruggles, civ, is product mgr for OMARK Europe in Belgium and sent the picture. Jack Lyons has also arrived at SHAPE. The Ruggles have an open door for visitors. George Brock reports from DC., where he is the briefing officer for the CJCS and SECDEF. He was promoted in Feb. His wife Johnnie and their 2 children like the DC area. George reports that quite a few classmates are in the area, including Step Tyner at NDU, Arpad De Kovacs is a lawyer near Mt Vernon (civ?), Henry Dermody (ODCSOPS), B.J. Morgan (just departed for a command in Germany), Rick Kuzman (NFI, Pentagon), Hank Sterbenz (DNA), Fred Eichorn (Springfield, VA), Tim Vogel (USN, J3 or J5 staff of JCS), J. B. Harrington (Pentagon), and several others. George expects to go to Germany next Jun.

Ron Floto is now Corp VP, Planning, for Jewel Foods here in Chicago. Let's keep the letters coming!

# '66

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The mail consistently confirms that '66ers and their spouses are degree-hungry and, largely, degree-heavy. Scarcely a week passes that does not bring news of someone all knew as a pure rackoid is holding down a Prof's chair in a big-time Univ., has earned a professional degree, etc. Perhaps we are now past being caught in a somewhat awkward conversation concerning the unadorned B.S. degree we received from WP. "A B.S.? What in?" "It's a general degree." "General engineering?" "No . . . well, it's more like military engineering, only . . ." The inside money is now betting on a move to one or more academic majors in the near future. Stay tuned

to this mag for future official announcements. Maddy, explain the foregoing couple of sentences to Sam, who is firmly convinced that an academic major is a field grade "P" at WP. The Wrightsons are in Germany. Until they write, all of you are authorized to spread the rumor that they spend their weekends in Holland as Auxilliary Coastwatchers for a Dutch "Save the Whales" society. Somebody loan Maddy a stamp.

Although as of this issue Founders Day 82 is much closer than FD 81, Bob Huston was kind enough to write a note concerning goings on at Ft Lewis in Mar. Considering the impact of "The List," some of the following info might now be dated, but Bob informs all that after 1½ years as a Hawk Bn 3, he has "expanded his horizons" (an inverse, insider's ADA allusion to radar coverage. I think) and has become XO of a CV Bn. For those of you who wear suits to work and haven't seen a piece of ADA gear since quad .50's and Dusters in RVN, Bob is talking about missiles and guns. At the Lewis FD he met and passes along greetings from Bob Coats and wife. The Coats live in Seattle, where Bob is with a national auto parts distributor. Paul Roggenkamp is reported as S1 of the 3d Bde, 9th ID, and Dick Manlove as G3 Tng. Frank McGoogan is also in a Bde at Lewis. Bob Huston's big news was the announcement that Alma bloomed with the springtime and added a son, Justin (17 Feb) to the Huston clan. He joins Ryan (3).

Reminder: Get your notes in the mail soon so that your readback is a little less stale. Next deadline is on/about 3 Jan.



1966: Collmeyer digs for tenths.

Ed Wright scribbled a slightly strange (same old Ed) letter from Austin, TX, where he hoped to bone up enough poop on Middle Eastern stuff at the U of TX to warrant a two year assignment as a FAO, with flak vest, in Beirut, Lebanon this past May. To give you some idea of all three sides of Ed Wright in addition to being a FAO, while at the U he also developed a fetish for western regalia (see photo) and spent his spare time pressing empty beer cans into a shape that faintly resembles a Porsche. Ed wrote that he was looking forward to Beirut's challenges of beautiful females, superb beaches, and turning his apartment into a bomb shelter. Amazing how often Fruit and Milker's like Ed get into the thick of things.

Also heard from another Middle-Eastern alumnus, Bo Smith. When Bo and Ashley last wrote, they were in Iran, where Bo was with Bel Hel. Since then he has transitioned into a more grunt-oriented job, renting and selling earth-loving, tree-clearing machinery. They and the kids, Bo Jr. (12), Ashley Kent (10),



1966: Fullertons, Grabows, and Hallums

and Mustapha (5) sent a note from Salem, OR, where they were laying over awaiting completion and delivery of a 23' sailboat, "real wood and trim as a bridesmaid." Mustapha can't wait. He is now fully "Americanized," which includes having a perfect record at selecting toys that self-destruct within a week. The Smiths plan to sail back to northern CA, then drive south to see your former Chief and mine. Thomas Nahanee Amoujuela, who was never actually voted by his CI company-mates as "Least Likely to be PMS of Stanford," but there you have it. Tom is of course doing well as a PMS (our first), though his freshmen are "somewhat reluctant to square corners." Dave Crowell suggests that one good old-fashioned clothing formation ought to solve Tom's problems. Makes sense when you realize that Dave has been carrying around a yellowing pad of 2-1's all these years just waiting for the opportunity to slug a classmate. Dave also refuses to return to WP until somebody can prove conclusively that Ta:box is gone.

Al Gimian has also been in touch. He lives in NH but is assigned to the 1st Rampant HQ at Devens. He has bought 48 acres of trees in NH, where he plans to carve out a little space during his declining years and build a ret house. Al, you need to link up with Bo. You need fewer trees, and he has tree-eaters. Bound to be a commission in that deal for somebody, probably one of our regiment of lawyers like Russ Grant, who you will recall from a recent article is assigned wherever he wants (a puzzling freedom that civilians actually seem to enjoy), but most recently in Aberdeen, MS.

Check elsewhere in this issue for notes concerning the 15th Reunion. Also, you might take note of a letter by BG Phillips, also



1966: Wright at U of Texas.

this issue. In the "coming events" vein, send pics of this year's Founders Day as early as possible in Mar. Everybody has a great time trying to figure out who all the balding gents are, and which women they belong with, but it would be nice if somebody penned in names on the reverse of your photos. A bit closer in time, what I get is what you get, so try to send in your pics and stuff by New Year's to make the Mar issue.

Closing Item: And this is serious business. Somebody refresh my memory on how to play a card game called "Tonk," which occasionally surfaced at gatherings on your fire base in RVN. As best I can recall, the main virtue of the game was that it could be played regardless of the amount of bourbon one had consumed. Unless I can retrieve the not exactly complex rules of this card game, Norton will persist in believing that "Tonk" is a nonesuch. Help . . . M.G.

# '67

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My life has taken a sinister turn the past couple of months. Strange things have been happening. If it keeps up, I will have to evacuate my family to the lower 48. Might as well do that anyway. This new job they've got me doing is not what Dave Hale told me it would be. I have been classmated. I must now work for a living. Hard, long hours. I do remember seeing Suzi at our Hail and Farewell a month ago, after that, it's only been a blur. I think I have 2 children. Hale lied to me. But I am digressing, aren't I?

I am a hunted man. They haven't made their move yet, but I know they are out there. Fleeting visions in the dark. The black and gold car that keeps following me. Unsigned hate letters in the mail (Why are they all written on USMA stationery?). I could have sworn that I saw some guy, dressed as A-Man, lying in the woods behind my house a couple days ago, with a camera and long lens. I'm not worried about him, though—if he stays there much longer he'll either freeze to death, or a moose will come along and make a stain on his back. What does bother me is what I've heard about the contract they've put on me—a lifetime of running the indoor obstacle course. Think of it—everyday, chile con carne with rice, spinach, and brownies for lunch, then the OC. The vault. The platform. The tire. The low crawl. The wall. The rope. One lap with the medicine ball (Here comes the chile). Another lap with the red flag (here comes the brownies). It sends shivers up my spine. I will have to watch my step. If there are no notes next time, you'll know They got me. Look for my body buried under the first floor Plebe boxing room.

In all probability, though, the hit team will miss their chance. They'll be too late. When you folks are reading this, in your cozy, warm homes, by the roaring fire, sipping your eggnogs, with visions of sugar plums dancing in your uncluttered, empty heads, I'll be participating in another one of those delightful Army traditions I alluded to last time. This one is called ARTEP. Up here, it's called Winter ARTEP. (That is particularly significant, because up here, winter is quite different from summer.) For those of you who took the short course, and are now making lots of money in the "private sector" (love that term), an ARTEP is kind of like an ORTT and ATT all rolled in to one (let's



1967: Winton, on the left, finally makes it BIG, after 18 years of trying.

see how many of you guys remember those terms). We will be prancing thru the snow at Ft Greely. Do you know that it gets to be 80° BELOW at Ft Greely in the winter. My friends, even booze freezes when it's that cold. The only positive note is that Hale will be there too.

The "Big Turkey," by the way, is a LTC now. That travesty occurred at the end of Jul. He wouldn't let me come to the ceremony, which makes me suspicious. Sounds like some pagan rite to me. I do know that since it happened, he's been weird. Make that MORE weird. He also doesn't work much. He does go fishing and hunting a lot, though. When he does show up for work, he is usually in a foul mood, probably because he has neither caught fish or slayed game. He then tries to make life miserable for everyone else by issuing all kinds of edicts and making lots of profound decisions regarding the state of training in this Bde. I am concerned about this. Not that his heart isn't in the right place, but I think his tactics may be a bit passé. The latest memorandum from his office dealt with the proper way to issue the command "Front rank, kneel; Ready, Aim, Fire." One of us slept through Yearling Tactics.

As for me, I'm an Inf bn S3 (4/23 Inf). Actually, it's a lot of fun. On jump status, too. An extra 110 a month almost pays for diapers. There is something unforgettable about jumping out of an airplane at 130 knots when the temperature is below absolute zero. There is something even more unforgettable about trying to relieve yourself under those conditions.

Unfortunately, although my bag of wind hasn't deflated at all, yours has. News is practically nonexistent. Believe it or not, kiddies, AK is on the same planet as the rest of you. Well, maybe not. God only knows what cosmic body some of you are on. But there is no need to try to get Mike Mullane or Woody Spring to deliver me mail on the space shuttle. Just write the bloody letter, invest a few bucks in a stamp, and put it in the little blue box on the corner. Then, 6 or 8 weeks later, someone will deliver the letter to me. Just as if we were next door neighbors. Trust me. Try it.

Kudos due—a new crop of high rollers. The latest version of this season's on again-off again LTC list has some familiar names. Mike Andrews, Rog Arango, David Baggett, George Fischer, Bob Frank, Steve Frankiewicz, Glynn (Ranger) Hale, Mark Hamilton, Woody Held, Larry Izzo, Jim Johnson, Paul Kern, Hart Lau, Bob Love, Steve May, Terry McMahan, Al Nahas, Dave Peixotto, Greg Rice, Bill Richards, Jim Sargeant, Tom Schwartz, Bud Shumate, Lee Smith, Chuck Stancil, Doug Starr, Joe Terry, Chuck Thomas, Jim Vance, Dick Waterman, and Doc Wentzel

have all been elevated one step closer to immortality: their shoulders will soon be draped with the mantel of awesome responsibility. They will be at the focal point of action. They can expect to be thrust into the arena of command, where lives depend upon their cool, calculated, unflappable judgment; impervious to and insoluble in the wastewater distractions going on around them that drag the rest of us mere mortals down to the depths of defeat and despair. They will be living life in the fast lane. They will also be making more money. Geez—31 of them. That must leave me as the only remaining major. That's all right—I don't need the money anyway. I don't have time to spend it. Now, THAT'S sad!

OK, sit down and pour yourselves a drink before you read this next bit. You're going to need it. Profiles on Parade—Dec 81 edition. Do you remember last year when I told you about Ty McCoy being on Pres Reagan's transition team? You don't? Well, I did, and I also predicted that he would end up as an undersecretary of something or other. Well, of course, I was only kidding. I mean, what the heck, this is Ty McCoy we're talking about. Well, sports fans, Ty McCoy is now the Asst Secy of the AF. You read it right here, yes indeed. Chief of Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Installations. Now that is Big Time. This ain't no promotion to LTC we're talking about. Ty is responsible for policies affecting all mil and civ personnel of the AF (Zoookoomies), all matters pertaining to the Air Nat'l Guard and AF Reserve, and all AF bases and facilities worldwide. See what I mean—BIG TIME. After graduation, Ty had the normal basic load of assignments as a cannon cocker—CONUS, Europe, and beautiful downtown Vietnam, then got assigned to the DIA and the NSA. After leaving the Army, he became a spy for the CIA. Exotic stuff. In 72 he joined the OSD as a member of the long-range planning and net assessment group, focusing on strategic planning for US forces in the Asia-Pacific area, particularly in Vietnam. (What went wrong, Ty?) In 73 he became asst dir of the SECDEF's Exec Search Task Force. He spent a brief time on the NSC staff, Exec Office of the Pres, then returned to DOD and spent 4 years in the immediate office of the SECDEF as staff assistant, and later, deputy asst to the SECDEF. Somewhere along the line, he managed to pick up a master's in Business Finance from GWU in 75. In 77, Ty became scientific asst to the asst secy of the Navy (Crabs!) for research, engineering, and systems. He supervised the legislative affairs, public affairs and budget formulation facets of the annual \$5 billion Navy research and development appropriation. In 78 he was named dir of policy research in the Office of the Under Secy of Def for Policy. From 79 until getting his current job, Ty was asst for National Security Affairs to Senator Jake Garn. During this period, he was appointed by Senators Laxalt and Garn as Chmn of the Congressional Staff Def Issues Adv Gp to the Reagan for Pres campaign. Ty was sworn in as Assistant Secy of the AF in Jun of this year. His numerous mil and civ honors include the Def Meritorious Civ Service Medal. WOW—a real role model. The rest of you cretins out there better get off your duffs and accomplish something.

Short bursts—John Hart has gone from Germany to Ft Leavenworth, I think, and at Woo Poo, Bob McEldowney is the new Tac of Co A-2.

Speaking of West Point—we have yet to receive a report from our duly elected 15th



1967: Ty McCoy, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

reunion chairman, Asa Clark, on the status of preparations for that splendid occasion. Come on, Asa, don't keep us in suspense. I do know that Homecoming next year is the weekend of 22-24 Oct 82, and the football opponent will be BC. Start making your plans now—you don't want to miss the opportunity to see first hand all the changes that have been made.

Way back in Jul, I got a letter from George Winton, who reports being alive and well at Ft Sam Houston, in San Ant, TX. He's another one of our doctors, having spent the past 2 years doing his Residency in Dermatology, along with Jim Pryor. Jim is now at Wm Beaumont Hosp at Ft Bliss, George is still at Ft Sam. He reports that George Lupton is also a dermatologist at Ft Jackson, so for all you folks out there still suffering from terminal zits, you can pick and choose. George's real reason for writing was to brag about the fact that, after 18 years association with the Army, he was finally allowed to be the Adjutant at a parade. Of course, when he found out, he had to run out and scrounge a set of fatigues, and then someone had to show him how to put them on. But we don't want to stress our doctors too much.

Bruce Hedrick, our number one "Bama Booster," reports that he's leaving his job with Eastman Kodak in Batesville, AR, on 13 Oct for a new job with Celanese Fiber Co. in Cumberland, MD. He's been a senior chemical engr with Kodak, and I suspect he'll be doing the same kind of thing with Celanese. Wow. Remember Yearling Chem—I've always had a profound respect for people who understood that stuff. I remember spending a 2 hour Chem lab analyzing distilled water, because I got the test tubes mixed up in that roundy-roundy thing. You would be amazed at the things I discovered lurking in an innocent looking vial of water. Bruce says that Shirley and the kids, Tami and Daniel, will stay in Batesville until the end of the semester, and they'll all join up in Dec.

You remember those reprobates, Balcom and Dyer. Sure you do—they're the clowns who are getting rich by bass fishing for a living at Lake Eufaula, AL. I, personally, find that reprehensible—some of us still subscribe to the work ethic, but I guess in today's society, you can't expect that of too many

folks. Anyway, Tom Dyer found time between beers to drop a very nice line saying that all continues to go well down there. Seems there is going to be a mini-reunion of sorts—Balcom, Dyer, Craig Butler, Ray Heath, Fred Schremp, Dave Rivers, Jim Walden, and others who wish to remain anonymous, will be assembling for some fun and games. Tom promises to send pictures. Don't hold your breath. Notice all the cute pictures in this issue? Get the message? I guess I'll have to start going with a mystery picture contest.

Jerry Molnar reports he, Marilyn, and son, Michael (8½) are still holed up in NJ, and he is still working as a dist mgr for NY Telephone. Maybe Jerry can help me out with my phone bills. That's one thing about AK—it costs almost as much to make a phone call back to the world as it does to mail a letter. Of course, you can generally count on a phone call getting there—which is more than can be said for a letter.

Hale and I aren't the only folks up here at the North Pole. Steve & Lark Grove (and their 2 sons) are here also. Steve is working for the "Great Turkey" in the Bde S3 shop (that is service above and beyond). Jack Ziemke works in the Opns Cen on the Bde. AK Staff, and Dave Mosser is in the IG shop, after a stint as the XO of our local Arty Bn.

One word to those of you who have given of yourselves, and have bothered to write to me during the past couple of years. Despite the appearances, I have, and do appreciate it very much. As I am sure you've noticed, during the past few months, my return correspondence has been very poor, and I want to apologize for that. I promise to get back in the swing of things and answer your letters—kind or otherwise! Just want to let you know I do appreciate it.

That's it for this time. It's snowing like crazy outside, and it's only the first week of Oct. We're going to the field tomorrow. I've got to go out and shovel the bloody walk, and I've got a cold. Going to be a long winter. I need to spend the rest of the day getting my blood alcohol level up high enough so at least my blood won't freeze.

You kids take good care of yourselves, and drop me a line. The dogsled will find me somewhere. Angie Nida—I heard some great stories about you on my trip this summer. For the right price, I'll let you know what they are. God bless you, one and all. BEAT NAVY!

# '68

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This issue's news ought rightly to begin, however belatedly, with our classmates on the last LTC list. Frank Audrain, Tom Burnette, John Cruden, Bill McCauley, Bill Nash, Dave Ohle, Norm O'Meara, Dave Schulte and Pat Toffler are on that list. They will soon join the ranks of our class' doctor and AF LTC's. Congratulations, fellows!

This edition will also contain news of a number of new arrivals in classmates' families, the jist of which came in a letter from Bob Echol's wife Jo in Jul. She announced the birth in Aug 1980 of their daughter Amelia; and she also mentioned that Bob is doing well in his law practice in the Birmingham, AL, area and enjoying himself immensely.

Late in Jul Fred Johnson forwarded to me a long and very informative letter from Jack Cochran, for which I am grateful. Such letters make the task of writing these columns

much easier. In his recent peregrination around the Southeast, Jack heard of or saw many classmates, to include: Ron & Kathy Feher recently had their 5th child (then 4th girl), Mary Faith born in Apr. Ron is an engr with GE in Springfield, VA. Brian McKenna was finishing his tour in Korea as an Engr Bn S3 and moving to the Dist Engr's office in Portland, OR, in order to (Jack's quote) "assist in the cleanup of Mt. St. Helen's unladylike belching. From deep kimchee to deep ash!" Mike & Donna Brennan are still in the DC area where Mike is a physician at Walter Reed, occasionally helping classmates in "cutting through the bureaucracy and central appointments at Reed." LeRoy & Lisa Outlaw welcomed a new son in the spring of 81 in Germany where LeRoy is an Arty Bn S3. When Jack was at Camp Shelby, MS, recently he ran into Don Carroll who was with the Rdins Gp at Indiantown Gap and Keith Merritt who was stationed at Ft Hood. In Birmingham Jack saw Eric & Rhonda Thomas who recently welcomed a new daughter, Marlisa. Eric is a senior engr with Southern Natural Resources and an Engr Group S3 in the Reserves. Eric mentioned to Jack that he had recently seen Harold Yager who was then looking for a change of job and location after managing a tire recapping plant for several years. Eric said he had also heard from Tommie & Bonnie Barnes. Tommie was then preparing to open a dental practice in either Cullman or Athens, AL. Jack Cochran is still at Ft Meade, but he has a new job as the Sr Resource Adv for the 97th ARCOM. Jack's wife Bevi has entered a nursing program and is teaching Lamaze childbirth classes in the evening.

I also received a note from Jay Guinn's wife Mae in Jul. She said that Jay had completed his dental residency in fixed prosthodontics at Walter Reed in Jul and that they were now in Nuremberg. Jay came out on the Dental LTC's list in Jun. Mae also mentioned that Jim & Patty Decker have a new baby boy and that Jim's law practice in Ft Myers was thriving.

The AOG forwarded to me in Sept a notice that John Stolp had been promoted to Sales Engr for the Rogers Corp in the San Fran area, and that he and his family would be moving there soon.

Jim Actemose also wrote in Sept with news from the DC area. He and Surry Everett had produced a well done and valuable roster of all our classmates currently located in the DC area, along with their addresses and phone numbers. Jim mentioned that 23 classmates had held a luncheon at the Pentagon on 16 Sept at which they told war stories and worked on plans for future Class functions. In the sake of information I will list the classmates on Jim's and Surry's roster without phones or addresses. Anyone who needs that information can call or write me at the above address or Jim at AVN 227-7857. His address is: 1551A Eglin Way, Bolling AFB, DC 20336. Our classmates currently in the DC area are: Randy Allen, Jim Altemose, John Armstrong, Greg Babite, Bob Balogh, Tom Banks, Bob Beahm, Pete Bonasso, Warren Bowland, Marty Bowling, Mike Brennan, Sam Brooks, Jerry Buckley, Jack Bussa, Jim Carmen, Jerry Cobb, Jack Cochran, Frank Cooch, Art Cougler, Brian Copley, Jerry Crawford, Jay Crenshaw, Doug Cummings, Mike Curran, Mike Dauth, Lou Davis, Joe Dooley, Surry Everett, Ron Feher, Mike Fellows, Mike Fisher, Vic Garcia, Bill Gardepe, Jerre Gatlin, George German, Rich Gilliard, Jim Greenberg, Howie Harper, Mike Havey, Glen Hewitt, Joe Henry, Kim Henningsen, Dutch Hostler, Gil

Jacobs, Don Johnson, Don Jones, John Keane, Eric Kunz, Neil Lark, Dwight Lee, Dan Limbaugh, im Locher, Bob Lorbeer Jim Madora, Wally Magathan, Roy Mase, Jack Mayer, Bill McCauley, Bob McDonald, Howard McElroy, Mike Meares, Roy Miller, Ed Millson, Jack Munson, Ross Nagy, Bill Nash, Norm O'Meara, Tom Onasch, Steve Osborn, Stosh Parker, Mike Patrow, Bob Pinzutti, Mike Potter, Hank Riser, Jeff Rogers, Lou Schlipper, George Schweitzer, Chuck Steel, Bob Swedock, Gordy Tillery, Tom Vollrath, Jim Walsh, Mike Wells, and Bill Williams.

In early Oct I received a note from Jim Thome at AFSC, Class #70. Jim said that classmates with him at Norfolk included Jim Orahoad, Larry Manning, By Shields, and Jim Anderson. Jim Thome said that he had been at Ft Carson as the DAME and S3 for the 4Div's ADA Bn.

The last news I have is from here at Ft Leavenworth where Bob McDonald, Paul Ptasnik, Jack Reid, Chuck Parker, Gordy Sayre, Steve Winsor, Lee Moran, Tom Martin, Bill Kunzman, John Cruden and I are all students at C&GSC. Additionally, John Cruden, one of our Army lawyers, recently was selected for the Young Federal Lawyer award by the Federal Bar Assn. The award is given to 5 Federal lawyers annually who "are under the age of 36 and who have distinguished themselves through a truly remarkable level of sustained service and achievement."

Our classmates here at Leavenworth that I have seen or heard of include Dave Drummond, Monte Anderson, and Marv Wooten, all on the college's faculty, and Bob Keller, Carl Witshonke and John Crenshaw who are working in one office or another of the Combined Arms Center.

That's all I have for this time. Keep your cards and letters coming and everyone take care.

# '69

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This column is being written on 28 Sept, covering news received since 30 Jun. My next deadline is 4 Jan 82, so please send your cards, letters, and photos by year's end.

I would like to open by correcting 2 misspellings from last issue, both of which involved former company-mates. First, it was Jennifer Lyn Nosal who was born to Linda and Greg on 13 Apr at WP. Second, it is Frank Tabela who recently joined the 2d Rgr Bn at Ft Lewis. By the way, these errors were entirely my fault, because, as often is the case, the editors had to prepare the Sept column from my handwritten notes.

My threat last issue to start ad libbing



1969: Summer reunion: Grant, Zais, Wheelock, Kimmitt, Seck, Nordotti and Cox.



1969: Army-Missouri game: The Glacels, Rices, Nagels, Mayers, Coxes and Dolton.

more often must have struck fear into some hearts. Letters and photos both picked up this issue, and I thank you for your assistance. For next issue, please send a holiday card and photo to let the Class know how you are.

KC Brown opened the news from the mil side this qtr by announcing his marriage to Joan Anderson on 27 Jun at West Point. They are now at the Nav CGSC in Newport, RI, with Bubb, Norm Brown, Foss, Metcalf, Nygren, Psaki, and Quinn.

Pat & Hugh Donohue are now at West Point, and they located Dave Byars in McCall, ID. Pat & Barney Wintermute recently returned to Ft Bragg from Germany, where Pat gave birth to their 3d child, Michael Joseph, on 24 Jan 81. After the Foreign Area Officer course, Barney will be assigned to DIA. Barney said that Fran & Jim Fouché are at Ft Bragg, as is Jack Von Kaenel.



1969: Peggy Love, Hammond, the Landrums, Marilyn Hammond and Love.

Barbara & Bob Glacel sent a photo and letter from CGSC. Also there are Anshus, Ashley, Dan Cox, Dolton, Bill Foster, Gregor, Tom Hayes, Leister, Mayer, Nagel, Terry Rice, and Doug Williams. Ann Marie & Jay Harper wrote from Ft Sill where he is S3 of 2/34 FA. Also at Ft Sill are Albright, Frykman, Ondo, Pedersen, and Robyn.

Change-of-address cards located the following classmates: Blackburn (White Sands); Bob Hoffman and KC Scull (HI); and McBane (US Embassy, Bonn). Also in Ger were Marilyn & Steve Hammond in Babenhausen.

The last letter from the mil side was from Julene & Harry Logan, USAF, in Satellite Beach, FL, where Harry is involved with the Space Shuttle program. They included a photo from Harry's brother's graduation from West Point in May 81.

Chris & Dave Hayes opened the civ news with an address card from their new home in Needham, MA. Lis & Jack Black wrote from

Webster, NY, where Jack is with Xerox. He also teaches accounting at Monroe Comm Coll and, Jan through Apr, has his own lox company. Mary & Dana Johnston are in Hollis Hills, NY, where Dana has just opened an obstetrics practice. Recently, he delivered a young man named Thomas Dellwo, who is related to his namesake and our classmate Tom Dellwo, who was killed in Vietnam.

Jane & Dick Jarman sent a note from Parkersburg, WV, where Dick is pres of the Walker-Parkersburg Div of Butler Mfg. Further south, in Atlanta, Ginny & Doug Rogers were recently joined by their 2d son, Michael Kenneth.

Barbi & Tom Whitaker sent a note and the C-4 newsletter from Ft Wayne, IN. During a trip to FL, they saw Susan & Jim Stelter, in Clearwater, and Nan & Bruz Fellenz. They also met Daniel Lee Selecman, born 24 Mar 81 in Atlanta, and said that Carol & Doug Williams had welcomed Scott Christopher on 3 Aug at Ft Leavenworth.



1969: The Whitakers and Fellenzes.

Recently married in Houston were Diana & Richard Garay. Richard practices general dentistry, while Diana works for Continental Airlines. They sometimes see Jennifer & Charlie Whatton, who is in his final year of dental sch in Houston.

Holly and I joined many classmates at Jay Wheeler's marriage to Ann Minnick on 5 Sept in Alexandria, VA. In attendance were Berry, Burke, Duffy, McCullough, McGue, Metcalf, Rhyne, Wheelock and Zais. Ann and Jay, who met at UVA Law Sch, will both be in private practice in LA, Jay with Latham & Watkins and Ann with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

The last letter from the civ side was from Petti & Bob Yaap, who live in Visalia, CA, where Bob is with Butler Mfg. They had seen Kathy & Dutch Harmeling, who recently formed an executive placement co in San Diego, and Karen & Steve Lindell, who is with Raiser Construction in San Mateo. A few blocks from the Yaaps' are Jeanette & Jerry Hayton, who works for Dean-Witter.

Change of address cards located Bob Allar-



1969: The Nordottis and the Secks.



1969: Harry Logan with father at brother's USMA Graduation.

dice in Parker, CO, Dave Dunaway in Rockaway Twsp, NJ, Tom Rames in Livermore, CA, Gary Thorstens at Warner Robins AFB, GA, and Dr. Jim Walkenbach in Claremont, CA. Through Army Times, I gleaned the good news that Steve Hammond, Jim Isenhower, Don Smith, and Mike Snell had been selected for secondary zone promotion to LTC.

Holly, Kathleen, and I are doing very well, although work on the Saudi AWACS sale has kept me from them more often than I like. We certainly enjoy hearing from and seeing classmates, and again offer our assistance to anyone arriving in the DC area. We recently were joined at dinner by Joan & George Demetriou, who have just moved to DC and George's new job with the Army budget office.

We wish you all a very healthy and happy holiday season and hope to hear from you in time for the next column. Till then, God bless to all in '69.



1969: Diana and Richard Garay.

# '70

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Here's hoping that this issue finds you in the best of spirits with the Army team having beaten Navy.

Received some interesting letters and phone calls during the past 3 months but no photos. Surely someone has an instamatic to capture Dick Beahm's bugling at the football games at WP or Linda & Rich Measner exhorting the throngs. Rumor has it that the Class of '70 contingent is among the rowdiest at the home games. We've always felt the seats were to stand on to cheer the Army team on, instead of for sitting. This year Dick Beahm attends all football games with bugle in hand and can almost play a recognizable tune. As

the season progresses so does his playing ability. Now he has to work on endurance, his lips go limp as the game wears on.

Ralph & Ann Churchill are at the AF Staff Sch at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, AL, with their 2 children, Laurie and Jared. They arrived this past summer in time to put their 19 ft. runabout to good use. There is certainly plenty of water recreation in the area and hopefully the school schedule provides for some free time. If not, Jim Mowery probably gave Ralph a few tips on how to make a little free time. Jim just finished the course, after rewriting AF books on strategy.

Kurt Reineke wrote from his post with the UNTSOP on the Lebanese, Jordanian and Israeli Borders. Seems that Kurt and his family have had a rather eventful past in the Middle East. He was stationed in Iran prior to the UN assignment. Kurt, Cher, Heather and Kurt III got out of Tehran just before the hostage taking started. They got out of Iran, literally with little more than the clothes on their backs. His family is now in CT while Kurt completes the UN assignment. Dave & Amy White and their 3 children stopped in and visited Cher and the kids en route to CGSC from HI. A second letter found Kurt hospitalized in an Arab hosp (he claimed it was actually the Turkish prison from the Midnight Express). He was suffering from a hepatic viral problem from which he was recovering successfully. He also wrote that he met an individual from his Class of '72 Beast Squad, David P. Good, who is now a cultural attaché in Jordan with the US Foreign Service.

Steve & Gail Strom are headed for the UN peacekeeping force in Israel. Here's hoping their tour is a little calmer than Kurt's.

Katie Barbour had a baby boy, Joseph, this Aug. Mark & Katie have 2 other children, Laura & Carrie. Don & Pam Goff are now at WP with BS&L. They have 3 boys. Lynn Moore is now teaching in the Engl Dept. He arrived at WP this summer with wife Pat and daughter Michele (3) from CGS where he played with a semi pro rugby club, the KC Blues. He is currently coaching the cadet rugby team. Maybe with his skill and drive he can get a team into the Rugby Nat'l Championship. His wife has a master's degree in PE. Quite a sports-minded family!

Roger Fox has departed Lakehurst Naval Air Station where he was a test pilot for Germany.

The Hist Dept reports that Art Alphin is BACK! The rumor is that Art is still able to show his true spirit of the South and that he is quite the military history buff.

Congratulations are in order to Dave Allbee. Dave is with the Chem Dept and has been picked as a Perm Assoc Prof (PAP) which is a tenured position. Dave has a mechanical knack for fixing his cars, boats and for remote controlled model aircraft and boats, which can sometimes be seen on WP lakes or in the air over the plain. Barney Forsythe also was picked for PAP in the BS&L Dept. Again congratulations!

Bob Zollo is living in Mt Laurel, NJ, with his wife Debbie and daughter Michelle (6). He works for Proctor Silex appliances as a market representative. Bob received his MBA from SIU before joining SCM Corp with Proctor Silex. Another So Jersey resident is Lou DeScioli. Lou is part owner in a shipping company in Gloucester, NJ, and Jim Busack was also living in the area while going through med sch. Geof Charest is at Ft Monmouth, NJ, as project officer for the Comm Sys Engr Program in the Ctr for Sys Engr and Integration.



1970: Linke and the Plummers.

Rich Gasparini is with the JAC and is currently teaching law in the JAG School in Charlottesville, VA. Susie DeCort wrote and gave us some good news, the birth of their 4th child, a son Christopher, who tipped the scales at 11 lb 7 oz! The De Corts are living in Fairfax, VA. Don is assigned with the Criminal Law Division, Office of the JAG, at the Pentagon.

Mike Johnson called from Boston. Mike has a rather remarkable situation. He got out of the Army to pursue a doctorate in Political Science on the Middle East and took a job as part time broker with Merrill Lynch. Well the part time job took off like a rocket, Mike switched companies in Feb and is now a VP and full time broker in charge of the company's Middle Eastern Group. The Johnsons must certainly be energetic because he will finish his PhD in Oct 81. Additionally he and Jeanine are in the process of adopting a little girl from Colombia, So America. Their final processing and the trip to Bogota are supposed to take place around Thanksgiving. They presently have 2 boys, Ben (8) and Joe (4). And if that's not enough, he owns a real estate co and has interests in some shopping centers! Another classmate on Wall Street is Steve Swain. Steve works for Newcourt Securities as an investment banker. He has progressed extremely well with his company which is controlled by the Rothschild banking family.

Well that's about it. Here's wishing you all the most joyous holiday season possible and the Happiest and Most Prosperous New Year. From us all—Tom, Bev, David and Justin Boytim

# '71

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These notes are being penned on 8 Oct 81, 7 days before the start of our 10 year reunion activities. I apologize to the Class for not having the ability or diplomacy necessary to convince the AOG to allow the reunion scribes a later suspense for their columns, so as to include poop from the



1971: Snyder receiving M.D. degree.

homecoming weekend. As it stands, I will publish a summary of all the activities in the Mar issue, five months after the fact. Also as I write these remarks, AG offices everywhere are chomping at the bit, readying the promotion list to MAJ next week. To all of you military types selected, my heartiest congratulations.



1971: The Hutchison fold.

Paul & Karen Andrew have settled in Guilderland, NY, outside Albany. Paul works for EF Hutton and if his home address (Executive Dr) is any indication, he is no longer living the spartan life he did at the Wharton School. When my brother had a serious auto accident in Jul in Columbia, SC, I was surprised and happy to hear that med student John Beard was making neurological checks on him. Johnny Brooks garnered so much respect from his superiors at Ft Bragg, that they made him the S3 of the 2/505th Inf. Another hard-nosed soldier, Dell Dailey, has just extended for a 4th year with the 11th ACR in Germany where he has taken



1971: The Prides.

over command of a troop. Frank Durrum left the service in Nov and he works as a stock broker in TX after earning his federal and state brokerage licenses. Craig & Karen Gabbert are settled in TN with son Rob (2). After the Vanderbilt School of Law and 3 years of JAGC experience, Craig resigned his commission in 79 to become an atty with a firm in Nashville. I believe that I forgot to tell you that Tom Harvey was selected



1971: Klevecz after receipt of Korea orders.

as the 80 Tacoma, WA, Federal Employee of the Year. Kevin James resigned his commission and left his WP assignment in Jul so that he could start med sch at Howard U. He will retain an inactive 2LT status until he graduates. Dr. 'No,' as the cadets called Kevin due to his grading expertise, hopes to make a career in orthopedic surgery.

Big Bob Johnson is getting married in Jan! Names and places will be withheld until confirmation is made.



1971: The Posts.

I received a nice note from Jeff Jones. After attending the Marine C&GSC at Quantico, VA Jeff moved to the DC area where he began work in OSD. Jeff's wife Pam works in govt rels with Bendix Aerospace. Jeff was fortunate to serve as the mil aide to Edwin Meese at the Pres's inaugural.

After he graduated from law sch, Larry Kaden worked as an Asst State Atty in Orlando. For the last year and a half he has served as an Asst Atty Gen in Tallahassee. He handles felony appeals (including death penalty cases) to the State Appellate courts. Not satisfied with prosecuting criminal activities, Larry also enjoys participating in some. For 2 years he has backpacked and attended the Oktoberfest in Europe with a



1971: The Gabberts.

friend, played rugby until a separated shoulder sidelined him, and joined the JAGC reserves in FL. Heard from Hugh MacDonald who is the marketing mgr for the State of VA for the Control Data Corp. Hugh and Susan should have had their first child in Richmond in Jun. Pat McDonald landed a Bde S3 position at Hunter-Liggett, CA, in Jul with hopes of moving up to Ft Ord soon.



1971: Knowles on duty.

Monty Miller has surfaced in Armstrong, IA, where he and his brother own and farm many acres of good midwest soil. After leaving the service last year, Robin Miller began his own business, Willowbrook Development Corp, which has become quite successful. In fact, he recently presented a lecture to cadets on small business operations.

After 2 promotions, Dale Pirkle is now a unit mgr with Procter & Gamble in FL. Sam Pride has been selected to attend grad school in Phys Education at the U of GA and subsequently to teach at WP in DPE. Quite an honor, I might add. Billy Roden



1971: The Macdonalds.



1971: Ten year reunion, Europe.



1971: Larry Kaden, Florida 81.

is currently operating on those grads that DPE has taught so well as an orthopedic surgeon at Ft Bragg.

More honors. Rick Seaman recently was named as an honor graduate of his JAG Advanced Course. Bob Snyder graduated from the School of Medicine of the Uniformed Services University in June. He will continue his medical education in a surgical internship at Beaumont Army Med Cen in El Paso. Joe Visinski married Karen O'Hearn in Sept in MA. Bill West is teaching with the Pol Scie Dept at TX A & M.

Unable to make it to the reunion here at WP, our European contingent journeyed to the home of Paul & Mary Nelson in Garmish for the celebration. Unfortunately for Paul, who is attending the US Army Russian Institute, duty prevailed and he missed the party that he had planned. In attendance, however, were Jay & Dot Bapple, Russ & Kathy Howell, Myrl Jowell, Brian & Debbie McQuestion, Bill & Jennifer Nichols, Jim & Fran Schlesinger, Dave & Sandi Smith, Eric & Nancy Sundin, Mike & Rose Van Buskirk, Buck & Cathy Walker, Bernie & Anita Wall, and Greg & Kate Wenzloff. One that was un-

able to attend was Cliff Lindstrom who is the S3 for the 1/52 Inf in Bamberg.

I would like to recognize in print that Mari and I spent a most enjoyable weekend recently in beautiful northeastern MA with Tom & Anne Mannle. The Mannles live in the beautiful seaside port of Gloucester. While there, we spent an enjoyable evening at Pete & Mary K. Weddles' new home in Andover, MA. Both Pete and Tom work for the Dyn Rsch Corp in Wilmington, MA.

Professionally done babies include Larry Dietrich and Susan Doyle, both born in August at West Point. The Mangers are due their second in May 82.

By the time that you read these notes, those of you that so designated will have received your reunion book. Unfortunately, some of the material and pictures received by Dick Bridges did not meet his layout suspenses. I have tried to incorporate most of that information in this issue.

From the 'Corps Is' department, a look inward: the Dept of Phys Ed now offers two new courses to cadets, aerobic dance and jazz!



1971: The Seamans.

Now that the ten year reunion is completed and over 300 of you have returned to your spawning ground and realized that you are not yet completely weaned from your rockbound highland home and those close relationships that you established, please write and share.

'72

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Greetings once again to '72ers everywhere. The mail bag is chock full this time so let's get started on some of the news.

Bruce & Maurine Ritter have added daughter Ellen to their family and Aaron (4) is enjoying being a big brother. The Ritters have become settled in the Dallas area. A note from Bill & Betty Harlan didn't make last issue, but it's still news. They are expecting their first child soon. Betty won the all-Army racquetball championship last Feb. The Harlans expect to be in San Antonio through summer of 82. Bill is prosecuting court-martial while Betty does neurological therapy. They saw Craig & Joan McKee last Mar before they left for Craig's foreign service assignment in Colombia. Both Craig and Joan completed a Spanish language course before departing.

Bob Curran wrote from Ft Lewis and his assignment at the High Tech Test Ctr. He and Molly were on vacation in Monterey when they saw Pete Bucha, Tom Pawlowski, Brad Loo, and Steve Main. That group was attending ORSA course at Nav PG Sch. Their conversation, of course, centered on classmates elsewhere, like John Simar coaching football at WP, and Pete Galgay coaching hockey. Howie Carpenter was at Monterey (TRADOC) and played on the same softball team with Buch and troupe. Larry Boltezure is at Ft Lewis with Curran. Larry has been at Lewis for 7 years. Gerry Zmolek is still studying law at U of Puget Sound. Kim Putnam is practicing law in Olympia and wife Cindy is a dental hygienist at Ft Lewis. Curran ran into Tony Dedmond during a 13.1 mile halfathon last Jul. Seems Dedmond was out inspecting a plant for his company in Gresham, OR. He got out in May. Others that Curran has had contact with include Charlie Fletcher (TDY from HI to USC), Larry Hill (PMS at UWY), Frank Hogan (a lawyer in HI), Joe Wishcamper (a lawyer in Seattle), Jay Kimitt (legislative liaison in DC). Also, Scott McQuarrie (SJA in Korea), Dan Lolly (Physics Dept, WP), John Bonin (Hist Dept), and Dave Hartman (English Dept).

On his way from Ft Sill to Ft Monmouth, Mike Toler dropped a line to tell of new addition, Jeffrey Michael, born last 14 Jul. That's the 3d son of Mike and Marybeth. When Toler left Sill, Pete Palmer was an instructor in Lance Branch, and Ed Durham commanded a tng battery. Mike is on his way to be a Procurement Contracting Officer at Monmouth after a rare Infantry assignment at the Arty School.

Received a copy of the H-1 (Hawgs) newsletter from Pete Topp. Here are excerpts -George & Mary Ann Webb are at Ft Carson where George is XO with the cobra co. Cliff & Pat Stilgenbauer are still in Anchorage with the CE, but as civ. Cliff says he dives both SCUBA and hard hat for the corps. Jim Silcox has another year as C-3 Tac and then 2 years in the Hist Dept. Mark Robershotte is at Stanford with Nan and daughter Erika after returning from a tour with the engs in Korea. They'll head for the Engineering Dept in 83. Lou & Jeanne Reyna are in Charlottesville for the JAG Adv Course. They had been at Ft Carson where Lou was a prosecutor and chief of claims. Scott & Pat Pepler are in Omaha on a recruiting assignment. Jim O'Brien is still in sales for





1972: The Colbys, Giboneys, Barnes, Morrells (USNA), Moores, Powers, Travises, Harts, and Janceks.

IBM. He, Gretchen, and son Bobby are back to the normal routine after a serious auto accident several months ago. Steve Daly is now at WP as instructor in G&CS. Jim Mohney works for Mobil plastics, and wife Doreen is a nurse. The Mohneys have two daughters, Robin and Katie. Bob Mercer is practicing law in CT after graduation from Notre Dame law school. As an instructor in BS&L (old MP&L), Bob McDonnell taught 2 sessions of leadership last summer school. He's also working on his doctorate in organizational behavior. Spike Latimer is another busy teacher. He's with the English Dept. Bill & Lorraine Herdrich are living near Chicago since becoming manager of engineering for Gould Corp. They have 2 daughters, Andrea and Garth. The Phil Drumheisers are on an ROTC assignment at Loyola in Chicago. Maureen is an elementary school teacher. Another in the ROTC ranks is Dan Doe. He and Barb recently added first child, Kimberly. Brian & Carol Dillon recently arrived in Columbia, SC, where he's an industrial engineer for Michelin Tire. Jennifer and Christopher round out the Dillon family. After returning from Berlin, Dave Carlson entered Penn State for a master's in Psychology. He'll head for WP next year, along with Sandra and son Anders. Mike Butt is back at WP as an English P accompanied by Sheila and kids. Dan & Karen Bappe reportedly are in El Paso after Dan got

his law degree and MBA at U of Iowa. That's quite a roundup of the H-1 Hawgs! Oh yes, Peter & Regina Topp are headed for King Khalid Military City, Saudi Arabia, with newest family addition, Erik, born 13 Aug. Congrats!

Got a note from John Ferguson in Cary, NC, where he's a pers admin with Car. Power & Light Co. Wife Joanne is a pediatric nurse and they have 2 children, daughter Jennifer (6), and son John (1). The Fergusons have made contact with Rick, Helen, and Derek Lawson at Ft Knox, and with Rick Williams in Raleigh, NC, with Northern Telecom.

Geoff Wilhemy married Kathy Terranova in Staunton, VA, last 6 June. Several '72ers attended, including: Clyde Gibson, Randy & Karen Brown, Roger & Debbie Miller, Shaun & Linda Conlin, Jay & Elsa Augustenborg, Jim & Lynn Derner, Tom & Judy Dayvault and Gary Potter. Geoff has been on recruiting duty in VA. Sounds like you signed up for the duration, Geoff! The Class has had a company vice president for some time now. Bob Lang is Vep of Compadre Drilling and Exploration Corp in Ardmore, OK. Bob says the drilling business is steadily picking up stateside. He, Carol, and Allison (4) welcomed Lesley Vaughn last Apr. The Langs have had contact with Earl Simons and Steve Baranzky. Simons is working as an engr for Western Co. of North America. Steve and Sheila are in NJ, after a master's degree at Georgia Tech.

Up the road at Ft Jackson, SC, are Paul & Sharon Capofari with Michelle and Peter, and maybe a third by print time. The Larry Cooks are there also. Daughter Molly was born last spring, and joins Katie (3). Larry is a dentist at Jackson. The Capofaris were at JAG basic course with Harry Brown and Steve Mulliken. Another note that missed the Sept issue is from Jim & Lynn Derner. They, along with Jaime Lynn (4) and Jim Michael (2), departed Case Western Reserve U for Concepts and Analysis Agency, Bethesda, MD, this past summer. The advanced degree in computer engineering will be useful in figuring out the mortgage on the new house they bought in Rockville. During the move they met up with Mike & Pat Balderman



1972: Gibson, Browns, Millers, Conlins, Wilhelmys, Augustenborgs, Dernars, Dayvaults, and Potter.

and daughters Jennifer Ann, and Melissa Lynn. Mike works for OTEA at Falls Church, VA. Also, the Dernars ran into Craig & Sue Hatton, and 7-month-old Sara Lisabeth. Other contacts include John & Roxann Crouse in Korea, Jim & Marsha Libhart at HQ USECOM, and Steve, Itzel, Penny, and Lisette Fee at Camp Zama with the 500th MI Group. Thanks for the info, Jim and Lynn.

Here is yet another flashback to summertime correspondence, this one from Rolly & Karen Dessert and 6 children. The Dessert clan is in Denver where Rolly is in grad school at Denver U. It'll be the Soc Sci Dept after that. Rolly's CO news includes Chuck Clements (Co Cmdr), Dave Grayson (S3 of a tank bn), George Wildrick (TDY to Egypt on an M60A3 tank program), Don Strother (still flying helicopters to oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico), Bob Dull (PCS soon to grad sch), Bill Walsh (with Xerox in Colo Spgs), Rick Luczak (PCS to Ft Ord as Man Info Staff Off), Tony Jacobs (AC in Denver and rugby addict), Grant Hintze (to Carson from Nav PG Sch), Ward Shaklee (NORAD IG Staff, USAF). Away from Carson are: Stan Florer (SF at Bad Tolz, Germany), Brad Jackson and Jim Veeder (with Boeing in Seattle), Don Kelso (Electronic Data Systems, Dallas) and Bill Smith (Rice U. Medical Sch).

It took a trip across the U.S. and a visit with Greg & Monica Schneider in OR to inspire Tom Greco to write. I'm glad you made the trip, Tom! While reminiscing about those Inf LT days on "the Rock," Greco figured it was time for a personal update. This includes his marriage to Gail and additions Scott (4) and Jessica (1). Scott was born at Ft Campbell and Jessie at Walter Reed. The Grecos are at Ft Meade now, and with all the visitors to MILPERCEN, Gail feels like a motel owner! They both enjoy the visits, though. Tom provides some info on others. Ben & Vicki Martin are at Ft Irwin, CA, where he's Dept Fac Engr. They have one son, Zachary. Bruce & Sandy Barlow left Sandhurst, England, for a stint at Ft Polk. The Barlows have a son, Christopher. The Schneiders have a son, Bruce, and Greg remains in the trucking business. Jim & Chris Gilly are in Houston with their son, Jamie. Reports on Doug & Avis Merkl have him resigning this year and planning to work in the DC area.

Saved some space for Bill Guarino's A-1 newsletter and he responded in fine fashion. For starters, Tom Pawlowski is finishing his master's at Nav PG Sch and will then be a math P at the USAFA. Gar questions how anyone could be "straight enough to represent the Army at USAFA and yet smart enough to pitch the green death to the zoomies...?" Tom Marks is on the last leg of his PhD quest. He's a teaching asst at UIII as well as a cross country and track coach. Skip Ash is back at Woops on a stint in the Hist Dept. He's living in New Windsor, some 12 miles from "campus." Latest on John Boxberger is that he's working on his thesis—German Foreign Policy in Venezuela in 1902. John saw Tod & Sheila Wilson at Ft Bragg before the Wilsons departed. A-1 rumors have Rich Wampler at Ft Lee, VA, and Bob Phillips on his way to Nav PG Sch. Steve & Sandy Curtis hosted Bill Guarino and Trish for dinner last summer. Now it's Mr. and Mrs. Guarino. Curtis works at the Tank Automotive Command while Sandy is a nurse. Closing out the news is a birth announcement from Dave & Honey Kirk. Michael Warren checked in at 7 lb. 12 oz. on 19 Aug. Sister Shannon helps mom and dad with the babysitting. Congratulations, Kirks.

First bit of reunion news, and most important info. Homecoming 1982 is scheduled for the weekend of 22-24 Oct 82. The Class of 1962 (that's correct, '62) will be billeted in the Thayer Hotel. The Class of '72 attendees must make arrangements with hotels/motels in the surrounding area (or find an old roomy who's teaching now).

Will have more info in Mar. See you then.

# '73

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Merry Christmas all! What a great year it has been and it's hard to believe that '82 is just around the corner. Greetings from West Point too. This time of year it's especially beautiful here—but can you remember just how cold it gets here during the winter? I guess I had forgotten or maybe it's different when you're a Cadet—but man of man it's COLD outside. Maybe I'll get used to it again?!



1973: Hollsten "passing through" Highland Falls.

Would you believe that of all the '73 grads remaining on active duty, approximately 10% of us are assigned here? It's like a perpetual reunion 'round these parts. Just at lunch today at the O-Club I ran into Bart Clare (Physics) and Rocky Waite (Tac). They both send their best regards. Out on the golf course last week too, while doing time trials with the Women's Cross Country Team (I'm Asst Officer Rep), I ran into (no pun intended) John Little. He's in DPE and is also the Officer Rep for Track. Keeping him company in DPE are Keith Bakken (John and Gail Hazel's duplex neighbor out at Stewart), Steve McGill, Mike Flannery, and Vince Curasi. Let's do some more laundry listing. Murray Ritter and Rob Roe are in DMI, Steve Kuffner and Rick Moskala are in Chemistry, Tom Shook's in EE, Dave Ramm is in the Engr Dept, Bill Pieper and John Gately are in English, Ray Zegley is teaching Mechanics, and John Elliott, after earning a MS at MIT, is enthusiastically teaching what we appropriately called the Green Death! That's just a partial list. I promise wider coverage in the next issue.

Got a great phone call last week from Dale, Michelle, Andy (4), Greg (2) and Lauren (1) Kurtz. Dale finished a MBA program at RPI and recently moved from Plattsburg, NY to Albany to work on NY Tel Division Staff there. In the news of other classmates, Dale reports that Mike Van Zetta is working in sales for SW Bell and Julie is expecting in March '82. Ron and Conni Ross

will be adding another member to the family around that time too.

It's always uplifting to get a call from Rich Wilson. He's "minding the fort" out at Sill and reports (especially for all you FA types who have experienced it) that "Meers Burgers" are better than ever. Rich is the Cdr of the CID Field Ofc there (Ft Sill that is . . . not Meers) and is working on a MA degree at Webster Col. Roger Mills is also in the Lawton area where he's been working for Goodyear. Rumor control has it too that the infamous and notorious "Impending Doom Coumbe", alias "Cruel Shoes", has joined the (resultantly renamed) Moderately Rapid Deployment Force at Stewart. I'd like to hear from that rascal—but between FTXs and working on his PhD in History, he keeps a low profile. Out on the west coast Chris and Sharon Losey are facing an important decision. Chris is finishing up at Western Conservative Baptist Seminary in Oregon and will either enter the Chaplaincy or the Pastorate. We'll be praying for the best choice. Thus far then, we have one minding the fort and one the church . . . but who's minding the bank? Well, home-based in Simsbury, CT, Bill Barker is managing a mere \$100 Mill account for a large insurance Co! Thanks much for the good news Rich.

Speaking of tough decisions, just as I dropped last quarter's notes in the mail, I got another post card from Tom and Terri Fitzsimmons advising me of change 2 to the initial plan. Tom decided to start at Harvard this fall after all and is still active in the Reserves too. Best of luck and let us know how you're doing.

Reporting in from Campbell are Craig, Terri, Brian (4), and Kevin (1) Wildrick. It sure was good to hear from another C-2 grad again too. Where are they all anyway? After earning a MPA at Harvard and spending some time as the 2d Bde FSO, Craig's now MG Bagnal's AdC. Terri also picked up a MA at Lesley Coll and is currently teaching — so all is super well on the home front. Maybe the Wildricks will be up here at USMA in the near future too. Hope so!

The Reads are the proud parents of a son, William Leland, who was born 24 Jul 81 and arrived 1 Sept 81. Rick is a quality control engineer with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in Lawton, OK, and is a member of the OK NG.

Hope your Christmas holidays are especially blessed. We've surely got much for which to be thankful. Please keep me posted on all the latest too. I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Take care and God Bless!

# '74

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Unfortunately I must start on a sad note. Fred Giacometti died in a jeep acdt in Phoenix, AZ, on 17 Aug 81. Services were held at WP in the Catholic chapel. Our prayers and sympathy go out to Chris and family.

Pretty good response this time, my mail coming in from no less than 3 forwarding locations. Tired of living out of the trunk, the above address will be rock steady for 2 years, Cathy and I residing on the "unique" Watervliet Arsenal.

John Martin sends poop while still plodding thru NPGS in Monterey. He notes Tom Froneberger PCS'ed back to Ger with his bride of a yr, getting his 2d Ger tour al-

ready. Jim Sharp, USN, has reported to a new boat, USS Brewton, a fast frigate, in Pearl Harbor. There's grounds for a 1st Cl tour by linking up with our fellow squid. Steve Monks, Mike Rogers and Jim Inskip just arrived at NPGS; Steve and Mike for aero engr, Jim for computer sci. Bob Reese is still there too. John says he's still running a lot, 3 hr 13 min marathon; he saw Rick Pate at a race, Rick is out of svcs working for PG&E in Monterey. John saw Maceo Braxton while he was sightseeing in San Fran. Maceo moving on to Tripler AMC, HI, as a Dr. Tom Wills is still flying at Ord, last summer went to Yuma to test the new YAH-64. Also Dale Fletcher is still running and winning, doing great things as Ft Ord Rec Svcs Officer, leading a running club and had a team take 1st place in their Div at the Runners' World Corp Cup Relays.

Andy Knight threw a big bash at Aberdeen in Aug, marking his departure from the svc. Andy finished as a Co Cdr there, he and Anne with Eric now out in Solon, OH, where Andy is a process engr with Corning's Zircoa Products. Sorry I missed the party. Andy adds that Mike Crocker is still flying slicks at APG and Brian Geehan is aide to a Trans Cps 2-star in DC Brian spending much time in the Pentagon.



1974: The Bells, Mullins and the Thomas'.

Pete & Gail Breton must be the busiest family in Miami. Pete is a proj mgr in the mktg dept of Gen Dev Corp which is a community developer and 3d largest home builder in the country. By night Pete is into his 3d yr of law sch at U of Miami—a full load. Gail is a data processing coord in Ft Lauderdale, and they announced the arrival of Christopher Douglas on 28 Oct 80. A call goes out to find Wendell Garcia, last heard of at Bliss in 79.

Bob & Ruth Mixon contacted from Houston. Bob plugging away at his thesis while in his last yr at Rice. He'll be up at WP next Jun to instruct. Bob reminds that '71 just had their 10-yr Reunion so ours is only 3 yrs away. As a reminder it will be in the fall at Homecoming. We'll get a cmte organized at WP in the next yr or so but it's never too early for ideas. There'll be a bunch of us assigned at WP at the time. Bob informed the AOG contacted him concerning Pham Minh Tam. He was trapped in Vietnam in 75 and has since been in a concentration camp there. Efforts and chances of getting him out are not meeting with much success.

Blaine & Marcea Hyten proudly announce baby #2, James Warren, 8lbs 6oz, on 25

Feb 81. He joins a sister Christie (2½). Last Jan 81 Blaine transferred to the AF and is with the 703rd Tac Air Supt Sqdrn at Shaw AFB. He's flying H-3's (Jolly Greens) and is getting a lot more flying time than in the Army.

Ken Hicks sent a newsy letter from the Boston area. Harvey Jones (C-1, FA type) just started his 1st yr at MIT for a MS in Opn Res, headed for WP's Engr Dept. Jim & Ann Barclay have twin boys to keep them busy, born May 80; Jim still with TVA in Chattanooga. John & Helene Dickerson had a baby boy last spring. John is working for Ford's Truck Div in MI and on a joint MBA-JD program at U of Detroit in his spare time. Vinnie & Mary O'Connell doing well in NYC. Vinnie on his 3d and final yr at St. John's Law Sch. Joe Hunter is running the physical therapy clinic at Ft Leavenworth and was just married last spring to a nurse. Steve Leggerio exited the svc last Jan and is with Procter & Gamble Food Div in Cincinnati. He and Kathy had a girl this spring to join their 2 boys. Ken heard Steve Marino is out of svc and working for Mobil in TX. Steve Speakes is S3 for 4/64 Arm in Ger and says duty is a lot different than at Bliss, but he and Gigi are loving it though. Russ Wolfe has been working with nucl reactors in ID, planning to start on his MBA this Fall at UT, Austin. And Ken says of himself that he's starting his 2d yr at Harvard Bus Sch, having spent the summer working for an oil drilling co in MS. Just finishing the Bus Sch in Jun were: Dick Berish, Cy Davis, Howie Renner and Don De Metz.

Speaking of C-1 types, Don Cantwell sends a note. He's working for AT&T long lines, supervising a group of overseas investigators, really enjoying the work in Manhattan. He and Joanne bought a house on Long Is and have a 3-yr-old boy, Patrick. Welcomes visitors and C-1 types: 33 Spencer Way, Kings Park, NY 11754. Don adds that John Edgcomb rtned from Ger and was headed for IOAC at Benning.

Charlie Poure is finishing up his thesis at AZ St U in Tempe, Engr Dept; he, Linda and Melissa (5) are due to leave in Dec for Ft Knox and the AOAC. He's to get an early out of that so he can join the Math Dept, WP, by 1 Jul next year.

Jim Martin sent a note from Riley. Out of 4 CSC companies in the 2d Bde, 1st ID, 3 are commanded by Steve Shambach (1/28 Inf), Tony Petruzzi (2/63 Arm) and Gary Anderson (4/63 Arm). Jim has been alerted for overseas soon, I believe Korea.

Dan Hulsey (USAF) called me with some happy news. He'll be breaking out of San Ant in Jan, headed for Kadena AFB, Okinawa, where he'll be flying F-15's. Wife Judy and dau of 6 mos, Sarah, with him. Dan said Rich Clifford is living it up in Atlanta attending GA Tech. Will Fletcher is still at Homestead AFB, FL. Greg Gardner is at Purdue and will be a Tac at Woops; he's also married and they have a new dau.

Dan Duesler called from Carlisle Bks where he's an aide. Says the place is beautiful, and also has been in contact with Boog Powell, whom I left as a Co Cdr at Dix.

Harold Cooney is at Duke, to be a TAC at WP. Kasey Warners have a 2d dau, he's in the JAG at Knox. The same btry at Bragg in 1/320 FA has had as cdr's, Vic Roeske, Bill Aldridge, and now Dennis Lewis. Steve LaRocca is rumored to be headed as a French Instr at WP, grad sch yet unknown. Kerry Parker finished a stint at the US Embassy, Kuwait. Said the people are so rich

there they hardly work. So what did you do Kerry? Rich Plumley is out of svc working for the family back in Paris, TN. Jim Soncrant is out of svc now, got out at Hood; Sam Hughes got out there too. Jack McGeehee is with 1st Cav JAG at Hood. Fred Borman is in Corpus Christi, out of svc. Ed Perry has been a co cdr and bn XO at Jackson, hoping for grad sch soon. A note on ex-'74ers, Pete Jackson was dealing in Converse tennis shoes in San Antonio and Dave Seeley is a SSC in the MP's. Jeff Anderson in at the "rock," Kirchgogens, Ger. John McDonald is in grad sch in NC.

Art & Sherry Exten sent a note from Ger, announcing arrival of Leah Kaye on 27 Aug 81, joining sisters Erin and Cara. Art is Cdr of A/1/83 FA.

I saw we had 5 guys in the 1st CAS-cubed Cse at Leavenworth, a new program designed to bridge the gap between the Adv Cse and C&CS. Members were Chuck Barker, Larry Bethel, Ted Davis, Ted Lombard and Jim Hogan. Jim then was off for a tour in HI. Lawrence Gehlhausen was the co cdr of the 1st COHORT unit, a program taking cadre and recruits thru BT and AIT and staying intact as a unit. It's now B/6/32 Arm at Carson.

Charlie Gleichenhaus called even while I proofread this mess. Between being a Tac at the Poop Sch and coaching flag football, he gets around. He saw Gary Miller recently, Gary is with his family's Ins Bus, coaching H.S. fball also. He and Carol have 2 boys, Matthew (2½) and Nick (15 mos) and live in the Philly area. Rob & Mary Beth Richards are living in Westfield, NJ, Rob working for the FBI. Jim Cisek is working in NYC, mgmt of pharmaceuticals. He and Lynn have 2 girls, Allyson (4) and Kimberley (3 mos); they live in Bayport, Long Is. Don Harris is finishing his MBA at Columbia. And at none other than WP, Cliff Krebs finally found his A-squadder. He is planning to marry Katrice this spring. Paul O'Sullivan is rtning to Rucker in Mar to be a flight instr, he and Pattie are parents by now. Tom Mullen was finishing a procurement cse at Ft Lee, to head on to Ft Monmouth next.

Lastly, I'll finish with a small tome on the gang here at RPI. It's really great clanning together to survive the rigors of this heralded institution, gives a good work-together-play together thing. People finishing next May 82 and headed for the Math Dept are John Haetinger, wife Mary; Jim Fishback, wife Bea and son Jamie; Bill Pierce, wife Karin, dau's Alison and Melissa. Myron Lynch will head for WP Physics next May, along with Naomi and their cute little dau Miriam born last Mar. Naomi just finished another teaching asgmt here. Info they give, they visited Paul Tafone's wife Linda in NYC. She teaches Jr H.S. at a Catholic Sch and they have a home there. Paul is attending med sch in the Caribbean Is, address (get this) SGUSOM, c/o True Blue Campus, PO Box 7, St George's Crenda, W.I. Also Mike Wallace is doing fine in Rahway, NJ, wife Ponzetta and 3 children now! Back to RPI, there are four of us starting on Math (with OR&S) and due to WP in May 83. Denis Rochette, wife Louise and dau Renee and were expecting this Dec. Mick, Suzanne and Ashley Raney; the Vic Roeskes; and Cathy and me. Jim Relyea and family just arrived to start Computer Sci, headed for Dept G&CS. Rex Osborne and family are here, Rex a ROTC instr at SUNY-Albany and working on his MS in CE also. Bill Aldridge just started on an MS in Mgmt Engr, will head to Leavenworth on a utilization tour next; wife Barbara with boys Stephen

and Michael. Bob Dillon, wife Carol and son Dan, living and working on Watervliet Arsenal. Bob got his MS in Aero Engr from RPI last yr, now working for his PhD on the side while he is in R&D at the Benet Labs, project being the XM1 Tank's successor. Tom Brennan is nearby as a ROTC Inst at Siena Coll, excelling as coach of the rugby tm there and really whipping up on opponents. Al Walker is out of svc, got his MS at RPI and works nearby for GE in Schenectady. Skip, Jo and Elizabeth Sharp just PCS'd from RPI in Aug, Skip his degree in OR&S and working now for the Armor Board at Knox.

Class update: the 82 REGISTER no doubt has some good updated entries. But I hope to have total stat's a little more accurate from the secondary specialty list that came out. Everyone got what they wanted I'm sure—right! In the Active Army I got 426 of '74, not including 17 JAG and 19 Med Cps, 15-20 AF, 5 Marines and 3 Squids; that's out of 833 grad in '74. In the major branches, IN-125, FA-73 AR-51, CE-41, Avn-35, ADA-19, SC-24, MI-15 and MP's-10. I'm sure this isn't totally accurate but it's close.

Everyone always asks me the above type info, so why not make sure I'm up to date on you and drop a Xmas card. Pictures too, need some pics! So until next time, deadline around 5 Jan; ya'll have some happy holidays.

# '75

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Merry Christmas. Got a tremendous amount of info this trip so let's get started. Congratulations are in order to our movie star "Bill Ivey" for his class role in STRIPES as one of the Co Cdrs on the reviewing stand. His troops were the straight ones out in formation.

Dan & Justine Monken deserve mention for their latest coup. Appearing at their home in late Jul for a drink, the following plan was revealed. His tour as the Hq CO for TRADOC was reaching completion. An Inf slot for an AG type is bad enough but his co was mostly sr officers. He had no messhall, no arms room, no motor pool, no maintenance just a small billet area insufficient for his numbers of enlisted personnel. He played a lot of sports and the vehicles possessed by the unit were a Moped for him to ride and a little dinghy to "police the moat" at Ft Monroe. Branch told him that



1975: Johnson, Eccleston, Bromfield '76, Hicks '77, and Hill '78.



1975: Spider, Marty and Elizabeth Marks—Jul 81 in HI.

the Nav PGS was open on short suspense; Dan set up his change of cmd, sold the house and checked on his orders. Now he finds out his fabulous grades at WP were so low the Navy didn't want him. Interesting! Dan lands on his feet and works a deal that if he can get accepted in a Grad Program anywhere he can go fully funded. In less than 10 days he burns up the phone lines and disappears from Ft Monroe. Where does he surface? 1 Oct 81 Dan calls to say Purdue is great and the football season is super. If anyone needs some luck call the Monks.

Bernie Farmer is the CO of the Port Construction Engr Co at Ft Eustis. He bought a nice house, a large sail boat in Hampton Roads and is headed towards the civilian sector this spring.

Gary Combs calls Chuck Baker at 201-821-6958. Chuck hasn't disappeared, he's in NJ and works at almost getting married. Chuck wants to know who in '75 was/is stranger than he is about offering other people dates you don't want. What are Tom & Beth Douglas doing? Tom Fix was uncovered at Jackson in Protocol. He's hiding after cmd and his wife won't let him out for a beer at all. Mike & Sue Burnette have two beautiful children, Mike must have fun work-



1975: Hamilton at work with AMOCO in UT.

ing in the same company with Chuck Baker.

Mike & Mary Ellen Hart are civs in Baton Rouge. Mike in law sch at LSU and Mary Ellen being a '76 LSU grad is having a ball as a legal secy. George, Jane and Gerri Kaigh are glad to be back together at Campbell after George's tour in Korea. Dale & Jane Dvorak are proud parents of a second girl, Kari Kaye, born in late Aug. Bruce & Clancy Potter have their first, a big baby boy, William Daniel. Red & Deborah Burris are in Bogalouza, LA. Mike Hart saw them on the way to Shelby, MS, to train the "Bama NG." They are busy remodeling an older home.

Bill & Kathy Pardue wrote to say FRG is home in Apr. Getting Bill to smile in the pic was 1981's major achievement. Ken & Carol George are at Eustis.

John McMullen is a ROTC instr at Temple. His boss has already been mugged so John's learning to be "fleet of foot." He's interested in selling some property at Broad & Diamond in Phila if he survives long enough. He won't visit Pat Lisowski cuz Pat lives in the "low-rent district." Gary Banleke is recruiting in NE while Frank Didomenico is ROTC at Indiana U of PA. Bill Blankmeyer is trying to get to a ROTC slot in Phila. John makes



1975: John Eric Pardue with father Bill and Godfather, John Talbot.

me wonder if 5 yrs in Berlin hasn't had a serious impact after years of good watering holes.

Rick & Bibby McClure wrote from Stewart. Rick married his "lady in red" on 13 Jun. Bibby said Jim Pettit stopped in to see them and went fishing. This is the 1st info on Pettit who's been in hiding for 6 yrs. Thanks Bibby. Stan & Jane Dickerson are headed for Sill and then Europe again. They are excited about getting back. Most of us 1st tour FRG types agree that we'd rather be back. Kent & Kathy Canny are enjoying Ft Lewis while Mark Hehmeyer is hidden in Atlanta working on a MS.

Tom Eccleston wrote from Greece. There are no shortages of captains over there. He took Ray Johnson's detachment. Ray's out of the Army and living in Athens 'til Jan 82, then he and his wife are moving to FRG where she will practice medicine. Tom will surface again in a yr.

Spider Marks is enjoying HI as a Intel Analyst. Naturally he works with a lot of crabs and zoomies. Anyone on the islands call or write 92-1064 Palahia ST #11, Ewa Beach, HI 96706, #808-672-3176. He & Marty have a baby girl Elizabeth. Spider



1975: Decker: Last view from the Rugby clubhouse at Ft Benning.

says Ken Hunzeker is still a blimp but loves the 25th ID. Charlie Peddy and John Lynes are usually found in great spirits. Spider felt the pic of Dunphy in last qtrs issue reminded him of Dunphy on Sunday mornings before he sheepishly crept into chapel formation to avoid Plebe chasers. "Dunph" send Spider your address he wants to get in touch before you shave again.

Kurt Hansen wrote to say he is much smaller and has lost 35 lbs working for Career Development. Scott Christensen is on his 2nd yr at Stanford. Garry Melton, Rick Cantwell, Darryl Harris, Dick Gourley and even Ken Decker were uncovered at Ft Lewis for duty during REFORGER. Cody Scace is in Houston with an oil firm. Bob McConnell is with Michelin, Rick Coston is back in IN with an unknown profession. Bob Berlin loves Mobil. Jack Crumplar is married at Ft Carson which reminds me of the night Jack went drinking with the Bonney brothers and forgot to take his contacts out. He woke up with his eyes rolled back in agony and four drunks poured water all over his face to lubricate his eyeballs. I'm not sure what that has to do with marriage either.

Mike & Carol Culotti are in St. Louis with GTE and a new baby. Rick Machamer is still at Knox and is to be married in May of 82.

Jim Vestermark is a tech sales engr for Emerson & Cuming. He really enjoys his new position.

Dean & Mary Morningstar wrote from Athens, PA. Dean is with Ingersoll Rand in methods testing for a couple of months before completing his training program. Dean went fishing at Kaniapiskau, Labrador, and four of them caught 700 lbs of fish.

Mike Hamilton is enjoying his different colored hard hat in the oil fields of Utah. He lives 30 minutes from Snowbird, Alta, Brighton and Solitude. Sundance is an hour away so that's too far to travel for skiing. The rest of you eat your hearts out cuz the snow is ultra powdery. All are invited to visit Mike and Cathi located at 10518 South 465 East, Sandy, UT 84070. #801-572-3580.

Tom & Cynthia Corbet wrote from York, PA. Cynthia writes "Please tell Bob Herron I said he was sexy as ever with that terrific bald head." Tom is an engr with Borg-Warner and they are restoring a 100+ yr old townhouse as part of the move to the inner city. Since no rugby club has been located, beer consumption is down drastically



1975: The Fursts, Chappels, Whitesels, Keshners, Clarks, McMullens, Prosts, Praseckis, Simons, Baker and Szkara.

requiring visits from anyone to make Tom well again. Keep your dau Amy away from Chuck Baker cuz he thinks she's cute.

Wandering around the country Vern Bice was located at Ft Knox. He's working in doctrine till he gets a co. Had the misfortune to stay with Bill & Deb Ivey and the two dogs. Deb makes great beer bread. We called Bob Herron at Ord but his girl friend got mad and ripped the phone out of the wall. Kind of makes you wonder what Bob is up to doesn't it. Ray Perkins is a Holy Roller in Baton Rouge.

Dave Emswiler is with a Rubber Co in LA and Marc Cates is in LA somewhere. Dave Williams is at Ft Hood. He bakes cookies with his wife and crochets with or without her to relax cuz he's the IG complaints officer. Carl Gunzelman is in an Armor unit with his old Cav attitude creating some great sparks.

Bill Thornton is a lost soul no one can find. Joe Jagger and Joe Wasiak have resigned. Bob Henning is with III Corps Arty somewhere. Bill Kay is wandering Ft Stewart never in a good mood. John Lough is still the CG's aide at Jackson. John has become a permanent aide.

Ft Benning has John Cosgrove who was found sleeping on his back step in early Oct. John Chappell has switched over to another co. Bob Simons is still with the Ranger Dept. I found Russ Musser wandering the halls of bldg 4 spending time until he can resign. Russ has a great house in North Columbus. Cheyenne Harnois is working for a living as a CO in A-1-1. Bill Whitesil is in the 3 shop for 2nd Bde. Cary Mehlenbeck is still always smiling no matter where he is or what he's doing.

Now Paul Bonney's wedding! Paul and Sue were married at the Cadet Chapel with Tom Ayers, Lawton Cain and me in attendance. Naturally the rehearsal was straight out of Laurel & Hardy with no one doing anything right. The morning of the wedding was spent in a shopping mall playing Space Invaders where everyone had to spend \$10 worth of quarters. Rushing to get dressed we discovered Paul's brass hadn't been shined since grad. Fortunately he never had taken the lacquer off. Naturally the ride to the Chapel was rather wild since we were late. Pulling up at the exact time for the ceremony, we hustled the groom into the chapel just in front of the wedding march. Whereupon we immediately visited the facilities in

the basement and re-appeared with him just in time to take our places. By this time the bride was giving us strange looks and Paul was beginning to smile from shock. The ceremony went perfectly! Paul couldn't get "I do" out even with the minister coaxing, so they settled for "I'll try."

The reception was super and about 2 a.m. Sue asked Paul when they were leaving. Paul took this opportunity to reveal he forgot to make reservations. Need I say more, besides my life is already endangered.

As usual, I'm late but this time it was worth it. Hope you all have a happy New Year. Try to send me as many current addresses as you can so I can put out a list this spring.



1975: From Bottom to Top: Baker, Kasprisin and his dog "C" at Ft Benning Flying Club.

# '76

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Hello again. By the time this gets out, the reunion will be over. Hope all had a good time. In addition, we all wish everyone a Happy Holiday season. Now on to the notes.

First note is from Walt, Gretchen and Joshua Sutterlin. They're all in Berlin and have been there since Sept 80. Joshua is now 2½ and loves bratworst and pomme fritz. The whole crew is enjoying the assignment very much.

Eric Zimmerman sent the picture of Alexander and him on the Zugspitze when they were there in Apr. Margie is now expecting their 2d child in Jan. Alex is now 14 mos. Eric saw a bunch of '76ers at Founders Day and at the Rhein Main Airport when they picked up the Cadets on their 3LT tours. The bunch included Matt Smith who's now in Baumholder and doing well. Mark Coomer and Dave Melcher are both going back to WP Soc Sc dept via Harvard. They'll start in Aug. Both are looking forward to it. Mark's daughter is beautiful and growing like a weed. That news came from Greg Saunders who is at EOAC. (After branch-transferring from the Inf). Mike Pelky also recently arrived in D-land via the EOAC and is now in Karlsruhe. He is committed to straightening that "puzzle palace out." Greg Bornhoft is also in the area and doing well. Eric's P.S. was that Bob Spiegel ETS's in Jun, by rumor, and was supposedly going into contracting.

Next note was from Dave Melcher. He and Marla received their first family addition, Meredith Anne, on 21 Sept 80 and she's been a constant joy since. Dave's been at Ft Ord where he's gone through just about every position imaginable. Dave says that Mark Coomer's actually going to be studying Intl Rels while at Harvard. Dave's parting shot is for some news from the old G-3 boys esp Bob Spiegel, Don Pierson, JJ Lullen, Jim Nickerson, etc. All can send news via me—I have Dave's address.

Bob McClure sent a letter of rebuttal—he confirms that he's now married but sent some comparable rumors on about some other friends. Bob says that he and Billy Caldwell got married at exactly the same time and date (he at Bragg and Bob at Belvoir). John Chubb is now Yukon Chubb. After the EOAC he's moving to Caribou, ME (sounds like somewhere in Alaska)—apparently at the top of the state. John's going to be working with the Dist Engr ofc there. The motor pool has dog sleds instead of sedans. Ken Liepold just got to some other place in ME teaching ROTC. Rick Wolfe just got out and is living somewhere near DC. (Bob gives even money he'll be back in later). Bruce Daniecki just took a nice job with EXXON in MD. Bob Pelkey just left for Karlsruhe FRG. He's engaged to a Caryl Fallon (hope that's spelled right—Bob's writing is almost as bad as mine). Caryl's stationed at MILPERCEN and they're going to be married the same weekend as the 5th reunion. Scott Gillogly is at Walter Reed in Orthopedics—a natural choice! Bob heard through a 3d party that Dan Ferrari is working for Martin-Marietta in MS. While at Ft Knox a while back, Bob saw John Holler and Ed Murdough. John Taylor was Bob's best man, but, as Bob puts it, "what self respecting West Pointer forgets his blues when going to a wedding?" John showed up at rehearsal just like he had walked off the 18th green saying "xh qrsw" (explicative modified). His suit bag was back at Ft Dix. J.T. and Marcia are fine.

While at WP a while back (summer) Bob saw Bruce Hoover stuffing his face at Sunday Brunch. He was training Yearlings at Buckner—attached to special forces. Bill Eichenberger and Joe Schlusser were also through Ft Belvoir recently, Joe a CO of an EOAC Co. Bob finishes by explaining why he's been so many places recently—an aide, as if you hadn't guessed—Good poop, Bob—Thanx.

Jane Thompson wrote recently—they're at Ft Polk now which is really nice since Lafayette (home to both) is really close.



1976: Marla and Meredith Melcher, 6 Dec 80.

Jane's still teaching but a family is in the planning stages. Dennis and Jane took a trip back to HI earlier on this year where they saw Dale & Judy Vincent. They had bought a house that has a view of Diamondhead. A letter to the Thompsons from Joe & Doree Dubyel announced the planned 2d arrival in Feb. Rudi is doing really well but 2 at the same time is going to be a new ball game.

The next note is some form of computer print-out about D-3 folks. VERY LONG. A synopsis: Doug McClure is now AF working with missiles, planning on marrying soon, and buying a house—not necessarily in that order. Dan & Valerie McManus were married on 29 Jul 80. They're out in KS but Dan's resigning soon and looking for a place in the Pacific NW. Rich Harris and Mary Kay and a cocker spaniel that thinks she's a person are now with an ROTC dept in OH. An MBA is planned while there. Larry & Jill Shattuck were married in Feb 77 and have a son Jason who is now almost two years old. They're all enjoying Germany. Karon & Clark Ray started off in HI, then to the EOAC where Susan was born on 18 Jan 80. Clark didn't make class that Fri but was there on Mon. Karon says "sounds like Clark!" In Aug 80 they headed to Troy, NY, to RPI where Clark's getting a MS and PhD in Software Engineering. Steve McAnally ETS'd on 15 Jun 81 and immediately began backpacking around the Northwest during the subsequent month. Still single, he's now in grad sch at Auburn U. Scott &



1976: Eric and Alexander Zimmerman.



1976: Class reps.

Cindy Collier were married in between FTX's at Ft Hood. After going to HI, they recently had a family addition: Ryan Scott on 26 Jun 81 weighing in at 8lb 1oz. Scott'll probably be changing uniforms in Dec for marketing/sales with a company preferably located in Dallas or Austin. Other info included Dave Rupp and his new wife Elaine are in El Paso; Bobby Taira is in HI and now selling drugs (sounds bad but legally with a pharmaceutical co).

A neat note from my old roomie and wife. Vicki & Doug Slaybaugh announced the birth of their first: Jorin Michael on the 1st of Jul. Big congrats!

Another first baby was born—Gary Michael to Larry & Lou Ann Danelishen on 20 Jun 81. They're all doing fine and Gary's growing by leaps and bounds.

A very recent letter from Moose Gallagher just arrived. He's just back from Korea. Sandy Holston and Brian Moretti were with Moose down around the DMZ. Sandy brought his wife Debbie with him and Sandy is also soon coming home. Brian has 9 more months. Moose will arrive at the Naval PG Sch in Monterrey to study for 2 years. Also Arty types at Camp Stanley were Joe Riojas married to Susan Riencke on 18 Jul 81; presently at Ft Ord, Ralph Steen, Ed Flynn and Bill Wolfe. Elsewhere is Denny Trujillo, Willie Pruitt, John Compton and Dave Finkelstein—all of whom are well.

Next note from Dan & Carol Murphy. Their first was born on 26 Aug 77—Jennie Elizabeth weighing in at 10lb 3oz. In Jan of 80 they were at IOAC where they ran into Jim & Jane Reynolds who are now in Germany and John & Carrie Lemza. They're now in NJ where Dan not only works but also goes to grad school at Fairleigh-Dickinson working for a MA in Mech Engineering. He should finish up in May 82. Their 2d addition to the family, Daniel Thomas, Jr was born on 13 Dec 80—a very special Xmas present. Dan and Carol send their best to Mark & Karalee Romaneski on Rebecca's birth!

Kim Campbell left San Ant for more fertile fields in Jun. He's heading for Grad Sch but I must confess, I can't remember

where (He'd been accepted at a bunch of good ones—a matter of choosing.)

Jim Reynolds sent word from beautiful Baumholder. Tom Alexander and Tim Judge both live in his stairwell. Ben & Sue Overbey live in a chalet in Wildflicken. Floyd & Laura Bowles are in Wiesbaden and Troy & Terrie Thames are in Stuttgart. Troy's son Christopher is doing fine. Troy's getting him ready to go Airborne—he can't do PLF's yet but he has him practicing good tight body position. Chet & Chris Taylor are doing fine in Schweinfurt. Hank Keirse, Jim Warner, and Scott Stephenson are all in the area and doing fine. Founders Day in Heidelberg was so crowded that it took 2 pictures to get everybody in. Among others Steve Hayward, Mike Misyak, Jim Donovan and John Kirby. (Pardon lack of wives' names, but . . .) Followup news on John Lemza is that he's in Korea and Keri's staying in NJ and going to school. A.B. & Marth Hayes are at Ft Jackson where they're really close to AB's family. Dan & Carol Murphy and family are fine. Dan's recruiting in Newark and they're living in Bayonne. Phil & Marilyn Reinemer just finished up at flight school and headed out to the wilds of D-land. If all went according to plan, Ky While should be a civ by now with a job with an oil company in TX.

Thats about it from this end. Do me a favor and send a Xmas letter to let the rest of the folks know how you're doing. Also, as we go through a big change this year, let the AOG know where you are. Have a safe and happy holiday. —Ian.

'77

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Greetings to everybody. In the continuing saga of rotating class scribes, this quarter's notes come from Columbia. Wendy and I are finally settled in and enjoying academia again at the U of So Car. Wendy is completing her degree in Management and I'm trying to get through law school. A special



1977: 1st Regt, 21 July 1981, Reunion Cocktail Party, Fort Benning.



1977: The Porters, May 1981.

thanks to Casey Goebertus in forwarding all your letters. As I went to mail the notes today I found a package from him with several more letters enclosed. Oh well! Here goes edition two.

**Newlyweds**—Doug Biggerstaff to Barbara Camp on 10 Oct 81 at Ft Sam Houston; Rich Naigle to Marilyn Leonard on 27 Dec 80 at Ft Lewis. Rich is headed for 1 Div (Fwd) and a job as the BMO.

**The Stork Report**—to Barry & Sue Willhite—Barry Jr. on 23 Dec 80. Barry is now with the 120th Avn Co in AK, and would like Marc & Sarah Jacobsen to drop them a line;—to Mike & Jan Hughes—Grace Elizabeth on 5 Sept 81. Mike is now clearing post at Benning to meet his port call for Korea.



1977: Powers and Lamneck

**General News**—Recently at Ft Benning, John Charvat, Les Kayanan, and Bill Malone did a great job of organizing a “mini-reunion” for our classmates stationed there. Others present included: 1st Rgt; Andy Lamb, Roger McMaster, Tom Strehle, Rob Kehlet, Rich Naigle, Steve Hoogland, Cran-  
nie Butler, Bob Simmons, Duncan Cameron, Ralph Kingman, Reggie Chapman, Dave Richardson, and Mark Schmidt. 2d REG: Jack Regan, Bill Butler, Mack Martin, Bill Vanark, Mike Malooley, Mike Owens, Al Beitler, Jim Morris, Lee Phillips, John Nixon, Bill Orris, and Jim Collins. 3d REG: Pete Palmer, Bill Keaton, Ed Clark, Mike Schweiger, and Curtis Jones. 4th REG: Rusty Neal, Don Camden, Mike Dow, Mark Creighton, Mark Van Drie, Bob Leonard, John Curry, Mike Page, Herm Denzler, Leo Cullinan, and yours truly.



1977: Rex Takasugi hunting in Idaho.

Speaking of reunions, our first is coming up within the next year. Hopefully by the next issue we will have something more definite on the subject. Start giving consideration to attending now. The more the merrier.

Congratulations to Leo Cullinan. He talked the Army into letting him leave active duty a little early and is enrolling in Creighton U in Omaha, NE, to study dentistry.

Al Getts, currently doing his internship in Pediatrics at Walter Reed, writes that he ran into Jeff Elting who just began his first year at the Uniformed Services Health Academy. He's also heard from John Brannis in Germany who claims he is doing well and occasionally runs into Pat Vaughn in a nearby unit. Other than that, Al and Becky are busy enjoying their new home and the MD countryside.

Drew Willard, a quick appearance at Benning during a break in the SOAC at Fort Gordon. He was doing fine and had lots of good things to say about his tour in Germany.

We had the pleasure of having Jim Malcolm as a dinner guest before leaving Benning. He was taking a break from med sch to attend the Pathfinder course.

Ken & Dotty Miller took the scenic route from Ft Carson to visit Scott & Barrett Anders at Ft Benning. Ken is now studying law at Penn.

Rex Takasugi wrote from Belvoir that he is finishing up EOAC and headed for Korea. Before leaving he managed to get in some successful pheasant hunting in ID. Rex noted that Rich Wagner, Bob Ball, Steve Tupper, Al Becker, Dave Buchanan, Kelly Ferrell, George Fink, Doug Gault, John Guenther, Nick Iorio, Gary McClelland, Dave Mechtly,



1977: 2nd Regt, 21 July 1981, Reunion Cocktail Party, Fort Benning.



1977: Class Reps.

Jim Modlin, Tom Molzan, Rick Montanari, Dave Morlock, and "Dooner" Muldoon were also in his class and getting ready to head on to their new assignments. In his spare time it seems Rex has been busy building a micro-computer with word processing capabilities. If any of you other hives are interested, Rex would like to hear from you.

A letter from Ron & Pam Porter finds them back in Bamberg. Ron just finished his tour as Adc in Grafenwohr and now commands Co A, 1/52 Inf. They were able to enclose a picture of themselves and dau



1977: Class Reps.

Brenna Maureen. They plan to do some travelling in Spain and Portugal and drop in on Bob, Lynne, and Bobby Richardson in Mainz.

Another letter from John & Patty Holbert



1977: 4th Regt, 21 July 1981, Reunion Cocktail Party, Fort Benning.



1977: 3d Regt, 21 July 1981, Reunion Cocktail Party, Fort Benning.

finds them still at Bragg. John is finishing up as Adc to the XVIII Abn Corps CS and is headed for the AOAC at Knox. John reports that Jim Wyman is the project officer for the new \$1 million Jt Sp Ops Ctr at Bragg. Pat Healy has recently arrived and is S1 for the 2/508. He also noted that Van & Karen Price are headed for Germany, Al Price is headed for the FAOAC, and Steve Pierce is having a great time with his 155 battery of redlegs.

Ken Lamneck wrote and enclosed a picture of himself as best man and Sean Powers riding the cable car to Sean's wedding in San Fran. Glad to hear that the blood disorder that kept Sean from getting commissioned has been corrected and he is doing great things with Texas Instruments. Bob Heun also attended the wedding, managing to break away from AK for a few days. Ken also mentioned that he is at Bliss with Zach Smith, Larry Zachman, Jack Benkert and Tom Lederle for ADAOAC. Ken will be staying at Bliss to work in Combat Developments.

Ken Hicks sent a short note from northern Greece where he is stationed with a FA det. He managed to gather up the local WP community for a picture.



1977: Class Reps.

Mark Mengel writes that he, John Roberts, Steve Spaulding, Dennis Dyer, and Joe Erpelding have finished the Med OBC and are all headed out to do their internships.

That sums it up for this issue. Thanks for all the cards and letters. Take care.

'78

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I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a merry Xmas this year. I certainly hope the New Year brings the fulfillment of everyone's dreams, and prosperity.

The amount of input this quarter from everyone dwindled so I don't have a lot to write about. I thought about adding some Bowl Game predictions or expounding my philosophies on Existentialism, but I lost 10 dollars in the local football pool, so who cares about my predictions. I was also reminded that when the CPTS List came out, that most of you seemed to have sequence numbers in front of me. And I further realized that alphabetical order was not the reason. Now I know we were told that our Class rank would never be considered for promotion purposes—Right? Well, anyway my conscience is clear, but my philosophy isn't. Nothing left to do but give you the news.

I stopped at Ft Rucker on a trip east and ran into a whole bunch of Rotor Heads, most of them at the Ft Rucker O Club during Happy Hour. Vaughn Vasconcellos is working AG, stationed at Rucker. Vaughn left Panama where he had an excellent time but



1978: Randy and Andrea Crane, West Point Officers Club, 17 May 81.

has adapted well to AL, which I considered a feat. Jim & Denise Budney had cruised in from Ft Dix. Rusty Struble and Bill Forrester and their wives were at the Club. All the husbands were finishing Flt Sch. Roger Brown floated in from Ft Stewart for a Black Hawk transition. He and Rose are laying back at Stewart considering future options. Roger had some good war stories from his escapades with the 24 Inf. Roger said Ken Curley was just a ball of fire working with the Ranger Bn. Whether he likes me or not I still think Kenny is one hell of a good guy and I'm glad to hear he is doing so well.

Steve Kostek checked in from FRG. He married Glenna Arnold on 3 May 80. After a stint at Ft Jackson he went to Schwabach. Glenna made CPT before Steve made 1LT. Hmm, something sounds fishy about that. Oh well, Steve says he loves the married life and that's what counts. He ran into Dan Sartin while cavorting around Greece. You guys in Germany work sooo hard!



1978: Elliott, Maitin and Estes.

It is now official folks. Bob alias "The Old Man" Olds, Class VP emeritus, has joined the married ranks. Bob and Pam were married on 8 Aug in OH. After a trip to the Bahamas they returned to Campbell where the Old Man took command of a co. Viejo and I go back many moons together and from the bottom of my heart I wish you both the best to come. Just remember Old Man, Porkers & Pears Forever!

The rackman, Kenny Rackers ghosted through Lawton, but I did not hear from him for a while. Then I got a Rack-o-gram from Greece. Racks is working hard but states that Greek Is beaches have been determined to be a major cause of heart attacks. Seems the women don't wear much more than a smile which has Racks jumping for joy. He is also jumping for Susan and

all the other Greek ladies. He ran into Bobby Bristow and Joe Tramosch on the Islands. Bobby requests that Scott Schorr drop him a line. Racks was in NY on his way to Greece but stated he just couldn't think of any reason to visit the Alma Mater. Racks closed by saying that Jack Faires was doing well at Ord and wished to be remembered to all of Zeidman's Zygotes.

Slash kept his average of one letter per quarter. Congrats, Slash, you win the award for most letters in one year. Slash says Skip Deitz was complaining about never getting any PRESS. Well Skip, if you are willing to gamble an 18¢ stamp, excuse me, a 20¢ stamp, I promise to print whatever you write (within reason). Slash ran into Tony Smith who is enjoying Pershing Missiles despite his love of tanks. Slash is terrorizing women in Scandanavia, particularly Sweden and seems to be enjoying himself. Dan Odell managed to sneak back to the U.S. early, leaving Slash to handle the Oktoberfest alone.

I ran into Ken Peterson in a bar up in Syracuse. I was home on leave, looked up and there he was. I almost dropped the glass of milk I was drinking. Ken was an ADC at Ft Dix and as a loyal TC man is looking forward to returning to Ft Eustis.

Randy Crane sent me a great letter from Germany. Randy married his high school sweetheart Andrea Sanatass on 17 May at the Catholic Chapel. Randy is an XO with the Cav in Boblingen along with Bobby Williams. Bobby married Susan in May 80 and they are going to Flt Sch starting in Early 82. Bobby requests that Jeff Foley contact him ASAP. Randy passed along that Charlie Allen, who flew Cobras in Korea, is marrying soon. Apparently his fiancee is also a pilot. Two chopper jocks in one family, that's a lot of flight pay. Burt Ramos is also planning matrimony in the near future.

Tom Barton is BMO for a grunt in the 3 AD. Larry Cuculich and his wife Mary Jo left Mannheim for law sch at INU. If I ever need a lawyer, and I probably will, the Class has an F. Lee Bailey in the oven.

Randy is trying to track down Bruce Yost, Scott Cummings, and J. T. Thornton. If you gents are within the sound of my voice please contact Randy at C Troop 1/4 Cav.

Randy and Andrea are expecting a little whooping crane soon. I hope he/she hollers more than he/she whoops. See how accomplished I've become at making he/she non-sexist statements. Don't worry though, I'm still a sexist through and through.

Jim Ray floated a line after a long silence. Since last he wrote Jim got married to Donna and they have a daughter Elizabeth but call her Betsy. Other than that nothing has happened to Jim (as if that's not enough). Frank Arduini was the Best Man. Jim ran into Jay Miller in Frankfurt and says Kenny & Leana Bresnahan have moved from Baumholder to Weisbaden.

The Old Man reports the following rotor heads have landed at Ft Campbell: George Adamakos, Brian Keenan, Dave Odegard,



1978: Bob and Pam Olds on their honeymoon.

Dave Jennings and Earl Kirkland. The following have commands at Campbell, Ro Phillips, Dawson Hancock, Gene Palka, Russ Canfield, George Clark, Paul "Z" Zacharzuk, Manny Bolchoz and Rick Metro. I think you guys could easily take over the Post with all those CO's.

Bruce Wilhelm is out at Ord flying Cobras now. Roland Smith turned down HI for C-12's, flying in Islamabad, Pakistan, wherever that is. The 12 Jan TOAC Course at Eustis is loaded with classmates. After I finish that I'll be cruising to HI for a couple of years. I managed to slide into a cushy asgmt on the Rock so I'll stay in at least two more years. Sure hope Grant & Eileen Trobaugh are still there, we will definitely get together.

Ace Estes, who returned to the U.S. in Nov, said Dave Elliott is in med sch at UVA. Carl Tegen was buzzing around and was so sorry that we couldn't hook up when I visited FRG. Ace says hello to Jack & Ann Sinclair.

Well, I've managed to write a lot with very little, as I'm sure you can tell. Have a safe, happy holiday season and keep those cards and letters coming.



1978: Wolszczak, Rothsteen, and the Benchiches.

# '79

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For the first time since I have been writing this report, I must pass along bad news. On 12 Aug 81, there was a car accident at Ft Campbell in which Charles McDonald "Toby" Lyon III died. Anyone wishing to send their personal condolences can send them to Mr. & Mrs. Lyon Jr., 6 Louis Rd, Peabody, MA 01960. The Class as a whole will miss Toby and he will always be remembered for his hockey days and smile at night.

Greg Banner writes from Ft Benning that he and Shep Sawyer are about to attend the SF Officer Cse. Also Kurt Weber and Andy Duffy are currently in the same course. Kurt and Shep will be headed for Bad Tolz, Andy will be staying at Benning with the 7th SF Gp and Greg will go to the 5th SF Gp. Lance Motley is currently with the 2d Ranger Bn at Ft Lewis and Sean McGinn has taken command of HHC 407th S&S Bn. Also reported was that any old H-4 Hog could congratulate MAJ Harris for making the LTC list and that he is presently an instructor at Ft Leavenworth.

Kevin Zenner wrote a quick note from Ft Hood. He and Rick Rees are roommates and that Rick has just earned the Expert Infantryman's Badge. Rick has recently moved up to being XO of A Co 2/41 Inf. Kevin is planning to go to Korea before he returns to Belvoir for the Adv Cse. Other news included that Dave Capp is still enjoying the leg way of life, both Greg Wine and Chuck King got married over the summer, P.J. and Kathy Driscoll had a baby girl and Brett Harlow has branch transferred from Armor to Engr.



1979: Standing: Harris, Thomas, Spellissy; Sitting: Storm, Smith, Yerks and O'Donnell at Ft Sill.

Mike Macedonia let me know that he is alive at Leavenworth even though he is the only member of the class there. His present job is being a general's Aide. Mike bumped into Bob Lee in Richmond and found out that he is working for Phillip Morris as an engr. Frank O'Jeda has recently become a proud father but Mike did not have any specifics. Rozzie Singer, the old den mother for Jerry Butler, Bill Cardenas, Fred Schwein, Frank O'Jeda and Dave Polly, would like to say hello to "all her boys." Mike is looking to hear from any old G-3 guys especially Steve Naru and Scott McAllister. His address is 720½ Osage St, Leavenworth, KS 66048.

The boys from Sill sent a laundry list of information concerning almost everyone at Ft Sill. Tom (OD) O'Donnell is getting married in Oct to Shelly Adams. Steve Smith will also be getting married to Judi Loy. Mike Mos and Dave Reeves are now fathers. Pat & Teresa Harris got a charcoal colored dog named Casper. Kirk Thomas and Tom



1979: Miller, Sniffen, Beam, Concannon, the Lucketts, Arthur, the Wests, Cosy, and the Duffys.

Spellissy are still eligible bachelors but Tom seems to be fading fast, Jeff Wright is selling real estate. The boys have been making roadtrips to such places as NY, DC, TX, and MO, and meeting such people as: Ernie Rogers and Chuck Johnson. Mark Hartman returned to Sill to take care of legal matters concerning his wrecked vette. Kevin Sturm is still wondering what happened to Billy Powers. Gary and Mary Beth Yerkes left Sill for Ft Bragg. Mike Tax has gone to Korea. All the boys want to say hello to Bob & Kathy Vasta and congratulate Tom & Sheri Durkin. Fritz and Russ McInnis are still the only Inf type there. As the time for Adv Cse nears, we plan to hear more from the boys at Ft Sill.

Dave & Deirdre Blakemore write from Fulda that they are enjoying BBQ on the border as well as the rest of Europe. They even were able to take in the Gran Prix. Dave is still having trouble understanding why a pilot should be a motor officer for trucks, but it is a job for now. Dave has seen John Lesko, Mike Wallis and Greg Bozek. Greg had the terrible job of escorting Miss America at the local USO show. Dave is sorry to hear of the writers cramps that have overcome both Fred Hoon and San Gemar—get well soon.

Paul & Kim Harwig are now parents of a baby girl named Lisa Marie, born on 23 Sep 81.

To the entire Class I would like to extend the warmest of Seasonal Greetings and the hope for a safe, rewarding and challenging New Year.

# '80

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Well, I hope you've recovered from the promotion parties—both physically and financially. From the increase in the amount of mail I've received it would appear that we're becoming sentimental as a Class. I appreciate your news.

I ran into Hinmun Dunn and Bob Klein in the field while aggressing against their battalion. They live north of the Imjin River (next to the DMZ) and seem to be keeping busy. I also saw Scott Reid briefly, in Jul.

He's working with the new 155 howitzers out in the Western Corridor. Steve Tourek called from Pusan in Aug—he has already completed his first assignment (as of Oct) and is now stationed at Ft Ord. I went to the DMZ in Aug to certify as a patrol leader, and I saw Pat Donahue, Pat St. Pierre, and Mike Larkin. They were anxious for my battalion to assume the 10 week mission. As you read this, Wally Walters, Dick McEvoy, and I will be finishing our DMZ mission. Wally leaves shortly thereafter to join his wife, Terry Tupper Walters, in DC, where he will be assigned with the "Old Guard." Dick and I will spend 3 weeks each living on a ROK Army compound, eating Kimchi, fish, and rice, while serving as liaison officer. The ROK officers tell me that Dave Yeshnik was the liaison officer a couple months ago.

I heard from Marcus & Vee Ann Johnson back in late Jun (just after sending the Sept article). They're living in Butzbach, Ger, and Marc is a plt ldr with classmates Gerald Barrett, Steve Bachinski, and Robert Goodman. Steve's wife, Cheryl, and Vee Ann keep busy spending "all that money" their husbands make.

Jeff Joyce sent a long letter and picture from Ger. He says John Perry and Mike



1980: Karin and Lee Taylor, 14 Mar 81.



1980: Long, Matthews, Hills, Joyce, Clare (Kirby) Jenkins, Jenkins, Joan (Smith) Grey, and Grey after a river cruise in Germany.

Luttman were living with JP's uncle while awaiting quarters. Jeff saw Mike Conrad in Frankfurt and learned from him that Gary Minadeo is heading to Europe after flight school. Kelly Zachgo works across the street from Jeff. He also reported that Jeff Hills spends his time working with the Germans near Denmark. Lonnie Long is a dump truck plt ldr in Heilbrohn. Al Dornstauder and Brigid Benya agressed against Jeff in a computer simulation FTX. Brigid told Jeff that Scott Kellar is in Schweinfurt "doing whatever artillerymen do." Rick Jenkins is in Jeff's battalion and Clare Kirby Jenkins is also a plt ldr in Hanau. Finally, John Zizzi wrote Jeff and said he finished the Boston Marathon again this year. Nice work, John and Jeff!

Jeff Weart, down TX-way, left the ranks of bachelorhood back in Mar. He and Carol were married at Ft Myers, and the ceremony was attended by Rex Jessup, Ray Conner, and exchange-Dave Conway (USAFA '80). Jeff and Carol run into quite a few ex-B-1ers. Frank & Judy Hudson, Paul & Debbie Oettinger, Mike Leyland, and Karl Masters have congregated at Ft Hood. Jeff works with Mark Hu and Tom Arielly.

Ed Ruggero took time out from his tanning workout in HI to drop a line. His wife Renee is expecting a Ranger Ruggero Rug Rat in Nov. The Ruggeros attended the wedding of Walt & Denise Thomas at USMA back in Feb. Ed sees quite a few classmates running around the island—Dave Brown, Dave Ramaden, Scott Crawford, Dave Sadler, Bern Ruiz, Tom Hagen, Marty Eaton, Mike Kelly, and Wilson Quinley. Ed deployed to Ft Lewis for some training and ran into Mitch Toryanski and Jim & Cathy Coe. Ben Hodges wrote Ed from Ger and said Tom Fencil and Joe Votel were in Ben's company. Ed says Dave Price survived knee surgery, land nav difficulties, and a separation from his platoon while plt ldr to beat the odds and snatch a Ranger tab. Dave, Ed hasn't forgotten the promised bottle of JD! And yes, Ed, I did unload my "lemon" car . . .

Fellow Islander, Tom Hagen, wrote me, also. He and his wife Cindy were married on 28 Dec in NJ. Tom has been to the Big Island training area twice, and also enjoyed a brief vacation in Korea last Mar, along with Dave Sadler, fighting "invisible commies." Tom says Dave and Scott Crawford are sharing a condo and are enjoying the benefits of bachelor life. Also, Jeff & Pam Miles are proud parents: Heather Leigh was born on 2 May. In addition to those classmates mentioned by Ed, Tom has seen Mike Waldier, Chris Casciato, Guy Wolf, Bill Spencer, Jack Joseph, and Doug Renbarger. I

don't think we can fit too many more classmates on that island.

I heard twice from Russ & Susan Wange. The news: the Wanges were wed on 28 Dec at the Catholic Chapel at WP. Attending were Will Horton, Mike Trusty, Hinmun Dunn, Keith Melvin, and Mike Cardarelli. Russ and Sue are now living at Ft Sill and are expecting a child in Dec.

Bob Faille wrote from the swamps of Ft Polk. Says he, Andy Snodgrass, George Woods, and Steve Sosland are all in the same battalion (LTC Lloyd's?) and are making the field their permanent residence. Bob & Cheryl Vasse live across the street from Bob and Laura, and they share yardwork. Mike Repass, Dan Hergenroeder and Andy share a house. Bob also sees Kent Crossley and Bob Doering. He says Dave Bender married a lass named Sue. Bren Flanigan wrote Bob from AK. Seems that Bren is finally able to enter a bar and leave before the sun ever sets. Some trick! Bob's last bit of news: the Failles are expecting a child in Nov.



1980: Halverson '79; Amy, Laura, and Scott Hazlett.

Bret Dalton finally wrote me. He says our Memorial Bench on Flirtation Walk should be completed. Second order of business—the Silver Cup for the Class' first born babe. Bret isn't sure who the winner is, and neither am I. I have a hunch, but I need birth dates and names. Would all parents please send a postcard with the name and birthday of your child, or children, so we can make it official. I'll be seeing Bruce Schardt (Treas) at Ft Carson very shortly, so we can discuss buying the Cup. Help us out! Bret is also working on a Class of '80 stationery deal. I think it looks great, Bret. He and Laura are enjoying the "Island of Freedom." Bret says "if a bachelor is looking for a wife, Berlin is the place to be" (not Korea?).



1980: Keith Strohschein and son Michael.



1980: Maller, first female grad to complete flight training pinned by MG McNair and MG Graham.

Speaking of babies, the Cadet Hostess and the AOC both informed me that Steve Harvey was trying to advertise the birth of Harvey's daughter, Rachel Ann, born 21 Apr. Yes, Steve, Rachel is eligible for the Silver Cup, but I forecast fierce competition.

My faithful correspondents, Jack & Pat Matthews, have a new addition to their family—a cat named Mosel. I guess Jack has really taken a liking to it. Pat reports that Jack came home from work one day and patted her on the fanny, but kissed the cat! You're so macho, Jack . . .

Scott Hazlett's wife, Anonymous, now has a name. Laura wrote a nice note to bring us up to date. They had a double wedding with Laura's sister, Amy, and Don Halverson ('79) on 30 May 81 at Ft Sill. Bruce Graham was a groomsman. Wayne Jackson was a sabre-bearer along with Laura's brother Rob Stone ('83).

Ben Hodges is enjoying the new Kaserne in northern Germany, along with John Michael, Robin Friedman, Robert McKecher, his wife and child, Brian Norman, Stan Domikaitus, Karen Cicchini Anker, and Richard Albrecht. Ben says Vince Brooks is doing well at Ft Bragg and spent his summer at WP, teaching mortars to the Class of '84.



1980: Funk, Muir, and the Scotts.

Lee Taylor's wife Karin reports that their wedding was on 14 Mar following Ranger school, and they spent their honeymoon on a cruise to the Bahamas. Other weddings, she says, include Mike & Toni Stevens on 16 May, and Chuck & Kathy Boucher on 22 Aug.

Keith & Sandy Strohschein announce the birth of their son, Michael Allen, on 29 May. Sandy informed me that Darrel & Gina Ransom were married last Dec. Also, the Strohscheins would like Bob Viohl to write . . .

George Woods dropped a line to tell us of his wedding to Beth in Tenafly, NJ, on 22 Aug. He says the Faills, Soslands, Andy Snodgrass, and the Woods will all go to Ft Irwin in Feb. More Ft Polk news: Steve Galing had to transfer from the Inf to Fin because of a back problem, which he says is healing.

Bob Morris wrote from KY. He reports that Greg Davis left for Ft Devens and is very happy (his fiancée is a short drive away). Mike Goodwin was home for 2 weeks in Sept (his longest spell out of the field). Bob saw Mike Mudd briefly. Also, he said Bern Ruiz and his wife Velna are proud parents of a little girl—Tiffany Anne. Bob went to the Army-Missouri football game and saw Steve Welk and Jeff Easley. Bob has also heard that Mo Cortizo is at Ft Huachuca now in a Panamanian uniform.

My last letter is from ex-roommate, Bill Wray. He's getting married to the lovely lady he met on a Firstie Glee Club trip, Nancy. The wedding is on 14 Nov in Oxford, MI. He has completed his master's program at Stanford and is heading to Ft Leonard Wood to begin working (finally!).

Whew! About 125 classmates mentioned in this column (a record?). You're doing just fine. Have a happy and safe holiday season!

# '81

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Greetings, by the time this issue is printed most of us will be nearing the completion of our basic school or other courses and moving to our first assignment. Here at Ft Knox little has changed since that summer yearling year. The Pointers can still be found clustered beneath pyramids of empty pitchers in the Fiddler's Green O'Club. Now, however, the current fancy for many grads is to sport a moustache and conversation centers on fiancées and ranger slots.



1981: AOB Party.

Lately I have received much information concerning weddings and engagements. Wedding congratulations are extended to: Chuck & Diane Manula, Paul & Tonya Zimmer, Barry & Carol Bazemore, John & Kim Hoppe, Chris & Dorine Vaslager, Mark & Linda Doliveira, Ron & Denise Humphreys, Steve & Gail (O'Sullivan) Dwyer, Bill & Kay Riker, Pat & Rosemary Case, Bill & Lee Balogh, Scott & Betsy Wagner, Brian & Bonny Groft, Scott & Sherrie Richardson, Bill & Sharon Hix, Chris & Liz Killoy, Jim & Cindy Meredith, Brian & Valory Magerkurth, Randy & Gay Grubb, Randy & Maureen Lovell, Bill & Bernie Delaney, Kevin & Elba Manos.

Congrats also to those engaged: Jack Bowen, Matt Herholtz, Karl Neblett, and Mike Clidas.

I also received a letter from Bob Karpiak. It seems a few '81 grads were selected to assist in coaching WP for the first semester. Those listed were: Bob Karpiak and Mel

Bland—150 lb football, T. D. Decker, Matt Herholtz and Mike Fahnestock—football, Matt Bradley—Hockey, Bob Brown—basketball, Ed Apgar—soccer, Bob Mazur—lacrosse, Dave McDonald—wrestling, Paul Divis—baseball; Mike Lessel—golf, Chris Fulton—gymnastics. Jon Hallingstad is coaching women's track while preparing for the 1984 Olympic Decathlon.

The Class Pres, Mark Hogan, reported the Infantry outlook from Ft Benning. Randy LeCompte was the honor grad of Abn 35. Two former 100th night stars, John Britten and Ray Woolridge managed to receive leg injuries on their 4th jump. Ray was able to make the 5th jump a week later but John had to settle for a cast.

Bill & Sharon Hix wrote in to report that they are living in Columbus, GA, since their marriage June 6th. Next stop for them is Ft Bragg.

Well enough for now. Have a nice Xmas and keep the news coming. Happy Trails.



# 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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## George Montague Wheeler

NO. 2120 CLASS OF 1866

Died 3 May 1905 in New York City,  
aged 62 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



GEORGE MONTAGUE WHEELER

GEORGE MONTAGUE WHEELER was born on 9 October 1842 in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. Two of his brothers moved to Colorado, and in 1862 George became the first cadet appointed to the Military Academy from Colorado. Wheeler graduated sixth in the Class of 1866 and accepted a commission in the Corps of Engineers.

Lieutenant Wheeler crossed the continent to California for initial assignments. He served on the survey of the Point Lobos region, construction of San Francisco harbor defenses, and then became staff engineer for General Ord in the Department of California. In 1869 Ord sent Wheeler on a mission that changed the course of the lieutenant's career, a military reconnaissance of 24,000 square miles in eastern Nevada. From this start Wheeler conceived the project of mapping the entire western United States.

Army engineers had pioneered the exploration of the American West, starting with the successes of Lewis and Clark. The Corps of Topographical Engineers, established in 1813, sent a number of soldier-scientists west to chart the way to the Rockies and the Pacific. The Topographical Engineers merged with the Corps of Engineers during the Civil War. After the war the Army failed to resume scientific explorations. The Chief of Engineers, General A. A. Humphreys, was an old topographic engineer who supported Wheeler's plan for renewed Army explorations.

Wheeler resumed explorations in 1871 with what came officially to be called the United States Geographical Surveys West of the One Hundredth Meridian. He divided the West into 95 rectangles each about 120 by 150 miles, and set out to provide topographic and other special maps of each rectangle at a scale of four to eight inches to the mile. Wheeler's survey (the shorter term usually used to distinguish it from other federal surveys) proved to be a combination of military supervisors and civilian workers, periodically provided with a military escort by frontier regiments. Seventeen young West Point lieutenants served under Wheeler as

party chiefs and executive officers, and performed many of the detailed astronomic observations. The number of civilian scientists and surveyors ranged each year between 25 and 48, far outnumbering the military personnel. The Wheeler survey provided invaluable training for some of the finest civilian naturalists of the period, notably geologist G. K. Gilbert. Timothy O'Sullivan produced some of the most famous photographs of the West while working under Wheeler.

The greatest adventures of the Wheeler survey came during the summer of 1871. First the party crossed Death Valley, "one of the bugbears of the trip," where "at our camp at Furnace Creek the thermometer at midnight recorded 109° F." Wheeler then set out to go up the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, down which John Wesley Powell had rafted in 1869. The boat party lost instruments, records, and supplies when a boat capsized, they ran low on food, and their Indian guides attempted to desert several times. Wheeler turned back at Diamond Creek after 260 miles on the river, having "proved" the limits of navigability on the Colorado. Thereafter Wheeler settled down to more methodical and painstaking mapping.

Civilian surveys from the Interior Department covered much the same ground in the West. Wheeler's principal competition came from the Hayden and Powell surveys, which focused on more narrow geologic problems rather than having the general topographic mission of the Army exploration. Congress investigated duplication of efforts in 1874, and President Grant suggested combining all surveys under the War Department. Instead Congress relied on the integrity of the individuals concerned to avoid multiple coverage of the same areas. Congress investigated again in 1878 and asked the National Academy of Sciences for a recommendation. The Academy proposed combining all surveys under one agency, and in 1879 the United States Geological Survey replaced the Wheeler, Powell and Hayden surveys.

Wheeler had completed impressive parts of his plan to map the West. Parties had covered 359,065 square miles between 1869 and 1879, and published maps of 326,891 square miles, almost one third of the region west of the hundredth meridian. The bulk of the work was in New Mexico, California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado, with minor effort in Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, and Texas. Wheeler had concentrated on quickly available, practical maps for military and civilian use. His work was not incorporated into the projects of the new Geological Survey, and the maps were allowed to go out of print.

Wheeler continued office work in Washington, D.C., to finish publication of the results of his survey. He was sent to Venice, Italy, in 1881 as the War Department representative to an international geographic congress, where he won recognition for the results of his survey. Wheeler prepared an elaborate report on the congress and geographic surveys of the world, published in 1885.

In 1883 Wheeler asked for a medical board. The board found that Wheeler's health had been ruined in the line of duty on his 14 separate "campaigns" in the West, each lasting from 3 to 8.5 months. He was eligible for medical retirement, but arranged to remain on active duty doing the light office work to complete the survey's publications. Wheeler spent three periods on sick leave and in April 1888 he became the senior captain in the Corps of Engineers. He was retired in June 1888 as physically unfit to serve in the grade of major. Despite retire-

ment, Wheeler continued work on his final report, the last volume of which appeared in 1889. The 51st Congress, armed with recommendations from the Chief of Engineers and the Commanding General of the Army, passed an act for his relief, and in 1890 Wheeler was retroactively promoted to major.

Wheeler engaged in various consulting and engineering projects upon his retirement. He initially called Denver home, but travelled extensively—California, Washington, D.C., Maine, and Europe. He published a brief plan for a universal world's exhibit in 1890, for which he organized all human activity into circles for the proposed fair. Wheeler would organize the World of Thought, the World of Industry, and Government, but his plan never seems to have gotten farther than a privately printed pamphlet marked "confidential." During the Spanish-American War Wheeler wrote a piece for *The Cosmopolitan* on the need for a general staff based on Germany's model, and again preached the necessity for topographic mapping.

During the winters in Washington between field seasons, Wheeler met and married Lucy Blair, daughter of a prominent political family. They had no children, and she died in 1902. Wheeler's last years were plagued by illness and financial problems, lawsuits and evictions for non-payment of rent. He was by then living alone in New York City, and died there in May 1905. Colonel Daniel Lockwood, his classmate and subordinate on the Western survey, came to New York and arranged burial at West Point. The *New York Times* carried a brief obituary.

George Wheeler's service to the country earned him an entry in the "Dictionary of American Biography," and President Teddy Roosevelt's designation of a Wheeler National Monument along the Continental Divide in Colorado. Wheeler had wanted a practical, utilitarian map of the West. The scientists had wanted greater accuracy, even if it meant sacrificing complete coverage at a reasonable rate, and they chafed at working under the confines of Wheeler's tight schedule. Wheeler was totally committed to a vision of the government's responsibility to explore, classify, and map the lands that constituted the Western heritage, and was frustrated that the country did not see the practical value of his maps.

George M. Wheeler was the last Army explorer of the American West. Born a generation too late, he was caught in the crossfire as American science came of age and asserted its independence from military sponsorship. Wheeler strove honorably to do his duty to his country.

—Peter L. Guth

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## John William Leonard

NO. 5396 CLASS OF 1915

Died 26 October 1974 in San Antonio,  
Texas, aged 84 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, Virginia

JOHN WILLIAM LEONARD, born in Toledo, Ohio, 25 January 1890, was appointed by Congressman Isaac R. Sherwood (Brigadier General) a Civil War veteran. Graduated June 1915 he joined the 6th Infantry Regiment at El Paso, Texas and marched into Mexico with the Punitive Expedition. In World War I he led the 3d Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment in the Frapelle attack, the



JOHN WILLIAM LEONARD

St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne battles; won the Distinguished Service Cross for "extraordinary heroism in action near Romagne, France, 14 October 1918." Selected as executive officer of the Third Army Composite Regiment which served as General Pershing's honorary bodyguard, he took part in the Victory Parades in Paris, London, New York and Washington.

At the outbreak of World War II John commanded the 6th Infantry (Armored) Regiment at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In September 1942 he took command of the 9th Armored Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, and led it through desert training, winter maneuvers and overseas. In the Battle of the Bulge Combat Command Reserve fought at Bastogne, Combat Command B at St. Vith, and Combat Command A in the vicinity of Mersch, Luxembourg, and in the opening of the Neufchateau-Bastogne Road. In March 1945 the 9th Armored Division seized the Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen, Germany, and secured a large bridgehead on the east bank of the Rhine.

After World War II John commanded the 20th Armored Division, Camp Cooke, California; the 2d Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas; the Armored Center and Armored School, Fort Knox; was senior military attaché, London, England; commanded V Corps and later XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He retired 1952 as lieutenant general.

Firm religious faith, sturdy patriotism, strong sense of duty, responsibility and loyalty were the foundation of John Leonard's character. Exacting and demanding when necessary (DON'T THINK KNOW!) he was unfailingly thoughtful, generous and considerate to family, friends and associates. His cheerful disposition and optimistic outlook matched his robust sense of humor. He soldiered in all climates from burning desert to Louisiana swamps and penetrating Belgium cold. He served on four continents: North America, Europe, Asia and South America. A thorough professional, he trained candidates at Officers' Training Camps, Reserve Officers' Training Corps and National Guard units with dedication and enthusiasm; served in every grade in the 6th Infantry Regiment from second lieutenant to colonel; commanded every size troop unit from platoon through company battalion, regiment, combat command and division to Army corps. Commissioned in the Infantry he was skilled in other branches. John was one of the first four Infantry offi-

cers selected to attend the Field Artillery School and was chosen early for a tank battalion command. World War II saw him in command of armor and his last command was airborne. His 9th Armored Division's bold advance resulted in the capture of the Remagen Bridge. He chanced great risks for great rewards to shorten the war in Europe and save countless lives. This skillful and daring feat crowned his long and versatile career.

In April 1918 John married Eileen O'Brien of Chattanooga, Tennessee. His widow, three children and five grandchildren survive. One sister and one brother in Toledo, Ohio, also survive.

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Theodore Earl Buechler

NO. 5760 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 6 November 1980 in Grand Island, Nebraska, aged 87 years.

Interment: Family plot, Grand Island, Nebraska



THEODORE EARL BUECHLER

TED BUECHLER'S ROOTS were deep in Grand Island, Nebraska. His father was editor and publisher of the Grand Island *Independent* for almost forty years. Ted had finished high school and two years of college before leaving for West Point.

The Lord above gave Ted a will of iron so he could do his job and never shirk. His career at West Point was a model of perfection. He was on the football and basketball squads, indoor and outdoor meets. He was corporal and lieutenant, a pillar of the Young Men's Christian Association. His tenor voice helped to swell the volume of the choir. In spite of all this activity, he ended up twentieth in the class.

But he was even more famous for his spontaneous and explosive laugh, "Ha Ha Ha," equivalent in volume to that of the most leather lunged Santa's "Ho Ho Ho." It was infectious. It burst forth once when the Tac was inspecting but that worthy failed to skin Ted for the breach of etiquette or discipline. That characteristic laugh was still with him in 1929 and at class reunions.

World War I gave Ted little chance to shine but soon thereafter he made a momentous and brilliant move. He got away from Coblenz and back to Grand Island to wed Mary Taylor whom he had first met when on furlough. They were together for 59 years

and are still together in spirit. Besides many changes of station, they were blessed with Mary (now Mrs. Irving Feld of San Francisco) and Bruce, now a retired colonel in Wichita Falls, Texas.

In the interval between world wars Ted had tours as instructor at the Academy, Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Yale, service in the Philippines and intermittent troop duty. He also graduated from the School of Fire and the two-year Command and General Staff College course at Leavenworth.

Made a brigadier general in 1942, Ted took command of the 100th Division Artillery. He received a Letter of Commendation when, in 1943, he left to assume command of the XVIIIth Corps Artillery. He became Artillery Officer, European Theater of Operations, in 1945 and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service. Back in the States he was successively G3, Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff of the Fifth Army from 1948 to 1951. Then he was G3 in the Office of the Chief Army Field Forces and retired in 1953.

Upon retirement, Ted and Mary embarked upon an extended tour seeking the spot to live. Eventually, the pull of friends and kin brought them back to Grand Island. There Ted was a respected and loved member of the community. He was active in church, Rotary, the County Historical Society, and the Riverside Golf Club. As the years passed, travel became more difficult and his last trip was to our class reunion in 1972. He and Mary had a wonderful life together and survived the tornados which struck Grand Island.

Ted was truly a wonderful man. I never knew him to lose his temper or use coarse language. Had he been placed in the same situation that Tony McAuliffe was, he probably wouldn't have said "nuts." More likely, he would have emitted his infectious "Ha Ha Ha" and had the Krauts laughing with him.

-W. O. Reeder

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William Innes Wilson

NO. 5768 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 27 September 1979 at Palo Alto, California, aged 86 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



WILLIAM INNES WILSON

WILLIAM INNES WILSON was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on 9 February 1893, the

son of William Alexander Wilson, a native of England, and Jesse Wallace Speirs Wilson, a native of Scotland.

Early in his youth he acquired an admiration for West Point and an unquenchable desire to get an appointment to go there. He experienced difficulties but by persistent efforts he finally succeeded in securing an appointment from the Third District of Iowa and entered the Academy in June 1913 as a member of the Class of 1917.

In his yearling year he became ill and was in the cadet hospital during a series of written tests and had to repeat that year with the Class of 1918.

Bill was a good student, graduating in the upper fifth of his class. In the course in Drawing, which was a very important course in the curriculum at that time, he stood first in his class. This expertise remained with him throughout his life and found expression in designing the insignia for the Army Ordnance Corps which was adopted and is now the official insignia of Aberdeen. As a cadet he was very popular and well liked by his classmates and was noted for his cherubic smile and nonchalant manner. He was the envy of many on account of his fine physique and handsome appearance.

A most notable quality of Bill's was his devotion and loyalty to West Point and its ideals and motto. From the early days when he was struggling to secure an appointment to enter the Military Academy until he finally gave up his earthly life on 27 September 1979, he dearly loved his Alma Mater and the association of his classmates.

Bill graduated from West Point 30 August 1917 when the Class of 1918 was graduated early during World War I. He was commissioned in the Field Artillery and assigned as a first lieutenant to Battery "E" of the 16th Field Artillery at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. The following is a resumé of his assignments and activities during World War I and until his return from Europe in June 1919.

He sailed for France as a battery commander with the 4th Artillery Brigade in May 1918 and after a short period at the Artillery Training Center at Bordeaux he went into action with the Brigade in Chateau Thierry Sector. He was assigned in September to Headquarters 1st Army with Artillery Information Service and participated in the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Argonne offensives. After the Armistice he served with the 4th Division in the Army of Occupation. In January 1919 he was sent to American Headquarters in London and served as Assistant Provost Marshal in Liverpool and as Provost Marshal of American Forces in Scotland. He returned to the United States in June 1919.

In September 1919 Bill was detailed to the Ordnance Department and to the Ordnance School of Technology at Watertown, Massachusetts. In July of 1920 he was transferred to the Ordnance Department and to the Office of the Chief of Ordnance. From 1921 to 1924 he commanded ordnance companies at Fort Lewis, Washington, and Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He was on temporary duty with the IX Corps Area in San Francisco from January to April 1924.

In August 1924 Bill was assigned to West Point as an instructor in Ordnance and Gunnery where he remained until 1928.

While on duty at West Point he organized a committee, of which he was chairman, to edit and publish a small book entitled "Ten Years with 1918," the decennial record of the Class of 1918, which is now known as "the

Class of August 1917 from its Date of Graduation."

After completing his assignment at West Point as instructor, Bill served as Ordnance Officer for the Panama Canal Zone for three years. At the outbreak of World War II he was Ordnance Officer of the Alaskan Department in the Aleutian Islands. In June of 1943 he returned to the United States and served as Ordnance Officer of the Desert Training Center until he departed for the European Theater in December 1943.

He was G-4 of the XVth Corps and Ordnance Officer of the 6th Army Group during 1944 and 1945 participating in the battles and campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes—Alsace and Central Europe.

During World Wars I and II he received many honors and decorations for his outstanding service. They include the Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal; Commendation Ribbon; World War I Victory Medal with 3 Bronze Battle Clasps, and one Defensive Sector Clasp; Army of Occupation of Germany World War I; American Defensive Service Medal; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star; Europe and Middle East Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars; World War II Victory Medal; Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp; French Legion of Honor in Grade of Chevalier; Croix de Guerre with Palm (French).

On 11 March 1924, while Bill was assigned to temporary duty at Headquarters IX Corps Area, he married Miss Inez Johnson of San Francisco. While they were stationed at West Point their son William Robert was born on 3 February 1927.

After more than 31 years of active service in the Regular Army, one third of which was in foreign service, including campaigns and battles in two World Wars, Bill retired from active service on 20 September 1948. He and his wife Inez decided to settle in Carmel Valley, California, at Rancho Chupinos, fifteen miles west of Carmel, a very large ranch which had been owned by Inez's family for some years. For nearly another 30 years Bill lead the quiet happy life of a rancher. He specialized in research and experimentation in collaboration with the University of California in developing improvements in growing crops such as barley and improving the quality of sheep for the benefit of the herdsmen.

When Bill and Inez settled at Rancho Chupinos, their son, who was called "Bob," was twenty-one years of age and very helpful on the ranch. He married Elizabeth Riley and they have four children, Dan Thomas born in 1954, Linda Inez born in 1956, William Patrick and Laura Ann, twins born in 1959. In later years Bob took over the operation of the ranch and Bill was able to relax from the arduous duties and responsibilities.

Bill's wife Inez passed away in 1969 after 45 years of marriage and he was left living alone in his home as Bob and his family had their own separate home on the ranch.

The lonely life of a widower apparently did not appeal to Bill and on 1 August 1970 at the Presidio in San Francisco he married a widow, Dagmar Macfarlane, whom he had known as Dagmar James when he was a cadet at West Point. Their friendship continued throughout Bill's cadet life when Dagmar was Bill's frequent guest at the weekend cadet hops. The years of separation by World War I and Bill's military assignments lead to their going separate ways.

Bill is survived by his wife Dagmar, his son Bob, his daughter-in-law Elizabeth and by his four grandchildren mentioned above.

Sometime before his death Bill's health began to fail. His thoughts went back to cadet days, to his classmates, and to the Army that he loved so dearly. When he realized that the end appeared to be approaching he expressed his desire, as he had many times before, that his remains be brought back to his Alma Mater for burial. This wish has now been fulfilled and he has joined the Long Gray Line and lies in peace at West Point for evermore.

Those of his classmates who survive him bid him a fond farewell and Godspeed to join with those of our class who have preceded him. Recalling the words of Horatio as he bade farewell to Hamlet, we say "Good night, sweet prince, And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

—R.F.K.

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## James Creel Marshall

NO. 5915 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 19 July 1977 in Syracuse,  
New York, aged 79 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



JAMES CREEL MARSHALL

BORN AND RAISED in Plattsburg, Missouri, county seat of a farming area north of Kansas City, Jim—or Creel as he was called by Mabel, his wife for over 57 years—came to West Point directly after graduation at the top of his high school class in Plattsburg and successful competition for a Congressional appointment from Joshua W. Alexander. His father, Walter Scott Marshall, was born in Farmville, Virginia, moved west to Missouri after the Civil War and married Cora Sutphen Creel of Horse Cave, Kentucky. The Military Academy was—in today's idiom—somewhat of a cultural shock to a small town lad from rural America but he adjusted well, enjoyed athletics—wrestling and polo, continued his academic excellence graduating high in his class and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers.

A few months after graduation he toured the battlefields of World War I—a war which he regretted missing and from which he and so many others had to put up with the stagnating "hump" it created in the officer ranks of the Army. He also attended the Engineer School at Camp Humphreys, Virginia, after a brief tour at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he took his bride, Mabel Estelle Wolff of Brooklyn,

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New York, for her first exposure to Army life starting in a pyramidal tent as their first assigned quarters. His early civil and military engineering work was in New York Harbor at Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

Accompanied by Mabel and their two children, Beryl born in 1919 and Bob born in 1921, Jim took the transport to the Panama Canal Zone where he served at Corazal with the 11th Engineers from 1925 to 1928 as Headquarters Company Commander and Battalion Adjutant. The Canal Zone duty was an opportunity to enjoy and perfect his riding abilities as well as his tennis, and more important, to master the art of command of troops in the then small but professional Army. In 1928 he was transferred to West Point to spend four years as an instructor in Professor Billy Mitchell's Department of Engineering. During those years, Jim also taught riding at the New York Military Academy in Cornwall. Each summer, he was able to spend time at summer camps for children where he was counsellor and riding instructor and one summer he worked as an inspector on the west tower of the then record breaking George Washington Bridge across the Hudson River at New York City. These extra jobs provided a modest source of outside income and helped get through the early Depression years—particularly the year the Army was given a 30-day leave without pay in an attempt to ease the burden on the Federal budget.

In 1932 the Marshalls returned to Fort Humphreys, now Fort Belvoir, Virginia, for a three-year tour where Jim was the head of the Engineer Board and became a captain ("for the third time" he would frequently say relating to the ups and downs of the World War I era which affected the Class of June 1918), after some 14 years as a first lieutenant. During this tour, he was a major contributor in development and improvement of floating bridge equipment—aluminum pontoons, balsa wood floats for foot bridges—and better aircraft detection equipment working closely with the Army Air Corps development effort at Wright Field, Ohio.

Then came a tour in Albany, New York, as Area Engineer working on the Federal project to upgrade the New York State Barge Canal, and residing for two years at Watervliet Arsenal as a tenant of the Ordnance Corps. Then he was moved to Washington, D.C. to work on the civil works programs in the office of the Chief of Engineers succeeding Lucius Clay. These were the days of massive public works projects and expanding authorities for flood control by the Corps of Engineers. Long hours of liaison work on Capitol Hill was required to help prepare new legislation and here Jim earned the confidence of many leading legislators including Senator Overton and Congressman Whittington. This was followed by a curtailed course at Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth and a brief tour with the 1st Division as World War II came on the scene.

As America mobilized after the outbreak of war in Europe, Jim was sent to Binghamton, New York, in 1939 as Area Engineer and later to Syracuse, New York, as District Engineer engaged in massive military construction projects such as ammunition and explosive plants and the Rome Air Depot plus some flood control reservoirs and floodwalls to control the Upper Delaware River. (In his later years, he used to point with pride to the floodwalls he built in Binghamton which had stood so many floods in spite of allegations of poor concrete and under design—allega-

tions he rejected after a thorough personal review.)

While District Engineer at Syracuse, he was called to Washington and told he was to form a new district to construct facilities for a secret weapon, later known as the atom bomb. And so from June 1942 to August 1943 he was deeply involved in selecting people to man the new organization, finding an office site—he chose Manhattan, New York, hence the name "Manhattan Project," selecting sites for production—Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Hanford, Washington—plus dealing with dynamic personalities and exotic technologies all in great secrecy and with the highest of national priorities. He was provided great authority—he could obtain direct commissions of civilian experts when needed and practically unlimited funds. But his most difficult job was to sort out varying opposed scientific opinions as to processes and techniques needed to produce fissionable material and to force the scientists to make firm decisions so that the "brick and mortar" and piping, pumps, etc. could be designed, produced and built. Others have fully covered the Manhattan Project and Jim's role, it is sufficient for our purpose here to simply say that Jim Marshall was a major force in creating the weapons which drove Japan to surrender in 1945 and ended World War II.

He left the Manhattan District in August 1943 reluctantly but for two reasons: he wanted to get into World War II as a soldier and Leslie Groves had been moved into the project at the Washington level where more of the decisions were being made with less authority in the field. To his enduring credit, Jim never was bitter about not retaining the top job in the Manhattan Project and he truly welcomed the opportunity to go to Camp Sutton, South Carolina, to command that large Engineer training center and later to go to the Southwest Pacific Command as the G4 where he earned his brigadier general star and was promoted before he was evacuated for medical reasons in 1945 to become the commanding general of the Port of Boston.

After the war, his promotion having come so late in that period, Jim was one of many who fell back to the rank of colonel. He returned to Fort Belvoir and to the Engineer Board or Engineer Development Laboratory as it was then named, retired voluntarily in 1947 and was restored to the rank of brigadier general.

Following his 29 years of commissioned service, Jim and Mabel moved to Riverside, Connecticut. He was employed by the M. W. Kellogg Company, a leader in construction of major chemical processing facilities. The commuting life of New York City became unbearable, so he then took a position with the Koppers Company building coal processing and loading facilities in a Turkish port on the Black Sea. After this, he was associated with the United Nations Korean Relief effort, working in the UN building in New York City and then spent some time in Paris and Central Africa on mineral development projects.

During this period he and Mabel moved their residence to Skaneateles, New York, a lovely, friendly community in the Finger Lake area which became his base of operations. While Mabel accompanied him on some of his overseas assignments, she generally stayed in Skaneateles keeping the home fires burning and establishing many devoted friendships. In January 1961 the governor of Minnesota asked Jim to become his Commissioner of Highways and on April of that year he began a four-year term. This was at the peak of the Interstate Highway construction era and Jim's

duties as commissioner were stimulating and demanding. His work was complicated by the defeat of Governor Anderson and the succession of a governor of the opposite political persuasion who demanded Jim's resignation. Typically, Jim pointed out the term of his appointment—four years—and stayed on in spite of frequent clashes with the governor and his Attorney General, Walter Mondale.

Finally in 1965 Jim returned to Skaneateles for good. There he became an engineering consultant and a professional engineering arbitrator. For six years he was the mayor of the village of Skaneateles and made many contributions to improving village life, such as adding an ambulance squad to the fire department and building an indoor ice skating rink. In 1976 Mabel was a victim of cancer, fortunately without too much discomfort. A year after her death, James Creel Marshall also succumbed peacefully to the same disease on 18 July 1977 and was buried at his beloved West Point alongside Mabel, in August 1977.

Much has been said and written about Jim; the following are typical and vivid affirmations of his devoted service to society.

From a newsletter in Minnesota in 1965: "If there is one vestige of the 'Duty, Honor, Country' badge, it reposes with James Creel Marshall. A stormily controversial man when he came, he has converted most of his enemies by his conscientious application to duty. His was never a political assignment and he fulfilled this idea with a vengeance, losing the Republicans many thousands of votes. But Marshall has now proved himself. A lonely and shy man, he is rock-firm where principle is concerned. The story is true that he plans to step down before the legislative session starts. He has made so many politicians mad on both sides of the partisan aisle that it is a certainty that there will never be a Marshall testimonial.

"But there should be. Because he has been a great public servant—in war and in peace. Because it is right. And because, in his strangely shy way, he would love it just as he has learned, to his astonishment, to love Minnesota."

And from a letter from Colonel Chuck Schilling in 1977 after attending a testimonial dinner for Jim shortly before he died:

"Just a note to let you know that I had the honor and privilege of participating in the testimonial dinner given for your father in the town of Skaneateles. The dinner was given by the local Chamber of Commerce and had an attendance of 100 or maybe 150 people. My role in the proceedings was to make a few remarks as to his military service and his association with West Point. I mentioned in particular the Department of Engineering in which your father as well as you and I have taught.

"I am especially pleased that I could be a participant in this event. The thing that impressed me most was the feeling of true and sincere love and respect for your father that was shown by these citizens of Skaneateles for the contributions that he had made to their life and to their town. I really have not been in an environment before with so many people, where this family love and respect for each other seemed to be present. It was truly invigorating for me to see that there are people in this world who have such concern for others as your father did, and then to see people who are so willing to reciprocate with their love and respect for what he had done for them. It was an inspiring evening for me, and I believe it was an enjoyable evening for your father. I just hope that my remarks

were able to make some small contribution to the honor that was being paid him.”

—R.C.M.

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## Allison Miller

NO. 6062 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 6 March 1980 in Los Altos, California, aged 85 years.

Interment: Mountain View Cemetery  
Oakland, California



ALLISON MILLER

ALLISON MILLER was born in Woodbridge, New Jersey, on 25 January 1895. He was the son of Reverend Thomas and Alice (Ketcham) Miller. In 1901 his family moved to New York City where he attended grade and high school.

After two years at Brown University, Al entered West Point in 1916 on an appointment from New York. Because of World War I, his class was graduated early—1 November 1918—all disappointed that the war ended eleven days later. His first assignment was to The Engineer School at Camp Humphreys, Virginia. In the summer of 1919 he was on a tour of observation of battlefields and theaters of operations in France, Belgium and Germany. After three years at Camp Humphreys, he served for three years as an instructor in the Engineering Department at West Point.

On 25 September 1925 he resigned his first lieutenant's commission and went with the Dodge Division of Chrysler Corporation as a sales executive. Due to his natural leadership abilities, he rose through the corporate ranks in eighteen years to become Regional Manager at St. Louis, then at Philadelphia with a territory covering several states.

Upon the outbreak of war in 1941 Al returned to active duty in the Detroit Engineer District, rank of major. He served as executive officer, then District Engineer, with the rank of full Colonel. Al's supervision of the operation of the locks at Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, which were of the greatest importance to the flow of war materiel, and his supervision of the performance of dozens of manufacturers of engineering equipment in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, earned him the highest praise. He was responsible for total construction from 1942-46 of \$250 million, plus \$200 million worth of equipment and supplies. For his meritorious service he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

He returned to civilian life in 1946 but retained his commission as colonel in the Reserves until retirement 1 February 1955. His business interests moved him from Michigan to Connecticut to Wisconsin. In 1957 he moved to Los Altos, California, where he lived until his death. He was a Mason for over 62 years, being a 32° Scottish Rite Mason and member of the York Rite Masonic Bodies. He also participated with energy and enthusiasm in numerous veterans, civic and political organizations as well as his church.

He married his high school sweetheart, Edith Kalthoff, on 21 May 1919. They had two sons, Donald Q. and Thomas A. Edith died 6 February 1950. On 8 December 1951, Al and Ruth Mulford Hutchison were married in New York City, a marriage that resulted in over 28 happy years. He left 6 grandchildren.

Al loved his family. He revered his country. He was devoted to West Point. He was loyal to his comrades. "Duty, Honor, Country" were not mere words to Allison Miller. He was a man of utmost integrity. Those of us fortunate enough to have known him have benefited greatly.

—wife, assisted by a close friend,  
CFS, Class of 1921

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## Roland William McNamee

NO. 6399 CLASS OF 1919

Died 28 October 1980 in La Jolla, California, aged 82 years.

Interment: La Jolla, California



ROLAND WILLIAM MCNAMEE

THE ARMY WAS "ROLY" McNamee's life long before it became his career. He was born on 15 August 1898 at Round Hill, Virginia, the second son of a career Cavalry officer, Captain (later Colonel) Michael Mark McNamee, and his wife, Bertha Armstrong McNamee. Before his tenth birthday, young Roly had traversed the length and breadth of our country with his parents and two brothers. He had even seen Cuba. The various stops on the family's long odyssey read like a station list of the Old Army: Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Wingate, New Mexico; Fort Riley, Kansas; Washington Barracks, D.C.; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort MacKenzie, Wyoming; Fort Huachuca, Arizona; Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont.

Subsequent service took the McNamee

family to many other stations, including Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where Roly, now a droll but earnest teen-ager, attended grammar school. Later (in 1916) he graduated from Walter High School in Chicago, Illinois. It was the most natural thing in the world for a young man in his circumstances to prefer an Army career. When his older brother, Alfred, entered West Point in 1915, the die was cast. War clouds were spreading beyond Europe, and Roly was more than ever determined to join the colors. After six months at a West Point preparatory school in Washington, D.C., he successfully passed the stiff entrance examinations, winning an appointment from Congressman Britten of Illinois' 9th District. On 14 June 1917, Roland William McNamee pridefully took the oath on the historic Plain of West Point. The ambition of his youth was realized. He was a member of the Long Gray Line.

The entire nation was now deeply involved in World War I. The Class of 1921 soon learned that "Kaydet days" on the Hudson would be considerably foreshortened. In response to a serious shortage of junior or company grade officers for the American Expeditionary Forces in France, the War Department issued unprecedented orders to graduate Roly's class on 1 November 1918, less than seventeen months after entrance into the Academy. Efforts to help our Allies in Europe went apace. However, the Kaiser abdicated and Germany sued for peace. An armistice was signed, effective on 11 November. Roly McNamee and his 286 classmates were thereupon returned to West Point as commissioned student officers for further military training and a shortened academic course of instruction. A second graduation was scheduled six months later, and on 11 June 1919, the members of the Class were assigned as full-fledged commissioned officers of the Army.

In the summer of 1919, the new designated "Class of 1919" was sent to Europe for an extended tour of inspection, including the battlefields of France, Germany, Belgium and Italy. The tour, under the tutelage of experienced American combat leaders, proved a maturing and memorable exposure to the ravages of war for the young lieutenants. Strongly disputed areas of the battlefield, pockmarked with the evidence of combat, were visited, and the tactics and techniques employed by the enemy as well as by Allied forces were analyzed.

Returning to the United States in the fall of that year, the Class of 1919 dispersed, as generations before and since have done, to various branch schools—Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry, Engineering and Communications. Second Lieutenant McNamee was ordered to The Infantry School at Fort Benning, where he excelled as a student in the basic course. Upon graduation in June 1920 he was given command of a company in the Army's demonstration unit, the 29th Infantry Regiment. Throughout the years of peace and military stagnation that followed, he carried on in the service with quiet dedication and ever-broadening professional competence. Staff and command tours of duty with Infantry units were interspersed with training in communications, armor, and the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Duty at the stateside posts of Benning, Lewis, Crook, Sam Houston and elsewhere were relieved by assignments of foreign duty in the Philippines and the Panama Canal Zone.

Life was infinitely enriched for Roly when in 1923 he met and married the perennially charming Emily Frances Borgen of San

Francisco. Emily was to be Roly's lifetime partner and helpmate, and the mother of his four outstanding sons: Roland William Jr., Michael Werner, Lee Armstrong, and Patrick Houston. Roland Jr. and Michael are themselves West Pointers, members of the Classes of 1945 and 1949 respectively.

During the Second World War, the Army drew long and heavily on Roly's broad experience and exceptional professional talents, particularly in organization and training. When finally released for overseas duty, he was assigned to the China Theater and stationed at Chungking. There he served on the General Staff as Chief of Operations in Theater Headquarters. He exhibited remarkable ability in planning and supervising operations involving Chinese troops as well as our own air, ground and naval forces. After V-J-Day, he supervised the plans and operations which involved the repatriation of approximately 1,200,000 uniformed Japanese soldiers and about 1,000,000 Japanese civilians. This movement of more than 2,000,000 Japanese back to their homeland had to be carefully integrated and coordinated with the United States Navy and General MacArthur's staff. At first, MacArthur's Chief of Staff, General Sutherland, stated that it could not be accomplished. He said it was beyond the China Theater's capabilities to move more than two million men as scheduled and offload them in good shape at reception centers in Japan. Whereupon, General MacArthur called a special meeting of his staff, with Colonel McNamee, the Chief of Operations of the China Theater present. After hearing the plan in detail, he turned to Colonel McNamee and asked, "Colonel, are you confident that this plan as outlined will succeed?" Without hesitation, Colonel McNamee replied, "Sir, I am certain that it will work, and a great deal of the preparatory phase is well under way at this moment. General MacArthur's decision came in three crisp words, "Plan is approved."

Colonel McNamee remained with the headquarters of China Theater at Shanghai until mid-1946 when he was returned to the United States. Subsequent assignments took him again to the Far East, this time for duty with the American Advisory Group to the Chinese Army in Nanking. Later he was assigned with the Japanese Self Defense Forces in Tokyo. Returning to the United States, there were two final years of duty as Senior Instructor of the Maryland National Guard. Roly decided that the time had come to pass the torch into the hands of the younger generation. He retired on 13 November 1951, after more than 32 years of commissioned service in the Army.

His awards for meritorious and distinguished service included the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Ribbon with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Chinese Collar Order of Pao Ting, and the Special Breast Order of Yunhui with Ribbon (also Chinese).

The McNamees settled first in San Antonio, Texas, then a short time later moved to California, residing there since 1954.

While many of his comrades retired into a rocking chair or on to a golf course, Roly at once launched into a new career. Returning to college in California he earned a master's degree in History (with honors) in 1956. He then accepted a position as an assistant at the library of Stanford University in Palo Alto. He enjoyed the academic environment for thirteen years. Failing health eventually obliged him to relinquish these responsibilities and to live quietly in La Jolla, California, surrounded by artifacts from various parts of

the world and valued memories of his and Emily's 57 happy years together.

Those who knew Roly will understand how inadequately this summary captures the essence of his noble life. He was many things, which formal records scarcely touch and which mere words can never hope to convey.

A classmate and devoted friend, Bob Springer, wrote:

"Roland was actually one of the finest men I have ever known. Emily and Roland together fitted pleasantly into a happy corner of our long lives—so comforting. He was completely honest, courageous, loyal, constant in his devotion to family, to his church, to West Point, to country, and to his friends. Emily and Roland were something very special, and those who were privileged to know them have precious memories. Thank you, Emily and Roland, and thank God for making our friendship possible."

The four sons reflect upon their great respect and deep filial devotion:

"Dad had an excellent sense of humor—low-key and always comfortable for receiver and giver.

"We knew he was there, solid and firm—an anchor for all of us.

"What he did, what he said was good. We miss him very much and we believe we will all be together again someday. See you Dad."

His loved ones, friends, and classmates confirm such richly deserved tributes, understanding Roland as a man of quiet faith, of rock-like integrity, of patient dedication to the highest religious and professional values. He will live on in the virtues he imparted to his family and friends, especially in the grateful memories of his devoted wife and children.

—A.C.W.

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### Dean Luce

NO. 6417 CLASS OF 1919

Died 16 April 1980 at Fort Lewis, Washington, aged 82 years.

Interment: Odd Fellows Cemetery, Olympia, Washington



DEAN LUCE

DEAN LUCE WAS BORN on a farm near Albion, Washington, 22 February 1898, the son of Isaac and Lorinda Luce. He was the tenth of their eleven children. During his early years he attended school in Albion, after which he went to Washington State Uni-

versity. While there he received his appointment to West Point, which he entered on 14 June 1917 as a member of the Class of 1921. This class graduated on 1 November 1918 but returned to the Academy after the signing of the armistice that same month, and was again graduated on 11 June 1919, later being designated Class of 1919. After a month of leave the class had a tour of the bases and battlefields in France, Belgium and Italy and the Army of Occupation sites in Germany. Dean was with the Class until it finally broke up on returning from Europe. This same year he married his childhood sweetheart, Amelia M. Hoskins, and went to Fort Monroe, Virginia, where he took the Basic Course for Coast Artillery officers, from which he graduated in August 1920. Then followed assignments in Washington state, California, Hawaii and the Philippines, involving, among other things, troop duty, Reserve Officer Training Corps duty at the University of Washington from 1927 to 1932, engineering work in Mindoro and membership on the Coast Artillery Rifle Team of 1925 at Camp Perry, Ohio. Displaying organization and efficiency in all tasks assigned him he received numerous commendations and decorations including, with other recognition, the Bronze Star Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Commendation Medal and Meritorious Service Unit Plaque.

Retiring from the Army on 31 October 1950, Dean worked for the National Guard at Camp Murray, Washington, for several years. The Governor of Washington then asked him to serve as director of the State Department of Civil Defense, a job which he accepted and from which he retired in 1968, with many more commendations to add to his collection. After that he enjoyed many hobbies, among them history, travel, gardening, history of his family, anything that held a challenge, always living by the rule that if a job is worth doing it's worth doing right the first time.

Dean is survived by his widow (his wife of 60 years), Amelia; three children, Dean H. of Hampton, Virginia; William C. and Carol J. Hays of Olympia, Washington; eleven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Sorely missed by his grieving family and his many friends, he was buried with full military honors in Olympia. He was deeply loved by those who knew him; and he impressed all with whom he came in contact with his strength and kindness.

—Carolina Luce and Phyllis Taylor

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### Leland Stuart Smith

NO. 6738 CLASS OF 1920

Died 28 June 1979 in St. Petersburg, Florida, aged 80 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

LELAND STUART SMITH WAS BORN at Gloucester, Massachusetts, on 18 April 1899, the son of Frank F. and Lucy Poole Smith. He received his grade and high school education in Gloucester, graduating from Gloucester High School in June of 1917. The following year, until May of 1918, he worked as a page at the State Capitol, Boston, Massachusetts.

Entering West Point on 15 June 1918 by competitive appointment from the 9th Congressional District of Massachusetts, he graduated in June 1920 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry. He was



LELAND STUART SMITH

transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps in September 1920 and attended the Basic Officers Course at the Coast Artillery School.

His first duty assignment was in the Hawaiian Islands where he served as a company officer at Fort Ruger and Fort Kamehameha and as adjutant of the Kilauea Military Camp. During his tour in Hawaii he married Myra Sadler Shearer of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, his partner and mainstay for the next half century. Together they returned from Hawaii in July 1924 and were assigned to the 9th Coast Artillery, Fort Banks, Massachusetts. In 1927 he was assigned to the Coast Defenses of Charleston, South Carolina, with station at Fort Moultrie. He departed there in 1930 for the Philippines where he served as a company commander and later adjutant of the 91st Coast Artillery, on Corregidor. Returning to the United States in 1932, Leland attended the Coast Artillery Advanced Course at Fort Monroe, served with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Sharon, Vermont, and was an instructor of the 241st Coast Artillery (National Guard) at Fall River, Massachusetts. In 1937 he graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and was transferred to the Adjutant Generals Corps with a duty assignment as Assistant Adjutant General, VI Corps Area, Chicago, Illinois.

In 1941 Leland was assigned as assistant director of the newly activated Adjutant Generals' School and moved with the school to Arlington Cantonment, Virginia. In September of the same year he was assigned as the Adjutant General of the First Task Force and later as the Director of the Plans and Training Branch of the Iceland Base Command. In 1943 he returned to his Alma Mater as the Adjutant General and Secretary of the Military Academy's Academic Board. While on duty there, he was appointed as the first Registrar of the Academy and served under Superintendents, Major General Francis B. Wilby and General Maxwell D. Taylor.

In 1947 Colonel Smith was assigned as Adjutant General in Headquarters Hawaiian Department with station at Fort Shafter, Territory of Hawaii. After a three year tour he was reassigned as Commandant, The Adjutant Generals' School, with station at Fort Lee, Virginia. In March of 1951 he moved the school to its permanent location at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. In 1954 while serving as the Commandant of his branch school, Colonel Smith was retired with more than 34 years' commissioned service. After

two years in New York City as Executive Director of the American-Korean Foundation, Colonel and Mrs. Smith moved to St. Petersburg, Florida.

Leland Smith held constructive credit for the Armed Forces Staff College and was selected for the General Officer Eligible list in 1952. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his services in Iceland and the Commendation Medal for his service at the Military Academy.

As a soldier Leland's strengths were his managerial skills and organizational abilities. As a human being his compassion, zest for life, and jovial smile were always present and touched all his family and friends. Leland is survived by his wife Myra, of St. Petersburg, Florida; a sister, Muriel Caulkins; by a son, Leland Stuart Smith of Louisville, Kentucky; by a daughter, Janet Steel, wife of (Charles L.—Class of 1944) of Little Rock, Arkansas; a daughter, Natalie Carroll, of Alexandria, Virginia; 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

*"And when our time is done  
Our course on earth is run  
May it be said, 'Well done,  
Be thou at Peace.'*

*"Ere may that Line of Gray  
Increase from day to day  
Live, serve and die, we pray,  
West Point for thee."*

Well done Leland.

—CLS '68

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### Charles Fox Ivins

NO. 6804 CLASS OF 1920

Died 6 September 1980 in Homestead, Florida, aged 81 years.

Inurnment: Columbarium, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



CHARLES FOX IVINS

CHARLES and VIVIAN IVINS died 6 September 1980 at Homestead, Florida. They were inurned in the columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery in a service attended by family members and classmates.

Charles Fox Ivins was born 23 September 1898 in Plainfield, New Jersey of DeWitt Clinton Ivins and Louise Fox Ivins. He graduated from Phillips Andover Academy in 1917 and in June 1918 received his appointment to the United States Military Academy from the 5th Congressional District of New Jersey. He graduated in June 1920.

While at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, he was smitten with the beauty and charm of Vivian Alice Marie Ferrandou, whom he married on 9 February 1922. They leave two sons, Richard and Peter, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

After graduating from The Infantry School in 1921, Charlie's career spanned assignments with infantry troops at a number of stations in the Continental United States, Philippine Islands, and Hawaii; and attendance at The Chemical Warfare School and The Tank School and advancement through all of the grades to the rank of colonel in 1942. He earned a Commendation Ribbon in G3 staff section, Replacement and School Command, Birmingham, Alabama, 1942-1946; and a Legion of Merit as Central Exchange Officer, Eighth Army, Far East Command, Yokohama 1947-1951. He retired in 1954 to his lime grove in Homestead, and served as manager of the State Avocado and Lime Commission. He was president of the Rotary Club and a lay reader in the Episcopal Church. He wrote a very witty and informative book about life in the Philippines during his duty there in the late Twenties. This book is available at West Point.

In 1969 Charlie and Vivian sold their lime grove and hacienda to a wealthy Cuban and moved to Sarasota, Florida. They maintained their summer home in Highlands, North Carolina, and wintered in Sarasota—the best of both worlds. They also traveled considerably until the summer of 1977 when Charlie was told that he probably would not see the New Year due to cancer of the pancreas. Both Vivian and Charlie faced this sentence with courage, dignity, and prudence. He arranged their affairs to her benefit, and he even had a pacemaker implanted to correct a low heart rate. Miraculously, his health stabilized and the responsibly diagnosed cancer went into remission.

Uncle Charlie was an extremely bright and perceptive person. He was very well educated at Andover and West Point. To his eighty-second year he never lost his curiosity and interest in the physical and intellectual world around him. In his wide travels he always went out among the natives and sampled, observed and discussed their culture, customs, and politics . . . and cuisine. He was not one to sit in the American bar. He was one of the best informed people on an enormous variety of subjects that I have ever known. Though he was plagued by increasing deafness during his last fifteen years, Charlie continued to take Vivian to plays, lectures, and even operas! He volunteered as a driver delivering meals and providing personal contact to elderly shut-ins through the Sarasota Meals-on-Wheels program. He "golfed" and Vivian "bridged," for both understood the desirability of some apartness in the ideal togetherness. In my lengthy observation, Charlie was ever the loving, patient, and considerate husband.

In the spring of 1980, Charlie and Vivian were advised to give up their Sarasota apartment for a retirement/nursing home type of care due to Aunt Vivian's advancing hardening of the arteries and Uncle Charlie's also delicate health. They moved to such a facility in Homestead, Florida, near their son Richard, but it soon became clear that this arrangement comprised what they both cherished—their togetherness and their independence.

Aunt Vivian had been gently reared in New Orleans among many later generation French relatives from both her mother's de Gruy family and her father's Ferrandou family. As the eldest of five girls she was somewhat a

princess, and Charlie always treated her so. However, the nursing home, in which she was necessarily confined, was no place for a princess. In his last letter Charlie wrote, "Vivian has been inexpressibly dear to me for nearly sixty years, and the thought that we would both be living in institutions is not to be borne."

When the extremity of her confusion and increasing senility led her to prevail repeatedly on Charlie to "take me out of here" or "take me home," a home which no longer existed, one can understand his sad torment. A sensitive and loving man, he knew there was nothing he could do to help her situation or ease her suffering. He realized that his own time was short; his cancer had resurged. He could not bear to leave her in such distress and circumstance. After anguish that is difficult to imagine, he took the "Glorious Peanut," his princess home with him forever. I know that it was an act of love and one of enormous courage. Certainly Charlie saw it as his final act of duty.

This poem was found among Vivian's papers. Its author is unknown:

Do not stand at my grave and weep  
I am not there—I do not sleep.

I am the thousand winds that blow  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awake in the morning hush  
I am the swift upflying rush  
Of quiet birds in circling flight  
I am the soft starshine of night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there—I did not die!  
—a loving nephew, M.E.W.

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### Charles Hancock Reed

NO. 6881 CLASS OF 1922

Died 7 April 1980 in Richmond,  
Virginia, aged 79 years.

Interment: Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia



CHARLES HANCOCK REED

CHARLES HANCOCK REED was born in Richmond, Virginia, on 25 December 1900; a Christmas present to the World War-generation to follow. At age seven he told his parents, Charles Clinton and Lillian (Hancock) Reed, that he was going to West Point and

was going to serve in the Cavalry. There is no greater fulfillment in life than to discover a clear aptitude in youth and to spend a productive maturity in its development. Hank Reed, who was born to be a soldier, was that fortunate. He delayed accepting an appointment to Annapolis by attending the University of Virginia for a semester until the coveted appointment to the United States Military Academy arrived. He had earlier attended secondary school at McGuire's University School.

He graduated 54th in the 1922 class of 102. He had been Cadet First Sergeant; and HOWITZER records that "he plays a good game of polo . . . (and is) . . . a good judge of horses and the fairer sex." Commissioned second lieutenant in the Cavalry, 13 June 1922, he first served with the 8th Cavalry, Fort Bliss, Texas, 1922-27. He married Janice Ellen Cannon in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on 27 December 1924.

Hank Reed was recognized as a superb horseman, and was a member of the Army Horse Show Team, Fort Riley, Kansas, 1930-31. He is a graduate of both the Troop Officers and Advanced Equitation courses of The Cavalry School, and the Command and General Staff College, among others. In 1942 he assumed command of the 2d Mechanized Cavalry, the Army's oldest Cavalry Regiment, and was welcomed by his "entire command"—a major who was to serve as his Executive Officer throughout the war. He literally recruited, organized, trained, and led the Regiment into combat from Normandy to Czechoslovakia, adding five battle streamers to the 29 the unit already had. His elusive reconnaissance brilliance was credited by General Patton as being the "eyes and ears" of the Third Army, and earned his command the accolades of the enemy as being "The Ghosts of Patton's Army." Reed's leadership produced the smallest percentage of American casualties; while taking more enemy prisoners; liberating more towns; capturing more military materiel; with more days of actual combat than any Regimental-size unit in Europe in World War II. His knowledge of classic equine culture triggered the rescue of the famed Lipizzaner horses of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna, an operation he planned and led. He had earned the Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second highest decoration, the Purple Heart, 2 Silver Stars, the Bronze Star, the French Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre, the Russian Order of the Fatherland, and 5 battle stars. He remained in Europe for more than two years after the war, and commanded a Constabulary Regiment.

On 28 February 1949, after having been nominated as brigadier general, Hank Reed retired from the Army to succeed his ailing father as head of the Richmond firm of Williams and Reed. His last assignment had been as Secretary to Chief, Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Virginia. Upon retirement, Hank and his wife Jackie designed and built their home, "Foundry Place," on land which had been in his family for generations. Here Hank, a keen sportsman and hunter, lived the life he loved, riding his Arabians each morning, training his hunting dogs, and raising gamebirds and Herefords.

Hancock Reed, the distinguished son of a distinguished Virginia family, was as active in retirement as ever, and found time for many meaningful activities which contributed of himself to others. He served: as Vice Rector of Radford College; on the board of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; as a Director of five Richmond-area firms in

addition to being President of his own; as President National Association of Textile and Apparel Wholesalers; as Vice President National Association of Wholesalers; as Director Bank of Virginia for 25 years; as President 2d Cavalry Association for 25 years; and as President Virginia State Fair for 20 years.

Mrs. Reed submits that Colonel Reed's affiliation with the 2d Cavalry Regiment, and then the 2d Cavalry Association gave him immeasurable pride and pleasure as there was nothing closer to his heart; and it is her fervent prayer that he knew that it was 20 combat colleagues of the Association, many of whom had traveled great distances to be there, who carried him to his final resting place. With the poet, Wordsworth, those who loved him say: "This is the Happy Warrior. This is He that every Man in arms would wish to be."

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### Orval Ray Cook

NO. 6884 CLASS OF 1922

Died 18 March 1980 in Falls Church,  
Virginia, aged 81 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, Virginia



ORVAL RAY COOK

SHORTLY BEFORE DINNER on Tuesday, 18 March 1980, Orval Ray Cook suffered a massive coronary. He was sitting in his favorite chair reading the evening paper after a customarily full day of activity. While a shock to his family and friends, his passing was quick and quiet.

Orval Ray Cook was born in West Union, Indiana, on 27 July 1898. His early years were spent in small communities in western Indiana and eastern Illinois. After graduation from high school he was employed by a Ford agency in charge of their repair shop. As a young man he had developed an interest in mechanical apparatus and was particularly interested in aviation.

Orval saw the Military Academy as the best way of obtaining an engineering education and the Army as the best entree into the field of aviation. When initial attempts to secure an appointment to West Point were unsuccessful, Orval enlisted in the Student Army Training Corps and was sent to the University of Illinois. Two months later he received notification of his appointment to West Point and reported in November 1918.

While not an outstanding student at West Point, Orval had no trouble with academics. He was particularly proficient in mathematics and the sciences. He graduated in June 1922 and entered the Army Air Service.

Orval received his primary and advanced pilot training at Brooks and Kelly Fields. While at the former, his engineering ability was recognized. He was often dispatched by air to make repairs on aircraft which had made forced landings. In advanced flying school he was assigned the additional duty of assistant engineering officer specifically in charge of engine repair.

Upon graduation Orval was assigned to a pursuit squadron at Clark Field in the Philippines. His most notable achievement during that assignment was to meet and marry Minna Ode Edwards of El Paso, Texas. Thus began a life together which spanned almost 55 years.

Orval returned to Brooks Field in 1926 as an instructor and engineering officer at the primary flying school.

In 1929 Orval began a long association with Wright Field which spanned 14 years in three separate tours. He attended the Air Corps Engineering School and then became Chief, Propeller Test Laboratory and Propeller Division. Orval was involved in original design and research on controllable pitch propellers. He performed both static and flight tests on several experimental models. This assignment was of significance not only for the engineering experience but also because he came to know many of the pioneers of the then infant aviation industry.

A three year assignment at West Point as an instructor in the Natural Philosophy Department followed. Orval also commanded the small Air Corps detachment at West Point. He recalled his time at West Point as an instructor of many future Army and Air Force leaders as one of the most satisfying of his career.

Orval then attended the Air Corps Tactical School and the Army Command and General Staff School.

Orval returned to Wright Field in 1939 with the Air Corps Materiel Command. By 1943 he had become Chief of the Production Division. In this capacity he had direct supervision over all Army Air Force aircraft and accessory production. Orval personally supervised the lagging B-29 program in order to get those bombers into service in 1944. He was particularly proud of the role he played in the buildup of the Army Air Forces during World War II.

Orval was assigned to the Pacific theater in 1945 where he eventually became Commanding General, Far East Service Command. In 1946 he returned to the War Department General Staff as Deputy Director, Logistics. He was involved in the cleanup after the war disposing of surplus property, closing surplus bases, and returning surplus factories to civilian production.

Orval was assigned to the newly created Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in 1948. He served as Director, Production and Procurement, and as Deputy to the Commander.

In 1951 Orval was promoted to lieutenant general and assigned to the Air Staff as Deputy Chief of Staff, Materiel. He supervised the activities of both the Air Materiel and Research and Development Commands and was instrumental in the development of the B-52 program.

Orval became Deputy Commander in Chief (DCINC), United States European Command and was promoted to general in 1954. As DCINC he oversaw the move of the head-

quarters from Frankfurt to Paris, the change-over of West Germany from an occupied to a sovereign nation, the withdrawal of occupation troops from Austria, and the creation of the Southern European Task Force in Italy. With Ambassador Clare Booth Luce he designed the original SETAF shoulder patch.

After thirty-four years service, Orval retired from active duty. Among the military decorations he received were the Distinguished Service Medal (oak leaf cluster), Legion of Merit, French Legion of Honor (Grand Officer) and the Italian Order of Merit (Gran Ufficiale).

Upon retirement he served as president, Aircraft Industries Association of America (now Aerospace Industries Association). He was Chairman, Federal Aviation Administration Supersonic Transport Advisory Group, and was a member of the National Aeronautical and Space Agency Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel. He served as a director on the boards of Thiokol Chemical Corporation, Kliklok Corporation, and Financial Bankshares Corporation. In addition he was a member of the boards of the International Bank of Washington and the United Services Life Insurance Company. He was an honorary director of the First National Bank of Washington. For two years he was president of the Olmsted Foundation and a director of that board for many years.

In addition to all these pursuits Orval found time to travel extensively and to serve as the mechanic, repairman and maintenance supervisor of his own home.

After his second retirement in 1973 Orval was active in the Fairfax County Republican Party. He was a delegate to the 1976 Virginia State Convention. At the time of his death he was eagerly looking forward to the 1980 political campaign and door-to-door stumping.

Orval is survived by his widow Minna; three sons, Peyton of Sewanee, Tennessee, Orval of Sunnyvale, California, and Benjamin of Marietta, Georgia; and eight grandchildren. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery.

Orval lived a full and satisfying life. He was a loving and attentive husband and father and he doted on his eight grandchildren. He never carped or criticized and was a true Christian gentleman. Perhaps the best tribute comes from a longtime Navy friend, Arleigh Burke: "Orval was not only greatly admired and respected, he was beloved. He was always available to help somebody else. He combined an inherent kindness and understanding with high personal standards, a very unique characteristic. His advice was sought, not just because it was good, but because he would give it wholeheartedly. He was one of the best friends I have ever had. He will be sorely missed."

—PEC, USMA '51

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## George Pierce Howell

NO. 7135 CLASS OF 1923

Died 10 June 1979 in Charleston, South Carolina, aged 77 years.

Interment: St. Johns Episcopal Churchyard, Congaree, South Carolina

GEORGE PIERCE HOWELL was born on 5 November 1901 in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of Colonel George P. Howell and Louise Knight Howell. His father was a United States Military Academy graduate, Class of 1893, and his maternal grandfather, General John



GEORGE PIERCE HOWELL

Knight, was also a United States Military Academy graduate, Class of 1868.

His uncle was Colonel William A. Ladue, Class of 1894. Both his father and uncle stood first in their classes and both were commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, which in those days were the cream of the officers corps.

As a result of this heritage, great things were expected of George in the academic and military field by his family, and as his accomplishments will testify to, he lived up to these expectations.

As a boy George was fortunate to grow up in Charleston, South Carolina, where his father was District Engineer for thirteen years. He attended the Gaud School for boys and he graduated from Porter Military Academy in 1918 prior to entering West Point.

There are still many of Charleston's older, most attractive matrons who grew up with George and remember with affection the lifelong charm he had for them.

George was appointed to West Point from the District of Columbia and entered in June 1919. He was assigned to "E" Co. and his roommate for the entire four years was Laurence E. Craigie. General Craigie writes that George had a way of charming their Tactical Officer, Captain Ryder.

After Plebe year, George attended the hops at Cullum Hall and always had four or five admirers on the string. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry and his first station was Fort Sam Houston, Texas, with the 23d Infantry, 2d Division. There were about seventy classmates in the area including the flying fields, and it was a choice assignment. Wedding bells were often ringing for the various classmates and George enjoyed that assignment very much.

In the summer of 1926 George was ordered to the Philippines and assigned to the 31st Infantry in Manila. It was while stationed in Manila that George met and married Felicia North Chisolm of Columbia, South Carolina, on 2 November 1927. She was also an Army daughter, her father being Lieutenant Colonel Edward N. Chisolm, an Engineer Officer. This was a very happy marriage that lasted over fifty years. Felicia predeceased George by about two years.

Returning from the Philippines in April 1928 George was assigned to the 31st Infantry at Fort Eustis, Virginia, and then assigned along with several other classmates to attend the Company Officers Course at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1930. Upon graduation in June

1931 he was assigned to the 29th Infantry, Fort Benning, Georgia, and appointed personnel adjutant of the 29th Infantry. This was another choice assignment.

George was the first classmate to recognize the importance of the future of airborne troops. He entered airborne training in 1940 and became executive officer of the 501st Airborne Battalion at Fort Benning under Bud Miley, United States Military Academy, Class of 1919. He served as commandant of the Parachute School from May 1942 to June 1943 and was the first member of the class to become a brigadier general on 8 August 1942.

He went overseas with the 82d Airborne Division as the commanding general of the 2d Airborne Infantry Brigade in July 1943 and continued to serve in that capacity until September 1944.

George received a severe injury to his ankle which precluded his jumping with his unit. He was put in command of all the seaborne elements of the 82d and landed on the beach in Normandy on "D" Day. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. His citation reads in part as follows: "He fulfilled this assignment with consummate skill, force and tact. His excellent management, superior leadership and clear thinking initiative effected the accomplishment of this task in the most exemplary manner."

In September 1944 the Supreme Allied Commander decided he needed an airborne officer of the highest qualifications at the Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, planning future airborne operations.

George was a natural choice to deal with the British due to his knowledge, charm and courtly manner, and while he hated to give up his command there was no choice.

In his new job he was thrown in contact with presidents, kings and prime ministers in addition to all the top British generals, who were greatly impressed by his manners and charm.

He was awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services, European Theater of Operations, 15 September 1944-7 May 1945.

The Royal Netherlands Government honored George by awarding him the Order of Orange-Nassau, rank of Commander with Swords for his service as Deputy Head of Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces on 14 September 1944 to 7 May 1945 in aiding the Netherlands. He was also decorated by the British Government and was made an Honorary Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and presented a Medal and Ribbon for his service to the Emperor.

In June 1945 George was taken ill and returned to the States for sick leave and terminal leave. He retired 31 December 1945 with a 100% physical disability.

Felicia and George settled in Columbia, South Carolina, and were active in civic and social affairs of the city in spite of George's many illnesses and operations.

They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in November 1977. It was a long and happy marriage. Felicia died shortly thereafter.

George's illness did not permit him to remain long in Columbia by himself. His oldest daughter, Felicia Morrison, the wife of a prominent Charleston attorney, William McG. Morrison Jr., brought George back to live with her family. A comfortable apartment was arranged for George in her home with its own separate entrance.

Felicia gave George the best and most loving care. She hired nurses around the clock to be with him as he was so much more comfortable at home than at the hospital.

He died at home on 10 June 1979 and was buried in the churchyard at St. Johns Episcopal Church, Congaree, South Carolina, with full military honors.

George never lived long enough to see his oldest grandson and namesake, W. Howell Morrison, admitted to the Bar and be appointed as Assistant Federal District Attorney with offices in the federal courthouse here in Charleston. His second oldest grandson is a commissioned officer in the United States Navy. His third grandson is a student at medical college.

He is survived also by his youngest daughter, Ann Louise Malz, of Atlanta, George, and four granddaughters.

George is remembered with great love and affection by all who knew him. He will be sorely missed.

—William Lucas '23

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## Hal Clark Granberry

NO. 7202 CLASS OF 1934

Died of Wounds 27 January 1945  
aboard a Japanese Prisoner of War Ship,  
aged 47 years.



HAL CLARK GRANBERRY

QUOTING FROM HIS HOWITZER writeup: "Doubtless 'Granny' is in certain respects an old granny. He hails from Mississippi where it is permanently hot. Consequently nothing is too hot for him. He landed here in June after four attempts. The examiners made it hot for him and he enjoyed it. P. Echols made it hot for him. He revelled in that. P. Wilcox turned him out, and he sweat blood and delighted in it. P. Carter— but why continue? The hotter it gets the better he likes it. His idea of Heaven is seven red comforters when the thermometer falls below sixty.

"He saw his first snow here. He tore down stairs, felt of it, tasted it, smelled it, got some down his neck, and then raced back up to the fourth floor and perched on the radiator. His favorite expression in winter is, 'Shet that damn do', fool."

Hal was born in Meridian, Mississippi, on 4 January 1898. His mother and father respectively were Lula Nelson and S. S. Granberry. He acquired both his primary and sec-

ondary education in Mississippi and prepared for the West Point entrance examinations at Marion Institute in Alabama along with a number of his future West Point classmates. Because of his several attempts before success, he was among the elders in the class. He was appointed to West Point by Congressman W. W. Venable of the 6th District of Mississippi. He was graduated into the Infantry and was married to his cadet "one and only" Molly Andrews Cary, Albany, New York, a few hours after graduation by Chaplain Wheat in the Cadet Chapel, 12 June 1923. His best man was his roommate, Clyde Rich, and among the attendants was the author of this biography.

After graduation leave, Granberry reported for duty with the 12th Infantry at Fort Howard, Maryland. On 12 September 1924 he was detailed to the Air Corps and attended the Air Corps Primary School as a student officer at Brooks Field, Texas, to 6 June 1925 when he was relieved from the Air Corps and sent to the 38th Infantry at Fort Logan, Colorado. While in Colorado Molly and Hal were divorced and Hal married Marion Virginia Watt at Denver, Colorado, 16 January 1928.

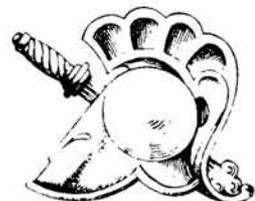
Hal went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on 10 June 1927, and while there on 25 August 1928, was promoted to first lieutenant. From there he went to the Signal School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, as a student officer, graduating 12 June 1929 and was assigned to the 14th Infantry at Fort Davis, Canal Zone, and on 17 February 1930, appointed aide-de-camp to Brigadier General C. D. Roberts. He left the Canal Zone on 22 July 1931 for Fort Benning, Georgia, to join the 29th Infantry, and on 16 September 1933 was assigned as a student officer in the Advanced Course, Infantry School, at that station, graduating 15 June 1934.

After several months' leave of absence, he reported for his first of two tours in the Philippines as commanding officer of Headquarters Company, 57th Infantry, and was promoted to captain 1 August 1935. He returned to the United States on 20 September 1936, serving successively as a company commander in the 3d Infantry at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, to 1 October 1938, and the 25th Infantry at Fort Huachuca, Arizona; promoted to major 1 July 1940, and to lieutenant colonel, Army of the United States, 24 December 1941.

From Fort Huachuca, Hal was assigned for a second time to the Philippines as commanding officer of the 57th Infantry (Philippine Scouts). He distinguished himself in the fighting against the Japanese in the retreat to Bataan; was decorated with two Silver Stars and the Legion of Merit; was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart. He became a prisoner of war after the surrender at Bataan and made the Death March to imprisonment in the Philippines. Hal died of wounds aboard a Japanese prisoner of war ship 27 January 1945, on the way to Japan, at age 47.

Thus was prematurely ended an outstanding career of a distinguished soldier in the service of his country. Hal was loved and respected by all who came in contact with him, and his life exemplified the typical graduate of the Long Gray Line.

—A Classmate



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**Donald Dean Rule**

NO. 7336 CLASS OF 1924

Died 20 October 1971 at Stanford University Hospital, Palo Alto, California, aged 70 years.

Interment: Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, California



DONALD DEAN RULE

ALTHOUGH DON RULE spent 14 years on active duty after graduation in 1924, his talents bore fruit more notably in civil life. An artist—a dreamer—a mathematician—a worker with his hands as well as his head—Don found fulfillment in his chosen field of architecture and building. He conceived and created unusually beautiful and attractive residences which were always situated on terrain that the ordinary builder would refuse to tackle. But difficult terrain was the challenge to which Don rose. On such sites, he designed and fitted his “dream” houses. He not only designed these houses—in most cases he also did most of the carpentry, masonry and landscaping with his own hands. A true perfectionist, he insisted on doing most of the work himself so that even the unseen parts would be and were things of perfection.

Starting such building projects in Spokane, Washington, after his first retirement from the Regular Army in 1929, he resumed in San Mateo, California, after his second retirement in 1950. In that beautiful community his architectural and building talents came into full flower. The “Mounds” of San Mateo was a neglected area of steep, rocky cliffs and rugged, wooded terrain. Don designed, built and sold some seven houses on the Mounds. Although he occupied several of them for short periods, they were bought up by eager purchasers almost as soon as he could finish them.

He never prospered in a financial way because he put so much of himself into each project. Several times large building and development companies offered him good positions as supervising architect but he preferred to go his own way, unfettered by any restriction except those of his own making.

His last house, literally built into a cliff at 120 Grammercy Drive in San Mateo, rises four stories from street level. The main floor is the fourth, reached by an elevator cut into the rock wall. The adjacent steep slopes of the rocky hillside are hidden by the abundance of beautiful shrubs and trees Don planted

lovingly with his own hands. It is a fitting memorial to his genius and unflagging zeal. The following quotation from his obituary in the *San Mateo Times* is most appropriate: “Rule’s unusual designs applied to the steep terrain of the exclusive residential area in San Mateo, caused extensive interest and a number of newspaper articles in the Bay Area.”

To fill in the picture I outline below the military and personal events of Don’s life. Born in New York City on 10 January 1901, he grew up in Spokane, Washington, and was appointed to the United States Military Academy in 1920. His cadet career was marked by an ability to do well academically with an apparent minimum of study. On graduation he was commissioned in the Air Corps, but like many others he was “washed out” and transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps after about six months’ flying training. He was then stationed in the Philippines where he contracted tuberculosis on active duty and finally was retired for disability in 1929, after some months of therapy at Fitzsimons General Hospital.

In July 1941 he was recalled to active duty at West Point as instructor in the Department of Military Topography and Graphics. In that Department he rose in rank from first lieutenant to lieutenant colonel and from instructor to associate professor. He was again retired from the military service in June 1950. While stationed at West Point he found occasion to practice his avocation by creating a unique house “built upon a stone” in Highland Falls. This created a stir in Military Topography and Graphics; the professor of that Department used Don’s house as an object lesson for cadets in the art of architectural design.

In the meantime, Don had married Beulah Hearst of Spokane in 1935 and Beulah was his beloved wife throughout most of the remainder of his life. She predeceased him in 1967. He later married his original cadet girl, nee Alice Golding of New York. She came to live in the Grammercy Drive House and was there when Don died in 1971.

Don’s generous and fun-loving spirit will never be forgotten by his many close friends, whom he frequently assisted by personal labor and advice on their own construction projects.

—George B. Finnegan Jr.  
a classmate

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**Samuel Martin Strohecker Jr.**

NO. 7625 CLASS OF 1924

Died 11 February 1980 in Seattle, Washington, aged 79 years.

Interment: Acacia Cemetery, Seattle, Washington

WE LIFT A GLASS to our cadet brother in his black, gold and gray: Samuel Martin Strohecker Jr., *Requiescat in pace.*

The son of Doctor and Mrs. Samuel M. Strohecker was born in Chicago, Illinois, 18 September 1900; was appointed from the State of Oregon after having attended Oregon State University for two years. He became a cadet at the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, early in the summer of 1920; where our brother “Stro” and his two roommates first shook hands as awkward plebes and on that hallowed ground thereafter learned lessons of value, when the bugle sounded those not always pleasant notes. Not even a serious football injury held Stro back for he was determined to regain his physical best in spite of that injury. Later he won the



SAMUEL MARTIN STROHECKER JR.

coveted “A”, became “Supe” of the Sunday school, and starred in the 100th Night Show.

Our brother’s business career after graduation in 1924 from West Point and resigning from the Army that same year, began with service in the E.I. DuPont Explosive Division in Tacoma, Washington. Our military friend was singular, not alone in size and speech, but in other respects. He was a dominant figure in getting done things that appealed to him. Sam was the editor of the 1924 HOWITZER and a leader in the launching of the POINT-ER. No small numbers were his attributes—a fact sustained by the record he made in his career as an officer of the DuPont Company followed by retirement years later in 1962 as sales manager for the Pacific Region of that organization which included the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Northern California and Alaska.

During World War II he was on active duty from 1941-1946 and retired as a colonel in our Ordnance Department. Sam was the trouble shooter for the Ordnance Department for his specialty was taking over sick Ordnance Depots, breathing fresh life into them and restoring them. He served at the Ogden Arsenal, St. Louis Ordnance Depot, Los Angeles Ordnance Depot, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., and Tooele Ordnance Depot in Salt Lake City, Utah, for which he won an Army Legion of Merit medal. Beyond doubt he made a measurable contribution to our Army’s requirements. He had a way of influencing men of technical capacity to render services above and beyond that to be expected from them.

After his retirement from DuPont Company, Sam gave six years of volunteer service to the Development Fund of Seattle University. Also he was active in the Broadmoor Golf Club, the Mining Association and the



ASSEMBLY

local West Point Society for which he served as President.

Sam and his devoted wife Geraldine Scanlon Strohecker, celebrated their 52d wedding anniversary together on 24 December 1979 in Seattle, Washington, their home for many years.

*Pax vobiscum*—may Samuel Strohecker greet us with his flowing smile when our turn comes to cross the River Jordan.

—Sam's Roommates at West Point  
—SJC & DJM

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## Marvin Westlake Peck

NO. 7973 CLASS OF 1926

Died 18 June 1980 in Sparta, Georgia,  
aged 79 years.

Interment: Family Plot, Milledgeville, Georgia



MARVIN WESTLAKE PECK

MARVIN WESTLAKE PECK was born in Chicago, Illinois, on 13 July 1900, the son of John and Gertrude (Westlake) Peck. He graduated from high school in Yonkers, New York. Prior to West Point, he prepped at Marion Military Institute in Marion, Alabama. At West Point, Marvin played football, was captain of the pistol team, a member of the Honor, Ring and Hundred Night Committees, and an expert rifleman and pistol shot. On graduation day, 12 June 1926, Marvin was married to Marion Miree of Birmingham, Alabama.

The attractions of Marvin's personality were immediate. He was blessed with a disposition of smiles and good natured banter, a happy combination of efficiency, sincerity and just living. He was a man of broad interests and accomplishments of creative art and a love of music, literature and unaffected love for the ones God gave him to love. He will be remembered for his forthright virtues and exemplary conduct as a true son of West Point.

His initial assignment was with the 22d Infantry at Fort McPherson, Georgia. After two years, he was off to Hawaii, then back to Fort Benning for a Basic Officers' Training Course. The Panama Canal Zone was next, then to West Point for four years as an instructor in the then known, Drawing Department. In 1939, Marvin went to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he was Provost Marshal for two years. He requested a detail in the Quarter-

master Corps and went to Fort Clark, Texas, as the Quartermaster.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, Marvin was ordered to Muskogee, Oklahoma, to be the supply officer at the new Camp Gruber being built to house 60,000 men. After the Camp was completed and the troops and supplies arrived, he received orders for Europe. He was elated, but as fate would have it, he failed his physical and had to be retired for complete physical disability. This was a tremendous blow to his ambitions and desires, and so saddened him that his remark to me was, "What will I tell my grandchildren?"

Retirement led Marvin to Sparta, Georgia, where he purchased a theatre and operated it successfully for fifteen years. He raised purebred Herefords as a side interest. He was active in civic life as well and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and the Lions Club. As a member of the Baptist church, he served as chairman of the Board of Deacons and on other committees.

Colonel Peck is survived by his wife Marion (Ted); a daughter, Mrs. G. Lee Dickens Jr.; a son, Marvin Westlake Peck Jr.; and six grandchildren.

—M.M.P.

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## Charles Clarke White Allan

NO. 8666 CLASS OF 1929

Died 16 July 1980 in Boise, Idaho,

aged 74 years.

Interment: Cloverdale Cemetery, Boise, Idaho



CHARLES CLARKE WHITE ALLAN

HAVING BEEN BORN in Illinois and appointed to West Point from Florida after a two-year sojourn at the Virginia Military Institute may partially account for the breadth and depth of Charlie's character. His parents, Halle C. Allan and Grace White Allan, must have been remarkable individuals and the inheritors of sterling characteristics in order to have passed on to Charlie those fundamental qualities that are the mark of greatness. In addition to these abstract attributes of mind and spirit, Charlie had the physical equipment to go with them. This is just another way of saying that Charlie was a whole man. He was a "man's man" in every sense of those words. With all of these qualities and characteristics that would seem to set him apart from ordinary mortals, Charlie was very much a down

to earth individual. He approached life with a great sense of humor and there was an ever-present inward chuckle in his assessments of passing events. Not that he never laughed because he did frequently and heartily.

He was highly esteemed and respected by his classmates as well as those who competed against him in athletic events. Charlie was a versatile and talented athlete. There was no freshman rule when he was a plebe. During that first year, he was on the football squad, became an essential part of the swimming team and he wound up the year playing lacrosse. Diving was his event on the swimming team and he won that event in every meet for four years. He was captain of the team the last year. He continued with lacrosse and football for the entire four years. During the last two years of football, he was a half-back on the first string, winning a major "A" to go along with his minor "A" in swimming. He was a fast, hard hitting back and tacklers were faced with churning knees and elbows, as those of Yale and Notre Dame could testify.

He was commissioned in the Cavalry and by the time six months had gone by, he was on his way to getting married to the belle of Boise, Myra Davidson, of the pioneer Davidson family. It was Christmas time and the strength of his friendship was verified when two of his classmates who were at the Primary Flying School at March Field, California, and under orders not to go more than five hundred miles from the base, drove to Boise in a Model "A" Ford to attend the wedding.

Suddenly, we were plunged into World War II and Charlie was dispatched to the Southwest Pacific. His duty was in Headquarters I Corps from 1942 to 1944. He then commanded the 126th Infantry, 32d Division, and was awarded two Bronze Star Medals along with an Air Medal. After the war, he was in the G3 Section in the Office of the Chief of Army Field Forces for three years before becoming Commanding Officer, 504th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division for a year. During 1950-1951, he was Executive Officer of the Army Airborne Center. His next duty was as Deputy Director of the Joint Airborne Troop Board at Fort Bragg. By this time, the Korean War was on and he was detailed as G3, XVI Corps, Japan, during 1952-1953. His next duty was Post Commander, Camp Otsu, Japan, during 1953 and 1954. The termination of that war brought him back to the States as Deputy Chief of Staff, Sixth Army, which post he held for a period of five years until 1959 when he retired after thirty years of service.

After retirement from the Army, it was back to Boise and continued activity in civil life. As soon as influential members of the Boise community learned to know Charlie, they made him secretary-treasurer of their Arid Club which position he held for eight years.

In addition to their home in Boise, the Allans had a spacious summer home on the shores of Payette Lake near McCall, Idaho. Annually, for many years, his friends received a humor packed announcement concerning the yearly party of his mythical Royal Sylvan Beach Yacht Club, of which he was the Commodore. Recipients ostensibly received this missive from Charlie's ammanuensis. On the appointed date, Charlie led the boaters and yachtsmen of Payette Lake in his gayly decorated flagship as they cruised across the lake. We understand that he established a tradition that is being carried on.

His survivors include his wife Myra; a brother, Halle Allan, a retired admiral of the

U.S. Navy; two sons, Charles and John, and five grandchildren.

—Don Z. Zimmerman, classmate

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## Millard Chester Young

NO. 9165 CLASS OF 1931

Died 1 June 1980 in the hospital at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, aged 73 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



MILLARD CHESTER YOUNG

MILLARD CHESTER YOUNG was born on 15 February 1907 in Sawtelle, California, the son of Millard Irvin and Linnia Carpenter Young. His family were staunch Methodists. His father was a city official. After attending grade school in Santa Monica, he entered Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles where he graduated in the winter of 1926. During his high school days he was captain of the gym team and the leading pole vaulter of all Los Angeles city high schools. After graduation from high school he served a year with the United States Army at the Presidio of San Francisco, California. Here he won an appointment to the Military Academy by competitive Army examination.

"Chet" as he was known to his friends, entered West Point in July 1927 and graduated in 1931. He distinguished himself as an athlete being on the gym and track teams all four years. In his First Class year he received national attention as a cheerleader. As stated in his biography in the 1931 HOW-ITZER, "He's done for Army in cheerleading what Red Grange did for Illinois on the field." Chet was a man of many talents. He designed the official symbol of the Army Athletic Association, the kicking mule, which is used on most Army athletic memorabilia today. He composed the music to "Charge on Army" an athletic fight song first played in 1936 but still used today. He sang in the Cadet Chapel Choir for four years.

Notwithstanding all of these serious accomplishments, Chet had a wonderful sense of humor and was not above playing a practical joke or two. During his Second Class year he was known as the "Banshee" of North Barracks for some of the practical jokes played on unsuspecting classmates. Chet ended his cadet career as a Cadet Captain in command of L company and also as an Academy approved candidate for a Rhodes scholarship.

Upon graduation Chet was commissioned in

the Coast Artillery Corps. He immediately went to flying school where he was a student officer in the first class to attend the Army Air Corps new flying school at Randolph Field, Texas. He spent all of his thirty years of active service at a flying officer, first in the Army Air Corps and later in the United States Air Force. While at flying school he met Imogene Hoyle Shannon. They were married at Randolph Field on 15 October 1932 soon after his graduation from Kelly Field, Texas. Imogene is the daughter of Colonel James Andrew Shannon, an outstanding hero of World War I, and Imogene Hoyle Taulbee of a distinguished Army family.

After receiving his wings, Chet served at various Air Corps stations: Albrook Field, Panama Canal Zone; Mitchel Field, New York; Chanute Field, Illinois; and then to Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was in Illinois in 1940 that the Youngs' daughter Imogene was born. During World War II Chet accompanied Major General Rush B. Lincoln to Melbourne, Australia, where he became Chief of Staff of the First Air Force Air Service Command and later Chief of Operations and Chief of Management Control in Headquarters Far East Air Force. He was decorated with the Legion of Merit for originating and operating a large system of supply expeditors in the Far East. While Chet was overseas, a son, Millard Chester Jr., was born, a son he did not see until he returned from the Far East in 1945.

At the end of the war he returned to the United States where he took training in B-17's. In 1946 as chief of staff of a special task force, he helped organize and participated in the atom bomb tests at Bikini Atoll. He subsequently served as chief Guided Missile Branch Research and Development at Air Force Headquarters, as Commander of the Military Air Transport's Resupply and Communication Service and as Chief of Staff of Air Force Psychological Warfare. He graduated from the National War College in 1951.

Chet was promoted to brigadier general in 1952 and became the Chief of the Joint Subsidiary Activities Division of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 1955 he was assigned as Chief of Staff of Air Forces, Southern European Command of North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Naples, Italy. Upon returning stateside in 1958 he again joined the staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He became head of the Joint Activities Division of J5. As Acting Director J5, he successfully negotiated the retention of the United States military bases in Morocco. Chet remained with the Joint Staff until he retired in 1961.

Chet kept busy after retirement from the Air Force. He was vice president of Albert C. Jones Associates, consulting engineers, for eight years. He also spent many happy hours in his well-equipped metal workshop at his home in Annandale, Virginia. During later years Chet suffered from various ailments, having seven operations in a span of six years.

Life was never dull around Chet Young. He lived his life fully. He was warmhearted, considerate and enthusiastic. Whatever the task, Chet could be counted on to give it everything he had. He was devoted to his family and friends and loyal to the precepts of his Alma Mater.

In June 1980 on a bright sunny day, Millard Chester Young was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors and with eight classmates as pallbearers. Chet is survived by his wife Imogene, his daughter Imogene Lincoln of Fort Sill Oklahoma, and a son, Millard Chester Jr., of Dallas, Texas;

a brother, Arthur G. Young, of Three Rivers, California, and two grandchildren, James Buchanan Lincoln Jr. and Lawrence Joseph Lincoln II.

He was a great friend.

—A Classmate

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## Ray James Stecker

NO. 9429 CLASS OF 1932

Died 19 September 1967 in Marblehead, Massachusetts, aged 57 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



RAY JAMES STECKER

RAY J. STECKER, one of the most outstanding all-around athletes ever to graduate from West Point, was born in Hazelton, Pennsylvania, on 26 July 1910, the son of George R. and British born Minna Letcher Stecker. His father, a lifelong resident of Hazelton, was head of a construction company and later, Recorder of Deeds for Luzerne County.

After graduating from Hazelton High School at the age of 18, Ray went directly to West Point in 1928 with other members of the Class of 1932. During all four years at West Point Ray was outstanding in athletics, the year around. He was All-American in football when they played both ways; a lightning-fast half back on offense and what would now be called a cornerback on defense. When a substitute was sent in for him, Ray could not return to the game that half so he frequently played all or most of the sixty minutes.

He was captain of the basketball team and lettered in track in the sprints. Ray was an even six feet at 175 pounds.

But there was more to him than that. He was elected president of our class Yearling year and was the Cadet Captain of C Company First Class Year. With it all, he graduated just above the middle of the class and on graduation, the Superintendent presented him with the sabre for the best all-around athlete.

Taking the Air Corps on graduation, Ray successfully completed flight training at Randolph and Kelly Fields, then went to duty with the 33d Pursuit Squadron at Langley Field, Virginia. Perhaps impatient with the doldrums in which the Army found itself in the Great Depression of the early 1930's, Ray resigned in April 1934.

He became the manager of Densten Felt and Hair Co. of Peabody, Massachusetts, in the Boston area, and ran it successfully until World War II threatened. Four months before Pearl Harbor, Ray returned to active duty as a second lieutenant when his classmates had been captains for more than a year. But on his merits, he went up the promotion ladder to lieutenant colonel by the time he went to the Middle East with the 9th Fighter Command in April 1943 to support General Bernard Law Montgomery's British 8th Army when it was fighting Rommel in the deserts of Lybia and Tunisia. Ray was promoted to full colonel there.

He continued with active combat in Sicily and Italy until his unit was redeployed to the United Kingdom to prepare for the Normandy invasion.

As commander of the 365th Fighter Group, Ray received commendations for his support of the landings and the subsequent breakthrough—from his Wing Commander, from Lieutenant General Louis Brererton, Commanding General of the Ninth Air Force and from Sir Trafford Leigh Mallory, Commander in Chief of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force; for his unit's outstanding achievements on D-Day and its participating with other groups in destroying more than 40 enemy aircraft in a single day.

During this time Ray had a very close call himself. Operating 100 miles inside the beachhead, he was attacked by about 15 ME 109's at an altitude of 18,000 feet and dived into a cloud cover at 8000 feet. The cloud was pretty sparse and when he emerged, he was caught by ack-ack which damaged his plane and filled the cockpit with smoke. The plane was hard to control, Ray opened the cockpit door to let out the smoke and somehow managed to climb back into the cloud cover; then limped back to his base. All of this was from the official report of the Ninth Air Force.

On 9 July 1944 Ray wrote his father a chatty letter about how bad the weather was at that time in England and over France, but how much he liked his unit and taking care of the young pilots, "his boys." In passing, he said his P-47 was "badly damaged by flak the other day and had a rather interesting trip back to the lines. I'm afraid the story will be out in the papers, so I want to tell you I didn't get a scratch. Love to all, Ray."

Two days later, the *Boston Globe* published a dispatch from their correspondent in Normandy with all the scary details, but Ray's family already knew he was OK. That's the kind of guy he was.

It continued that way for the rest of the war with Ray and his unit flying the P-47 Thunderbolts. A dispatch in September from the Ninth Air Force said, "For destroying enemy tanks and furnishing aerial support for our forces, the fighter group commanded by Colonel Ray J. Stecker of Hazelton, Pennsylvania and Salem, Massachusetts, has been credited with stopping an enemy counter-attack that may have resulted in the near destruction of two complete American armored combat teams near the Luxembourg-German border."

He flew more than 65 combat missions himself and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, Croix de Guerre, and the Air Medal with ten Oak Leaf Clusters.

In October 1944, his Thunderbolt Group was flying over the Ruhr when it tangled with a formation of about 70 Focke-Wolfes and the Associated Press dispatch said that Ray's

Group shot down 21 enemy fighters and damaged 17 others with a loss of two Thunderbolts. After the Allies crossed the Rhine, Ray commanded the Wing which established the first American airport on German soil while the fighting was still going on.

With the war over, Ray returned to Boston and his civilian occupation. Lieutenant General George E. Stratemeyer, United States Military Academy, Class of 1915, who was in the Tactical Department when we were cadets, had been charged with the responsibility of establishing six Air Defense Divisions throughout the United States at strategic points. He announced that "Colonel Stecker was his first choice for the first such field to be established as a safeguard against invasion at any time." This was published by the *Boston Herald* in an eight column, page one story after V-J Day which said, "Colonel Stecker was commander of the first defense airfield in the United States where he will be in charge of the 250 plane squadron to be founded in Bedford, Massachusetts, with a reserve Air Force of 5,450 men scattered over four fields to offer a first line of defense for the entire New England territory . . . There are in New England some 10,000 officers and about 30,000 non-commissioned members of the United States Air Force who served in World War II and which form the bank from which this new corps will draw its personnel."

In that position Ray was promoted to brigadier general, United States Air Force Reserve.

Ray resumed the very successful business he had established as owner and operator of the Ray J. Stecker Wool and Hair Co. in Salem, Massachusetts. He was president of the Peabody Rotary Club, active in Masonic and other community affairs and followed his personal interests in sailing and sports.

He was happy when his oldest child, Joan, married Richard Brown, a distinguished Reserve Officers Training Corps graduate of the University of Wisconsin, 1956. Ray was the graduation speaker when Dick got his wings after advanced pilot training at Greenville, Mississippi, Air Force Base a year later. Dick's and Joan's son, Ray's first grandson, David R. Brown, graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1980 and went immediately to pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona. So the tradition of Ray Stecker carries on.

He's been gone some years now, so it is not inappropriate to say that a few years before he died, Ray confided to his oldest child that the only thing he regretted was that he resigned from the Air Corps in 1934. Regrets are always in vain, but one must say that Ray had little to regret in the 33 years which followed.

On the night of 19 September 1967 in Marblehead, Massachusetts, Ray passed away peacefully in his sleep with a sudden heart attack at the age of 57.

He was interred at West Point, in the presence of his children, his classmates and friends. An All-American to the end.

Ray is survived by his half-brother, George Stecker, Massachusetts; his sister, Jean Stecker Dees, North Carolina; and his children: Joan Stecker Brown, Universal City, Texas; Jacqueline Stecker Shupe of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Darcy Stecker Norton, Malden, Massachusetts; Michelle Ros Stecker, Boston, Massachusetts; Raymond J. Stecker Jr., Providence, Rhode Island; and Leslie Ros Stecker, South Hamilton, Massachusetts; as well as several grandchildren.

—Ken Zitzman, Classmate

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## Bun Mar Prabandhayodhin

NO. 9518 CLASS OF 1932

Died 9 October 1963 in Bangkok  
Thailand, aged 54 years.

Interment: Army Crematory, Bangkok Thailand



BUN MAR PRABANDHAYODHIN

THIS MEMORIAL to Bun Praband is from the memories of two of his classmates who were born on opposite sides of the earth; Bangkok and the Bronx, and who met at West Point on 2 July 1928.

Praband was born on 19 May 1909 at a Thai Army post in Nakorn Sawan Province to Colonel Phya Upadhestanarn and Khun Ying Sudjai. He was the second oldest of nine children. The name given to him at birth was Jit. However, when he was about one year old, he became seriously ill. His father sought the aid of a pilgrim monk who was passing through the area and who later treated the boy back to health. As a result, his father changed his son's name to Bunma which means "blessed with good fortune."

In 1915 when he was six years old, Praband entered the Siamese Royal Military Academy which in those days was separated into two institutions; one for junior cadets, composed mostly of sons of fathers in the Armed Forces, and another for senior cadets. Some of his classmates in those days were Johnny Kambhu who later became his classmate at West Point, and future great men like Field Marshal Sarit Thanarat, Prime Minister of Thailand, and General Netr Kemayodhin, the Army Chief of Staff.

At the age of 14, upon completing the junior cadet school course in June 1924, Praband and Kambhu received academic scholarships for further military education in the United States. There was no international air service in those days so they sailed on the S.S. *President Pierce* across the Pacific to San Francisco, then on to Washington, D.C., by train. Upon arrival in Washington, they were sent to different schools and were separated from each other for the first time. Praband went to Augusta Military Academy in Fort Defiance, Virginia, while Kambhu went to Shenandoah Valley Academy in Winchester, Virginia.

After graduating from their schools and while waiting for Presidential appointments to the Military Academy, Praband entered the University of Pennsylvania and Kambhu en-

tered Lehigh University. This was the first time in their educational lives that they were not required to wear uniforms.

Then, in July 1928 the dreams of their lives came true when both of them walked up the hill from the West Shore railroad station at West Point together as plebes at the Military Academy.

Bun and Johnny roomed together Plebe year but then decided they should separate and room with other classmates in order to get to know them more intimately, which they did for the remaining three years.

Bun was a handsome, well muscled young athlete, about five feet one inch tall and 115 pounds, with magnificent coordination. During all four years at West Point he was on the forward line of the soccer team with Johnny. In the winter and spring he was on the gym and tennis teams every year.

On 10 June 1932, Bun and Johnny graduated with our class and received commissions as second lieutenants in the Corps of Engineers of the Royal Thai Army.

In August 1933 they graduated from the Company Officers' Course at the United States Army Corps of Engineers School at Fort Humphreys (now Fort Belvoir), Virginia, and returned to Thailand to serve in the Thai Army Corps of Engineers as first lieutenants. Praband was assigned to the second Engineer Battalion and Kambhu to the 1st Engineer Battalion of the Royal Guards.

From 1934 to 1940 Praband served in the Fourth Section of the Army Inspector General's Department and in 1941 he became acting Chief of the Engineering Section of the Army at Rajburi Province. In 1943 he was assigned to the Army General Staff, graduating from the Army General Staff College in 1945. During World War II he served with the Allied Forces and received the Medal of Freedom.

He returned to the United States in 1946 to attend the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth then went back to Thailand in 1947.

In 1948 he became Deputy Chief Engineer Inspector General of the Army and in 1953 he received his promotion as Chief Engineer of the Army as well as Commander of the Rajburi Province Army.

In 1958 he attended and graduated from the National Defense College and in 1961 was assigned to the Supreme Command Headquarters as a consultant to the Armed Forces Energy Department. In September of the same year, he was assigned to the Office of the Prime Minister with the rank of lieutenant general.

Praband became ill with cancer of the lungs in January 1963 and passed away on 9 October at the age of 54.

With Praband's departure, a great many friends and loved ones have lost a man who dedicated his entire life to service. He was a modest, gentle but tough-minded soldier of his freedom-loving country. His memory will be respected by all who knew him professionally and personally.

Bun Mar Praband is survived by his wife, Vibhavee, and his two sons and two daughters, all of whom are in Bangkok.

*Bun's classmate and teammate*  
—Ken Zitzman



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## Thomas Leslie Crystal Jr.

NO. 9983 CLASS OF 1934

Died 21 August 1971 at Palo Alto,  
California, aged 58 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



THOMAS LESLIE CRYSTAL JR.

*"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."*

—Theodore Roosevelt

THOMAS LESLIE CRYSTAL JR. was born 30 September 1912 at Plattsburgh Barracks, New York, son of Thomas L. Crystal, United States Military Academy, Class of 1904 and Isabel Curry Crystal, sister of John F. Curry, United States Military Academy, Class of 1908. As an Army junior, Tom was imbued from the beginning with West Point traditions, deciding early in life that the service would be his profession.

Graduating in 1929 from All Hallows School in New York City, Tom began college at Columbia University, completing his freshman year before entering the Military Academy. This was the beginning of a life of study, writing, and teaching.

Tom's diversified activities as a cadet included polo, wrestling, choir, Sunday school teaching, Hundredth Night Show, June Week programs, and writing for—as well as editorial positions with—the *Pointer* and the *HOW-ITZER*. During his First Class year, Tom was selected as Cadet Captain and Regimental Adjutant.

Field Artillery being Tom's chosen branch, his first assignment on graduation was with the horse-drawn 6th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Hoyle, Maryland, where he experienced four years of excellent training under Colonel William P. ("Bull") Ennis. It was during this time that he met Patti Edmon-

ston, of Baltimore, whom he married in 1938. Their first post together was Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where Tom attended the Field Artillery School. During these two years, Tom's active mind also led him to study French and Spanish, ultimately earning his translator's certificate in both languages. Because of this qualification, on completion of The Artillery School in the summer of 1940, Tom was ordered to Washington, D.C., to plan and lead the Chiefs of Staff of Central and South American countries on a tour of United States military posts east of the Mississippi. The success of this trip resulted in his assignment to the Latin American Branch of Intelligence in the War Department General Staff; he remained with military intelligence throughout World War II.

In 1943, Tom was sent to the Army Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for the accelerated course before serving as Intelligence Officer on the General Staff, Headquarters, United States Army Forces in Recife, Brazil. From there, it was on to North Africa, England, and Europe. He landed in France on D-Day plus 1 as Assistant G2 of the XIX Army Corps and was later transferred as G2 of the XXII Corps. He fought across Northern Europe, eventually taking part in the victorious drive into Czechoslovakia. He won the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, as well as the European Theater of Operations ribbon with five combat stars and the Invasion Arrowhead. He was also awarded the French Croix de Guerre with Palm, and thirteen other foreign decorations.

Tom moved from wartime to academic life with a transfer to the faculty at West Point where he served as instructor, assistant professor and then professor in the Social Sciences Department. While there, he took an active part in organizing and conducting the first annual Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA), and created and directed the first Cadet Forum. During this period, he also spent a year at Princeton University as a doctoral student in International Relations. In 1949, he earned his Master's Degree in Economics and History from Columbia University.

It was during these post-war years that the newly autonomous Air Force was drawing heavily on the Army for experienced officers, and Tom was one of those who made the transfer. After a tour in the Plans Directorate of Air Force Headquarters in Washington, D.C., Tom was assigned to the newly formed United States Delegation to North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Paris. There, he worked with Ambassador Averill Harriman on the formulation of strategy for the Atlantic Alliance.

On his return to the States, Tom spent a year studying at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces before going on to become the first Professor of Philosophy at the newly established Air Force Academy in Colorado. In 1956, he returned to Washington, D.C. to join the faculty of the Industrial College. While there, he organized and led the first annual student and faculty international field trip.

In 1960, Tom was named Commandant of the United States Air Force School for Latin America at Albrook Air Force Base in the Panama Canal Zone. During his three final years on active duty, Tom had responsibility for the education and training of over 1,500 students from 13 Latin American na-

tions, with all instruction given in Spanish. On 5 March 1963 he retired from active duty.

Retirement presented a new challenge to Tom, and with characteristic energy, he began carving out a career in higher education in civilian institutions. Continuing his graduate studies toward a doctorate at the Hispanic-American and Luso-Brazilian Institute at Stanford University, he also lectured frequently on issues concerning Latin America.

Shortly before his retirement, warning signs of cancer had been detected. It was further diagnosed and treated at the Stanford Medical Center. Meanwhile, Tom continued his doctoral research and began teaching at nearby Cañada College in San Mateo County. He continued offering classes until June of 1971, when he began to weaken. On the evening of 21 August 1971, at his home in Palo Alto, Tom slipped quietly away.

Tom leaves a challenging and stimulating heritage to his wife Patti, his son Tom (Thomas L. Crystal III), and his two daughters, Patti Crystal Morgan, and Katherine Edmonston Crystal. He gave unstintingly of himself to those ideas and causes he valued, and surely deserves the accolade that we of the Corps value most of all—"Well done, Rest Thou in Peace."

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## Richard Albert Smith

NO. 10095 CLASS OF 1934

Died 27 January 1945 on POW ship  
"Brazil Maru," aged 33 years.

Buried at sea south of Kyushu, Japan



RICHARD ALBERT SMITH

RICHARD ALBERT SMITH was born in Dubuque, Iowa, 7 August 1911. He was the only son of Albert Hugo Smith and Lola Lichtenberger Smith, who were also parents of four daughters. Dick's genealogy provided a fitting background for a West Pointer. His paternal forebears were of French and German extraction and were descendants of the first pioneers in the Dubuque area of Iowa. In his own day, Albert H. Smith was a recognized authority on public transportation. Dick's maternal antecedents migrated to America from Germany in 1752, and three of the Lichtenbergers were patriots in the Revolutionary War. Migrating to Illinois, subsequent gen-

erations of Lichtenbergers participated in the Winnebago and Black Hawk Wars. In Illinois, the Lichtenbergers were owners and operators of the first and most successful lead mines in that area.

Growing up in Dubuque, Dick enjoyed the life of the typical American boy. He was active in the Boy Scouts and participated in swimming, track, camping, and canoeing on the Mississippi. Foreshadowing his Army Branch selection, he developed as an excellent rider, beginning on his own pony. He took part in community affairs, played the saxophone, and acted in school theatricals. He attended the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a member of the DeMolay Masonic Youth. After graduating from Dubuque High School, Dick attended the University of Iowa for one year, awaiting an appointment to West Point. He was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity at the University.

Dick entered the United States Military Academy in 1930, from the 3d Congressional District of Iowa. As a cadet he manifested the active, balanced life which his background and youth had foreshadowed. He was on the track team all four years, ran crosscountry as a Yearling, was a rope climber on the gym team for three years. He made corporal Second Class year and bore the C Company guidon as a First Class Sergeant. Athletics and military activities were balanced by attendance at hops, enjoyable visits from his sisters, additional reading, and only a moderate addiction to "red comforter." In temperament, Dick was always considerate and rather reserved; contemplative rather than articulate; quiet and dignified, not boisterous, in manner; sincere and earnest in convictions and friendships. Following his boyhood preference in the field of action, he chose the Cavalry upon graduation.

Dick served at Fort Brown, Brownsville, Texas, where he was assigned as platoon leader, Troop B, 12th Cavalry, from 1934 to 1937. During that assignment Dick received a silver bowl inscribed: "Teddy Roosevelt Award, Cavalry Leadership Test for Small Units, Won in 1st Squadron, 12th Cavalry, 1st Platoon, Troop B." There he played on the post polo team, and there he met his bride-to-be, Katherine Marie Wilson, daughter of Felix E. Wilson and Edith Wilson Burnett. Dick and Katherine were married at Mission, Texas, 5 May 1937, just before his promotion to first lieutenant, on 12 June. In due course, about a year later, on 17 May 1938, a darling daughter, Katherine Gail Smith, arrived. The Smiths were ordered to Fort Riley, Kansas, where Dick attended the 1938-39 Regular Course at the Cavalry School. After graduating from the Regular Course, Dick served briefly as Commander, Special Weapons, Machine Gun Troop, 2d Cavalry at Fort Riley, before seeking overseas service, which was granted with orders to the Philippines.

The Smiths arrived in the Philippines in February 1940. Dick was assigned as a battery commander serving with mines and 155 guns; in off duty hours, he led the scoring in the officers' bowling league. Thus began what was to be a sadly truncated life in the 91st Coast Artillery on Corregidor. Gratification over promotion to captain in September 1940, was tempered shortly by rumors of war and eventual evacuation of his beloved family in time to escape the Japanese attack in December 1941. Dick remained with the garrison which began its heroic but tragic defense of Corregidor, from which

questionable vantage point they witnessed the fall of Bataan and the beginning of the "Death March" by their comrades on the mainland.

Personal details of Dick's capture are not available, but they were unquestionably similar to the heart-breaking accounts of those last days up to 6 May 1942, variously described elsewhere, and movingly recorded in the diary of Colonel E. Carl Engelhart '20, a sturdy and courageous survivor of Corregidor. After the fall of Bataan, the Japanese relentlessly shelled "The Rock," eventually blasting virtually every gun emplacement, with the aid of position coordinates obtained by pre-war Japanese "tourist" visitors. After some two weeks of gloating over the destruction they had wrecked upon "The Rock," the Japanese separated Filipinos from Americans, Dick among these, and packed the latter into launches and ships for the trip to Manila, and thence up Dewey Boulevard in tropical heat past cowed natives, to Bilibid Penitentiary. There, eagle colonels were detained; Dick and the others were jammed into boxcars and taken to Cabanatuan, some seventy miles north of Manila.

Dick spent two and a half years at Cabanatuan Prison No. 1, of the three near the town of that name. During this period he was assigned as commissary officer for Prisoner of War Group II. Lieutenant Colonel Benson Guyton, a POW survivor, who was a barracks leader says: "I knew him as an officer who worked at a job in a most creditable manner, even though a prisoner of war. Dick lived in a double bunked "bahai" with eight other officers: three chaplains, three ex-first sergeants who had been commissioned second lieutenants, a warrant officer, and First Lieutenant Henry Ford, United States Army Reserve. One of the chaplains, Father John A. Wilson, was Dick's upper bunk mate until being shipped to Japan on 1 October 1944. He was the only officer of the nine in the hut to survive. He writes: "Dick often spoke of his love for horses, but his main concern was for his family. Living that way one gets very well acquainted with another, in that close proximity."

Dick survived the severe conditions of this phase of his captivity which included work details of the most enervating and debasing nature. Previous wounds and diseases of all kinds went untreated. Burial details handled an average of forty corpses every morning. Prisoners foraged for food to eke out a starvation diet, under which most went from 150 pounds and over, to about 85 pounds. As Carl Engelhart writes: "Malnutrition, which had begun before the fall of Corregidor, had resulted in loss of the subcutaneous layer of fatty tissue. Skin did not shrink, so a naked man presented a weird appearance, with drooping folds of skin pinned to his middle by his belly button—the buttocks having been replaced by pendulous drapes of skin—flatter areas looked like a tattooed picture of surface veins and arteries. It was extremely uncomfortable to sit down—we no longer had a personal cushion. If I should look down, my face would fall away from my skull."

By the fall of 1944, MacArthur's successes had led the Japanese to move able-bodied prisoners to Japan rather than leave them to be liberated and possibly fight against their captors. Of course, there were no "able-bodied" prisoners. Dick was one of those less physically debilitated prisoners selected for the trip to Japan from Cabanatuan Prison No. 1, and by mid-October 1944 was sent with other such selectees to Bilibid

for subsequent shipment to Japan. While at the marshalling point at Bilibid, they endured American air attacks on the facility and were subjected to further dire forebodings at the news that the prisoner of war ship previously dispatched from Manila, the "Arisan Maru," had been unwittingly torpedoed by the Americans 24 October 1944, with no survivors.

On 13 December 1944, Dick, with over 1600 other prisoners of war shuffled along, no longer able to march, out of Bilibid, down to the pier, and on to the "Oryoku Maru," the first of three "Hell Ships" on which Dick was to suffer. The ship got under way at dawn next day; but by the time it had moved north off Subic Bay American planes attacked the unmarked ships. Prisoners packed in three stifling hot holds of the ship could only pray. They suffered wounds of varying degrees from bullets and fragments, but the pain was lessened when they learned the attacks had made a shambles topside. The ship anchored and the prisoners realized the Japanese could slaughter them in retaliation, and claim American attacks were responsible for the deaths. However, another horrible night of filth, pain, thirst and hunger passed without Japanese action. Dawn brought another American air attack, this time with bombs, which hit the ship, causing it to shudder. Shortly, the guards ordered the prisoners out of the holds and over the side, to swim to the shore of Subic Bay, some 600 yards away. As they swam to shore, waving prisoners conveyed to the fliers that they had bombed a prisoner of war ship. When the prisoners had been herded to shore, on to some nearby tennis courts, Englehart's tally showed only 1341 wretched survivors out of the 1619 departing Manila, accounted for, Dick among them.

After five days on shore, where the naked and starving prisoners, suffering from the sun in daytime and from cold at night, stripped and ate all the green grass between the tennis courts, the survivors from the "Oryoku Maru" were moved north by truck, to San Fernando. There, on 27 December 1944, Dick and some 1041 others were loaded on to the "Enoura Maru," which immediately became a floating Devil's Island. Its holds were filthy with dust, straw, and manure, having contained horses on the trip down from Japan. Rations were cut to one half cup of rice and three ounces of water. The worst asthma sufferer gasped away his life, his face awash from his streaming eyes. Others died of untreated injuries. Moving north, the "Enoura Maru" anchored at Takao, Formosa, on New Year's Eve 1944. The prisoners sat in their open holds: freezing at night, miserably fighting off flies drawn by animal and human excrement, dehydrated, starving, feeble with dysentery for seven days. On 6 January 1945 reports of very large, new American planes reached the prisoners. They turned out to be B-29s. On 9 January the planes returned and scored three bomb hits on the unmarked ship, producing terrible casualties, particularly in the forward holds; 250 were killed and 150 wounded. No attention, nor care was given to the prisoners, as the Japanese, themselves, seemed to remain in shock for two indescribably horrible days. Then, the broken bodies and limbs were heaped into cargo nets, lowered into launches, taken ashore and cremated. Dick, along with remaining survivors, was moved on to the "Brazil Maru," which had come alongside for the transfer.

On 13 January the third "Hell Ship" moved out of Takao and went on a twisting northward course through the Ryukus toward Japan. It was very cold. Men were dying of starvation and exposure. Ration was one third cup of rice and three ounces of water, frequently salt sea water. All day long there was a continuing murmuring moaning in the hold. A brief cessation of this sound meant discovery that another comrade had expired and that his body was being stretched out under the hatch, nude, his ragged remnants of clothing being passed on to some one else who, for perhaps a short time, might still get a small benefit from its meager cover. This daily toll ran from six to more than a score. Englehart says: "The effect of this extreme privation was to produce sleepiness. Some slept more, and more, and peacefully, did not awaken."

And that is how Dick finally passed away. Lieutenant Fraleigh writes: "At night four of us would sleep lying spoon style, in order to try to keep two men warmer. We would trade positions hourly." Arthur (Pete) Peterson '30 wrote: "It turned extremely cold and Dick caught pneumonia. He died in his sleep in my arms on about the 26th or 27th of January, 1945, at sea between Formosa and Japan." A prisoner of war chaplain offered a commitment prayer. Thus, after months and years of struggle to survive, Dick, like so many of his comrades, relinquished his life for his country. In the words of Father Wilson: "I can assure you that Dick Smith was a fine officer, many times under the most adverse conditions, a genuine credit to the Army and West Point." And as he said earlier: "Living that way, one gets to be very well acquainted with another in that close proximity."

Dick was awarded the Purple Heart, posthumously. He is also entitled to the following: Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Service Medal with Foreign Service Clasp, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with One Bronze Service Star, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Defense Ribbon, and Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII.

Dick is survived by his widow, now Mrs. Edgerly B. Marsh, 753 Seckel Pear, Ocean-side, CA 92054; by his daughter, Mrs. J.D. Murphy, 1943 Darkwood Circle, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360; two granddaughters: Katherine and Jennifer; and by four sisters: Mrs. Olive S. Douglass, 1633 Bedford Lane, Apt. 10, Newport Beach, CA 92260; Mrs. L.C. Hampton, 2775 Mesa Verde Drive East, Apt G-106; Costa Mesa, CA 92626; Mrs. H.J. McConnell, 234 Sherwood Place, Costa Mesa, CA 92627; and Mrs. J. Rust Hoge, 385 Hermosa Court, Lafayette, CA 94549.

—Johnny Stevens '34

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## William Emmett Ekman

NO. 11172 CLASS OF 1938

Died 31 May 1979 in Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, DC, aged 66 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

BILL EKMAN CROSSED his final River on 31 May 1979 after a long valiant fight with leukemia. His mortal remains were returned to his beloved rockbound highland home at West Point and laid to rest under misty, rain-laden cadet gray skies in a stirring



WILLIAM EMMETT EKMAN

military funeral befitting the dedicated, tough professional soldier he was. Surely his Maker said as he received him that day, "Well done, Bill, be thou at peace."

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, on 11 February 1913, Bill came to epitomize that practical Missouri "show me" attitude throughout his life. An Army Brat, he spent his formative years at various posts and stations with his father, Captain George A. Ekman. While at Carlisle Barracks during World War I, Bill's appetite for a service career was whetted and his lifelong pursuit of excellence was fired. It was during several visits to West Point watching those haunting Retreat P-rades, he determined that he, too, wanted to join the Long Gray Line. This glimmering was to become a driving force over the next 16 years until its realization in 1934. Also key was the significant impact that his budding friendship with the great American athlete, Jim Thorpe, had on Bill's development, symbolized by a bow Thorpe gave young Bill on the Ekmans' departure from Carlisle in 1920. Perhaps Bill's tenacity of purpose, forthrightness, and physical toughness that were to become his hallmarks as a cadet and soldier struck first at Carlisle Barracks.

On graduation from Baltimore Polytechnical High School in 1932, Bill enlisted in the Army for the United States Military Academy Prep School at Camp Smith, Hawaii, to begin his final assault to attain his quest: West Point. After two years of tough competition, he was one of eleven candidates selected for appointment from the Army at large, to enter the Military Academy in July 1934.

After two years of serious pursuit of academic excellence, Bill recognized that there were other things to life at West Point other than necessary long hours of study and bleary eyes to attain the Dean's list. He proved himself to be a tough, competitive sportsman as a member of the B Squad Football team, the lacrosse and wrestling teams. He also gained notoriety for himself and old K Company by his increasingly wider adventures as evidenced by the many pairs of shoes he wore out "on the area" during Cow and Firstie years. His family "centurian" record was unmatched until the third of his three sons (Rick, United States Military Academy, Class of 1972), who followed his steps to West Point, bettered it. Bill, or "Bing" as he was known to his company mates for his at-

temped imitations of the real Crosby, proceeded to make his way through West Point with song and good cheer and was graduated and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry on 14 June 1938. That same afternoon, Bill married Iris M. Welch, his fiancé of 2 years, in a small ceremony at Elmhurst, New York. After a honeymoon in New England, they headed south to Fort Benning.

Assigned to the 29th Infantry, Bill served as a company officer, as adjutant of the 1st Battalion and as company commander until June 1941, when he volunteered for parachute duty. On graduation from Parachute School, Fort Benning, in August, he was assigned as Commander, Company B, 503 Parachute Infantry Battalion. After two months as commander, he was assigned as adjutant of the newly formed 504th Parachute Infantry Battalion, Fort Benning; and in May 1942, was named the Adjutant General, Headquarters Provisional Parachute Group, remaining in that position when the Group was redesignated as Headquarters, The Airborne Command, and moved to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In August 1942 he became the Executive Officer, 1st Parachute Infantry Brigade at Fort Benning pending activation of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment. On its activation in October 1942, Bill was named the Regimental Executive Officer, remaining with the regiment when it deployed to England in December 1943.

On 21 March 1944 Bill assumed command of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. As the new commanding officer, the job he faced was something like trying to make himself the accepted leader of a group that had sworn allegiance to another master. Paratroopers, like thoroughbreds, are always headstrong; and the 505th wearing two combat stars on their parachute wings won under their beloved leader "Slim Jim" Gavin needed some convincing to accept as equal leader an officer untried in combat. And convincing they got in short order.

One of the greatest tributes to Bill is that he was quickly accepted by the regiment as its fighting leader. The 505 was a proud unit which under his leadership enhanced its reputation to new undisputed heights over the following months of combat. Bill led his regiment in the D-Day airborne assault into Normandy on 6 June 1944, liberating the first town on the continent from the Germans, Ste Mere Eglise. On return to England in late July 1944 following Normandy, Bill was promoted to colonel. He fought his regiment in the parachute landings in Nijmegen, Holland, in September 1944; during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944; through the Siegfried Line; and in the crossing of the Elbe River in April 45. As one source reported, "seldom had any commander been called upon to meet so many diverse crises, types of fighting and unusual conditions." The unique record of the 505 under his leadership is a monument to his great abilities." General Gavin, his mentor, recently wrote, "He was a splendid regimental commander and took a tough paratroop regiment through the war from Normandy to Berlin. He was a very solid, dependable soldier."

Bill returned to Fort Bragg in January 1946 after occupation duty with the 82d Airborne Division in Berlin, and retained his command until 13 September 1947. After three and a half years of regimental duty, he was ordered to Washington as a planner and airborne advisor in the Army Plans Branch, G3 Division, Department of the

Army. In January 1949, he became the Airborne Advisor of the Joint Strategic Plans Group, Joint Chiefs of Staff. He remained in this position until June 1951.

From June 1951 until June 1952 Bill returned to Fort Bragg and served as the GI, XVIII Airborne Corps. That summer he returned to Carlisle Barracks to attend the Army War College. On graduation in June 1953, he was assigned as the GI, VII Corps in Moeringen, Germany. On 15 December 1954, Bill assumed leadership of the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Bad Toelz, Germany; commanding this elite organization until July 1956, when he returned to Fort Benning, Georgia, as Director of the Army's Airborne-Air Mobility Department. In June 1959 he reported to the United States Military Assistance Group, Korea, as the Military Personnel Advisor to the Republic of Korea Army. Subsequently, he returned to the United States in June 1960 to the Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia, and served successively as the Chief, Military Personnel Management Division and as the Deputy to the Assistant Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations.

In September 1961 he was selected by General Paul Adams for duty with the newly activated United States Strike Command, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida. He initially served as the Acting Chief of Staff, Personnel and later as the Deputy to the Assistant Chief of Staff, Plans Directorate.

In July 1963 Bill returned to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, after a 30 year absence, to assume duties as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations, United States Pacific Command, which he held when promoted to brigadier general on 1 May 1965. Although appointed as the Commander-designate of the 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate), he saw "his" brigade deploy to Vietnam in April 1965 and wistfully watched his opportunity to return to airborne command and combat fade. The Commander in Chief, Pacific Command overrode Bill's transfer to the brigade to keep him on his staff during the critical American build-up period in the Republic of Vietnam during the summer of 1965. Bill returned to the United States in September 1965 and served as the Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Training Center, Fort Dix, New Jersey until April 1967, when he was named the Department of Defense Off-Base Housing Coordinator. At Fort Dix his health began to fail as the initial effects of leukemia were discovered. His assignment to the Pentagon for what was to be his last active duty tour put him close to the excellent facilities at Walter Reed and allowed him to serve in a very sensitive position while his obscure illness was fully diagnosed. His acceptance of Department of Defense Off-Base Housing Coordinator, was in keeping with Bill's established tradition of never turning down a job, no matter how inconvenient or difficult. He had been there before: On President Truman's 1947 order to

desegregate the services, his regiment was selected by General Gavin to receive the 82d Airborne Division's all-black Parachute Infantry Battalion, the famous 555, as the fourth battalion of the regiment. He proceeded vigorously to desegregate the regiment with all the force of his personality—making the 505 Parachute Infantry the first Regular Army regiment to do so. Twenty years later, as the Department of Defense Coordinator, his diligent efforts and persuasive discussions with civic leaders and apartment owners, were instrumental in obtaining greater participation in non-discriminatory off-base housing programs. The number of rental units in multiple dwellings in Virginia and Maryland available on a non-discriminatory basis increased 500% is ample evidence of the success of his personal negotiations. His plan and program for the Washington area became the model for those across the country and was the forerunner of the Defense Department's current equal opportunity program.

His health failing, Bill was retired after thirty-two years active duty on 30 April 1968.

Although hampered somewhat by his insidious challenger, leukemia, Bill took to his retirement in Sarasota, Florida, with gusto, and actively and productively served the Sarasota community during retirement in a number of capacities, including president of the St. Armands Association, and Disaster Relief Chairman of the Sarasota County Red Cross. In recognition of his over 800 hours of volunteer time as Disaster Chairman, his efforts that developed the County's first comprehensive disaster action plan, and his actions which increased the volunteer disaster relief force from 100 to 600 people, Bill was selected in 1977 as the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year of Sarasota County. During the eleven years he lived in Sarasota, he continued to give his best to the service of others and his community. His loss was so recognized by public proclamation by the Sarasota County Commission on 5 June 1979.

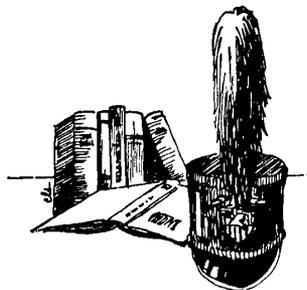
Bill's many decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star with Cluster; Bronze Star for Valor and Cluster; Joint Service and Army Commendation Medals, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge with two combat jump stars, the Belgium and French Fourrageres, Netherland Military Willems Order, the Dutch Bronze Lion, Russian Second Order of the People War, the French Croix de Guerre with two Palms, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Device and the Department of the Army General Staff Identification Device.

Bill had a great life and lived it to its fullest. Only an unconquerable leukemia ended it. He leaves his wife, Iris; his mother, Edna; three sons, Lieutenant Colonel Michael E. Ekman, United States Military Academy, Class of 1961; Major William J. Ekman, United States Military Academy, Class of 1970; and Captain Richard A. Ekman, United States Army Reserve, United States Military Academy, Class of 1972; and his daughter, Sandra E. Hamm; and ten grandchildren. Iris and Edna continue to live in Sarasota, Florida.

Bill Ekman was a giant man of uncommon virtue and purpose. He lived by and personified his Alma Mater's creed: "Duty, Honor, Country. "We are all better for his passing our way. We miss him terribly.

Well done, Bill—"All the Way!"

—M.E.E.



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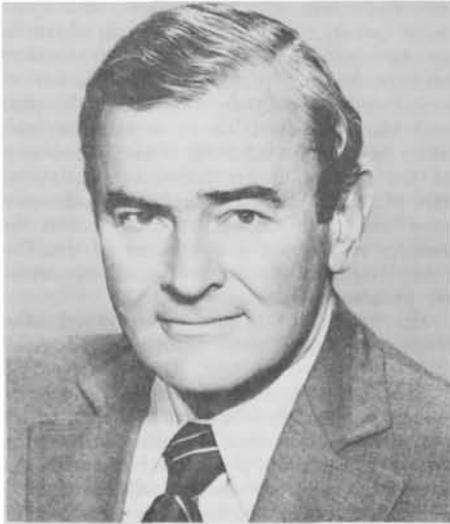
### John Charles Bennett

NO. 14649 CLASS OF 1945

Died 4 May 1980 while flying near

Anchorage, Alaska, aged 56 years.

Cremated ashes scattered over Cook Inlet, Alaska



JOHN CHARLES BENNETT

JOHN C. BENNETT was killed on the morning of 4 May 1980 when his Cessna 185 crashed into the east face of Mt. Susitna about 30 miles northwest of Anchorage.

Bennett chose the Infantry upon his graduation from West Point. His distinguished military career included service as a company commander with the 7th Division in Korea, and as Deputy Commander of the 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam. A master parachutist, he served as the Chief of Staff of the 82d Airborne Division in 1967-68. He commanded the 5th Armored Division from 1970 to 1972, and was a rated pilot in both airplanes and helicopters. A member of the English faculty at West Point from 1949 to 1952, Bennett did post-graduate work at the British Staff College, the National War College, Columbia University (Master of Arts degree in English and Comparative Literature), and George Washington University (Master of Arts degree in International Affairs).

Bennett took early retirement from the Army as a major general to return to Alaska in 1972. He left to serve as Deputy Chief of the White House Staff to President Nixon during 1973-74, returning to his adopted state to pursue the El Paso trans-Alaska gas pipeline project in 1974. From 1977 to 1979, he was senior vice-president of the Alaska Pacific Bank. At the time of his death he was serving as the executive director of the world's fair project, Alaska 1984.

Bennett was a loving husband, an attentive son, a devoted father and grandfather, and a concerned participant in state and national affairs. His long military service to his country is best remembered in this letter, written by a former soldier, to the editor of "The Anchorage Times":

"I have read some very glowing reports in our local newspaper about a fallen hero who has departed from this life, who has gone on to answer the final roll call we must all someday face.

"For those who knew John Bennett after his retirement from the Army, I can only

say that your lives were indeed blessed to have known such a true and distinguished gentleman.

"For those like me, who had the extreme pleasure of having served with General Bennett over the course of 27 years of active federal service, his loss is far greater and his untimely death leaves a void that will never be filled.

"It was my honor and privilege to have served under General Bennett during the Korean conflict and again during our involvement in Vietnam, and lastly as a member of the United States Army Alaska. In all my years of military service, I can honestly say that I have never known an officer who was more loved or respected by his men, both officers and enlisted alike, than General Bennett. He was a soldier's soldier.

"His memory will live on in the hearts of those of us who knew and loved him. Even though he's gone from our midst, his presence will live on forever."

Bennett is survived by his wife of 35 years, Jean M. Bennett; by his sons, Jack and Robert; by his daughters, Jill and Judith; and by his granddaughters, Melanie and Nicole. His father, Chaplain (Major General, United States Army Retired) Ivan L. Bennett Sr., died shortly after John Bennett's tragic accident. His mother, Ruby J. Bennett, lives in Arlington, Virginia. In accordance with his wishes, John Bennett's remains were cremated and scattered without ceremony over Cook Inlet in his beloved state of Alaska.

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### Thomas Harold Mahan

NO. 15856 CLASS OF 1946

Died 17 January 1980 in Helena, Montana, aged 55 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, Virginia



THOMAS HAROLD MAHAN

TOM WAS BORN 14 December 1924 in Bozeman, Montana. His family moved to Helena, Montana, where he attended school, graduating from high school in 1942. He attended Montana State University one year before entering the United States Military Academy. Tom graduated from West Point 4 June 1946.

When the Korean Conflict arose, Tom was serving with the 27 Infantry Regiment, 25th

Infantry Division in Japan. He served with this "Wolfhound" Regiment in Korea in 1950-51. Returning to Japan he served in the honor guard for General Douglas MacArthur and General Matthew Ridgway.

Tom resigned from the Army in 1953 to enter the University of Montana Law School. He received his Bachelor and Doctor of Law degrees from the University of Montana. During this time, he also studied law at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. He was a member of Phi Delta Phi Legal fraternity and was president 1954-55.

During his law career he was admitted to practice by the Montana Supreme Court; United States District Court, Montana; United States Court of Claims; United States Supreme Court; Circuit Court of Appeals and the Interstate Commerce Commission. He was a member and served as president of the State Bar of Montana; was a member of the First Judicial District Bar Association; Trail Lawyer's Association; National Council of Bar Presidents, Western States Bar Conference, American Bar Association, and American Judicature Society. Tom was an authority on poverty law and the rights of the indigent. He authored an extensive article on family law for the Montana Law Review in 1978. He lectured on poverty law at various law schools and administrative meetings and authored the section of the 1972 Montana Constitution giving the State the authority to care for indigent persons.

Tom was involved with many volunteer organizations and activities. A few of these are: The Montana Heart Association where he served on all levels during his 24 years of activity. He was president in 1957. As a member of the American Heart Association he served as president of the Northwest Rocky Mountain Region Board of Directors; he was national vice president, on the national finance committee and the national evaluation sub-committee. He was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans for which he served as state president and national committeeman. Tom served as District Representative for the United States Military Academy for the last 15 years of his life. He was Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, 1975 until his death. Tom was a member of the Helena Chamber of Commerce and served on the board of directors for three years. He was a member of the Montana Historical Society, Algeria Shrine, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Helena Civitan Club, and Plymouth Congregational Church, where he was past chairman of the diaconate.

Tom received the Distinguished Service Award for the State Bar of Montana, the Bronze and the Silver service awards from the American Heart Association, the Jade Gavel award for service as regional chairman of the American Heart Association, and Notable Americans award 1976-77. He was included in *Who's Who in the West*, and *Who's Who in American Law*. He has been nominated to receive the Outstanding Montanan award.

Tom is survived by his wife, Erys, 1800 Silver Street, Helena, Montana; two daughters, Coleen Mahan Lawlor, Chesapeake, Virginia; Molly Mahan Stewart, Missoula, Montana; and two grandchildren, Michael Mahan Lawlor and Molly Beth Lawlor.

Tom loved his God, his country, and his family and spent his life in service to all three.

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**James Laurence McAndie**

NO. 18547 CLASS OF 1952

Died 20 December 1975 at Portland, Oregon, aged 44 years.



JAMES LAURENCE McANDIE

THIS OUTDOORSMAN from Washington State became the third youngest graduate of the Class of 1952. Academics were always a breeze to Jim, yet he freely assisted struggling classmates to win the battle of the classroom. Here was a man calm when others were rattled; a competitive team player who possessed those intangible qualities which attracted friends, troops, and children alike. His unflagging sense of humor and compassion were matched by brotherliness which acted as a magnet to his many friends, military and civilian. There was nothing phony about this down-to-earth soldier. Jim always thought that things ought to be done right, and if they were not he would speak forthrightly and clearly to remedy the situation.

He attended the Company Officers Engineer Course at Fort Belvoir, commanded an Engineer company in Korea, and then a similar company at Fort Leonard Wood. He resigned in 1955 to follow a career in mechanical engineering, which culminated in his own consulting engineering firm at the time of his unexpected death in December 1975.

Jim left behind his lovely wife, Nancy, and four devoted children: Jim (Duffer); Don (Tiger); Judy and Terese. To the many classmates who consider themselves fortunate to have been his friends he will long be remembered for his selflessness, compassion, buoant sense of humor, and camaraderie.

—His Classmates

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**John Edward Darling Jr.**

NO. 27772 CLASS OF 1968

Killed in Action 18 May 1970 in Vietnam, aged 23 years.

Interment: Fremont, Michigan

I WRITE THIS IN memory of, and in tribute to, John E. Darling Jr. John, like so many of the Class of 1968, died in Vietnam a decade ago. He died a hero's death: a vol-

unteer returning to a base under fire when his helicopter was shot down. A tragic loss to the Army and to our country.

Writing about, or even considering, the Vietnam war remains painful and difficult for me—particularly when recalling the death of a close friend. When John died I was in Cambodia with my Ranger battalion, a part of that still controversial incursion. My parents and wife withheld the news of John's death from me until I returned from Cambodia. I can still recall the shock of the news.

It is impossible in these short sentences to adequately review John's extraordinary accomplishments or even describe his active, spirited life. For me, John was more than a college roommate: he was a friend and confidant, a cherished prankster, a thought provoking and intuitive personality who challenged life everyday. For many of us, John represented eternal youth; the model of zest and enthusiasm in every undertaking. He radiated energy and inspired others beyond their normal limitations. He loved life and sparked others to enjoy their self-made world.

This is not to say that John Darling was a model of virtue and decorum. He could, almost simultaneously, enrage you with his bullheadedness while delighting you with his wry sense of humor. He was thoroughly combative (unfortunately, we were often on opposing sides in sports: I broke his nose in volleyball, he crushed my leg in lacrosse. We both had knee operations). He was in short, a real person; not a mass produced version of someone else's idea of success, but a person who defined for himself what he should be. And he was, I believe, true to that self concept.

John was a product of the Midwest and a loving active family. He was raised in the Michigan town of Fremont where he was a highly acclaimed high school athlete and student. Today, the *John E. Darling, Jr. Award for Wrestling* is given annually to a Fremont High School student and states, "This is awarded each year to the wrestler who best exemplifies the character of the soldier who gave his life in Vietnam."

While at the Academy John excelled in sports of all types—particularly wrestling—giving academic requirements necessary, but often fleeting, attention. It was at the Academy that we all discovered that John was a natural leader: an individual gifted with those traits that attract other people to him.



JOHN EDWARD DARLING JR.

A physically strong man—as well as a strong willed person—he nonetheless maintained the ability to be a compassionate caring individual. A friend who cheered you up when you were in need—and poked fun at feigned seriousness. A person who judged you by your desire rather than your ability. A friend who shared in your successes, and comforted you in your failures. He left the Academy with a large group of friends and admirers.

Following graduation John attended the normal bevy of schools—basic, airborne, and ranger—before returning to Fremont in December to marry Cathy Butler. I attended the wedding and was delighted at the pervasive aura of joy everywhere. Soon thereafter the new couple left for North Carolina, John assigned to the 82d Airborne Division. He was to be there only briefly, soon called to the war in Vietnam.

As the communications officer in a battalion of the 101st Airborne Division, John was present when his battalion tactical operations center received a direct hit wounding the executive officer and several other men. John immediately assumed command, then administered first aid to casualties. Braving the impacting rounds, John carried a wounded man to a medical evacuation helicopter, then returned to the command post to direct armed helicopter support of the extraction operation. His Silver Star citation states that: "His actions under fire enabled the prompt evacuation of casualties and forced the withdrawal of the hostile force." Only a month later, on the eve of his R&R leave, John's helicopter was shot down and he died.

While historians will eventually deal with Vietnam in socio-economic terms, and undoubtedly describe it as a brief aberration in the history of a great nation, its personal tragedy remains with us today. As Frances FitzGerald wrote in *Fire in the Lake*, "The United States might leave Vietnam, but the Vietnam war would now never leave the United States." FitzGerald spoke prophetically. We have left the conflict, but the conflict remains part of our nation's being. As such, the loss of lives in Southeast Asia is too real, too close for us to overlook in judging that war today.

Now, as I recall the fighting and its aftermath, only the political and personal losses seem real; our initial intentions obscured by the results, our original motivations eroded by hindsight, our narrow patriotism overshadowed by reality. The true tragedy of the war is that it has cost our country its best and brightest. Men like John Darling who were the seeds—and our hope—for the future.

John's grave is in Fremont, his body returned from the war in which he died so valorously. He deserves the continuing blessing of our people and words similar to those eloquent few spoken by a Civil War President when he dedicated a soldier's cemetery in Pennsylvania:

"The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here, to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to the cause for which they gave the full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

From these stirring words at Gettysburg arose a new, unified nation. So, too, may we

now. I miss you John Darling, and pray that your life will not have been spent in vain.

—John Charles Cruden\*  
Class of 1968

\*Joining the writer in this obituary are the following classmates and friends of John Darling: George Heckman, William Kunzman, William Gardepe, Glen Hewitt, Patrick O'Keefe, Paul Joseph, Joseph Dooley, Les Kronfeldt and Neil Lark. John Darling's parents saw and added to this tribute before it was submitted for publication. Only a few days after Mrs. Darling wrote the letter approving the final obituary, she died of a heart attack in her home in Michigan.

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## Duane Stephen Castro

NO. 34204 CLASS OF 1976

Died 28 April 1980 in Portsmouth,  
Virginia, aged 25 years.

Interment: Highland Memorial Park,  
Johnston, Rhode Island



DUANE STEPHEN CASTRO

A SIMPLE NARRATIVE biography would not do justice in attempting to describe the person whom we all knew as Che. He was a soldier, a pilot, a scholar, a gentleman, a devoted son and brother and most importantly a friend to all who knew him. As Snookie Parker his roommate said, "he was a man for all seasons." Che was admired, liked and desired, someone whom once you met you would never forget.

Duane was raised as a military brat and knew what the service had to offer. He was a dynamic leader whom all the troops listened to with respect and admiration. He touched each and every one of their lives as he did so many others. His initial infantry assignment after graduation took him to Colorado. He loved the outdoors and the scenic beauty. He was a man who could appreciate the finer things in life. From Colorado he went

to Fort Rucker for Aviation Training and then to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for an aviation assignment. Che was rated as one of the top pilots in his unit. He loved flying. He received his formal training on the UH-1H and acquired his rating on the Scout chopper upon arrival at Fort Bragg. He was also working on his fixed wing license when his fatal accident occurred on 28 April 1980. He died doing the thing he enjoyed so much in life.

Che was a brilliant man. He was continually seeking ways to better himself. As he once told his brother Randy, "the best investment anyone can make is to invest in the betterment of one's self." He followed this principle rigidly, but most importantly he sought to impart this idea into those who were less fortunate than he. Others were inspired by him. Duane would have made his mark on the business world. He had completed the advance course by correspondence, had obtained his master's in Business Administration, was taking courses in real estate and doing all of this while still finding time to participate in community little league, civil activities and maintaining his special relationship with his friends, family and church.

Che was known by all as a gentleman. A refined, cultivated and very polished individual. He was genuinely interested in everything. Che loved sports, dancing, cooking, the arts, theater, music (both classical and contemporary) and everything else life had to offer. He was well read in many subjects. This was demonstrated by his knowledge and abilities in many areas. Duane could fit admirably into any situation. He was noted as a courteous, gracious, considerate man. He would always find time for everyone. Young or old, friend or stranger, he greeted everyone with a kind hello and a beaming smile. Children (as well as strangers) were immediately attracted to his magnetic personality. Duane was always willing to go out of his way to lend a hand. It did not matter who you were or what position you held in life. He had a great respect for everyone. He was always willing to listen, talk, advise, or do whatever was needed and he never asked for anything in return.

The ladies loved Duane. He was first with a compliment and a smile. He was the first one to get up and dance, to be noisy and silly—or to sit quietly in an arm chair by the fire and dream. The man definitely had class... style. His favorite toast at the table was "to good friends... to the pretty ladies... to the good life." Che knew how to live the good life and was able to show others how to find happiness.

As a devoted son and brother Duane is perhaps best remembered. His love for his parents, Vicki and Randy, will never be forgotten. Not a minute passed when they were not in his thoughts. They were the ones who gave him encouragement and strength during his difficult times and shared in joys and excitement during the happy moments. It was his family who gave Duane the direction and guidance in his life that enabled him to grow

and develop as he did. They above all else are the ones whom we should not forget.

As a child Duane was filled with an exorbitant amount of energy. He found a way to channel this through athletics, which he excelled in from the time he joined his first little league baseball team to college football. It was at this time he developed that positive "can do" attitude and gave 110% of himself all the time. This was the beginning of his desire to excel in all areas.

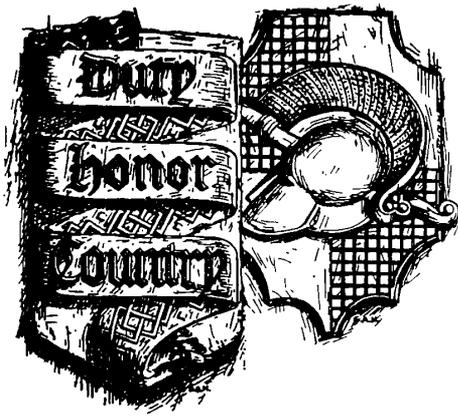
In high school Duane was All-State in football where #44 was a local hero. In basketball, he set the state record for assists. In his senior year he was captain of the football, basketball and baseball teams! He graduated with honors and was granted admission to West Point.

Duane entered West Point with a very enthusiastic and positive outlook uncommon to most first year cadets. As a Plebe he set the school marksmanship record. During the following years he was a Golden Gloves quarter-finalist, West Point boxing champion and an All-America Honorable Mention in (150 lbs) football. He was very proud of his thespian efforts and was one of the stars in our Class play.

It is from his years at West Point that most of us remember Duane. There he made the lasting impression on so many that will never be forgotten. Though now gone in the physical sense, his memory will remain forever.

Duane was a friend to all who ever talked to the man. He had that uncanny ability to attract others to him. After having spent some time with Duane you would be refreshed, renewed, inspired. He exhibited the capacity to be imaginative, inquisitive, creative, exciting. He was always a leader. His very presence would inspire others. People are always drawn to those who are not afraid to let themselves feel, who add drama and excitement to life, who give them that rush of sensation, that shock that reminds them that they, too, can be more fully alive as Duane always was. He would liven up any party, be first to start a song session, suggest a picnic by the lake, to dress as the spirit moved him, to take a road trip to a new and exciting place. Duane was definitely a "man for all seasons." He did more in his twenty-five years than most people do in a lifetime. Yes, we all loved and admired Duane, there was nothing he would never do for us. Our yearbook said the following about him: "Duane—the man; the myth; the legend. Che reminds us all of a human electron as he motors about atop the waves of popularity. A leader on today's football and tomorrow's battle fields. Ringside courage, rough toughness. West Point's finest!" And indeed he was. We all had a special friend. The love and happiness Duane gave us all will hopefully fill the gap he has left. Because of him there is a little of Duane in all of us.

"An eagle has never soared so high as the aspirations of Duane S. Castro. What remains is not structures or stones but only the memory of those spirits which he has touched."



# Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former Cadets received since the publication of the September 1981 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Walter E. Prosser	1905 . . .	11 September	1981 . . . San Antonio, Texas
Blackburn Hall	1915 . . .	7 August	1981 . . . Jacksonville, Florida
Arthur A. White	1915 . . .	21 October	1981 . . . Fayetteville, North Carolina
Barrington L. Flanigen	1916 . . .	9 December	1980 . . . Athens, Georgia
James H. Frier Jr.	Apr 1917 . . .	25 September	1981 . . . Cleveland, Ohio
Frank L. Carr	Aug 1917 . . .	4 September	1981 . . . San Francisco, California
Hugh J. Casey	Jun 1918 . . .	30 August	1981 . . . White River Junction, Vermont
John L. Grant	Jun 1918 . . .	28 September	1981 . . . Canaan, Connecticut
Harry Krieger	Nov 1918 . . .	25 August	1981 . . . Chicago, Illinois
Henry G. Lodge	Nov 1918 . . .	18 July	1981 . . . Ardmore, Pennsylvania
Ernest C. Norman	Nov 1918 . . .	13 August	1981 . . . Washington, D.C.
Thomas H. Ramsey	Ex-Nov 1918 . . .	9 October	1981 . . . Pacific Palisades, California
Joseph C. Odell	1919 . . .	26 October	1981 . . . Washington, D.C.
James B. Cullum	1920 . . .	28 August	1981 . . . Los Gatos, California
Harry E. Fisher	1920 . . .	8 October	1981 . . . Washington, D.C.
George J. Loupret	1920 . . .	6 October	1981 . . . Washington, D.C.
William H. Bender	Ex-1924 . . .	13 June	1979 . . . Paoli, Pennsylvania
Raymond W. Curtis	1927 . . .	14 August	1981 . . . San Diego, California
Edwin A. Cummings	1928 . . .	10 May	1981 . . . Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
James E. Holley	1928 . . .	8 August	1981 . . . Lawton, Oklahoma
Rudolph E. Smyser Jr.	1928 . . .	3 August	1981 . . . St. Louis, Missouri
William L. Hardick	1931 . . .	1 October	1981 . . . Danville, Pennsylvania,
Peter Schmick	1931 . . .	7 October	1981 . . . Eugene, Oregon
Byram A. Bunch	1932 . . .	17 September	1981 . . . Patrick AFB, Florida
John M. Breit	1933 . . .	6 October	1981 . . . San Antonio, Texas
Marshall W. Frame	1933 . . .	29 August	1981 . . . Camden, Maine
John B. Cary	1934 . . .	10 June	1981 . . . San Antonio, Texas
Norman C. Spencer Jr.	1936 . . .	3 August	1981 . . . Andrews AFB, Maryland
Robert D. Albro	Ex-1936 . . .	8 September	1981 . . . Washington, D.C.
Charles A. Pfeffer Jr.	1937 . . .	10 October	1981 . . . Essex, Connecticut
Allen W. Ginder	1939 . . .	9 August	1981 . . . Washington, D.C.
Robert I. Dice	1940 . . .	29 April	1981 . . . Richland, Washington*
George H. Mueller	1940 . . .	20 October	1981 . . . Washington, D.C.
Clinton F. Ball	1941 . . .	9 August	1981 . . . San Antonio, Texas
Francis C. Fitzpatrick	1941 . . .	1 September	1981 . . . Houston, Texas
Edwin C. Kisiel	1941 . . .	8 September	1981 . . . Washington, D.C.
Richard J. Rastetter	1941 . . .	17 September	1981 . . . Dover, Ohio
Lawrence H. Bixby Jr.	Jan 1943 . . .	22 July	1981 . . . Grass Valley, California
Charles A. Wirt	Jan 1943 . . .	14 August	1981 . . . Alexandria, Virginia
John T. Harmeling	1945 . . .	27 October	1981 . . . Fairfax, Virginia
Henry J. Hughes Jr.	1945 . . .	2 October	1981 . . . Ft. Belvoir, Virginia
John J. Knight	1945 . . .	18 August	1981 . . . Lancaster, California
John F. Green	1946 . . .	4 August	1981 . . . Nashville, Tennessee
Milton A. Strain	1946 . . .	2 October	1981 . . . Woolacombe, England
Charles L. Spettel	1949 . . .	12 August	1981 . . . Washington, D.C.
Harry R. Steffensen	1950 . . .	19 September	1981 . . . Vienna, Virginia
Lewis C. Buffington Jr	1951 . . .	25 May	1981 . . . Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
James A. Michel	1952 . . .	16 January	1981 . . . Baltimore, Maryland
Roland B. Crase	1956 . . .	16 July	1981 . . . Andrews AFB, Maryland
Franklin P. Phillips	1958 . . .	16 July	1981 . . . Greensboro, North Carolina
Dewitt T. Monroe Jr.	1959 . . .	1 August	1981 . . . Springfield, Virginia
Dean L. Learish	1962 . . .	2 August	1981 . . . Clearfield, Pennsylvania
Frederick E. Giacometti	1974 . . .	17 August	1981 . . . Phoenix, Arizona
Jesus L. Olivo	1977 . . .	24 August	1981 . . . Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Charles M. Lyon III	1979 . . .	13 August	1981 . . . Clarksville, Tennessee
Ronald M. Robinson	Ex-1982 . . .	20 September	1981 . . . West Point, New York

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