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Dear Fellow Graduates:

This past March I attended Founders Day gatherings at ten locations throughout the southeastern portion of the United States. I found those in attendance at the functions to be keenly interested in learning of current happenings at the Military Academy. It was a pleasure to witness again the type of enthusiasm that our alumni and friends continue to maintain for West Point. As I reminded all of the groups to whom I spoke, the young men and women who make up the Corps of Cadets are a group in whom we can all take great pride.

While I was in the southeast, the Dean, Commandant, and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics were speaking at Founders Day dinners in other sections of the country. This year the Dean visited seven locations in the northeast and midwest; the Commandant made twelve appearances in western states; and the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics spoke at nine places in mideastern and southwestern states. Under a recently devised policy, we plan to have the senior USMA officials visit different parts of the country each year. Over a four year period, this policy will assure that the Superintendent, Dean, Commandant, and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics visit each section of the country. Since these officials meet with cadet candidates in conjunction with Founders Day visits, the policy will also provide better balance to our support of admissions efforts.

Many comments have been received from alumni concerning the "dual track" academic curriculum that was described in the last issue of Assembly. Generally, the reaction has been favorable and supportive of providing an accredited engineering program and allowing greater depth of study by the cadets in either of the two tracks. The groups were unanimous in their support of a strong core curriculum that was the primary major of all cadets, namely to be professional Army officers.

Another recent change that has proven popular and most effective has been the implementation by the Director of Admissions of the Early Action Admissions Plan. This is an innovation that was tried with the Class of 1986 and indications are that it was quite successful. It is a program that allows the highly motivated, well qualified applicant to gain early assurance of appointment. This allows the outstanding student to fully consider the USMA opportunity when deciding between various educational options that may be available. Indications are that a very high percentage of those offered appointments under this plan for the Class of 1986 will report in July.

Concerning the Class of 1986, all indications are that it should be an outstanding group. Record numbers have expressed an interest in becoming members of this year's incoming class. With the enlarged pool of applicants, we have been forced to be very selective in accepting candidates for admission this year. In the areas of academic, athletic, and leadership potential, the Class of 1986 would appear to be one of the most highly qualified in the history of the Military Academy.

The House Armed Services Committee on 5 April approved a request by Department of the Army for the lease with option to purchase Ladycliff College for use by the Military Academy. The New York District, Corps of Engineers, has entered into negotiations with Ladycliff College authorities. Negotiations are expected to be completed by midsummer. Once the lease with option to purchase has been negotiated, the Military Academy will make use of Ladycliff College on a short-term basis. For the long-term, after approval to purchase and funds are obtained from the Congress, it is anticipated that such administrative facilities as the West Point Museum, the Visitors Information Center, the Cadet On-Call Library, the Computer Center and other support functions will move to Ladycliff College to provide additional academic space in the Central Area. Over the last two decades, the Military Academy curriculum has evolved from 48 required courses to one of 30 required courses and a range of 270 electives. This change in curriculum has resulted in a requirement for an additional 141,000 net square feet of academic space and Ladycliff College, which has been vacant for two years, has been determined to be the most cost effective and the most timely option to satisfy these requirements.

The Commandant of Cadets, Brigadier General Joseph P. Franklin, will leave this summer to become the Assistant Division Commander of the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Joe has done a magnificent job in training and inspiring the Corps; he and his lovely wife, Connie, will be sorely missed at West Point. Presidential approval of the new Commandant has not yet been announced but he should be at West Point by mid-June and will have adequate time to absorb General Franklin's experience.

The USMA Chief of Staff, Colonel Harvey H. Perritt Jr., will retire this summer after thirty-two years of service, the last four of which were here at the Military Academy. He, too, will be sorely missed as he has been a superb Chief of Staff for me during my first year as Superintendent and for the three years before that with General Goodpaster. We wish him and his charming wife, Mabel Lee, the very best for the future and give them our warmest thanks for the superb jobs they both did for West Point during the last four years. The new Chief of Staff will be Colonel Ernest E. Cross, USMA 1956. Colonel Cross comes from a broad range of command and staff assignments, the most recent of which was in Germany as the Chief of Staff of the 3rd Armored Division. We look forward to the arrival of the Cross family this summer.

Sincerely,

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MILITARY QUALIFICATION

... A NEW FOUNDATION

INTRODUCTION

This article is intended to introduce the readers of ASSEMBLY to the newly established Military Qualification Standards System. It will begin by briefly discussing the Review of Education and Training for Officers **(RETO) study and the overall Military Qualification Standards (MQS) System—which is a key outgrowth of the RETO study. Finally, the article will specifically address MQS-I, the precommissioning level with which West Point is most concerned, and further discuss the components of MQS-I and the integration of MQS-I into the USMA curriculum.**

IN August of 1977, the Chief of Staff of the Army established the Officer Training and Education Review Group, chaired by Major General Benjamin L. Harrison. The mission of this group was basically threefold:

a. To determine officer training and education requirements, based on Army missions and individual career development needs;

b. To develop training and education policies and programs, based on the requirements, which unified individual, unit and institutional development;

c. To design these programs so they could be implemented in the constrained resource environment of the Army.

The study that was subsequently conducted by General Harrison and his group was entitled *The Review of Education and Training for Officers* (RETO). One major outgrowth of this massive and comprehensive study was the Military Qualification Standards (MQS) System. Essentially, the MQS system was a response to a number of problems identified by the group during the conduct of the study, concerning the way we (the Army) educate and train cadets and officers. Among other problems, it was found that there is no consistent commonality of military skills and knowledge among the various sources of commission—the Baccalaureate Degree is the only truly common commissioning requirement. Additionally, it was determined that, by and large, self-study is not encouraged in the Army and those who are motivated to study on their own, do not know what to study and learn. Furthermore, there is definite redundancy between what is required in pre-commissioning years and the content of basic courses and advanced courses. In fact, it was determined that many skills taught during the resident courses were those skills which would be best learned in the field as part of on-the-job training. In essence, the group found it necessary to clarify the standards for commissioning and officership and to develop a phased education and training schedule from pre-commissioning years through career completion. MQS is an integral part of the overall package and has been, like many other RETO study recommendations, approved for implementation.

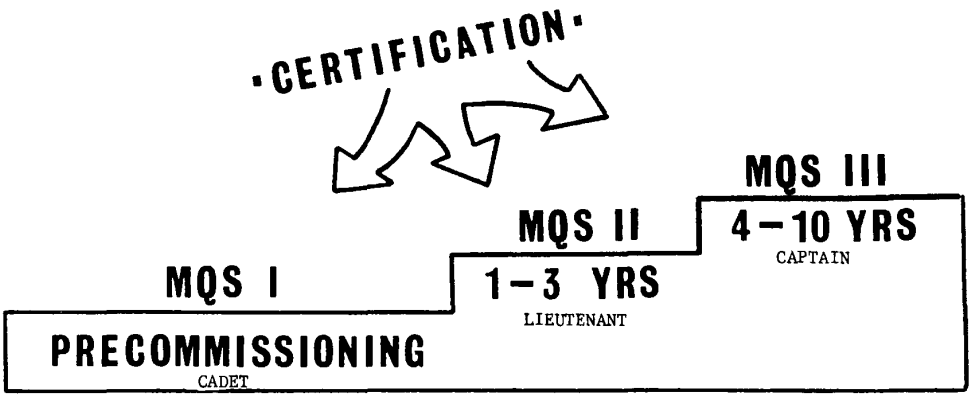
As outlined by the RETO study, the purpose of the MQS system is quite simple. It is to support:

a. The responsibility of the Army to state the skills and knowledge to be learned by all cadets and officers and to provide the wherewithal to learn them;

b. The responsibility of the commander/institution to provide the opportunity, guidance, example and inspiration;

c. The responsibility of the cadet/officer to learn that which is necessary. By design, MQS provides all officers with a uniform system of education and training,

TABLE 1



THE MQS SYSTEM

Note: Essentially, the MQS System creates certain minimum standards for all cadets and officers to meet, regardless of their precommissioning source or branch. By definition, certification is the formal confirmation by the institution or commander that a cadet or an officer has completed or validated—possesses a skill required by MQS—all requirements established by the applicable MQS level and is qualified to move on to a higher level.

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STANDARDS LEVEL I (MQS-I)

by COLONEL FRANK G. WALTON *and* CAPTAIN DANIEL L. LABIN

regardless of their point of entry into service—USMA, ROTC or OCS. The MQS system is a mechanism to ensure that the Army has qualified officers performing the duties required of their branch or specialty at the different grade levels. It is hoped that the outcome of this initiative will be increased competence and professional development for the Army officer, and a strong foundation for the officers career planning goals.

As structured, there are three levels to MQS and each level must be certified. (See Table 1.) As with ROTC and OCS, West Point is most concerned with MQS-I, the precommissioning level, because it directly applies to how we educate and train the Corps of Cadets. Since the focus of MQS-I is military skills and knowledge, the Department of Military Instruction (DMI) has been designated by the USMA Policy Board as the focal point for MQS-I at West Point, responsible for its full and effective implemen-

TABLE 2

I. LEADERSHIP
1. Conduct an Inspection
2. Conduct Drill and Ceremonies
3. Counsel Personnel on Job Performance
4. Counsel Personnel on Personal Problems
5. Counsel Personnel on Disciplinary Matters
6. Plan Unit Meetings and Conferences
7. Conduct a Meeting

II. WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATION
8. Draft Military Correspondence
9. Write an Information/Decision Paper
10. Write an After-Action Report
11. Review Military Correspondence
12. Conduct Briefings

III. OPERATIONS AND TACTICS
13. Prepare Platoon Operations Order
14. Analyze Terrain Using the Five Military Aspects of Terrain
15. Individually Move Under Direct and Indirect Fire
16. React to Flares
17. Plan/Establish Observation Posts (OPs) for Tactical Operations
18. Supervise Construction of Individual Fighting Positions
19. Camouflage Self, Individual Equipment and Position
20. Inspect Unit Camouflage
21. Move Over, Through, or Around Obstacles
22. Call for/Adjust Indirect Fire
23. Prepare Unit Obstacle Plan
24. Organize a Platoon-Sized Combat Support and/or Service
25. Support Unit for Rear Area Defense

IV. LAND NAVIGATION
26. Navigate Using a Map and Compass

V. MILITARY LAW AND JUSTICE
27. Apprehend a Suspected Law or Regulation Violator and Conduct a Search Incident to Apprehension
28. Conduct a Search and Seize Evidence/Contraband
29. Safeguard and Make Disposition of Evidence/Contraband
30. Interview a Witness or Suspect

VI. PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND FIRST AID
31. Evaluate a Casualty
32. Perform Mouth-to-Mouth Resuscitation to an Adult
33. Perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to an Adult Using one-Man Method
34. Clear an Upper Airway Obstruction
35. Administer First Aid to Stop Bleeding from Body Extremity
36. Administer First Aid for Shock
37. Splint a Suspected Fracture
38. Administer First Aid for Burns
39. Administer First Aid to a Nerve Agent Casualty
40. Administer First Aid to a Blood Agent Casualty
41. Administer First Aid to a Blister Agent Casualty
42. Perform Mask-to-Mouth Resuscitation to a Chemical Agent Casualty
43. Perform Back Pressure Armlift Artificial Resuscitation to a Chemical Agent Casualty
44. Treat a Casualty for Frostbite
45. Treat a Casualty for Heat Injuries
46. Conduct Heat Injury Prevention Program
47. Supervise Unit Preventive Medicine/Field Sanitation Activities
48. Conduct Cold Injury Prevention Program

VII. INTERNATIONAL LAW
49. Supervise Processing of Enemy Prisoners of War (EPW) at Unit Level

VIII. PHYSICAL READINESS
50. Establish Physical Readiness Program

IX. WEAPONS
51. Engage Targets with an M16A1 Rifle
52. Engage Targets with a .45 Caliber Pistol
53. Engage Targets with a .38 Caliber Pistol
54. Engage Targets with Hand Grenades
55. Engage Targets with an M72A2 LAW
56. Engage Targets with an M60 Machine Gun
57. Supervise Employment and Disarming of an M18A1 Claymore Mine
58. Supervise Installation of an M21 Antitank Mine

X. MUNITIONS MANAGEMENT
59. Inspect Ammunition for Compliance with Storage, Safety, and Security Regulations

XI. NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL (NBC) DEFENSE TRAINING
60. Prepare for a Nuclear, Biological or Chemical (NBC) Attack
61. Respond to a Nuclear Attack
62. Respond to a Chemical/Biological (CB) Attack

XII. ARMY TRAINING MANAGEMENT
63. Provide Input Concerning the Status of Training
64. Prepare to Conduct Training
65. Conduct Training
66. Evaluate the Conduct of Training

XIII. RADIO AND WIRE COMMUNICATION
67. Transmit/Receive Messages on Platoon/Company Radios
68. Use KTV-1600 Training Communications-Electronics Operation
69. Use Instructions (CEOI) Extract to Determine Call Signs, Frequencies and Item Number Identifiers
70. Use the KTC 1400 to Authenticate Transmissions and Encrypt/Decrypt Numbers and Grid Zone Letters
71. Inspect Installed Squad Radios AN/PRT-4 and AN/PRR-9
72. Inspect a Platoon/Company Radio Set AN/PRC-77
73. Enforce Platoon/Company Level Communicative Security (COMSEC) Measures
74. Inspect Telephone Set TA 301/PT or TA-1/PT
75. Inspect a Squad/Platoon Switchboard SB-993/GT

MQS-I—MILITARY SKILLS PORTION

Note: This table reflects those skills under the Military Task Component that must be learned and certified prior to commissioning from USMA.

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TABLE 3

1. Leadership
2. Ethics and Professionalism
3. Customs and Traditions of the Service
4. The Principles of War
5. The Law of War
6. Role of the U.S. Army
7. Role of the U.S. Army Reserve
8. Role of the U.S. Army National Guard
9. Organization of the U.S. Army
10. Branches of the U.S. Army
11. Command and Staff Functions
12. Role of the Noncommissioned Officer
13. Military Justice
14. U.S. Army Personnel Management System
15. U.S. Army Training Management
16. U.S. Army Logistics System
17. Post and Installation Support
18. Intelligence and Combat Information
19. Soviet Army

MQS-I—PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE (PK) SUBJECTS

tation. This responsibility by no means suggests that only subjects taught by DMI are MQS related. All instructional departments at West Point contribute to and share in this responsibility.

As with the other levels of MQS, the MQS-I program has two basic components: the Military Task Component and the Professional Military Education Component. The Military Task Component consists of two parts: a military skills portion and a set of professional knowledge subjects. (See Tables 2 and 3). Under MQS-I, the Military Task Component delineates the specific skills and knowledge requirements common to all new lieutenants, regardless of branch or specialty. All cadets must receive training in the 13 major skill groups (and their 75 sub-areas) depicted in Table 2 and develop a broad range of knowledge in 19 other professional knowledge subjects as shown in Table 3. However, careful analysis of the Military Task Component reveals that these major groups and subjects represent only the tip of the iceberg in terms of what the cadets must accomplish. In this respect, DMI is working to identify the specific training objectives (Tasks, Conditions and Standards) within each major group and the knowledge which each cadet must certify prior to graduation. In the final analysis, literally hundreds of tasks will have to be learned and certified—through examination—prior to commissioning. It is DMI's role to ensure that cadets know the skills and knowledge to be learned and to develop a training and education program that will provide the best possible opportunity to certify MQS-I requirements. Defining the dimensions of the Military Task Component is just the first step in the integration of MQS-I into the USMA curriculum—a subject which will be discussed in more detail later in this article.

The second component of the MQS-I program is Professional Military Education. This component is designed to give the cadet the academic foundation necessary to sustain and support continued intellectual growth in judgment, knowledge and conceptual abilities. This foundation does not vary from branch to branch or even between specialties. It is the basic education that the Army feels all officers need to help them perform at higher levels of responsibility.

In terms of Professional Military Education, the Army has specified five course areas that must be covered as the cadet/officer obtains the required Baccalaureate Degree. (See Table 4). The first course area deals with written communicative skills. Here the cadet/officer is expected to develop the ability to communicate effectively in writing. To accomplish this, the cadet/officer must take courses in composition, creative writing or linguistics. This area has direct relevance to the officer's career, since a great deal of the officer's work will demand effective writing ability.

The second area of study is human behavior. Here the cadet/officer is required to take courses in psychology, sociology or ethics in order to better understand the nature of effective command and human interaction. In addition, military history is also a requisite area for the cadet/officer. A clear understanding of the evolution of warfare and military theory and a grasp of the lessons to be learned from military history are key and essential ingredients to officership.

The fourth area of study—Management—can be particularly important to the new officer in today's logistics-dependent military. The cadet/officer studies and is expected to begin to understand the principles of management through courses concentrating in areas such as decision-making, industrial management and management science. Ending the list of study areas required under the Professional Military Education Component is national security policy. Each cadet/officer must begin to build an understanding of how U.S. security and defense policies are formulated and executed. This requirement can now be met by taking a course dealing with national strategy, security affairs and/or international relations.

With respect to the integration of MQS-I into the West Point curriculum, neither sweeping nor radical changes are anticipated. Evolutionary, rather than revolutionary, measures will be necessitated. In fact, much of what cadets are expected to learn under MQS-I is already included in the curriculum. However, as with all innovations, refinements and modifications over the next few years are both necessary and inevitable if MQS-I is to be effectively and efficiently integrated into the present Four-Year Military Instruction Program (FYMIP).

As mentioned above in discussing the Military Task Component, defining the dimensions of MQS-I is only the first step in the integration of MQS-I into the curriculum. Just as important as identifying the specific requirements of MQS-I, a review of the present Military Science (MS) curriculum is being conducted to pinpoint those MQS-I standards which are not included in the FYMIP; those which are not taught to standards; and/or those taught to standard but not tested. After the review is completed, DMI will coordinate and oversee the changes necessary to ensure that all MQS-I requirements are included in the curriculum and known to the Corps. Although some changes will be more complex and time consuming to implement than others, it is DMI's goal to have the integration of MQS-I completed by Academic Year 84-85.

Of course, when addressing MQS-I in-

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TABLE 4

MQS-1—THE PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION COMPONENT

1. Written Communications
2. Human Behavior (Psychology)
3. Military History
4. Management
5. National Security Policy

Note: The Baccalaureate degree and a college course in each of the 5 areas listed above are requirements under this component. It is not mandatory that all required courses be completed during MQS-I, but all must be completed by the end of MQS-III.

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Most graduates and friends of the Military Academy can vividly remember pleasant visits to the USMA Library—an afternoon of doing some reading for pleasure or an evening of perusing some research project of particular interest. Many graduates gained inspiration through review of documents pertaining to the history of the U.S. Army, papers that included personal notes and recollections of graduates of the Military Academy who influenced national history. A walk through the new library tells you today that it is still at the heart of the academic program and, as the Academy has moved towards academic areas of concentration, the importance of the library has grown.

Recognizing the impact of a quality library on Academy activities, a group of interested graduates and associates proposed and received approval from the Superintendent to form a private association dedicated to the support of the Library. On 19 February, a pilot group of 21 persons met at West Point to organize the Friends of the West Point Library, to ratify a constitution and to elect the following officers to begin the activities of the organization: General (Retired) William A. Knowlton, USMA, Jan '43, Councilor and Chairman; BG (Retired) Douglas Kinnard, USMA, 1944, Councilor and Vice Chairman; Dr. Charity Willard, Councilor and Secretary-Treasurer; MG (Retired) Edmund C. R. Lasher, USMA, 1929, Councilor; Mr. Robert Wohlforth, USMA, 1927, Councilor; COL Paul L. Miles, Jr., Department of History, USMA, 1960, Councilor; COL (Retired) Roger H. Nye, USMA, 1946, Councilor. Three of the ten Council positions remain to be filled.

The aim of the Friends is to obtain original source printed and manuscript material for West Point, doing this directly by fastening an intimate acquaintance between the West Point Library, and West Pointers and other sympathetic individuals who can contribute to the library's betterment and enhancement. The Friends seek to act as a bridge between the USMA Library and the many individuals who are interested in its activities. Through a semiannual newsletter the Council of Friends will inform fellow members of new acquisitions by the library, changed emphasis in collection goals and other information pertaining to the operation of the library. At the same time, the library needs in special collections, books, manuscripts, maps and other graphic material will be identified in the hope that graduates will consider offering all or part of their personal collections to the library. Because there is simply not enough space for the USMA Library to accept all materials that might be offered to it, the Friends may also serve as a vehicle for explaining to potential donors both the limitations and the specific needs of the library.

The objective of the Friends is not the solicitation of funds for support of library activities, and in this respect, it is in no way in competition with the West Point Fund. Graduates desiring to make gifts to the Library have always been able to do so through the West Point Fund by designating specific bequests to the library. The Friends do not propose to interfere in this already functioning procedure.

We anticipate that membership of the Friends will grow to include all persons who have an enthusiastic regard for both the Academy and the printed page. Members will receive the Newsletter, and at some future point the Friends hope to produce a publication containing scholarly articles by Academy faculty members. The Friends will meet annually in the Fall at West Point, and each meeting will be tied to either a luncheon or a dinner followed by a briefing on the current activities of the library. Consideration is also being given to a Spring meeting. To support the publication of the Newsletter, members are asked to pay an annual $10 dues fee. Those interested in becoming members are encouraged to send their name, address and dues to: Secretary, Friends of the West Point Library, P.O. Box 87, West Point, NY 10996.

Anyone with suggestions concerning betterment of the library should also forward them to the Chairman, Friends of the West Point Library at the same address.

Recognizing the words of Tasso, "No institution of learning is greater than its library," the Friends will offer to the Academy, its alumni and its friends a unique opportunity to contribute to the improvement of this central academic facility.

TOP LEFT: USMA Library circa 1930. BOTTOM LEFT: Present USMA Library. RIGHT: Oldest USMA Library, built in 1841.

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The New Chemistry

The March 1982 ASSEMBLY contained an article on the new USMA dual track curriculum which was recently implemented beginning with the Class of 1985. This is the first in a series of follow-on articles by various academic departments which will summarize the impact of the revised curriculum and update the reader on the current trends within these departments.

One of the major features of the new curriculum was the change of the core Chemistry course from a one semester yearling course to a two semester plebe course. Many graduates will recall taking two semesters of Chemistry in yearling year but in 1978, in conjunction with a previous curriculum revision, this course was reduced to one semester requiring four attendances per week. While the sixty-two attendances still allowed adequate coverage of basic general Chemistry principles, some practical aspects of Chemistry were eliminated. In addition, the laboratory program had to be reduced. When the "tracking" concept of the 1985 Curriculum was studied, it was recommended that at the end of plebe year cadets select either the mathematics-science-engineering (MSE) track or the humanities-public affairs (HPA) track. In order to give plebes some experience in a basic science and strengthen the MSE portion of the core curriculum, Chemistry was expanded to two semesters (40 attendances per semester) and advanced to plebe year. It should be noted that the total number of lessons only changes from sixty-two to eighty and that the additional eighteen lessons are being used primarily to broaden and enhance the laboratory program.

The two year transition to the new curriculum placed a severe strain on the resources of the Chemistry Department both in terms of faculty and facilities. With the previous curriculum, the Department faculty strength of twenty-three was adequate to support the chemistry elective program and to teach the core course to half the yearlings in the first semester and the other half in the second semester (approximately 600 cadets per semester). With the 1985 Curriculum, the Department faculty strength will increase in order to teach the approximately 1400 cadets during the entire plebe year. In the first transition year, which was just completed, the Department not only taught the one semester course to yearlings (Class of 1984) but also taught the new two semester course to about two-thirds of the plebes (Class of 1985). To accommodate the overload, the yearling course was conducted in a lecture hall format with approximately 200 cadets per class. During the second and final transition year (AY 82-83), the Department must teach the other third of the Class of 1985 as well as the entire Class of 1986. To do this, the number of cadets per section will be increased to approximately 20 (as was done this past year for the Class of 1985). In AY 83-84 we will be back on track with 16 cadets per section for the Class of 1987. In that academic year it is also planned to offer an advanced version of the core chemistry course to cadets with a strong chemistry background.

For those cadets who desire to extend their study of Chemistry beyond the core Chemistry course, the Department offers a variety of electives which support both the Chemistry and Basic Science Fields. These courses are shown in Table 1. The most popular elective, Organic Chemistry, consists of two sequential courses which, except for a somewhat reduced laboratory program, are quite comparable to the Organic Chemistry courses taught at most other institutions. They include a compre-

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TABLE 1

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Course List

CORE: General Chemistry*

Electives:

- **Organic Chemistry***
- **Physical Chemistry***
- **Instrumental Methods of Analysis**
- **Biochemistry**
- **Introduction to Chemical Engineering Analysis and Design**
- **Modern Topics in Chemistry**
- **Human Biology***
- **Advanced Individual Study in Chemistry**

***Two semester sequence**

COL Wilford J. Hoff, Professor of Chemistry, instructing Cadets.

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Curriculum

by COL JAMES H. RAMSDEN *and* LTC HARRY G. RENNAGEL

hensive study of the nature, preparation and reactions of carbon compounds while stressing the relationship of structure to chemical reactivity. Laboratory experiments emphasize syntheses and qualitative and instrumental analysis. Enrollment in Organic Chemistry averages seventy to eighty cadets per year.

The two semester Physical Chemistry sequence is an extremely challenging course addressing the standard topics in classical Physical Chemistry, such as thermodynamics and statistical mechanics, as well as an introduction to quantum mechanics and spectroscopy. The laboratory program illustrates fundamental topics and includes experiments to explain observed phenomena. Enrollment for Physical Chemistry is thirty to forty cadets. The Human Biology course forms the third set of sequential electives in the Department of Chemistry. This course develops the fundamental principles of human structure and functions, to include elements of cell morphology and functions, human anatomy and physiology. A limited laboratory program focusing on animal dissections, including some live tissue work, is incorporated into the course. Course enrollment in recent years has averaged sixty-five cadets. Both Organic Chemistry and Human Biology are mandatory courses for those cadets aspiring to become doctors under the medical school program. This highly competitive and eminently successful program, begun in 1971, now permits up to two percent of each class to go directly to medical school upon graduation from West Point.

Instrumental Methods of Analysis, Biochemistry, and Modern Topics in Chemistry are one semester electives soon to be joined in the spring of AY 82-83 by an elective in Chemical Engineering. The Biochemistry course with its thirty to forty cadets addresses biomolecules, biosystems and the energy processes which occur within living organisms. Instrumental Methods of Analysis is primarily a laboratory course designed to develop proficiency in the selection and use of modern instrumental methods to solve real chemical analysis problems. Analytical methods utilized include various spectroscopic techniques, gas and liquid chromatography, X-ray methods, and electrochemical procedures. The value and scope of this course are greatly enhanced by the outstanding support provided to the Department by the USMA Science Research Laboratory (SRL). Not only is special SRL equipment made available to the course, but SRL research officers teach selected blocks of instruction in this elective. Course enrollment has varied between twenty and thirty-five students. The Modern Topics in Chemistry course addresses either inorganic or polymer chemistry, with the topic dependent upon the expertise available in the Department. The Introduction to Chemical Engineering Analysis and Design course will treat such topics as mass and energy balances, transport phenomena, chemical kinetics and reactor design. Case study design problems will expose the student to contemporary problems involving energy, pollution, conservation and the environment. USMA is currently seeking accreditation by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) for a number of engineering tracks recently developed in the mathematics-science-engineering field. One of the proposed tracks is engineering science, which will include an engineering chemistry option. The cornerstone of the engineering chemistry option will be the proposed chemical engineering course.

For those cadets who desire to perfect their laboratory skills while performing significant research, the Department offers a one year elective, Advanced Individual Study in Chemistry. The course involves individually supervised research in which the cadet selects the research problem, (subject to approval by the Head of the Department), develops the experimental approach, assembles the equipment, and conducts the investigation. A research paper describing the results is submitted by the cadet at the end of the year.

It is anticipated that because of specialized laboratories, the Department will remain in Bartlett Hall for the foreseeable future. As a result of the 1985 Curriculum and the need to modernize existing Chem-

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Founders Day 1982

Founders Day Range 10 Grafenwohr

Here's a Founders Day dinner conducted at Range 10 Grafenwohr, Germany, for members of 3d Battalion 64th Armor, while we were fielding our new M1 tanks. In attendance from the battalion were, with dinner in hand (C-rations): Len Grasso '75, Keith Hoffman '78, John Bartley '76, Mike Davison '64, Dick Ott '79, Glen Webster '74 and Russ Hrdy '81.

It has been a long hard cold winter. The battalion began training 15 January with the first company at Vilseck. It was —20° for a week. The last company returned from its 3-day field exercise in Hohenfels on 22 March. Each company went through 40 days of training on the new tank to include firing a qualification gunnery course prior to the 90 km road march to Hohenfels for maneuver training. Would you believe a road march at 40 mph?—A great tank which revitalizes the role of Armor and offensive action in the European scenario.—Davison '64

FOUNDERS DAY MESSAGE FROM OLDEST GRADUATE

"Greetings to all living graduates of West Point from Lane, Class of 1905, the oldest of your number.

"Old graduates sometimes have undeserved reputations for being unduly critical of their Alma Mater. So I hasten to say that I am not one of the graduates who thinks that West Point has gone to hell. On the contrary, I feel that in some respects it is a better institution than it was when I was a cadet. For example, I wish that the present curriculum or its equivalent had been in effect during the first years of this century.

"West Point now has problems and difficulties that did not exist 70 or 80 years ago, but I am satisfied that all possible remedial actions have been or will be taken. In this connection I suggest that if you have not already done so, you read the Superintendent's letter in the December issue of ASSEMBLY.

"I can only wonder about the effect of the great increase in the size of the classes. The graduates in my Class of 1905 numbered 114, but the Class of 1981 had 946. This is a very close approximation to the total of the first 35 classes. What a contrast!

"I doubt that recent graduates have much interest in the memories of old timers but I will take a chance. A parade for the brother of the German emperor required considerable preparation. Mules were used after a heavy snowstorm to drag rollers over the east side of the parade ground. I still have great respect for the Army mule, although of late he hasn't been very good as a mascot. Perhaps my most cherished memory is that while I was a cadet, I saw our football team beat the midshipmen in four successive games. Believe it or not."

West Point Society of DC

The annual Founders Day Dinner, held 19 March at the Bolling AFB Officers Club, featured USMA Superintendent, LTG Willard W. Scott Jr., '48 as guest of honor and principal speaker for the evening.

In a light-hearted message, General Scott assured all that "the Corps hasn't gone to Hell—plebes now have 20 days leave at Christmas, just as you did." Despite the changes, he said, discipline is still good.

Reminiscing about his visits to other Society dinners, Scott said one oldest graduate allowed that he was tired of being perpetually in that position at Founders Day—until he considered the alternative.

Another member said he didn't mind so much getting beat at tennis, but it hurt when the opponents were an 80-year-old and his pregnant daughter.

Speaking of women at USMA, as many are, Scott said, they are doing quite well. One young lady, sent out at Thanksgiving to explain West Point to local high schools, was assaulted by two young men. She broke the arm of one and wouldn't let him move until the police arrived. The other is still running so far as anyone knows.

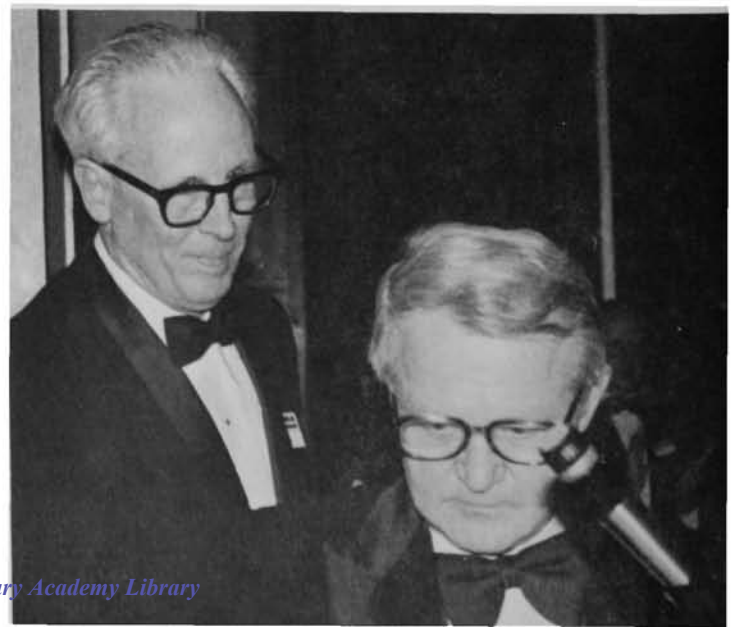
Boxing and self-defense are still taught at West Point, the Supe said.

West Point's mission remains one of educating, training and inspiring young men and women so that they develop attributes for a progressive career as officers in the Army. In doing this, General Scott pointed out, some 60 percent of the available time is devoted to education; 40 percent to training. Not all cadets take the same curriculum now, he said. Plebes are counseled in April and allowed to choose one of 12 major courses of study. All take the 31 core subjects, but may select the others. Basically, though, the cadet follows a "numbers cruncher" or a "poets and lovers" course, in cadet parlance. All get a broad education Scott avered.

Pointing out that West Point needs help in telling youngsters of the many advantages of an education there, Scott said, "We need young people who are

Founders Day Grafenwohr 1982.

Walter B. Russell Jr. '51 after receiving the Ben Castle Award, presented by LTG Frank A. Camm '43.



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& News From the Societies

motivated. We are interested in a whole person who will make a great Army officer. Duty, honor and service to country are important to us."

The Society of D.C.'s prestigious annual Ben Castle Award was presented to Walter B. Russell Jr. '51 by Society Vice President LTG Frank A. Camm '43, for "his exceptional combat record . . . his remarkable record of achievement and high service to others." Camm pointed out that Walt Russell was one of those strong breed of Infantrymen who led the way on the famous Pork Chop Hill in Korea.

Later, as an Army aviator, Russell commanded an Aviation Battalion of the pioneering 11th Air Assault Division. In 1965, in Vietnam, during an air mobile operation of the 1st Cavalry Division, Russell's promising military career was ended by Viet Cong bullets. Despite a unanimous assessment by his doctors that a return to a self-sustaining useful life was not feasible, Walt, aided by his wife and four children, achieved rehabilitation and a life of outstanding civilian service. At Emory Law School he was president of the Student Bar Association. He opened his own law office and entered politics. He served three terms as a State Representative and was Chairman of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners. He chaired a group fighting drug use and is active in numerous other community groups.

"Walt Russell's achievements demonstrate unusual competence, commitment, courage, will and exceptional character," Camm said. "He is an inspiring example and source of pride to all. His remarkable service to country and community exemplify to an extraordinary degree the West Point ideals of Duty, Honor and Country."—M.L. Wilson '46

West Point Society of Columbus and Fort Benning

The Society continues in the truest of Infantry fashion to lead the way in developing programs to meet the needs of the local graduates, young and not so young. The Board of Directors has been working steadily over the past eight months to upgrade the service to the Chattahoochee area grads and friends. The social program has added recruiting to the card, inviting local high school students and families to attend outings with the Society members to talk about the Academy as a college option. Major Carl E. Linke '70 has devoted considerable time in getting the recruiting effort off the ground. Gil Stephenson '50 has promoted the many programs from his new seat as Director of the JROTC activities in the area. The benefits are beginning to show with an increase in the number of students requesting assistance in preparing applications for the Academy.

The 1982 Founders Day celebration was a hugh success at Fort Benning this year. The evening was filled with a new program featuring Old Corps skits, compliments of the Class of '66 (Mr. Darryl Magee and Dr. Tory Wilson), Class of '72 (Mr. Brian Travis and CPT Bruce Moore) and the Class of '78 (CPT Bob Clayton and CPT Frank Lesieur). The Society President, Tom Tarpley '44, then opened the floor for the Plebe Poop Challenge match. This year the outcome was "no contest," but Best Plebe honors went to the Class of '81 for their performance. COL (Ret) Earl Holton '36, and 2LT John Hennessey provided the comments as the oldest and youngest graduates attending the dinner. Re-blued once again with the singing of the Alma Mater, the dancing went on into the night. Looking beyond the annual Founders Day and into the summer months, the Society is looking at a summer picnic for the local cadets home on leave and those students preparing to attend West Point, entering as members of the Class of 1986.—Linke '70

West Point Society of Thailand

The Society celebrated the 180th Anniversary of Founders Day on 12 March, at the headquarters of the Royal Thai Army's First Division (The King's Guards). The Commanding General of the First Division (The King's Guards) is Major General Pichitr Kullavanijaya, Class of 1958.

The oldest grad attending was Colonel (Ret) Chuanchuen Kamphu, Class of 1932. Youngest grad was US Army Captain Jack Frink, Class of 1972, currently stationed at JUSMAG Thailand in Bangkok.

The featured speaker at Founders Day in Thailand was the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Army, General Prayuth Charumanee.

Fourteen West Pointers, including 5 Thais, 8 Americans, and the current Philippine Ambassador to Thailand, LTG (Ret) Rafael Ileto, Class of June 1943, joined in singing the traditional songs and making appropriate toasts, and observing other festivities and formalities.

Last year's Founders Day celebrations were held at the residence in Bangkok of Colonel Richard L. Weaver, Class of 1954. Colonel Weaver is stationed in Thailand as Chief, JUSMAG Thailand.—Hatcher '68.

West Point Society of Philadelphia

The Society held their 5th Annual Founders Day Dinner-Dance on 13 March 82, at Valley Forge Military Academy and

BG Frederick S. Strong Jr. '10, oldest grad at Columbus, Ohio, Founders Day.

West Point Society of Minnesota Founders Day dinner: Conlin '46, Cadet Scott Torgerson '82, Don Torgerson—Parents' Club of Minnesota.

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General James R. Allen '48, CINC MAC, Guest Speaker, Founders Day, and at left, Heisler '67, VP West Point Society of St. Louis.

Ed Meese III, Guest Speaker, BG Franklin, Commandant of Cadets, Cadets Williams and Walker, co-captains Army Football Team, at Founders Day West Point Society of New York.

Junior College, Wayne, Pennsylvania. More than 185 graduates, parents of cadets, and friends of West Point filled Eisenhower Hall to celebrate the 180th Anniversary of the founding of USMA. Valley Forge cadet trumpeters and waiters added to this outstanding event which featured LTG Joseph K. Bratton '48, Chief, Corps of Engineers, as the guest speaker, and talks from Lewis Stone Sorley Jr., '19, as the oldest graduate present, and Kevin G. Conlon '81, as the youngest graduate present. The program also featured the announcement of the coming year's officers and Board of Governors with: Randall W. Bell '59, President; Martin L. Thomas '59, Vice-President; Robert D. Marcinkowski '60, Secretary; Alfred L. Griebling '50, Treasurer; Bruno A. Giordano '51, William E. Murphy III '57, Fitzhugh H. Chandler '59, and Matthew J. Belford '73 as members with terms ending in 1983; Edward B. Wilford III '49, Edward M. Knoff '54, Ronald J. Naples '67, and William G. Lord '71 as members with terms ending in 1984; and Robert E. Klein '60, I. Shane Olshansky Ex-'61, John A. Guernsey '69, and Gary R. Miller '74 as members with terms ending in 1985.

Joining in the celebration were LTG Willard Pearson, Superintendent of Valley Forge Military Academy and Junior College, and Mrs. Pearson.

Perhaps the best feature of the evening was the camaraderie and chance to renew old friendships while meeting others who share in the common interest of continuing support to West Point.—Marcinkowski '60.

West Point Society of Wisconsin

125 Graduates and guests attended the 180th Founders Day dinner in Milwaukee on 15 March. Sponsored by the West Point Society of Wisconsin, the event, held at the War Memorial Center, was highlighted by the address of General Edward C. Meyer '51, Chief of Staff United States Army. Colonel Lester L. Kunish '31 dignified the gathering with his remarks as the "oldest grad" present. The youngest grad, Captain Mike Cantrell '76, spiced his remarks with original humor but still maintained his purpose in asserting that the Corps "has not gone"!

President Charles N. Wallens '51 welcomed not only grads living in Wisconsin but representatives of the Wisconsin National Guard, the 84th Training Division (Reserve), West Point Liaison Officers, the West Point Parents Club of Wisconsin, and 5 members of the Class of '86. The cadet candidates, all of whom had already accepted nominations, included two women and three male Corps squad football potentials.

General Meyer's remarks concerning the status of the Army and today's graduates of USMA were well received by the audience. He provided a sincere report on recruiting, equipment, organization and morale to a group that seldom has the opportunity to obtain concrete first hand reports.

Responding for the National Guard and Reserve Officer Components was LTC William B. French, USAR Retired, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Fifth Army North. It was truly an excellent example of the "One Army" concept with a West Point flavor. Commendable comments have been received from all elements and recommendations for more activities with Guard and Reserve components have been suggested to the officers of the Wisconsin Society. Wallens also announced that the Wisconsin Society is joining the Chicago Society in a coordinated effort at upgrading the quality of recruiting efforts and identifying and interesting young men and women toward entering USMA and pursuing an Army career.

I am sorry to report that W. Fritz Breidster '23 died on 3 April 1982. Fritz was a most active and enthusiastic member of the Wisconsin Society. For years he had addressed us as the "oldest graduate" on Founders Day. He will be missed by all those who had the opportunity to know him. Fritz was buried with full military honors in Milwaukee, WI, on 6 April 1982.—Wallens '51.

West Point Society of St. Louis

On 20 March, the Society held its annual Founders Day dinner at the Missouri Athletic Club.

Following dinner and the customary toasts, Tom Heisler, '67, President, reported that through the efforts of all the members, assisted by the AOG roster, membership had increased by 20% during the year to 60 graduates. He also announced that the Army-Missouri Game would be played at Missouri again this year, and that a bus trip/tailgate party would once again be on the calendar of events for the year, in addition to the annual Army-Navy game party and the Founders Day dinner. The fourth activity for the year has not yet been determined. Suggestions from other Societies would be welcomed.

Tom thanked the general membership for their support over the last year with special thanks to: Len Griggs '54, Vice President; Joe Martinez '45, Vice-President; Bill Watson '43, Secretary; and Myles Crowe '68, Treasurer. A special thank you was given to Joe and Yolanda Martinez and Kathy and Butch Unwin for their efforts on planning and decorating.

Myles Crowe '68 gave an enlightening Financial Report which pointed out the need for a possible dues increase in the coming year, to cover ever-increasing costs of postage as well as Admissions Office support activities.

Dick Fitzgerald '49, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of officers for 1982-83. All nominees were immediately elected by acclaim.

The officers for the next year are:

Len Griggs '54, President

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Thailand, Founders Day: 1st Row: Sookmark '58, Claewplodtook '64, Kamphu '32, Charumanee, Suriya '37, Ileto Jun '43, Kullavanijaya '58, Frink '72, Shaw '62; 2d Row: Barr '45, Brinkman '64, Hatcher '68, Eiland '61, Weaver '54, and McQuillen '60.

Joe Martinez '45, Vice President and Admissions Liaison
Bill Watson '43, Vice-President
Dick Fitzgerald '49, Secretary
Myles Crowe '68, Treasurer

Oldest and Youngest Grad talks were given by George Sloan '37 and Al Magee '72.

The Guest Speaker for the evening was General James R. Allen '48, Commander in Chief, Military Airlift Command. General Allen spoke on the state of our National Defense. His talk was informative and enjoyable.

Newly elected President, Len Griggs, then took the podium and thanked General Allen for his remarks and the members for their support.

Jim Carroll led the group in the singing of the Alma Mater which concluded the evening. All present had a memorable time.—Heisler '67.

West Point Society of Orange County

The Society held its annual Founders Day Dinner-Dance on 13 March 1982. The 113 attendees represented our largest gathering in the six year history of our Society, as our membership has increased eightfold during this period.

An unexpected appearance by the Cadet Glee Club's Barbershop Quartet was the highlight of the evening's entertainment. The vivacious performance of the four young men brought the audience to their feet clamoring for several encores. The arrival of the quartet was made possible through the efforts of BG George Robertson, Commander, MX Program Agency, whose son is a First Classman at West Point and a member of the quartet.

Our honored guest and speaker for the evening was BG Joseph P. Franklin, Commandant, USCC. General Franklin's "State of the Corps" address provided an important message to all our society members. The brief question and answer period following his prepared remarks was lively, often humorous, and very informative. The society is very appreciative of General Franklin's support of our program.

A list of our Board of Governors and officers for the coming year follows:

Term of March 1980-1983

James Walkenbach '69
Dan Carter '58
Bud Henry ZAC for Liaison Officer Prog
Jim Kenady '69
Fred Rice '60

Term of March 1981-1984

Ian Carter '64
Tony Forster '58
Paul Weber '59
John Harms '69
Tom Mesereau '43

Term of March 1982-1985

Robert Miske '75
William Taylor '69
John Spiezia '71
Jim Spence '52
David Rosenblum '70

Officers

Tom Mesereau—President
John Harms—Vice President
William Taylor—Secretary-Treasurer

—Harms '69

West Point Society of New York

Football, oil prospecting, the United Nations, West Point. . . . What do all these have in common? Each was the thought-provoking subject of a guest speaker at recent luncheons of the West Point Society of New York. Coach Cavanaugh, Ambassador Jean Kirkpatrick, Generel Meyer—these were a few of the visitors who made our affairs memorable. We mustered over 200 attendees for some

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West Point Society of Columbia, SC, Founders Day: Scott '48, Guest Speaker; Akers '51, host; Kean '48, President of the Society.

Founders Day Ellsworth Air Force Base: Young '58, Brier '41, Durkin '58, Van Sickle '38, Bottoms '55, Moe Jun '43, Horton '62, Wallace '46, Schaerti '79, and Swenson '38.

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PLEBE LIFE 1918

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following edited extracts from Chapter II, taken from book entitled Wagon Soldier **written by BG William W. Ford, USMA 1920, describes life of a cadet during the turbulent times of World War I and immediately thereafter, when rapid changes were made at USMA. A later issue of ASSEMBLY will include extracts from Chapter III, which continues this description. (Published with permission of copyright owner—Brigadier General William W. Ford.** Wagon Soldier **is a limited private publication by General Ford and copies may be obtained from him at 248 New Turnpike, West Redding, Connecticut 06896 at $10.00 a copy ppd.)**

This chapter consists mainly of slightly edited extracts from an account written by Cadet William W. Ford at West Point in 1918–19. Certain comments, in italics, by the author sixty years later are included. The account begins as of 9:30 a.m. on 14 June 1918, and the new cadets are reporting for admission.

We stand in line for hours before the Treasurer's Office, waiting our turn to sign up and turn in our money. This must be a peculiar place; no money required. I see Carey and Stratton, also Davis, T.E., whom I knew at the University of Virginia. There are no cadets in sight. We wonder! What means this ominous silence? We josh each other to steady our nerves.

After a time we have all signed up, and are formed in squads of twelve and marched through a sallyport (archway) into a courtyard. As soon as we cross this dividing line between freedom and future we are beset by an immaculately clad cadet officer who possesses a remarkable faculty for giving twenty commands at once.

"Halt! Put down your suitcases! Stand up! Get your shoulders back! Pull your hats down over your eyes! Roll down the cuffs of your trousers!

"Mine are sewed," (this from me).

"WHAT! You put a 'sir' on everything you say around here, do you get that? Repeat that statement, with a 'sir' after each word!"

"My, sir, trousers, sir, cuffs, sir, are, sir, sewed, sir, down, sir, sir!"

"Well, rip them off, pull 'em down. I don't care if they are riveted on. Who are you anyway?"

"Ford" . . . "SIR!"

"You're Mister Ford around here, do you get that? Keep your eyes off me, do you think I want to know you?"

"No, sir."

"You're right. I don't. Now, you go from here to the cadet officer at the first desk there, and then salute and report in the following manner: 'Sir, New Cadet Dumbfunny reports as ordered, sir.' Double time, MARCH!"

I go over to report. "Sir, New Cadet Ford reports as ordered, sir."

"Well, stand up! Any previous military training?"

"No, sir—er—beg pardon, sir. Yes, sir."

"You don't beg anyone's pardon around here, do you get that, Mr. Ducrot?"

"My name's not Ducrot, sir, it's Ford, sir."

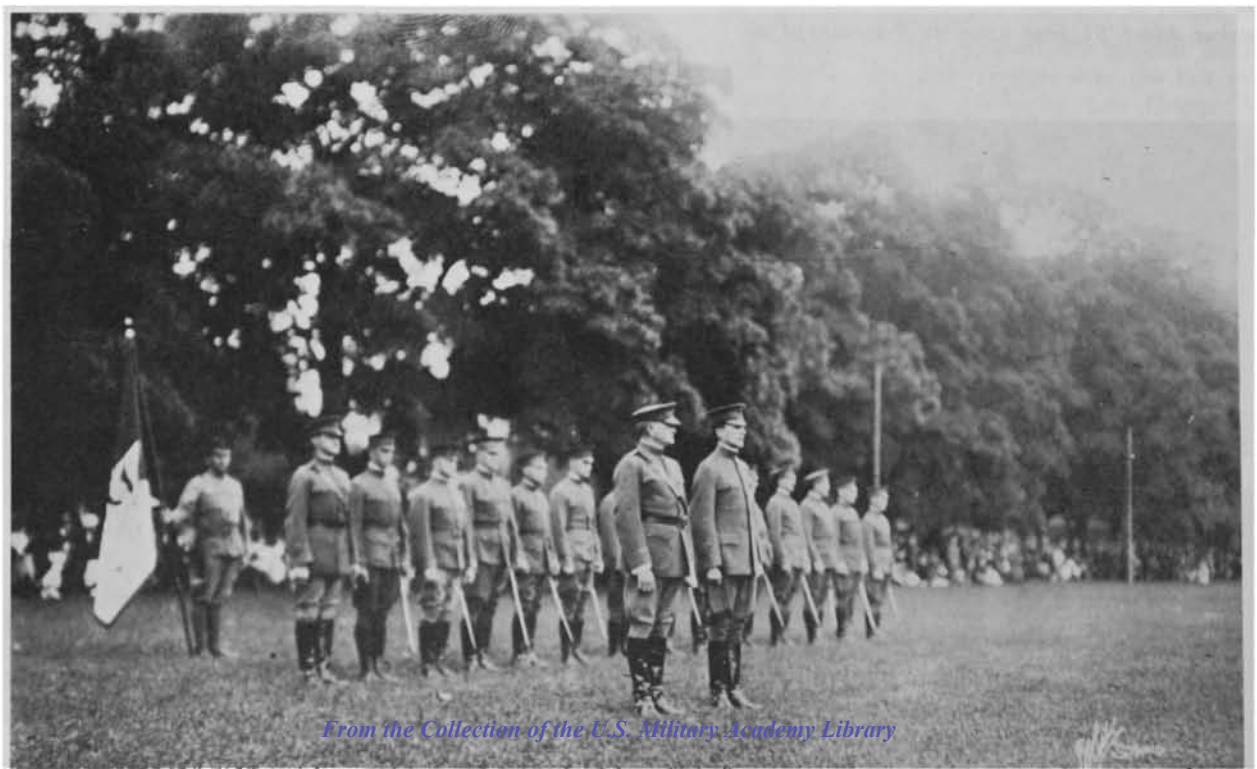
"I don't care a hang if it's Dumbjohn, I don't want to know you. Stand up, Mr. Dumbsquirt, stand up all over! You're the most B.J. plebe I've seen!"

"Sir?"

"Shut UP! Mr. Dumbfunny, you'll be found cold before Christmas. Beat it! . . . BEAT IT!!"

The language of the place is different from either English or American. I am

Generals Pershing and MacArthur reviewing the Corps, 1920.



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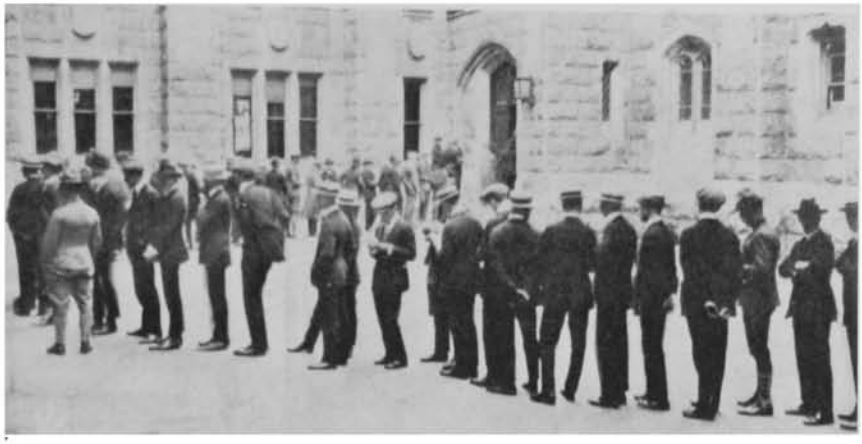


Class of 1920 entering, 14 June 1918.

astounded by the variety of names by which I am called. I gather, though, that I am not causing much enthusiasm by my arrival.

The three weeks of "beast barracks" which followed will forever remain fresh in my memory. Reveille was at 5:30 but we followed the advice given us by one of the men who said that three o'clock was a "good time to get up." We would probably have resigned and gone home, every one of us, had we been given time to think matters over. We did no thinking, however, except to meet the difficulties we ran up against. The affairs of next month, of next week, or of the morrow were too remote to merit consideration.

Promptly upon arrival we began to draw our equipment. Long lines of shaking plebes fed slowly into the door of the cadet store, whence they presently emerged singly, piled high with mattresses, buckets, blankets, clothes-bags, shoes, and the thousand and one other articles which go to make up a cadet's equipment. We were required to move always at the double, and these human caravans must have looked extremely comical—to an outsider. The humor of the situation was lost on me.

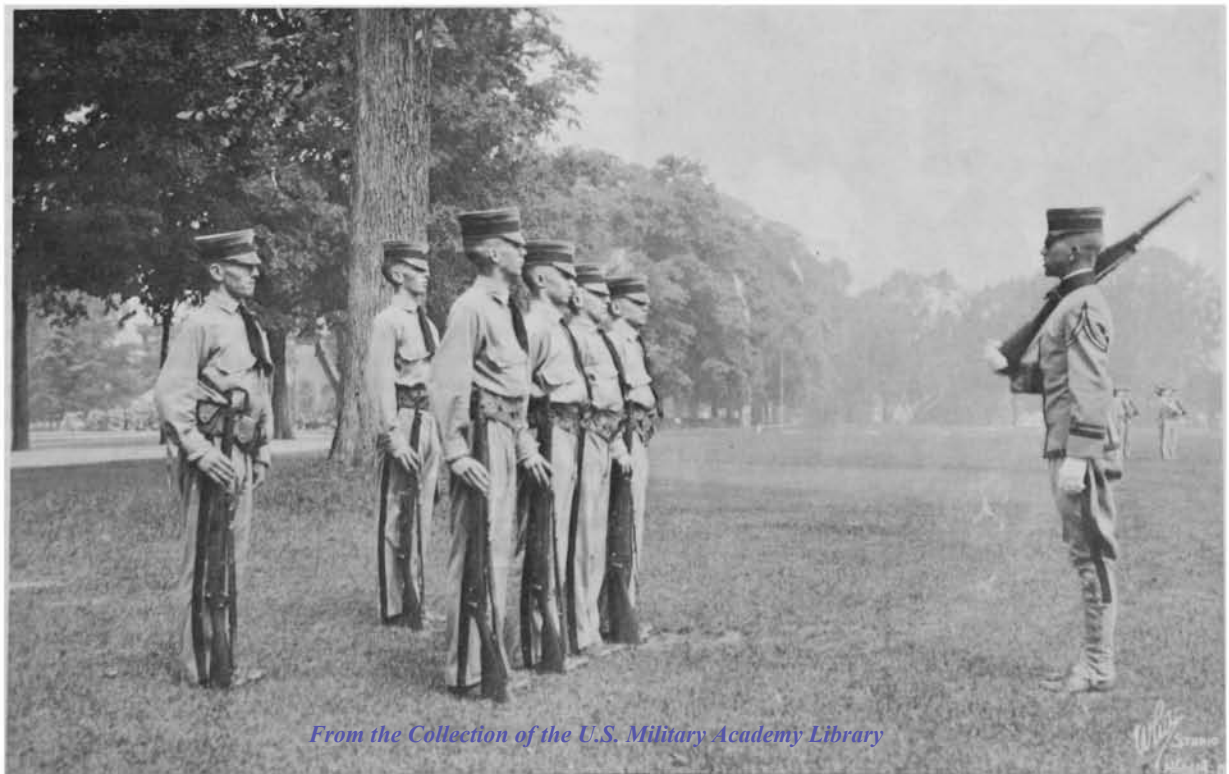
Whenever we waited in line to be issued equipment, members of the beast detail would improve the time by teaching us how to salute. I was reminded of Corporal English, at the remount depot in Alabama, who said that whenever I saluted him after I graduated from West Point, he wanted to hear my eyes click.

By the end of the second day we had received all our property, and work began in earnest. Up, as I said, at 3:00 a.m., we spent the time before reveille shaving, cleaning up the room, arranging lockers and shining brass. After breakfast we drilled. The drill periods were usually of 30- or 45- minutes duration. We double-timed out to the ranks, fell in, and double-timed out on the plain to drill. The drill itself was more or less double-time, depending upon and varying directly as the square of our ineptitude. When the period was up we double-timed back to our rooms, to effect a hurried change of uniform (we always had a different uniform for each drill, presumably for the purpose of developing speed in changing) and beat it back to ranks to go through the whole formula again.

I lived on the third floor, and the double timing was in effect up and down the stairs. There were steep and narrow of tread. We took them three at a time, at the double, up and down. Why no one ever broke his neck remains a mystery.

And the shoe-shines! Whenever we "fell in," which was from ten to twenty times a day, our shoes had to be freshly shined. It mattered not that we had shined them for a formation only ten minutes before; they had to be separately shined for each formation. To insure this, a cadet officer would ask us, and the answer had

Cadet Ford on Beast Detail, summer 1919.



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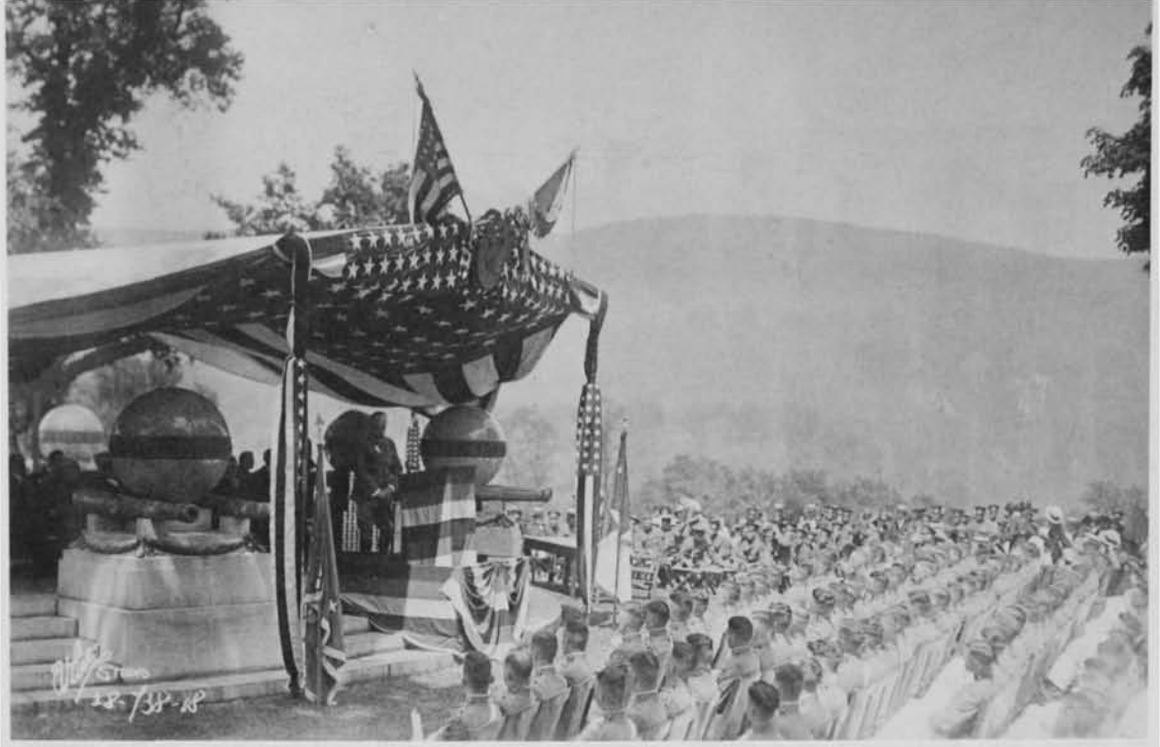


General Pershing addressing the graduating class at Trophy Point.

to be "yes" or "no." No superfluous gab. A "shine," according to the official definition, meant an application of polish and subsequent rubbing with a brush. There seemed to be no way out. After the first few days, however, I hit upon the expedient of dabbing just the slightest trace of polish upon the toe of the already glistening boot, and brushing it hastily. Appearances were thus satisfied, and the technicalities, too, for I could answer truthfully that I had shined my shoes.

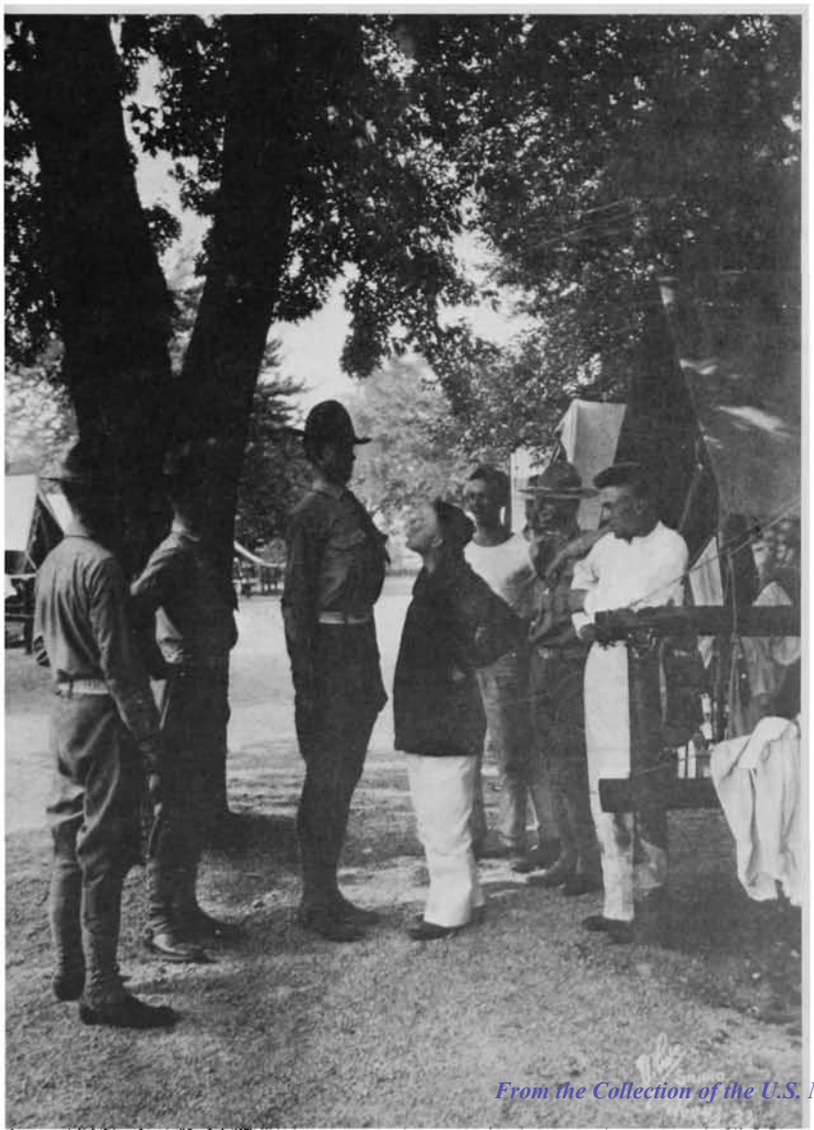
The table etiquette inflicted upon us was perhaps the most tortuous of all. We were required to sit forward on the extreme front of the chair with chest raised, shoulders squared, and back straightened. The head had to be kept as in marching, but the eyes were cast down upon the plate. To be caught looking up from the table was a capital offense.

The first meal was terrible. From beginning to end it was one round of "bucking up." The moment we assumed a civilian posture we were braced until we could scarcely move an arm to feed ourselves. And when we tried to eat in this strained position we invariably spilt the soup or something on the front of our coats, and thus came in for additional attention. Proceeding in this manner, there was of necessity a good deal more correction given out than eating done. I never ate enough and the table commandant rarely ate anything. He couldn't, and watch us at the same time. There was some satisfaction in that.

What with the incessant harassment, night and day, I found myself beset with indigestion, which lasted throughout beast barracks. At this stage I was not enthusiastic about West Point. The three weeks I spent in beast barracks were, without exception, the longest of my life so far. The time until graduation seemed too great for my conception.

On 7 July we moved to camp. For the first time since my arrival the outlook brightened a bit. True, summer camp, from what we had heard of it, was to be no picnic, but it at least offered a change. The day before we had been marched to camp to put up tents in the north end, which we were to occupy. On this morning we were formed on the road in front of barracks. Major Thompson drew his sabre, the band crashed, and we were off to join the Corps.

The next few days were busier than ever, trying to get straightened out. The



Shortest First Classman bracing tallest Plebe, Summer Camp, 1919.

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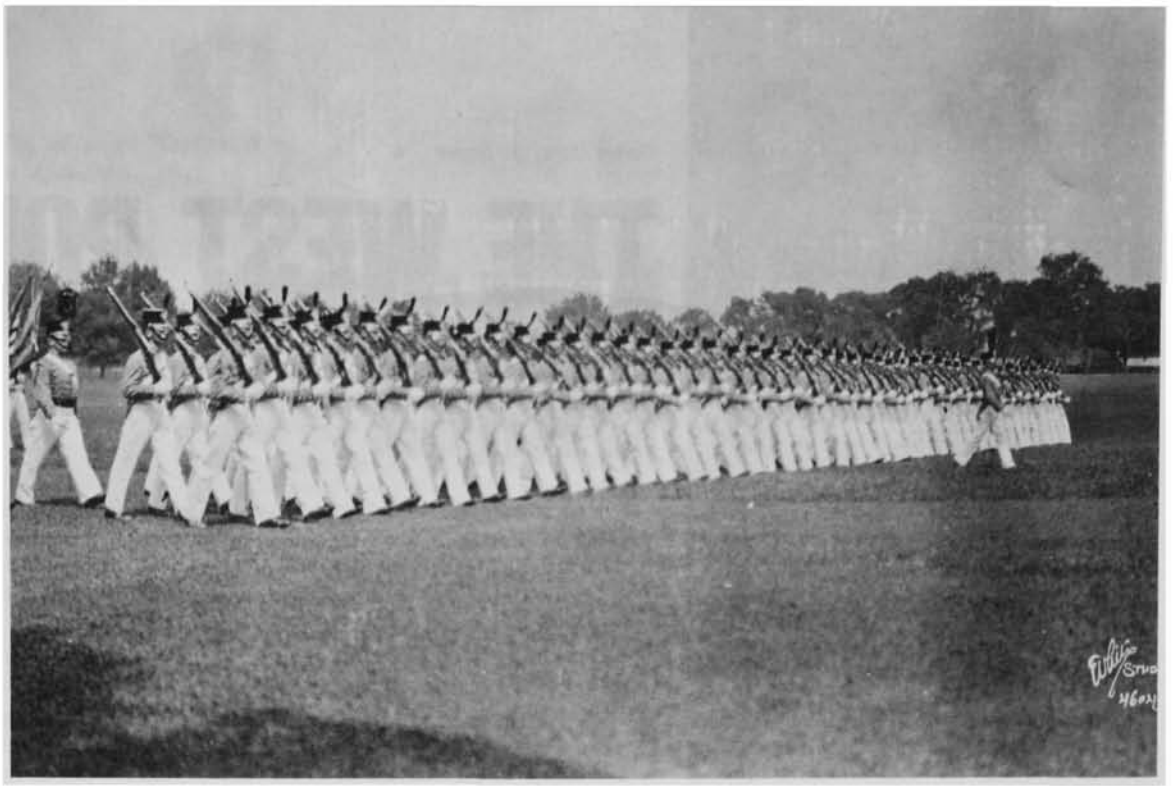

Passing in Review in the early days.

amount of stuff we had to pack into one "A" tent seemed enormous. A cadet must do more in less time, and get more junk in less space than any other man.

It goes without saying that we tried to remain in the background as much as possible. The upper-classmen were held in abject terror; they seemed to us Nemeses who were ever ready to fall upon the erring plebe. After a few days it became evident that there were some, just a few, of the upper classmen who were pretty good scouts. We realized that camp, though no deadbeat, was a decided improvement over beast barracks.

In camp we worked as hard as ever, but it was more pleasant at that. The mornings were spent at some drill, and in the afternoons we had signalling, swimming, and at 4:50 parade. Every minute was utilized; if there was no drill for 20 or 30 minutes we got our equipment and went over it once more for dirt or rust.

The mornings were rather long, but later, when we went out each day for problems in advance guard or other field training, it wasn't so bad. Best of all was the morning which came about once in every three weeks, on which we went down to the target butts to mark targets for the upper classmen. There was no-one to watch us there, and a happy time we had of it.

Nor must it be thought that our precious evenings were wasted away in idleness! Each night after supper there was a full-dress hat drill for the plebes. Our shakos with their pom-poms on top were always getting in the way of our guns in executing the manual. To prevent our batting them away at parade we were given these drills to accustom us to the hats. The drills consisted, for the most part, of double-timing through every movement, both conceivable and inconceivable, the object being to do this without losing one's hat.

Having been dismissed from this formation, we returned to our tents to shine equipment. We had to sit at the door of the tent with the flaps open and a candle burning, while a noncommissioned cadet officer patrolled the street to be sure we did not loaf on the job. Sometime after 7:30 we were formed by companies and marched at the double down to the bath house for a bath. We were given ten minutes to undress, bathe, and dress again. Having been trained in beast barracks to do this in four minutes, this was an abundance of time.

Soon after we joined the Corps we were initiated into the further duties of fourth classmen. For instance, the gunner was required to "sound off" at breakfast each day the various "skins" entered against the upper classmen at his table on the delinquency report for the preceding day. Also, he "reported" on the number of days until each important event, and on the Cadet Store list. A typical report for a November day might be something like this: "Mr. Smith was reported for wearing soiled cuffs to guard mounting, sir. Mr. Jones will report to the Cadet Store for repaired dress coat, sir. Sixteen days to Navy Game, sir. Forty-one days till Christmas leave, sir. Two hundred days till June, sir. Two hundred and ten days till graduation and furlough, sir." Plebes, of course, did not benefit from this reporting service, but had to go to the bulletin board (located in the sallyport) and look up this matter for themselves. One might find an item like this: "Ford, W.W. . . . Soap in ear at Saturday Morning Inspection."

The practice of throwing empty water glasses to the water corporal to be refilled was always more or less a sport among upper classmen. The purpose was twofold: to afford an outlet to the overflowing spirits of the upper classmen, and to wake up the unwary water corporal, who perhaps was dreaming of bygone "cit" life and freedom. A tap of the glass on the table to attract the plebe's notice from the plate in front on which the said fourth classman's gaze was required to rest, and swish!—the glass was on its way. Heaven help the poor plebe who missed one! The glass, having been filled, was then passed back in civilized fashion.

By far the most trying experience of plebe camp, however, was guard duty. Each private was detailed for this duty about once each two weeks. Guard mounting and walking post were by no means new to me, as I had been acquainted with both at "tin" school and in the Army, but I had never seen it done a la West Point. There's an appreciable difference.

Guard mount took place between parade and supper. From that time until about eleven o'clock walking post was a snap. About this time things began to warm up.

The terror of a plebe's guard was the patrol. Not peaceful, friendly patrols such as are authorized by the Manual of Interior Guard Duty for the protection of a sentinel and his post, but hostile patrols of fiendish upperclassmen, operated for the purpose of inspiring plebe sentinels with due fear of yearlings and the devil. These patrols were led by some noncommissioned officer of the guard, and were composed of from five to twenty upperclassmen. A plebe walking post in the middle of the night would be terrified speechless by the sight of a number of indistinct forms closing in upon him from all sides. Sometimes he would challenge, sometimes he would call for the corporal of the guard; more often he did neither. In any case he was soon in the clutches of the demons, who proceeded forthwith to the sport.

Many were for forms of torture administered to the sentinel, once he was captured. Usually he was deprived of his

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Cadet John J. Lopes

THE WEST POINT FAMILY

EDITOR'S NOTE. The following is the text of a presentation made by Cadet John J. Lopes, USMA 1985, Chairman of the 1985 Class Committee, to parents and guests at Plebe-Parent Banquet March 1982. It was written by Cadet Lopes and was warmly received by the audience.

The Class of 1985 has been here at West Point for nine months. In this period of time, the cadets seated among you have faced a challenge which probably has been far greater than they had ever expected. By now, you have all heard the stories of Beast Barracks, Reorganization Week, and the infamous term-end exams. Despite the difficulties, there are over 1200 young men and women seated among you that have met that challenge. Undoubtedly, these challenges have not been met alone. Every single one of these cadets, somewhere during the Plebe year, has been helped along the way by another individual. At some point, there was someone to help us over that hurdle. Maybe this help came in the form of a simple, quiet talk among friends, or possibly it was the concern of a dedicated professor, who wanted us to pass the course just as badly as we did. Certainly our tactical officers have been supervising our progress with great concern. But when one reflects upon the source of true inspiration, the mind cannot help but drift back home. When a word of encouragement is needed, the family will be there to help. Our family and friends are our never-ending and consistent source of support.

Many young men and women leave home every June and travel to West Point to begin a four year cadet career. Apprehension, excitement, and a desire to "make it on your own," are some of the feelings racing through a new cadet's mind. Slowly, the reality of being far from home settles in. We eventually realize that our lives will never be the same. We also realize that it is now time to grow up, *VERY, VERY QUICKLY*. It is a simple fact that West Point demands a high level of maturity out of all new cadets. Although this understanding becomes inbred, a new understanding of our homes and families sets in. Suddenly we realize how important our families really are to us. A visit home on leave becomes something that we all look forward to and cherish.

The "family unit" is the single greatest institution in America. Undoubtedly it is the strongest. American society has thrived on the family structure for over two-hundred years. The "family structure" is also a key to the success of West Point. Annually, this academy receives a group that represents the best that America has to offer.

When the Class of 1985 entered West Point, 67 valedictorians, 65 salutatorians, and 896 National Honor Society members walked through the gates. Seventy percent of this class graduated in the top one-fifth of their high school class.

In high school 1268 members of the Class of 1985 were varsity letter winners. Of that number, 692 were team captains. From a field of 11,047 applicants, only 1,541 were admitted to this academy. Out of those original 1,541, the 1,270 cadets seated among you are the individuals who have triumphed, who possess the privilege of being members of the "Long Gray Line."

I call them victorious because the life of a cadet is designed to be a challenge, to be a test. A test of academic and physical endurance. But more so, a test of performance under pressure. Many times, so much more is piled upon you than you believe you can handle. But striving above the common level of performance is "par" for a cadet. Pressure is something that an officer must deal with in many situations throughout his career. The Class of 1985 has successfully performed under pressure and met the challenge.

The cadets among you have endured, experienced, and learned from the Fourth Class system under which Plebes live. We have all grown up in the past nine months. Many of you parents are probably very surprised at just how much your cadet has matured. The first year of our growing process here is nearly over. The light at the end of the tunnel is growing brighter. Only eight weeks remain until recognition day for this class.

Earlier this week, before many of you arrived, this class had a chance to work together and literally run the Corps without any upperclass assistance. It has done an admirable job. During this time we have had the opportunity to slow down, relax, and become closer with our classmates. Old friendships have been strengthened and new ones have been born. Friendship and brotherhood are crucial to the survival of any class here.

To my classmates I say, stop for a minute, look inside yourselves, and reflect upon your Plebe year thus far. I know there is not one of you that can say that you have made it this far completely alone. Somewhere along the line you have been helped by a classmate. This help may have ranged from properly tucking your shirt to receiving moral support in helping you survive the devastation of one of West Point's infamous English term papers. Teamwork has been stressed in our education here ever since we began Beast Barracks. Never forget that this teamwork is essential—not only to our survival as cadets, but to our survival as Americans.

Parents, I ask you to please look around at the cadets seated here tonight. They are the cream of the crop. Now, please look at yourselves, because you are just as responsible for their success as they are. As parents and friends, you undoubtedly have great pride for this class. But if justice is done, *this class will have far greater pride in all of you* than you have for them.

Now we realize that the Class of 1985 is not a story of 1,270 successful individuals; it is a story of 1,270 successful families.

As cadets we realize that our parents truly are understanding people. A son or daughter on leave can at times be very confusing. In many cases, our parents spend half of Christmas leave figuring out whether their cadet has come home to see them or to see the car keys! We owe our parents great thanks. Nevertheless, they rarely ask for no more than an occasional phone call or a quick letter.

When we as cadets search for instruction on how to be good officers, we look toward West Point and to the United States Army. When we seek instruction on how to be good people, we turn our eyes, ears, and hearts not only to West Point, but also in a very special way to our parents. For it is true that West Point can only build a good leader from an

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MORRILL/MAC ARTHUR STORY

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"Much has been written about General Douglas MacArthur, and a great deal of it is utter nonsense," said Rear Admiral John H. Morrill USN (Ret.) of Grafton, New Hampshire.

"I was on hand for three of the most controversial events in the life of the great military leader. Since I was there —an eye witness, if you please—I welcome the opportunity to set the records straight in all three of these events. I was in Japan when the famous MacArthur-Truman controversy took place. I was there when he returned to the Philippines, and I was even on hand way back in 1932 when he had his now famous 'confrontation' with the bonus army.

"As I stated, I only want to set the records straight. Furthermore, I will only discuss matters about which I have a personal knowledge."

As he talked, Morrill, who was 77, seemed to be many years away, recapturing events, now pages in history books, he was privileged to share. A 1924 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, the admiral, who retired from the Navy in 1955, is a lean man of medium height with an intense manner. He weighs his words carefully, and speaks them sharply and clearly.

"Let's start with the legendary Truman-MacArthur confrontation," he said. "The story is that MacArthur wanted to drop an atomic bomb on China. That just isn't true. I was on special assignment from the Pentagon and I was in Tokyo when the Truman-MacArthur trouble took place. I'd swear on ten stacks of Bibles what I am telling you is true. I was there. I saw the dispatches.

"At the time, I should point out, American forces, or the U.N. troops, as they were technically known, had swept through North Korea to the Yalu River bridges, three of them at the Chinese border. Chinese forces were assembling on the other side for an offensive sweep against the American soldiers. MacArthur's forces had outrun their supplies. They had three days worth of food, but only ammunition enough for a day. MacArthur sent a dispatch to Truman requesting permission to bomb the Yalu bridges. He said if the bridges were destroyed, the Chinese could not advance and he would have time to supply the men and prepare defenses.

"Three times, MacArthur sent that message to Washington, and three times President Truman sent back a message saying the United Nations does not approve of such action. In other words, Truman turned down MacArthur's request.

"Finally, in desperation, MacArthur proposed putting a live radiation field on the United Nations' side of the bridges. To do this, it would have been necessary to explode a low yield bomb on the United Nations' side. Not China, mind you! The idea was turned down by Truman. Similar proposals were made during the Vietnamese War and turned down too.

"That's exactly what happened that historic day, and that is how those false stories about MacArthur wanting to drop an atomic bomb on China got started.

"I talked to General Walker—not the one who made headlines in America in recent years, but the other General Walker, who was killed in Korea—and he told me about when the Chinese swept over those three bridges, the American soldiers endured suffering far worse than anything they had known since the days of Valley Forge."

During the second world war, Morrill, a captain at the time, was at Corregidor with MacArthur. He had the task of scuttling the last remaining ship when the U.S. Asiatic Fleet left Corregidor, after which he escaped with 18 men in a small boat through Japanese infested waters to Australia, 2000 miles away—a fantastic voyage.

"I'm a Navy man," he said proudly, "and being a Navy man, I ordinarily don't go around defending West Pointers. But MacArthur has taken a bum rap on his much publicized return to the Philippines. Everybody knows he made his famous 'I shall return' statement. Everybody has seen photos of him returning to the Philippines. I was there that day.

"Now I'll concede there were photographers on hand waiting for MacArthur to make his landing. I'll also admit that he went back and did it over again a couple of times for the benefit of the photographers. I'll even concede MacArthur was a vain man. Nevertheless, that famous photo taking session had nothing at all to do with his vanity.

"There were guerrillas back in the hills and they needed a clear signal to show the Americans were back. MacArthur's return was that signal. That's why all the photos were taken. As soon as the prints were ready, photos were dropped all over the Philippines, so that the people and the guerrillas in particular, would know MacArthur—and the U.S.—had returned.

"There had been false rumors planted by the Japanese, every once in a while, in an effort to draw the guerrillas out in the open. For all those people knew, the story about MacArthur could have been false too. Those photos were a signal to the guerrillas to let them know MacArthur was actually back."

Finally, the retired admiral has a few words to say about MacArthur's famous confrontation with the bonus marchers on the Bladensburg Road in Washington in the summer of 1932.

"Much has been written about this event," he said. "I've even heard stories that the flamboyant MacArthur was on a white horse leading a charge against the marchers. I've heard he ordered the soldiers to fire on the veterans, and that blood was shed. None of those things happened.

'There were agitators there among those veterans who had set up a camp in Washington to demand that President Hoover and Congress give them a much needed bonus. Those were depression days. Hard times! The vets needed money, and they had agitators urging them on. Of course, in those days, Communism didn't have the bad name it has now. The public didn't pay much attention to those agitators.

"Hoover ordered MacArthur, his Chief of Staff, to clear the city of the bonus marchers. And MacArthur did just that! Hoover called on MacArthur to do the job, after there had been two days of rioting in the city, and the local

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Anna Warner 1881

Susan Warner, Circa 1870

FROM WEST POINT THE WARNERS AND

by WILLIAM A. MCINTOSH

From the moment of his appointment as Chaplain of the United States Military Academy Thomas Warner took more than a passing interest in Constitution Island. Though not an island in the strict sense, the little finger of land reaching into the Hudson across from West Point anchored one end of the great chain which inhibited British inland shipping during the Revolution. But the property's future, not its history, concerned Thomas. In his inner-eye he saw the construction of a commanding resort hotel on the foundations of the old revolutionary fort; the redoubts fronting the river gave way to summer homes for persons of quality and a genteel but profitable recreation park replaced modest farmlands. Such was the stuff of Warner's dreams, though he had been through a nightmare or two as well. Earlier land speculation in the West Indies had led him into an unhappy marriage with a widowed heiress whose Saint Croix and Santa Cruz plantations had been taken by the French even as she and Thomas met at the altar. Years of desperate litigation in behalf of Elizabeth McDougal Warner carried Thomas to Albert Gallatin who had been Minister to France from 1816 to 1823. Gallatin proved unsympathetic, and Warner was forced to abandon his ill-conceived and hopeless crusade. Despite this setback, Thomas, whose tastes and ambition ran along sultanic lines, continued to cast about, and indeed he had not done badly. His position at the Military Academy was secure enough: although his sermons stirred little enthusiasm, his performance as a lecturer in history, geography, and ethics favored his retention. So did his relationship with Sylvanus Thayer, the Superintendent. In short, his unfortunate marriage and elusive fortune notwithstanding, life could have been worse. It could have been better, too, and when the owners of Constitution Island offered it for sale Thomas felt his prayers had been answered. He could continue his ecclesiastical and professional rounds, his long conversations with Colonel Thayer, but always with a watchful eye cast toward his enterprise across the river. Thomas had but one difficulty to resolve, and anything but an unfamiliar one: money.

His solution lay a scant fifty miles to the south, embodied in Henry Warner, his younger and eminently intimidatable brother. Henry followed Thomas to Schenectady's Union College where the former studied law in lieu of theology, and since 1814 had divided his time between a promising New York practice and the state legislature at Albany. In 1817 he married Anna Marsh Bartlett who died nine years later leaving Henry and their two daughters, seven-year-old Susan and Anna who was not yet two. Henry's maiden sister, Frances Leffingwell Warner, had nursed Anna Marsh, and after her death "Fanny" simply remained as a permanent member of Henry's household. Fortunately for his children and sister, Henry's wife had been emphatic in the focus she insisted her husband bring to the practice of law and as a consequence their finances were solid. Her having made social debuts at Newport and New York aided their cause, but even after she died, Henry enjoyed impressive success as an attorney and the concomitant financial rewards. So secure were his assets, in fact, that Thomas felt no compunction when he asked his brother in 1834 to take the title to Constitution Island, something he records doing "very much against my own particular desire." In what amounted to the first step into a life of exhausting and humiliating penury, Henry covered Thomas' deed of trust to the tune of $48,000 and change.

If Henry was less than sanguine about his involvement in a venture of this sort, Thomas forged ahead with plans to make his grandiose vision a reality. What he had not expected, however, was the arrival of Colonel Thayer's replacement, Colonel Rene E. De Russy who learned in a period of days to despise his chaplain; indeed the two men spent the next two years bickering, sparring, and, finally, in outright war. The decisive engagement began with an "unauthorized" visit by Thomas to an injured cadet and his subsequent arrest. Charges and countercharges followed hot and heavy until Secretary of War Joel B. Poinsett cleaned house: De Russy and his commandant were reas-

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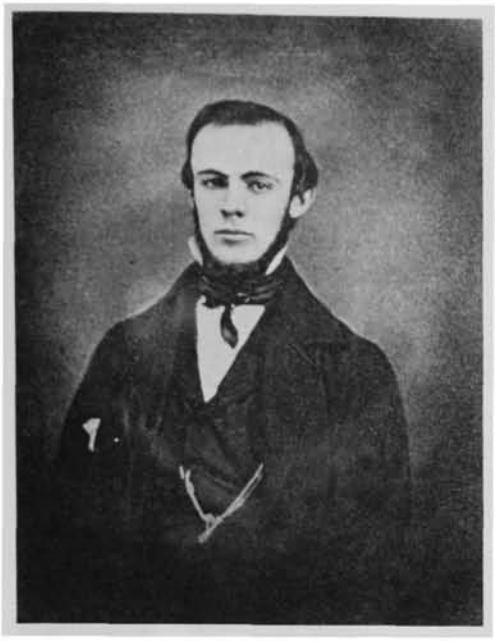

Henry Warner, father of Susan and Anna Warner.

Anna Warner with cadets 1914

TO WHITE RIVER: THE WESTERN FRONTIER

signed; Thomas was emphatically and unconditionally sacked. His brother's hurried and unceremonious departure from West Point confirmed Henry's worst fears. Still, the Constitution Island property would make an adequate summer hideaway and Henry began planning with that in mind. What he had failed to plan for, however, was the Crisis of 1837 which virtually destroyed him, and by the end of the year his biggest asset was at once his biggest liability: a $50,000 note on a piece of land he had no especial fondness for and which he had never intended to own.

In any real sense Henry never did own it. During the spring of 1838 he moved his little family into a farmhouse built on the ruins of the old fort where they lived in refined poverty. Ten years later Henry's double mortgages put him under; the sheriff emptied the house, selling at auction everything permitted by law. In 1850 an additional judgment of $45,000

The Warner House, 1913

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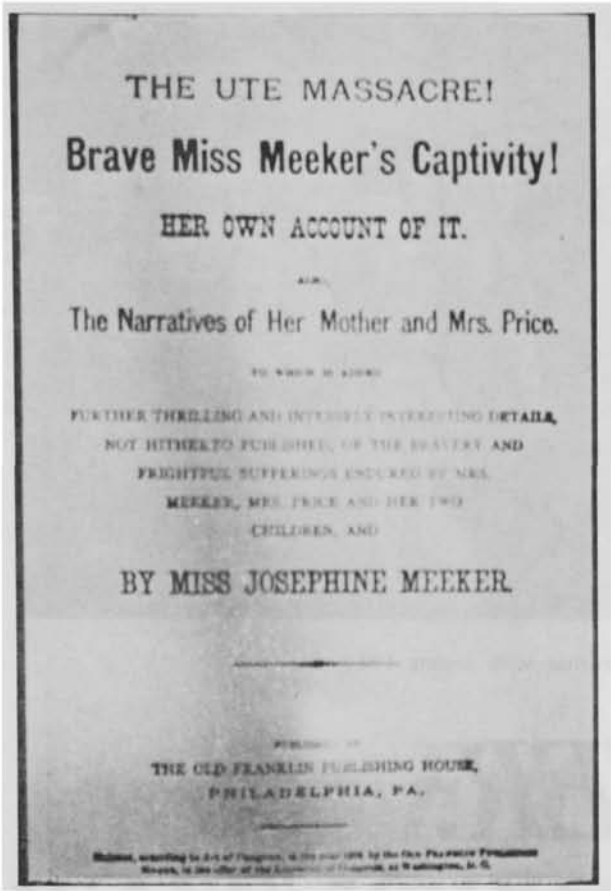

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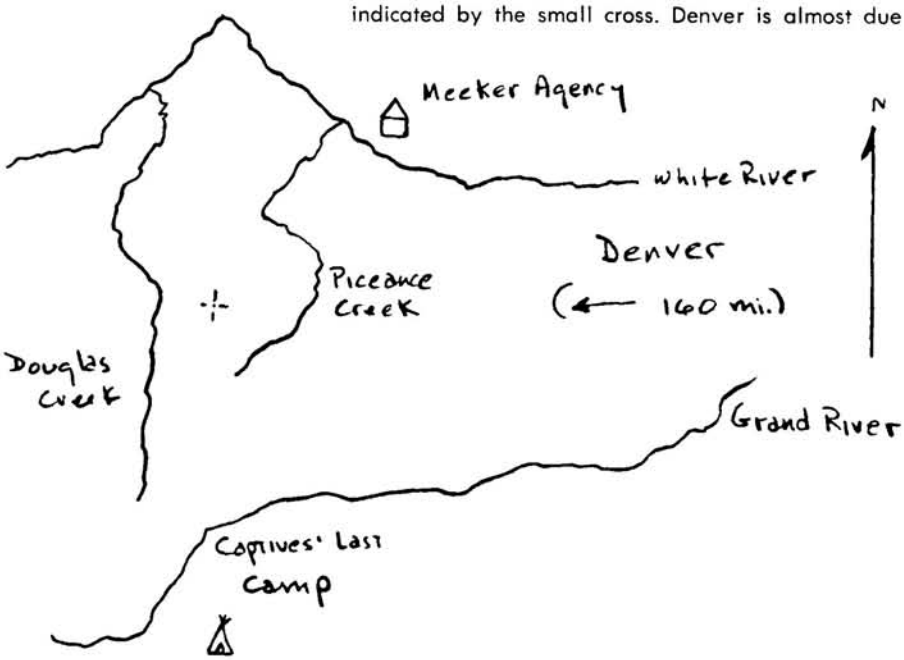
Cadet Frank F. Eastman

was levied against Henry, who would have lost everything but for the generosity of a friend, John Murray, who assumed the debt until such time as he could improve his fortune. Warner's spirit had been broken at this point, however, and he and his family became the wards of Murray's generosity. Such was the environment of Susan and Anna Warner.

It is easy, almost compellingly so, to indict Henry Warner for his foolishness of trusting Thomas, his carelessness with money after the Crisis, his lassitude in the face of necessity; and in all probability the indictment is appropriate. Maddeningly enough, though, he had his redeeming features: Henry Warner was an inventive scholar capable of keen insights and intellectual activity of a high order, scrupulously honest in all his private and public dealings, and a gentleman. The essence of those qualities he transmitted to his daughters but he also transmitted hopeless naivete and a wretched sense of timing. Of these shortcomings—and they are serious in terms of their effect on the lives of Susan and Anna—not much beyond what is gleaned from a deductive examination of the evidence at hand can be documented. After Susan's death in 1885, Anna, who lived another thirty years, systematically destroyed all materials that she believed might reflect un-

Sketch of Milk Creek Battle Area, radius about 50 miles. Center indicated by the small cross. Denver is almost due East.



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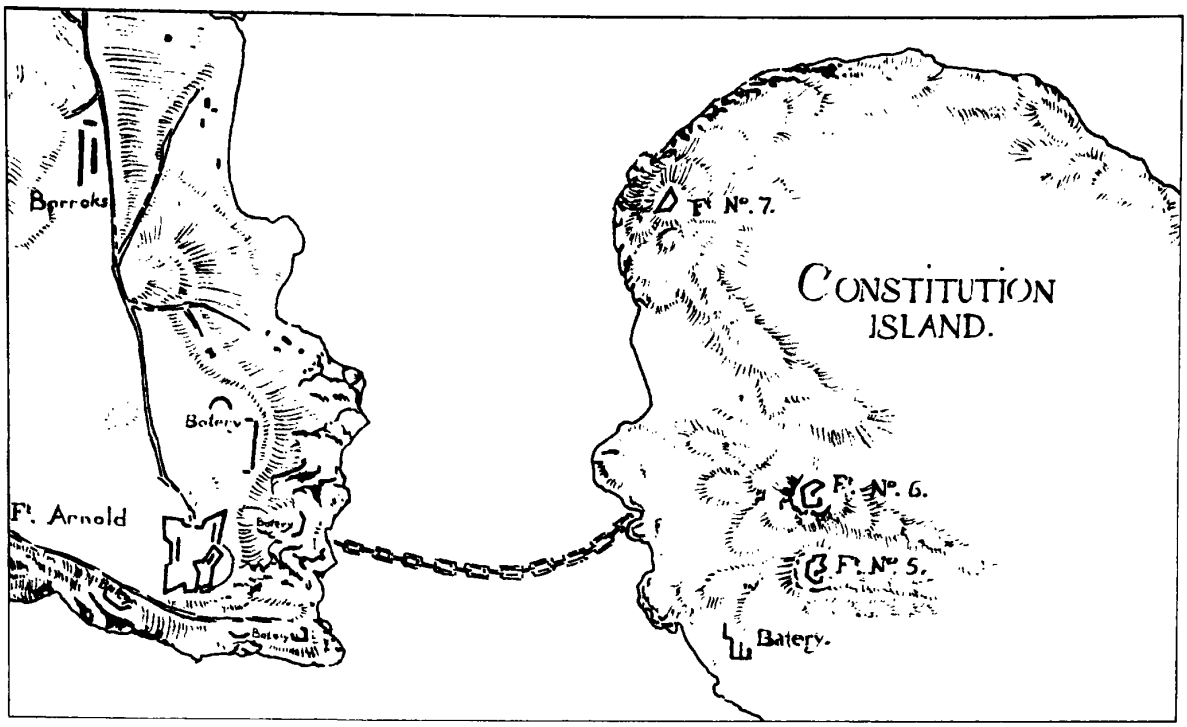

West Point and Constitution Island, 1780

favorably on any member of the family. However vexing Anna's cleaning the skeletons out of the Warner closet may be to research, her motives are at once thoroughly admirable and defiantly optimistic. That she had no interest in sharing her family's privacy with the world scarcely seems an arcane motive; that she felt, despite a lifetime of penury and near misses, anyone would be interested reflects a characteristically positive attitude towards her own life and the lives of those she loved.

Anna's optimism was not without foundation. Except for a handful of writers—in her own lifetime only Harriet Beecher Stowe—Susan Warner outsold every other nineteenth-century American author. While the writings of Hawthorne, Thoreau, Irving, and the rest languished on booksellers' shelves Susan's novels, most notably *The Wide, Wide World* and *Queechy,* made publishing history both here and abroad. Spurred by her sister's success Anna followed suit and produced books of her own, at a prodigious rate, though neither her success nor her reputation compared with Susan's. Children made up the bulk of her audience, and it is not surprising that after printing over fifty novels, novellas, and short stories she is remembered for her children's hymn "Jesus Loves Me." That Anna's memory would be so utterly bound up in a simple statement of her faith fittingly reflects the life she and Susan lived. In fact neither woman wanted to be a writer. They had been content with making weekly visits to West Point, attending various religious meetings at nearby Garrison and Cold Spring, and calling at neighboring homes to pass out denominational tracts. At home they studied broadly under Henry's tutelage, gardened, recovered from frequent illnesses, and occasionally taught school. Susan's diaries suggest a subdued and fleeting romance with a Lieutenant Bradford R. Alden (USMA 1831), but nothing came of it, and she and Anna fell quite naturally into step with their spinster Aunt Fanny. Only when it became painfully clear that Henry, quite literally, could not feed them, did Susan relent and sacrifice her image of *The Lady* on the floor of an empty pantry. Both the homiletic content of her novels and the asceticism with which she practiced her religion evince the real focus of her interests. Her role as breadwinner was neither comfortable nor comforting.

For all of that, however, she, along with Anna who followed her lead, filled the family purse—so effectively, in fact, that when John Murray's heirs announced, one payment away from purchasing Constitution Island, that they could do no more, Susan was able to cover the balance. Because she and Anna had published for years without benefit of satisfactory legal counsel (somewhat of a paradox in light of Henry's profession) and without adequate copyright protection, their holdings were reduced to less than a hundred dollars by the final payment on their property. Such a circumstance did not offer much intimidation for either woman; they knew they could live on their writing and stoically they continued to produce, albeit to increasingly cooler reviews, about a novel a year. Between the lines of the material Anna failed to destroy there exists sufficient evidence to suggest that life with Henry became increasingly difficult. What seems to have been a rift between him and the Reverend W.T. Sprole, Thomas Warner's successor, led to the Warner family's self-imposed exile from West Point. Henry-imposed exile is probably closer to the point, for within days after his death in 1875 Susan and Anna reestablished themselves at the Military Academy. Throughout that winter Susan Warner taught a Bible class at West Point at the invitation of several officers' wives.

The classes appear to have been well received for in the spring of 1876 they were expanded to include cadets who met with Susan at Constitution Island each Sunday afternoon. After rowing across the Hudson the cadets would be met by Susan, Anna, and Aunt Fanny who would refresh them with lemonade and cookies before seating them under a tattered camp tent erected in front of their home. There the boys would sit on rush-woven disks and hear Susan expound her views on active Christianity. That her position was not embraced by everyone exposed to it requires little comment: her vision of the Christian life fell out considerably to the right of St. Paul's—a position offering little comfort, even in the nineteenth-century, to young men anxious to be free from the rigors of Academy discipline without compounding the issue with what seemed merely a variation on a too-familiar tune. But those Susan touched, and there were many, she touched profoundly, honestly, and for the rest of their lives.

From 1876 until her death nine years later Susan taught her Bible classes to cadets—sometimes at West Point, sometimes at Constitution Island—and Anna continued in like fashion for another three decades. What the Warner sisters had to offer was not so unique in terms of theology or doctrine; what was special, though, was their ability to give so openly and generously of themselves. From the extant letters of their former students, the depth of their concern and

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BG Joseph Franklin

THE COM REPORTS...

I thought a great deal about what my last Com Report should be. How could I possibly capture the excitement and the pleasure of three years with our country's finest young men and women? Could I explain these feelings and do the justice to a final article? As I was gathering my thoughts, I received a request from the cadet staff of the "Pointer" magazine to provide a column for their next issue that is entitled "Straight Talk." As I wrote that column it became apparent to me that these were the same thoughts that I wanted to share with you. Here it is:

"STRAIGHT TALK"

This article concludes my three years of duty as Commandant of Cadets. Way back when I first arrived at West Point, as a plebe in the Class of '55, "the Army" seemed a distant and disembodied thing to me. Four years later I still didn't know much about "the Army," but I was proud of being a West Pointer, and I wanted to do well when I left, the more so because I knew in my heart that I hadn't really worked as hard here as I should or could have. Now, 27 years later, I can look back on cadet days, on three years of USMA duty (1965–1968) as an Engineering "P" and football coach, and on my most recent duty with you. That's the perspective of this "Straight Talk." Maybe when I stood where you do today my perspective wasn't much different than yours is now, so maybe some of the things I have to say could help you in your next few years as a cadet, as an officer . . .

Before I came back to West Point in 1979 I wrote a letter to the incoming class in Bugle Notes. That letter reflects what I thought then was important for a new plebe to hear from the senior members of the command. After three years as Com, I haven't changed a word of it. From my memory of my own plebe year to my view of plebes today, I believe you need to read and understand these words: "You have a precious gift . . . raw talent . . . a leader among your peers . . . be the example others want to follow . . . self-disciplined . . . choosing the harder right, not the easier wrong . . . tough, compassionate, understanding . . . a West Point leader."

Not long after I wrote the first "Straight Talk" article in the fall of 1979 that began my three years as Com. If you're inclined, you might re-read it. In it I talked about our mission, and devoted a paragraph to each of the three parts: education, training, and inspiration. If you look back at your year or years here, it might be interesting to see whether you think my view of each element of the mission is consistent with your own experience. I have looked back over my last three years, and I haven't changed my mind about the things I said then.

But now I'm going to another assignment in the Army, just as you will—some sooner, some later. And as I consider our professional opportunities to serve together in the future, I'm led to repeat the last part of that "Straight Talk" article from three years ago, the part that looked beyond the mission here to the responsibilities we will hold in service to our country. Here it is:

". . . none of these things (in our mission): education, training, or inspiration, takes place in a vacuum. Each has some bearing on the other, and they have to be held together by the glue of human feeling. Without human feeling the best educated most highly trained and finely inspired individual will find that caring for subordinates, the fundamental tenet of leadership, is an unnatural act. And caring for your subordinates manifests itself in many ways: caring enough to set the example for them, caring enough to demand high standards from them, caring enough to learn how to help them every way you can, and doing it. Is there any secret formula for this magic glue that is so totally human? If there is, a prime ingredient has to be your sense of humor. Don't lose it, and don't let anything take it away from you either. Sure, you have to be serious when there is serious business at hand, but if you take yourself too seriously you risk losing the perspective that only humor can bring, and that often makes all the difference here and out there, where the serious business of the Army needs the leavening that a sense of humor, a leader's sense of humor, your sense of humor, can bring."

So these are my last words to you, before I go where you will eventually follow. You will hear the stamp of "professional soldier" then, and you will feel an obligation to serve that way, and serve well. So take your DMI Professional Notebook and put it to work. Read your professional journals like the April 1982 issue of the Army, the AUSA magazine, where you'll find some of the best advice ever set down for the newly assigned officer: "to lead well takes heart and head." And keep your ideals strong and polished: do your duty, with honor, in service to your country. There is no more fulfillment anywhere in life. It's yours if you want it. See you in the service.

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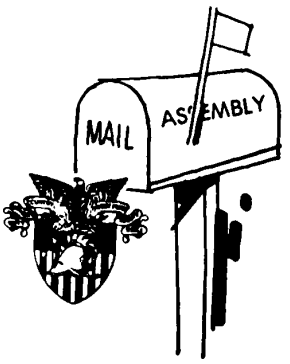
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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

Drive to Build a New Medical Museum at Fort Sam Houston

Marty Maher was and is a West Point legend. Born in Ireland in 1876, he came to the United States at age 20 and landed at Ellis Island with $5.00 in his pocket. Because his older brother Joe was a soldier at West Point, Marty went there.

He started as a waiter in the Cadet Mess Hall, was an off-duty striker to a captain and worked his way up to become a tech sergeant in the office of the Master of the Sword, later designated as the Director of Physical Education. All in all, Marty served 55 years at West Point and had contact with cadets of every class from 1896 to 1951, three of which classes made him an honorary member; 1912, 1928 and 1926 (at their 20th Reunion).

General Eisenhower wrote the foreword to Marty's book, *Bringing up the Brass* which was published in 1951 and said "... Marty represents to me, as he does to thousands of other Army men, something special—he personifies the unswerving, sometimes fanatical, devotion and loyalty that those who serve at West Point invariably absorb for that particular spot on the Hudson...."

Marty's portrait hangs in the cadet gym, done in oil by the noted painter Charles L. Wrenn. He wrote his book with the kindly assistance of Red Reeder's sister, Nardi Reeder Campion, who supplied the syntax to link together Marty's facts. But I'm sure Marty personally wrote the caption under the picture that is the frontispiece of the book. "Charles L. Wrenn got me oiled, and then they hung me in the gym."

I was among the few thousand people who were at his retirement review at West Point when the Corps of Cadets paraded in his honor.

He's gone now but his strain continues.

The Army has begun a drive to build a new medical museum at Fort Sam Houston, home of the Brooke Army Medical Center, to portray the history of the Medical Corps from 1775 to date. It will be an architectural gem to be built at a prominent location across the road from the Academy of Health Sciences where the students, as well as the general public, can review the history of Army medicine.

A bronze statue, "The Combat Medic," is already in place. It depicts a prone Infantryman being attended by a medic in the all too familiar scene of the doughboy's rifle upright beside him with a bayonet thrust into the ground and a plasma bag attached to the butt.

I'm working on the publicity committee because I literally owe my life to the United States Army Medical Corps. Nothing heroic; I got a king size case of pneumonia overnight in 1937 before the days of penicillin and the medics treated me in my quarters before moving me to the general hospital at Fort Jay on Governor's Island. My wife was the night nurse and when the Army nurse came on duty at 0700 in the morning, Pat said, "He just stopped breathing." The efficient nurse gave me a shot of something and I immediately turned from pale blue to a faint pink.

I happen to be the only West Pointer on the committee and the treasurer made a point of telling me that of all the groups to whom they sent appeals for funds, West Point grads from all over the country were by far the highest in percent of response, which included one grad who is 90 years old.

I asked how come.

Well it happens that Colonel Margaret Maher, United States Army Nurse Corps, Ret., daughter of Marty's youngest brother, works four hours every day without compensation with other volunteers to promote the new museum. Peg has the REGISTER of the Association of Graduates (Stud Book to you and me) and simply mailed the brochure describing the new museum to everyone and they showered down. (Are you listenin', Marty me boy?)

Peg doesn't have a West Point diploma but she knows what the Long Gray Line means.

As a registered nurse and Army officer, she served two years in the station hospital at West Point from 1947 to 1949, then in Korea during that war and later in the Brooke General Hospital Burn Ward which serves all four military services and any civilians who are picked up as a last resort. It's the best in the world but I'd hate to spend time there either as a patient or as a doctor/nurse.

If anyone who reads this would like to help build the new museum, you may send a tax deductible contribution to AMEDD Museum Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 8294, San Antonio, Texas 78208, or to me and I'll see that it gets there.

—Kenneth F. Zitzman '32

The DuPonts, West Point, and VMI

I was interested to read "The DuPonts of USMA History," by Colonel Robert Stegmaier, in the December 1981 issue of ASSEMBLY. The DuPonts of that article forge an interesting link between West Point and VMI, and I believe some additional facts about Senator Henry A. DuPont, USMA 1861, would be interesting to your alumni. His relationship with VMI passed through several intriguing phases.

General Henry DuPont, USMA 1833, was a West Point classmate and close friend of Francis H. Smith, who became the first superintendent of VMI in 1839. In the years that followed, there was also a business relationship between the two. Smith purchased VMI's first cannon powder from his old West Point classmate, and it was DuPont who aided Smith in obtaining cloth for the cadet uniforms at VMI.

In 1855, Smith, who would be commissioned a major general in the Virginia Militia, received a letter from his old friend DuPont, who was to become the commanding general of the Delaware Militia, expressing a desire to enter his eldest son at VMI. At the time, residents of states other than Virginia were not admitted to VMI, and as a consequence, Henry Algernon DuPont entered West Point where he was graduated in 1861. Three years later, in May 1864, at the Civil War battle of New Market, he was commanding officer of Light Battery B, 5th United States Artillery, and rendered particularly distinguished service in covering the retreat of the Federal forces in the face of the battle charge of the VMI Corps of Cadets. In June 1864, one month after the battle of New Market, it became the same Captain DuPont's unwelcome duty to train his artillery on the VMI barracks at the order of Major General David Hunter, USMA 1822, to shell and burn the Institute.

A half century later, the United States Congress appropriated in 1915 the sum of $100,000 to reimburse the Institute for its destruction in the Civil War. The man who introduced the bill in the Senate was United States Senator Henry A. DuPont, who as a youth had been a prospective VMI cadet and who had been present as part of the enemy force when the Institute was destroyed.

—O. Lawrence Burnette Jr., PIO, VMI

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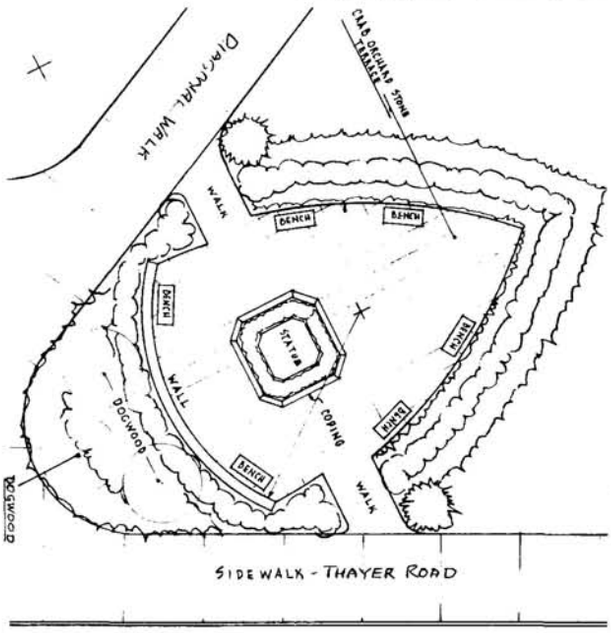
Monument Design Approved

Eisenhower Monument Site Plan



The Superintendent has approved the design of the Eisenhower Monument proposed by the Eisenhower Monument Committee. This leaves only the choice of inscriptions yet to be decided.

The design is principally the work of Mr. Douglas Logan of Cold Spring. It was confirmed by Mr. Edgar Bloem, architect, of Middletown, New York, with some minor alterations, in response to the Committee's request for an independent review.

The monument will be situated on a stone plaza having the general shape of the SHAEF shoulder patch. The six-foot pedestal, a backwall, and six benches will be made of variegated buff red granite, the same material as the base of the Patton statue, the Class of '34 benches on Trophy Point, and some parts of Battle Monument. The plaza flagging will be Crab Orchard Stone, which is generally of a beige color streaked with buff and russet. The plaza will be surrounded by a bed of dwarf spreading yew and parson juniper. Existing trees will be saved.

A bronze bust of General Eisenhower, cast from the appropriate part of the sculptor's original 30-inch model of the statue, has been manufactured in sufficient quantity to provide each major donor ($5,000 and over) to the Monument Project with an appropriate recognition of their support. A few extra copies have been made in anticipation of additional major donations.

A tentative decision has been made to hold the dedication ceremony for the Eisenhower Monument in late April or early May, 1983.

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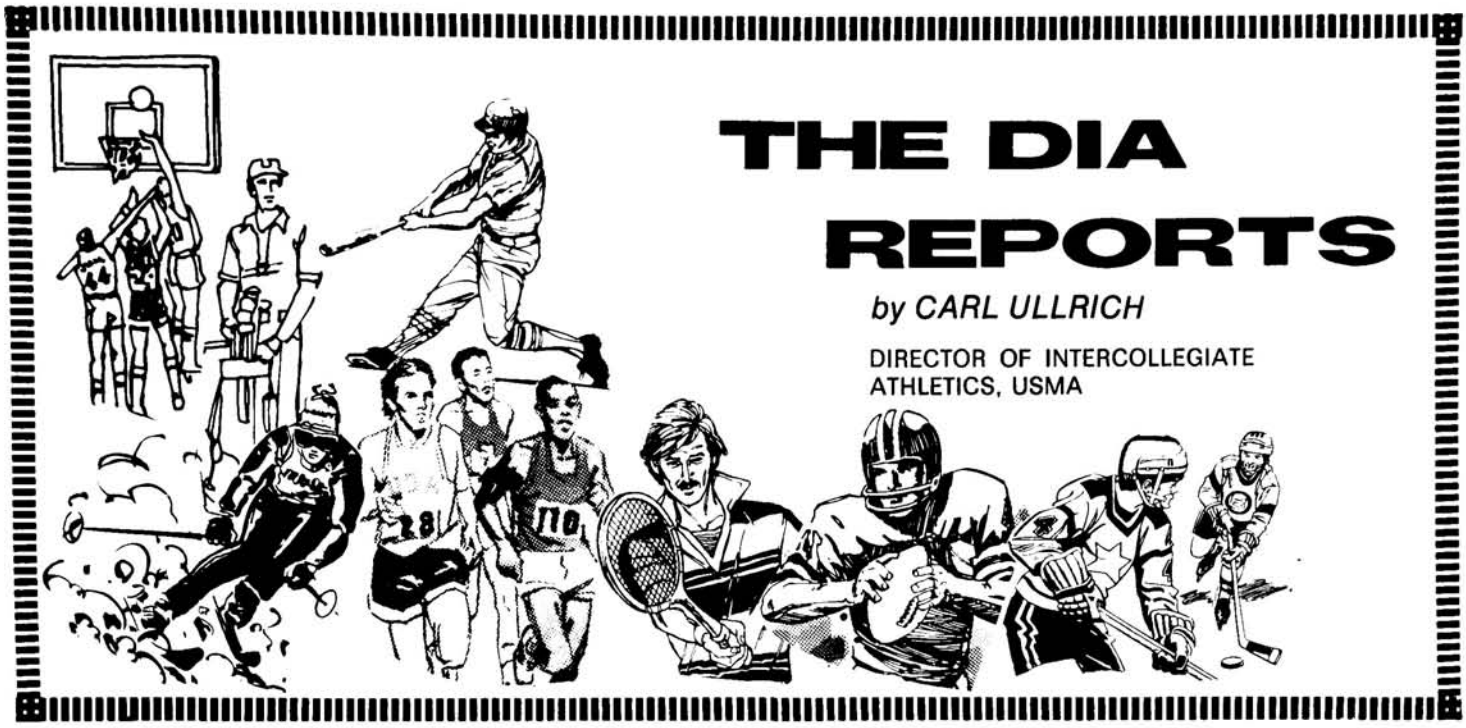


THE DIA REPORTS

by CARL ULLRICH

DIRECTOR OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, USMA

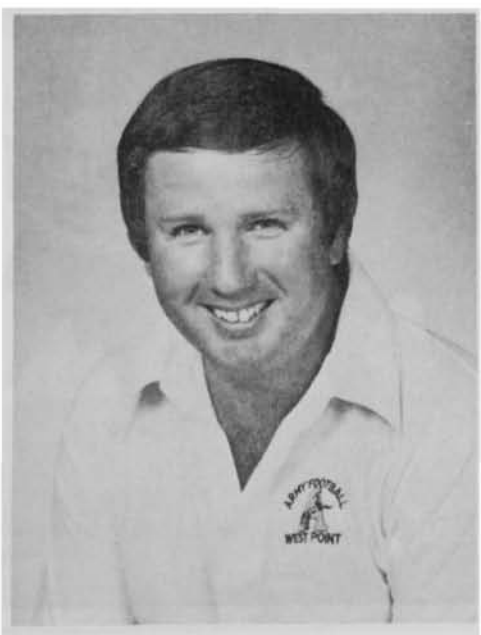
As you read this our spring season will be completed. As I write it we are about four weeks into our spring season having completed, in other than our competition with Navy, an excellent winter sports performance record.

Our outstanding pistol, men's track and rifle teams all won their contests with Navy. Pistol had an outstanding 13–0 undefeated record; men's track had their best dual meet record in a long time with a 7 and 1 record, and rifle continued with a strong performance at 15 and 3. Yearling Dave Cannella was selected as a first team All-American Rifle Shooter based on his tremendous performance throughout the season. Pistol All-Americans included Steve Kent in free and air pistol, Ralph Sorrell in standard pistol, and Al Guarino in free pistol. Although losing to Navy, our wrestling team had a second consecutive outstanding season with three cadets moving on to the Nationals—Co-captains Chris Johnson and Mark Palzer and Second Classman Bobby Turner. Hockey completed their winningest season in history, including an anniversary win #400 for Coach Riley. Gymnastics, men's swimming and squash all had excellent winter seasons but lost to Navy. Women's basketball had a winning season but lost to Navy. Women's track and swimming had a record of approximately .500 with women's swimming losing to Navy in their new pool in Annapolis.

Our most disappointing winter team performance was with men's basketball which had a 5 and 22 season, with a loss to the Naval Academy here at the West Point Field House. It is never easy to make a coaching change, but it was decided at the end of a second consecutively poor season that a change was necessary. Coach Pete Gaudet, who was here five years as Mike Krzyzewski's #1 assistant, and two years as head coach, was notified that his contract would not be renewed.

Les Wothke—new Army Basketball Coach.

Charlie Taaffe, Assistant Football Coach.



I am delighted to report that we were able to entice to West Point a gentleman with an outstanding record spanning 21 years in coaching basketball. I am certain in the very near future he will revitalize the West Point men's basketball program. Coach Les Wothke comes to us after successful coaching experience as head coach of NAIA Winona State in Minnesota, as an assistant at the University of Illinois where he helped rebuild a dismal program into a winning one and, most recently, as head coach at Western Michigan University, where he took a last place Mid-American Conference team and in two seasons moved it into a position to tie for the conference championship. He is an outstanding gentleman in every respect with great knowledge of the game and a truly caring attitude toward his players. He is tremendously well organized, is a winner from every aspect, and we are thrilled that he and his wife Judy have joined the West Point community. We are also pleased that Les saw fit to retain our basketball assistants, Les Fertig and Randy Ayers, who are doing an excellent job in our recruiting efforts, and we are especially excited about the Class of 1986 potential for this important revitalization of Army's men's basketball.

We have had some turnover with our football staff. Offensive Coordinator Ed Wilson moved to Cornell and Defensive Backfield Coach Wally Neel moved to Bethany College in West Virginia. Part-time assistant LT Al Seagraves will leave the Army in May and has become a full-time member of Ed Cavanaugh's staff. We have hired Mike Pariseau from Youngs-

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down the field...

by WILLIAM L. HICKLIN, PAO, USMA

Army's spring sports teams have posted an impressive 41-22 record as the 1981-82 intercollegiate competition nears its close. The Cadets' nationally ranked lacrosse team, with a 7-1 record and an exciting 11-10 upset of perennial power Johns Hopkins, leads the successful spring campaigns.

Lacrosse 7-1

Army's lacrosse team, which ended last year's spring season as the nation's No. 3 team, has climbed a step higher thus far this spring. Currently the Cadets, who scored a rousing 11-10 victory over nationally ranked Johns Hopkins for head coach Dick Edell on April 17, are marching along at a 7-1 pace. Their victory over Johns Hopkins leaves them behind only North Carolina in the national ratings.

Army's only loss to date was to Navy. The Midshipmen stopped the Cadets 12-11 in overtime on April 14. It was a disheartening loss for Army lacrosse fans, as the Cadets were unable to maintain an 11-8 lead late in the game.

Looking at the eight-game scoring statistics, Paul Cino is the team leader with 38 points on 13 goals and 25 assists. Harry Jackson is second with 21 points, while Frank Giordano is third with 18 points, and P.J. O'Sullivan is fourth with 12 points. Jackson has 20 goals and 1 assist; Giordano has 11 goals and 7 assists, and O'Sullivan has 9 goals and 3 assists.

Defensively, goalie George Slabowski has made 77 saves, while allowing only 45 goals. His backup, Matt Jackson, has 13 saves and has allowed 7 goals.

Coach Edell feels the team's victory over Johns Hopkins was "remarkable after the heartbreaking loss to Navy just two days prior. To come back and beat Hopkins. . . . I can't find words to explain it."

Women's Track 3-0

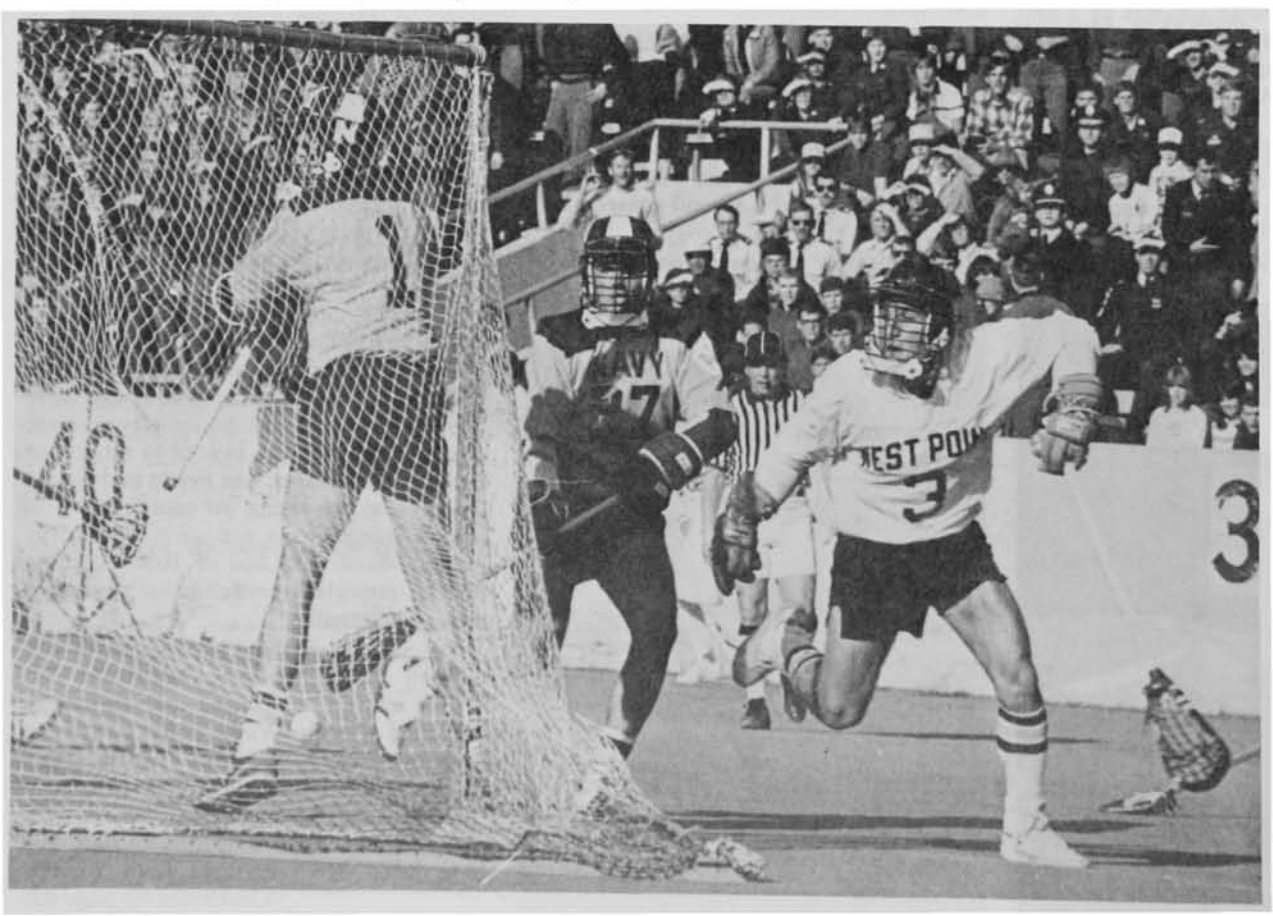
Forced to cancel a home meet because of a late winter blizzard, Coach Craig Sherman took his team to Delaware for a meet. The results . . . five new Military Academy records.

Tracy Hanlon, an All-America long jumper, set the pace as she shattered her own West Point record by jumping 18-8¾ for third place in the 12-team field, and ran leadoff on two record-breaking relays.

Cookie Florcruz, Michella Walla and Maureen Finnessy followed Hanlon across the line in both record-setting relays. The foursome garnered a fourth place finish in a sprint medley relay (1:58.8) and sixth place in the 400 meter relay (50.3).

Two other records fell as both the 3200 meter relay and the distance medley relay team placed fourth. Deborah Gillette, Mary List, Corky Hall and Alma Cobb ran the 3200 meter race in 9:40.7. Hall

Paul Cino, the Cadets' top scorer, tallies against Navy



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teamed with Wendy Anderson, Marlene Nelson and Sue Lenio in the distance medley relay. They finished in 12:56.5.

Men's Tennis 10-2

The Cadets scored their biggest team victory in three years with an Eastern League win over Pennsylvania.

In posting a 6½-2½ decision over the Quakers, Coach Paul Assaiante's netmen gained their first league victory in two years over Penn and snapped a 13-game losing skein.

Army took four of the six singles matches and then clinched matters with wins at the No. 1 and No. 3 doubles.

Posting straight set victories in singles competition were freshmen Ted Wilson and sophomore Chris Wilson. Grant Hayne and Charlie Deal had to go three sets before notching victories. In the doubles action, Ted Wilson teamed with Jon Bell for one win and Deal and Wilson got the other.

Women's Tennis 2-1

With snow and rain disrupting their schedule, Army's women's tennis team has been idle.

Tia Sargeant, however, has won the battle for the No. 1 position, edging team captain Gail Petty in their last challenge match. Debbie Williams and Kathy Spaulding also add strength to the Lady Knights. Jamie Ruffing and Melody Smith will be playing at the No. 5 and No. 6 spots respectively.

Men's Track 0-1

In their most recent outing, Army's track team dropped a 97-66 decision to arch-rival Navy. Trailing 58-55 after the first 13 events, Navy tied the score at 61 with a win in the 400 meter hurdles. Navy finished the dual meet with 13 first place finishes. Cadet winners were Jeff Scott in the hammer, Todd Kulik in the long jump and Blake Hawkey in the pole vault.

Like a number of other spring teams, the men's track team has been hampered by late winter weather. The Cadets saw their meet against Princeton cancelled by snow, but they traveled to Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. There the Cadets collected five first place medals.

Scoring first for Army were Joe Malloy in the 10000 meter run (32:04.11), Tom Wuchte in the 3000 meter steeplechase (9:04), Todd Kulik in the long jump (23:10) and Rob Bauder in the javelin (212-½).

The spring medley teams also collected a first, posting a time of 3:28.1. That relay team included Phil Lockett, Charlie Babers, Alex Lambert and Brian Ochsner.

Baseball 9-10

Cornell ended the Cadets five-game winning streak recently by sweeping both ends of a double header at Doubleday Field. The two losses moved Army's overall record to 9-10 and 2-2 in conference play.

Junior outfielder Gary Donaldson leads all regulars with a .435 average. He is followed by third baseman Jim Stenson at .370, first baseman Pete Foster at .342, shortstop Kevin Batule at .324, designated hitters Jim Morris at .313 and Bob Clarke at .310. Morris and Jeff Hoadley lead the team in homeruns with three each.

The pitching staff is headed by Don Pevonka, Gregg Kane, Chris Wright and Al Pehanick. Providing support from the bullpen are Jim Kitz and Greg Pearce. Hurler Eric Sine, who has been sidelined with a knee injury, is working his way back into the lineup. Pehanick has the best record at 2-1, while Pevonka is 2-2.

Women's Softball 4-4

In their latest outing, Army's women's softball team split a doubleheader with Rhode Island College. They took the opener 11-0, but dropped the second game 6-5. The split evened their record at 4-4.

In the opener, hurler Lori Stocker paced the Cadets by holding Rhode Island to just two hits. Army took command in the opener by scoring five times in the third inning.

In the nightcap, Rhode Island belted Army pitchers for 12 hits, and took advantage of a couple of miscues to gain the split.

Golf 0-0

Bob Smith fired a two over par 72 to take medalist honors and the Cadets captured both first and second in the 15-team West Point Spring Invitational Golf Tournament.

Smith teamed with Mario Ramirez and Steve Driscoll to lead the Army Black squad to the team title with a score of 373. Ramirez and Driscoll both fired 74's to tie for third.

The second place Army Gold team was paced by John Schuster, who finished in a tie for third.

"Lonely End" Bill Carpenter Named to Football Hall of Fame

Bill Carpenter, who caught the nation's fancy as Army's "Lonely End" in 1958, is one of the 11 former all-America football players who have been named to the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame.

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VARSITY SPORTS SUMMARY 1981-82 (TO 18 APRIL 1982)

FALL	**Games**	**Won**	**Lost**	**Tied**	**Pct.**	**Navy**	**Captain**
Women's Cross Country	8	8	0	0	1.000	—	Harlene Nelson
150-lb. Football	5	4	1	0	.833	Lost	Bob Scurlock
Cross Country	9	7	2	0	.788	Lost	Jan Afridi Tom Wuchte
Women's Tennis	9	6	3	0	.667	—	Gail Petty
Soccer	16	9	3	4	.601	Won	Alex Sung
Women's Volleyball	56	29	26	1	.527	Won	Cindy Glazier
Football	11	3	7	1	.318	Tied	Dan Enright
Totals	114	66	42	6	.605	2-2-1	
WINTER							
Pistol	13	13	0	0	1.000	Won	David Lemauk
Men's Track	8	7	1	0	.857	Won	Kevin Kullander
Rifle	18	15	3	0	.833	Won	Brian Malloy
Wrestling	22	18	4	0	.818	Lost	Chris Johnston Mark Palzer
Hockey	35	24	11	0	.686	—	Jim Knowlton
Gymnastics	12	8	4	0	.667	Lost	Scott Francis
Men's Swimming	13	8	5	0	.615	Lost	Michael Klingele
Squash	22	13	9	0	.591	Lost	Todd Harmanson
Women's Basketball	29	15	14	0	.517	Lost	April Hughlett
Women's Track	10	5	5	0	.500	—	Harlene Nelson
Women's Swimming	12	5	7	0	.417	Lost	Sue Tendy
Men's Basketball	27	5	22	0	.185	Lost	Michael Spencer
Totals	221	136	85	0	.615	3-7	
SPRING							
Lacrosse	6	7	1	0	.875	Lost	Ken Dahl
Women's Track	3	3	0	0	1.000	—	Roberta Baynes
Men's Tennis*	12	10	2	0	.833		George Geczy
Women's Tennis	3	2	1	0	.667	—	Gail Petty
Baseball	19	9	10	0	.474		Kevin DeHart Tim Morris
Women's Softball	8	4	4	0	.500	—	Mandy Fulshaw
Golf	0	0	0	0	.000		Marty Smith
Men's Track	1	0	1	0	.000	Lost	Jeff Scott
Totals	52	35	19	0	.673	2-0	
Overall Totals	387	237	146	6	.613	5-11-1	

*Includes 6 matches in Fall

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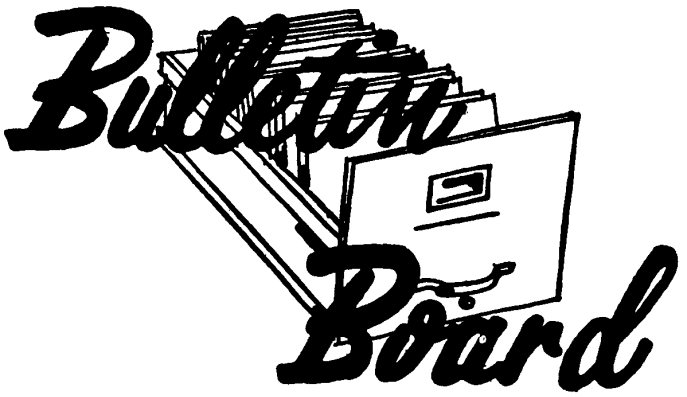

Board of Trustees Meets at West Point

The Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates held its regular late winter meeting at West Point on 26 and 27 February. Prior to the Board meeting on the 26th the West Point Fund Committee and the Association's Admissions Committee held regular meetings. All of the sessions were exceptionally well attended.

Among items of particular interest to Board members were briefings by the Dean of the Academic Board, Smith '44, on the academic program and by the USMA Public Affairs Officer, LTC William L. Hicklin, on the USMA Public Affairs Program.

During the second session, on Saturday morning, the Superintendent briefed the Board on current issues of interest concerning the Academy and the Corps. The Board approved the Nominating Committee's slate of President and Trustees to be submitted at the Annual Meeting and the recommendation of the Thayer Award Committee for 1982. The Board approved the tentative FY 83 operating budget, which shows expected revenue and expenses of $1,097,000 and $965,800 respectively.

In other actions, the Board approved the establishment of a second pooled life income fund with the goal of attracting donors who seek growth in their shares in the fund as distinguished from the already established West Point Pooled Life Income Fund, which seeks to maximize income from the donors. The Board noted with regret that Thompson '29, Past President of the Association and Chairman of the West Point Fund Committee had requested that the President appoint a new Chairman. (See article elsewhere in this ASSEMBLY.) The President reported that Jannarone '38, a Trustee Emeritus of the Association and long time member of the West Point Fund Committee, had agreed to serve as Chairman. The Board will hold its next regular meeting at West Point on 21 May 1982.

Homecoming 1982

The following is a tentative schedule for alumni Homecoming 22-24 October 1982. Class reunions at Homecoming: 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977. A firm schedule will be published in the September 1982 ASSEMBLY. For additional information contact LTC Burney, Alumni Affairs and Gifts Program Division, USMA, West Point, NY 10996 or telephone 914-938-3700/3024, or Autovon 688-3700/3024.

Friday, 22 October 1982

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

Saturday, 23 October 1982

0800—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
0900—AOG Board of Trustees Meeting
0900—Open House at the Following:
Cadet Barracks
Various Academic Departments
1000—Assembly for March to Thayer Monument, Jefferson Road***
1015—Alumni March to Thayer Monument***
1030—Alumni Exercises, Thayer Monument* ****
1100—Alumni Review, The Plain***
1230—Concert, Elizabeth Philips Irwin Carillon
1400—Football, Army vs Boston College, Michie Stadium**
1900—Alumni Headquarters Closes, Cullum Hall
1900—Alumni pre-dinner Cocktail Hour, Washington Hall
2000—Alumni Dinner & Superintendent's Reception, Washington Hall (Dress—Civilian, Informal)**
2100—Informal Alumni Dance, Washington Hall

Sunday, 24 October 1982

0800—Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall
0800, 0900, 1030 & 1200—Catholic Mass, Holy Trinity Chapel
1030—Protestant Service, Cadet Chapel
1100—Reunion Class Brunches
1200—Alumni Headquarters Closes
1215—Concert, Elizabeth Philips Irwin Carillon

*Conducted indoors in event of inclement weather.
**Admission by ticket.
***Cancelled in event of inclement weather.
****Alumni wives & dependents to be seated by 1025 hours.

Our Association membership of 28,375 represents over 98% 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.

Upcoming Reunion Schedules

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

Class	*Reunion Period*
	1982
1947	29-31 October 1982 (Army vs Columbia)
1957	1-3 October 1982 (Army vs Harvard)
	1983
1938	7-9 October 1983 (Army vs Rutgers)

Experience with the new policy has shown it to be quite popular. The Class of 1956 seemed quite pleased with arrangements made for their 25-27 September 1981 reunion. They were provided in excess of 50 rooms at the Hotel Thayer and secured sufficient accommodations in the nearby Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery area to insure that all returnees were locally billeted. A cocktail buffet was held at the Hotel Thayer on Friday evening. On Saturday morning, a class meeting and memorial service was conducted in the Ballroom of the West Point Officers Club. The Superintendent addressed the class briefly during the meeting and responded to questions from the group. The class then joined the Superintendent in taking the review conducted by the Corps of Cadets on The Plain. A luncheon in the Cadet Mess was followed by a trip to Michie Stadium to witness an enjoyable football victory over Brown University. On Saturday evening, a class dinner dance was held at the Officers Club. A brunch at the Hotel Thayer on Sunday morning gave classmates one last opportunity to reminisce prior to returning home. All reports received at the Alumni Affairs Office indicate that a very enjoyable time was had by all.

1982 Sylvanus Thayer Award

The President of the Association of Graduates, USMA, has announced that David Packard has been selected to receive the 1982 Sylvanus Thayer Award. As industrialist, public servant and military educator, Mr. Packard has contributed significantly to the security and welfare of the United States. Presentation ceremonies will be held at West Point on 14 October 1982.

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Class of 1986 Admissable Candidate Status

	Class '86	*Class '85*	*Class '84*
As of	15 Apr 82	16 Apr 81	17 Apr 80
Files Started	12153 (1504)	11000 (1313)	9829 (946)
Nominations Received	6036 (751)	5508 (653)	5233 (521)
Offers of Admission	1654 (181)	1692 (221)	1735 (194)
Acceptances	883 (92)	652 (91)	822 (97)

Figures in ( ) indicate women

Foreign Academy Exchange Program

Plans are currently well underway for the 1982 Foreign Academy Exchange Program. This USMA program will enable 107 cadets and 15 officers to visit and study at one of thirty-four locations outside of the United States. Cadet participants are volunteers who are selected based on their demonstrated academic and military skills performance. These cadets will study in one of 19 Latin American countries, or in Australia, Belgium, Great Britain, Germany, Greece, Japan, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Holland, Portugal, Spain, Korea, Egypt or Tunisia. Additionally, USMA cadets also participate in language and Cultural Orientation programs in the Peoples Republic of China and at the United States Army Russian Institute, Garmisch, Germany. Future additions to these study programs include Morocco and the Philippines.

West Point cadets will spend 10 to 20 days overseas and will have the opportunity to learn more about foreign military forces, military academies, customs, traditions and intensify their language training. For cadets concentrating in Russian, Chinese, Arabic, German, Spanish, French or Portuguese, this program is particularly beneficial.

An adjunct of this program will be USMA hosting 24 foreign contingents during 1982. These contingents will include 80 foreign cadets accompanied by 10 escort officers. These visiting contingents will remain at West Point for a period of 10 to 15 days and are exposed to a representational overview of the Academy and the ongoing military and academic programs.

Professor Garver Retires

Colonel John B. Garver, Jr. USMA 1952, a Professor of Geography at the United States Military Academy, retired 31 Jan 1982 after 31 years service.

After his graduation in 1952, the colonel's military assignments included command and staff positions in the 33d Infantry, the Infantry School, the 82d Airborne Division, 18th Airborne Corps, the Royal Saudi Senior Officers Institute, and combat infantry battalion command with the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldiers Medal, 4 Bronze Stars (2 for Valor), 6 Air Medals, and the Meritorious Service Medal. In addition, he was a 1963 graduate of the Command and General Staff College.

Garver attended Syracuse University earning a master's degree in geography. His first tour at the Military Academy was from 1966 to 1969 as an instructor and assistant professor in the Department of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences. After a one-year combat tour in Vietnam he returned to the Military Academy as an associate professor and completed his doctorate in geography at Syracuse University. In 1981 he was appointed Professor of Geography in the Department of Geography and Computer Science.

In addition to his duties as Professor of Geography, Colonel Garver was Chairman of the Instructional Methods and Technology Committee, Vice Chairman of the Faculty Council, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates, United States Military Academy.

Colonel Garver is married to the former Meredith Hunter of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Their youngest son, Robert, is a member of the Class of 1985 at the Military Academy. They also have two older sons: John III, USMA 1975, is an Army captain attending Duke University Law School; Thomas, USMA 1977, is an Army captain serving in the 4th Infantry Division. Their daughter, Carol, is a 1979 graduate of Smith College and is an administrative assistant to Congressman Ralph Regula, 16th Ohio District, in Washington, DC.

Colonel Garver has accepted a position as Chief Cartographer for *National Geographic* in Washington, DC.

Paul W. Thompson

John R. Jannarone

New Chairman of West Point Fund Committee

After five years of outstanding service as Chairman of the West Point Fund Committee, Brigadier General Paul W. Thompson '29 has stepped down from that post. The Association's President, Mr. George F. Dixon, Jr. '40, with the endorsement of the Superintendent, Lieutenant General Willard W. Scott, Jr. '48, has appointed Brigadier General John R. Jannarone '38 to succeed General Thompson in this important position.

General Thompson, a Trustee of the Association from 1962 to 1970 and President from 1970 to 1974, was the creative and energizing force in the major reorganization of USMA alumni and gift program affairs in 1972, under which the West Point Fund Committee was reorganized. In the twelve year period since General Thompson became President of the Association, the Association's assets have increased from $1.5 million to $11.1 million. Under his Chairmanship of the West Point Fund, since 1977, over $7 million has been contributed to the Association for the benefit of the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets. General Thompson's selfless giving of his extraordinary talent, valuable time and boundless energy has few, if any, parallels in West Point's history.

General Jannarone, an Association Trustee for 16 years and a Trustee Emeritus since 1977, was Dean of the Academic Board from 1965 to 1973 and has been a member of the West Point Fund Committee since 1977. As Dean of the Academic Board, he was Chairman of the important West Point Fund Advisory Committee, which recommends to the Superintendent how contributions to the West Point Fund can best be used for the benefit of the Academy and the Corps. For five years following his retirement from the Army in 1973, he was a Vice-President for Environmental Affairs of Consolidated Edison in New York City.

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Delano Unitrust Boosts West Point's Deferred Giving Program

From time to time the AOG has announced to its membership the receipt of major gifts through bequests or Life Income Trusts. Gifts of this nature are often part of a donor's estate plan which are intended not only to assist West Point but to enhance one's estate by improving tax benefits for the donor and the heirs. The AOG sometimes assists in this process by providing legal advice through its lawyers in New York City. The types of Life Income Trusts most frequently used in this program are the Pooled Income Fund, Charitable Remainder Unitrust and Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust. Other means are available for donors whose financial objectives are more specialized.

Some twenty-four separate trust agreements have been written naming West Point as remainderman for aggregate amounts in excess of 1.3 million dollars. One of the recent gifts was made by Mr. Anthony J. Delano, Class of 1951. It has been about two and one half years since he made an irrevocable gift of a substantial amount of stock to a Charitable Remainder Unitrust naming the Association of Graduates to receive the corpus of the gift after the death of the life income beneficiaries. The beneficiaries receive an annual payout equal to a fixed percentage of the net fair market value of the trust's assets as revalued each year. The interesting part of this particular trust is that the net fair market value has increased substantially thus boosting the payout to the life income beneficiaries while, at the same time, swelling the potential gift to West Point.

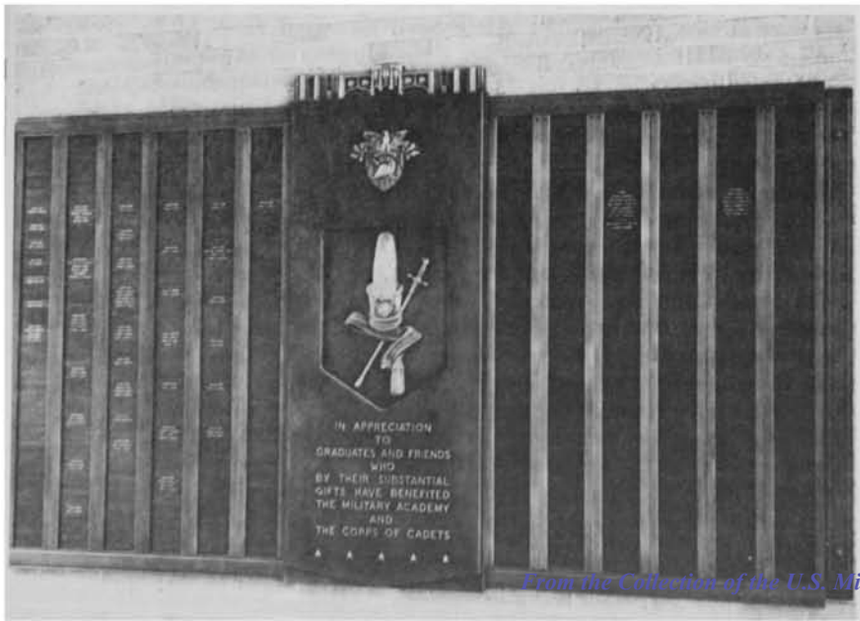
As a cadet, Tony Delano was a varsity track letter winner and a member of the record-breaking Two Mile Relay Team. It is no great surprise that his trust agreement will eventually create a fund at West Point named in memory of his classmate and fellow track teammate, Louis J. Storck, who gave his life for his country during the Korean War. The fund will be used to support the West Point Intercollegiate Track Program.

West Point is indeed grateful to Mr. Delano for his generosity and thoughtfulness.

New Major Donor Recognition Policy

The Major Donor Plaque located in the sally port of USMA Headquarters is the successor to the original plaque established in 1963 as a means of recognizing publicly those donors whose total giving to West Point equals or exceeds $1,000. As remaining space on the plaque is becoming limited and as recent increases in the Consumer Price Index suggest tighter qualification criteria to be more realistic, a change in the recognition policy has been approved for adoption. Effective 1 January 1983, the qualification for listing donors on the Major Donor Plaque will be a gift of $1,000 to West Point in a single calendar year or a lifetime giving total of $3,000.

Major Donor Plaque.



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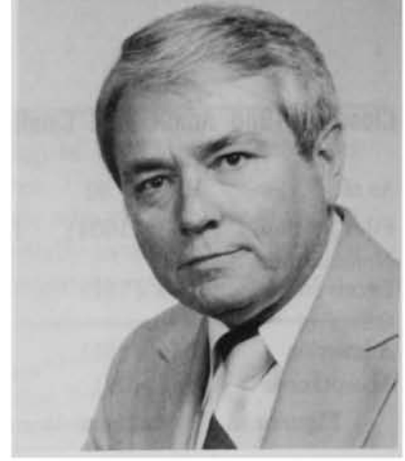

Mr. Webber Provides Another Major Gift

The September issue of ASSEMBLY announced that during Graduation Week 1981, Mr. A. T. Webber, Jr. '51 made a most generous gift of $50,000 through the AOG for Army football. It also reported that Mr. Webber had made a gift of $5,000 to the Eisenhower Project and $45,000, through the AOG, to a project under development, the purpose for which would be announced later.

The President of the Association has recently announced that the Secretary of the Army accepted Mr. Webber's generous gift of $45,000 to be used for the purposes of supplementing expenditures from the contingency and welfare funds used by the Superintendent and the Commandant. The gift may be also used to provide appropriate mementos for invited guests of the Military Academy to be presented by the Superintendent, Commandant, or by a designated Academy official in the name of the Superintendent. The Association of Graduates and the Military Academy are indeed grateful to Mr. Webber for this gift and for his generosity to West Point over the years.

Class of 1882 Day at West Point

Since 1966, the Military Academy has annually set aside one day to recognize the accomplishments of those members of the Long Gray Line who graduated 100 years before. The occasion is referred to as the Centennial Reunion. In conjunction with this, 3 May has been designated "Class of 1882 Day" at West Point. Descendants of the USMA Class of 1882 will be provided briefings and tours of Military Academy facilities throughout the day. They will honor their ancestors at a "Last Roll Call" ceremony at Trophy Point just prior to being honored guests at the Brigade Review conducted by the Corps of Cadets. A banquet at the Hotel Thayer, highlighted by Cadet Chapel Choir entertainment and remarks by the descendants about their ancestors, will cap a very busy schedule.

The USMA Class of 1882 graduated 37 members on 13 June 1882. Eleven of those graduated were "turn-backs" who were originally members of the Class of 1881. All were commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, Artillery, Cavalry and Infantry branches. In light of today's somewhat elaborate process for branch selections by graduating cadets, it is interesting to note that the first five graduates by General Order of Merit in USMA 1882 were commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, the next 11 were commissioned in the Artillery, and the remainder in Cavalry and Infantry. As was apparently the custom of the day, all those assigned to the Cavalry and Infantry branches were immediately assigned to "Frontier Duty."

Edward Burr graduated first in the Class of 1882. He rose to the rank of brigadier general and served over 40 years on active duty. He was the last surviving member of his Class when he died at Walter Reed Army Hospital in 1952. His sons, John Green Burr and William Edward Burr, were both graduated with the Class of 1914.

Following a tradition begun in 1866, the class "Loving Cup" was presented to John Taliaferro Thompson as his was the first son born to a member of the Class. His son, Marcellus Hagans Thompson, would later graduate with the USMA Class of 1906. The father eventually attained the rank of brigadier general and achieved considerable fame as an armaments expert and inventor. His design of the Thompson Sub-Machine Gun resulted in his being awarded the $15,000 first prize at an international competition held in Great Britain in 1928.

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Although the "Loving Cup" went to Thompson upon the birth of his son, the first child born to a member of the Class was Richard Whitehead Young's daughter. Young was a grandson of the famous Mormon leader Brigham Young. He served with distinction under Major General Arthur MacArthur in the Philippines and eventually attained the rank of brigadier general.

William Hampden Sage, who was one of the eleven "turnbacks" from the Class of 1881, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry in action at the Zapobe River, Philippine Islands, in June 1899. Sage eventually rose to the grade of major general. His son, William Hampden Sage, Jr., graduated sixth in the USMA Class of 1909. Obviously, the father gave the son wise counsel on the merits of completing academic requirements in the prescribed four-year period.

Oscar Terry Crosby, who graduated second in the Class, served as an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury under President Woodrow Wilson. In that capacity, he was in charge of all war loans to Allied powers in 1917. His file in the USMA Archives contains a very interesting letter that he sent home from West Point just prior to entering the Corps of Cadets. It provides considerable insight to the life and times of that period as he recounts the experiences which he, as a 16-year old, had in travelling east to apply for entry to the Military Academy. The awe with which he described walking up and down Broadway at night "when the gas was lighted" is a reminder that as much as things have changed in 100 years, much remains remarkably the same.

Among those who entered USMA with the Class of 1882 but did not graduate, John Boylston Abbott and Albert Walter Gilchrist had significant later involvement with the Academy. Abbott became a prominent lawyer and banker in New Hampshire and remained an active supporter of the USMA Association of Graduates. Gilchrist was at one time a member of the USMA Board of Visitors and served as Governor of Florida from 1909–1913.

It is interesting to note that the Corps of Cadets in 1882 had very little in the way of athletic activity as part of their daily routine. Several members of USMA 1882, when responding to later questionnaires from the Association of Graduates, commented to the effect that their athletic activity after graduation had been much the same as that which they had experienced as cadets—very little. Times have certainly changed in that regard for today's cadets!

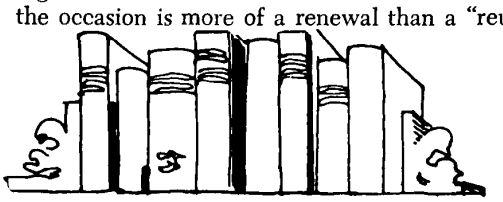
The 1st Division of Barracks, which now stands in the Central Area, was one of the barracks used by the Class of 1882. A visit to the Tower Suite of the 1st Division, that is now maintained in the style common when Pershing lived there in 1886, provides an indication of the living conditions common to cadets of the era. The 2nd through 8th Divisions of Barracks, which were also in use in 1882, were removed to make room for the barracks expansion required when enrollment in the Corps of Cadets was increased to the current authorization.

One current member of the USMA Staff & Faculty and two members of the Corps of Cadets trace ancestors to the USMA Class of 1882. Captain Archibald V. Arnold, III, Department of Behavioral Science and Leadership, is a great-grandson of MG Charles Gould Treat, USMA 1882, who served as Commandant of Cadets from 1901–1905. Cadet Rease Griffith, USMA 1982, is related to MG Adelbert Cronkhite, USMA 1882, in that his great-great-grandfather, John Trout Greble, was General Cronkhite's uncle. (Editor's Note: Greble, USMA 1854, was the first graduate of the Military Academy to be killed in the Civil War). Cadet Church M. Matthews, III, USMA 1985, is a great-great-grandson of Colonel Warren Putnum Newcomb, USMA 1882.

The West Point community takes pleasure in welcoming descendants of the USMA Class of 1882 as they visit in conjunction with the Centennial Reunion. The President of the USMA 1882 Centennial Reunion is Colonel (US Army Retired) Benjamin Alvord Spiller, USMA 1941, who is the grandson of BG Benjamin Alvord, Jr., USMA 1882.

For the past 16 years, the Centennial Reunion has provided a unique opportunity for family and friends of the Centennial Class to gather in honor of members of the Long Gray Line who are long since departed but in no way forgotten. All of the work required to identify and locate descendants is voluntarily performed by members of the Permanent Centennial Committee under the able direction of LTC (Ret) David Quinn of Gaffney, SC. The search for descendants is a complex investigative procedure that only those who have attempted to develop a "family tree" can well appreciate.

Many descendants travel great distances to attend the Centennial Reunions and, in most cases, are visiting West Point for the first time. Typically, the Centennial Reunion brings together distant relatives who have never met. In a real sense, the occasion is more of a renewal than a "reunion."—Burney '64



Book Review

FOLLOW ME

By Major General Aubrey S. Newman (Ret), USMA 1925. Presidio Press, 1981. 323 pages. $14.95.

Reviewed by Major V. Paul Baerman, USMA 1968, Department of History, USMA.

Follow Me is a collection of material that has appeared in "The Forward Edge" feature in *Army* Magazine and some added recollections of the author of that feature, MG (Ret) Aubrey "Red" Newman. General Newman joined the Army as a 1925 graduate of West Point and saw service in World War II as Division Chief of Staff and Infantry Regimental Commander during the invasion of Leyte. After the war he commanded airborne infantry and was the Assistant Division Commander of the 82d Airborne. His long career is best illustrated by the famous poster painted for the Army in Action series, featuring then COL Newman, exhorting his men forward under a storm of Japanese bullets with the immortal "Follow me!"

Follow Me is a series of vignettes outlining leadership and training lessons applicable both in military and civilian life. In many ways it is an ideal companion volume to that other best seller in military circles, *Common Sense Training* by LTG (Ret) Arthur S. Collins Jr. The myriad of subjects covered by MG Newman is impressive and his natural writing style very persuasive.

But *Follow Me* is a book that must be viewed from several angles. It is an historical insight into the "Old Army," the Army of the period between the world wars. General Newman talks about "Maggie's drawers," "wart fours," WWI NCO's, leggings, saber instruction, and Thomason Act lieutenants.

It is the diary of a maturing officer, one who is developing his professionalism and competence through intense effort and love of the service. It is also the picture of an officer who has kept his notebook up to date, refined his ideas, learned his lessons, and who wants to share them with others.

It is also a book about sergeants. On numerous occasions NCO's demonstrate by word and deed their skill in training their charges and their lieutenants and prove the meaning of the phrase "backbone" of the Army."

It is the portrait of a human being who sees humor in the Army, views his soldiers with empathy, knows how to laugh and how to be an SOB when necessary. MG Newman also knows how to admit his mistakes and learn from them.

Follow Me is foremost a study of the "human element in leadership," as the sub-title of the book suggests. MG Newman uses anecdotes and stories too numerous to mention to make his points. Topics covered are as diverse as tact, supervision, sleep, and loyalty, to scratch only the surface. These subjects are all presented simply and directly and you find yourself shaking your head knowledgeably realizing you could not have said it any better.

If you are looking for value in a book, *Follow Me* is it. You will find in it not one but four or five very valuable works by a leader who offers "sound and wise counsel."

Tac NCOs

The history of the Battalion NCO dates back only to 1977 and the Borman Commission. This study group recommended

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that an NCO be assigned to each cadet company. Their reasoning was that cadets were graduating and taking their place in the Army having had little or no exposure to the NCO and his job. It was found that this lack of knowledge posed serious difficulties for the new lieutenant. In 1978, a pilot program was started, and the fourth regiment was chosen for the test. By March of 1979, all three NCOs had arrived and the program was effectively put into action.

The trial period was very successful, and the decision was made to assign one NCO (E-7) per battalion, with each regiment supervised by a Master Sergeant (E-8). With the arrival of the last NCO in November of 1981, the program was fully staffed and ready for action.

Where do these NCOs come from? Each one of them has been specifically recommended or selected based on their outstanding service record. They also underwent an extensive review and interview program before their final selection. For example, most of the battalion NCOs have served both overseas and stateside tours, are combat veterans, and have served as drill sergeants at Camp Buckner and Cadet Basic Training. Some even came from other assignments at West Point. But no matter where they came from, all were chosen for their exemplary performance.

Although the program has only been fully implemented for less than a year, it is already proving itself an invaluable addition. The program's primary purpose is to increase cadet exposure to the NCO and his responsibilities, in hopes that this will eliminate the previous knowledge discrepancy. However, many other benefits of the program have been recognized.

The Battalion NCOs have taken a great deal of responsibility off of the company tactical officers. They now supervise their battalion staffs, as well as the cadet NCO chains at the company level. The NCOs also have the job of teacher, and trainer, much as they do in the Army. This entails presenting classes, supervising drill periods, and conducting inspections, to name a few.

But the NCOs will be quick to tell you that their job encompasses much more than inspections and drill. With their vast amount of experience, they complement and support the tactical officers in the performance of their duties. The NCO's experience in regular Army units, their branch knowledge, and their advice concerning the NCO-junior officer relationship are an important, but often untapped, resource for cadets. It is their job to train cadets in the NCO positions so that, having gone through that training himself, the junior officer will be better able to understand the relationships among the NCOs and enlisted people in his first unit.—Cadet Ward

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.

Reunion Co. B3, Class of 1976

Company B-3, Class of 1976, is planning a small reunion for former members of that company. Details: Call Todd Decker (405) 248-3205, or Mark Alexander (615) 431-4844, or Jim Wooley (913) 776-7131. Plans are for the July 4th weekend near the World's Fair.—Decker '76.

Parents Club of Illinois

West Point Parents Club of Illinois meets four times a year. Each meeting is planned to further the stated purposes of the club:

1. To promote an exchange of information and experience to help cadet's parents or guardians and cadets enjoy West Point and benefit by the experience of those who have been through it.
2. To help West Point select cadets for admission.
3. To help build and maintain good feelings toward West Point among the American public.

Accordingly, the September '81 meeting held at Starved Rock Lodge featured a lively panel discussion which describes and illuminated typical features of each of a cadet's four years at West Point.

The December '81 meeting held in Willowbrook addressed the problem of large telephone bills generated by calls from cadets. No general method for reducing bills has been found, and this problem still remains an area of concern.

The March '82 meeting held in West Chicago was the culmination of the annual recruitment search by cadet parents and others. Qualified high school juniors interested in attending service academies were guests of the club for dinner and for the meeting at which liaison officers spoke and showed slides.

Another annual event is the appearance of the "Yearling Panel" at the June Meeting. On June 6 at the Holiday Inn in Morris, Class of '85 Illinois cadets will speak briefly on topics regarding their experiences as plebes and about life at West Point. Class of '86 future cadets and their parents will be in attendance.

Other events and services of the club include: a quarterly newsletter which disseminates information about the club and emphasizes news about cadet/alumni activities and achievements; the annual Illinois cocktail party during Plebe Parents Weekend; a trip to the Army-Navy football game in 1980; and housing Glee Club cadets during their '81 appearances in the Chicago area.

Officers and committee people for 1981-2 have been: President, Phil Pearson (Gregg '82); VP, Joe Fulco (Anthony '83); Treasurer, Bill Barts (Deborah '83); Corresponding Secretaries, Roger and Joyce Nagel (James '84); Recording Secretary, Joyce Hewitt (Richard '84); Public Relations, Paul and Shirley Lawrisuk (Andrew '84) and Pat O'Lone (John '82); Historian, Elmer Schweninger (Elmer '70); Membership, Kathleen Schwitalla (Daniel '84). Immediate past president is Robert Jacobs (Robert '81).

Cadet Waddell wins Rhodes Scholarship

Cadet Ricky L. Waddell, 22, of Centerton, Arkansas, was selected for a Rhodes scholarship from the Gulf States region, one of the eight regions where competition is held.

Waddell said most of the questions asked by the selection committees centered on contemporary issues. Among other topics, he said they asked his views on "the military's place in society, the draft, women in the Army, women in combat, what we could do in Poland and the energy outlook in Brazil."

The Rhodes scholarships were established in the will of British industrialist Cecil Rhodes in 1902 and provides a stipend of nearly $15,000. Candidates are judged on literary and scholastic attainment, leadership and athletic ability.

Waddell is a distinguished cadet, having made the Dean's List each semester since his enrollment and remains in the top five percent of his Class academically. The 6-foot-3 230 lbs. First Classman lettered in football his 2d Class and First Class years playing in all 22 games of the past two seasons as an offensive guard.

Waddell is the 59th member of the Corps of Cadets at the United States Military Academy to receive a Rhodes Scholarship. In addition, he is the first varsity football player to gain those academic honors since Pete Dawkins received a Rhodes Scholarship in 1959.

Waddell is the son of Gerald T. and Naomi Waddell of Centerton, Arkansas. A graduate of Bentonville High School, he lettered in football, basketball and track, was vice president of his Class, and was secretary of the National Honor Society. He received his appointment to the Military Academy from then-Vice President Walter Mondale.

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Military Qualification

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tegration, the one issue that seems to generate the most interest and concern among the Corps is the certification exam. By design, cadets will be tested on their initial mastery of the MQS-I Military Task Component (Table 2). At the present time, the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) is working to develop a prototype exam, similar to the SQT for enlisted soldiers. The proposed exam will be staffed with West Point, tested/validated, and eventually implemented. It is envisioned that the certification exam will be a two-part process, whereby some of the MQS-I military skills are certified at the end of Cadet Field Training (CFT), conducted during yearling summer, while other skills are certified after the last MS course is completed. The two-part certification approach has two distinct advantages: first, it enables West Point to test the "hands on" tasks (those tasks that cannot be easily included as part of a written classroom style examination) at Camp Buckner; and second, the timing of the two-part exam allows enough time for retraining and retesting of those cadets who initially fail to certify. In any event, cadets should understand that the certification exam is on the horizon and represents an important milestone prior to commissioning.

With respect to short-term progress in the integration of MQS-I, a number of important initiatives are well underway and should be of immediate interest to the Corps. This year, for the first time, the Cadet Basic Training (CBT) Program, (Beast Barracks) will integrate 13 of the 75 major sub-areas under the Military Task Component of MQS-I. The Class of 1986 will be trained and tested ("Go/-No-Go") in 8 of 17 first aid areas, 4 of 13 operations and tactics areas and 1 of 8 weapons areas (the M16A1 rifle). A record will be maintained by the CBT S-3, which will identify those cadets who fail to meet MQS-I standards. Those who fail will have to be retrained and retested at some other point in their four year program.

The phased integration of MQS-I into the Cadet Field Training (CFT) Program will continue and expand this summer. Last year, the Class of 1984 was trained and tested in some 18 MQS-I skills. This year, additional MQS-I skills have been identified and added to the list of skills to be tested. Cadets in the Class of 1985 will be trained and tested in 31 of the 75 major sub-areas. In fact, the Class of 1985 will be trained and tested in 8 of 13 operations and tactics areas, the land navigation skill group, 3 of 17 first aid areas, the physical readiness skill group, 6 of 8 weapons areas, 3 of 3 NBC defense training areas, and 9 of 9 radio and wire communication areas. As last year, cadets who fail to meet MQS-I/CFT standards, as determined by the tactical officer and Camp Commander, will be retrained on a case-by-case basis. Disposition options include repeating all or part of CFT the following summer or other appropriate remedial efforts to bring all cadets up to MQS-I standards. In essence, the Class of 1985 and all future classes should recognize that Camp Buckner stands as a primary MQS-I training ground and is key to the certification process.

Cadets in the Class of 1984 and selected cadets in the Class of 1983 have already begun another MQS-I based program—the Pre-Cadet Advanced Training (CAT) Program, which prepares cadets for Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) and the Drill Cadet Program (DCP). Both the Orienteering Program, completed in March, and the Oral Presentation Techniques (OPT) training, now underway, not only prepare cadets for CAT, but also fulfill MQS-I requirements. For example, the OPT training package, which gives cadets the opportunity to conduct a performance oriented training session for their tactical officers and peers, encompasses all four major sub-areas under the Army training management skill group of the Military Task Component. As the MS curriculum evolves to enhance the professional development of the Corps and to accommodate MQS-I, areas such as OPT training will be integrated into the curriculum.

Of course, the integration of MQS-I, even in the short-term, is not limited to summer training. On the contrary, MS courses taught during the academic year include or will include a substantial number of MQS-I requirements. As DMI course developers revise/refine the MS courses—in coordination with the Professional Development Branch of DMI—more and more emphasis will be placed on MQS-I skills and professional knowledge subjects. A concerted effort will be made to ensure that MQS-I requirements are made known to cadets, and tested to the extent possible, on course examinations. In the near future, a detailed inventory will be completed of those MQS-I tasks already being addressed by other academic departments at USMA. Concurrently, applicable academic departments will be formally asked to assist in the integration of other mandatory MQS-I skills in the curriculum, to ensure that the military education and training of the Corps of Cadets in the wide variety of subject areas is complete.

Key to the MQS-I integration process, an on-going Leadership Development Study, chaired by Colonel Howard Prince, Professor and Head of the Department of Behavorial Science and Leadership, will identify numerous MQS-I subjects now being taught in this curriculum and further refine how well USMA graduates are prepared in terms of leadership. This study should also assist in insuring that all MQS-I preparation is included in the core curriculum at West Point.

All in all, the new foundation is taking shape and will serve to reinforce the many superb aspects of the existing curriculum. In the coming weeks and months ahead, the Corps of Cadets can expect much more information on this new system that so vitally affects their professional development and career progression.

New Chemistry Curriculum

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istry Department facilities, significant changes will take place over the next several years. The most important work involves a complete rehabilitation of the General Chemistry Laboratory which was built in the 1930's. In addition, a cadet learning center is being planned along with a modest expansion of classrooms and office space.

Although the new laboratory will complement the adjacent elective course laboratory (Room 120), which was converted from an electricity laboratory in 1973, total laboratory space is still inadequate to accommodate the core course cadets within the normal two-day lesson cycle. A four-day laboratory cycle will have to be implemented in AY 82-83. At present a storage room is being converted to laboratory space for the Human Biology Course, and a small sub-basement laboratory is used for both faculty and cadet individual research.

A vital part of the Department's laboratory program is the acquisition and utilization of modern instruments to support cadet experiments as well as faculty/-cadet research. In recent years the Department has purchased a gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer, a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, an atomic absorption spectrometer, a high performance liquid chromatograph, a titration calorimeter, a polarographic analyzer, as well as sets of visible spectrophotometers and microscopes. In the future, the Department plans to add the following instruments/instructional aids: a flash photolysis teaching system, a human physiology kit, a selective ion electrode system, a gel electrophoresis system, another polarographic analyzer, a liquid chromatograph, and a stopped-flow spectrophotometer.

A cadet learning center within the Department is presently in the infant stage with plans approved for full development. When completed, this area will include the Department library, video tape playback carrels, computer terminals, study carrels, and various audio-visual equipment including 35mm slide projectors, film strip projectors and tape players. In conjunction with the development of the learning center, computer assisted instruction (CAI), beyond the present prelaboratory assistance programs, will be developed.

With the shift of the core general Chemistry course from yearling to plebe year the faculty strength in the Department has risen to thirty-two officers and one visiting professor. In addition to Colonel Wilford J. Hoff, Jr., Professor and Head of Department, the tenure faculty includes Colonel James H. Ramsden, Deputy Head; Lieutenant Colonels Harry G. Rennagel and

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George F. Palladino and Majors Dwight S. Springer and David C. Allbee. LTC Gerald R. Jilbert is the executive officer. The current twenty-six rotating officers represent various branches of the Army and are selected so as to expose the cadets to a kaleidoscope of military experiences and academic backgrounds. All have exceptional military records. Six officers possess doctorates and the remainder masters degrees in Chemistry, Chemical Engineering or one of the life sciences. Professor B. Richard Siebring, a noted inorganic chemist and author from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee has been our visiting professor during AY 81-82, bringing to the Department thirty-two years of teaching and research experience. The presentation of our extensive laboratory program is ably supported by Mr. Fred Rose (Chief Chemist) and Dr. David Loehle (Chemist). The department administrative staff is supervised by Mrs. Dorothy McCutcheon.

In the area of research, members of the department continue to work on individual research projects, often in conjunction with the Advanced Individual Research elective. The role of faculty research has taken on added importance in recent years, not only to improve the quality of the cadet academic experience, but also to enhance the professional development of the faculty in their roles as educators and scientists. In order to expand the permanent faculty research involvement, and to focus on the research needs of the active Army, the Department is currently developing a plan to do cooperative type research with Army laboratories of the U.S. Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command.

From the Chemistry Department's point of view, the new 1985 Dual Track Curriculum offers significant, pedagogical advantages. Based on this year's transition to the two semester plebe course, the overall coverage of general chemistry principles and the laboratory experience are greatly improved. In addition, the science foundation for all cadets has been strengthened. It will now be possible for selected cadets to take Organic Chemistry in their yearling year, thus providing maximum flexibility for scheduling of other chemistry electives in their last two years.

News from the Societies

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of our gatherings at Mamma Leone's off Times Square.

The real highlights of our spring program were Founders Day and a trip to Ottawa. Ed Meese, Counsellor to the President, was our guest at the University Club in Manhattan on 23 March. Mr. Meese is the father of a recent Academy graduate, and he is a special friend of West Point. Last year he invited the Society's members to the White House for a personally-guided tour, and we were especially pleased to have the opportunity to honor him as our guest on Founders Day. In late April, Society members visited Ottawa, where we were hosted by senior officials of the Canadian government.

Membership in the West Point Society of New York is open to all Academy graduates. Society activities include USMA admissions support, promotion of Academy athletic programs, and special projects such as the upcoming New York City exhibition of artifacts from the West Point Museum. This fall the Society will proudly sponsor the Golden Anniversary Salute to Sousa at Carnegie Hall. Maestro Morton Gould will direct the American Symphony Orchestra and the US Military Academy Band in a selection of American classics and works of John Philip Sousa. Priority for ticket sales will go to Society members and their guests. For information about Society membership or the Sousa concert, write to our office at 950 3rd Ave., New York, NY 10022, or call us at (212) 724-7400—Hancock '71

West Point Society of Minnesota

The Society had two very successful events early in 1982 at the Normandy Inn in Minneapolis. The first, held on 8 January, was the third annual John Darmody Luncheon for Minnesota cadets and candidates for the Class of 1986. The second was the West Point Founders Day dinner held on 19 March.

The John Darmody Luncheon tradition began in 1980 to enable graduates and cadets home on leave from West Point to meet each other. The Society board of officers voted in 1979 to name the luncheon after John Darmody, Class of 1968, an avid booster of intercollegiate athletics who was also involved in the West Point admissions program.

Over 80 attended the luncheon in January, as graduates served as hosts to 20 cadets and 30 candidates for the Class of 1986. Major Edward Doyle, Class of 1969, an instructor at West Point who also represented the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, gave an outstanding speech which updated graduates on activities at West Point. He also offered a challenge to both the candidates and the cadets. Election of officers was held yielding the following results: President: Jim Backlin, '66; Vice President: Willie Price '70; Secretary: Doyle Perry '71; Treasurer: H. Paul Timm Jr. '67; and Admissions Coordinator: Rodney French '53.

The Founders Day Dinner, which was preceded by a candidates' meeting, was held on 19 March. BG Joseph Skaff, Class of 1955, Deputy Director of OPS, Readiness & Mobilization, Office of the Chief of Staff, gave the main address. Al McCormick '36 and Jim Bash '74, gave speeches as the oldest and youngest graduates.

The West Point Society of Minnesota cosponsors a June picnic and orientation for New Cadets and their families each year, with the West Point Parent's Club of Minnesota. Among the 150 people in attendance last year were 20 New Cadets and their families, some present cadets and their families, and over ten candidates for the Class of 1986. The West Point Society organizes an orientation program in the morning and the Parent's Club organizes the picnic in the afternoon.

The final major event of the year for the West Point Society of Minnesota is the annual Army/Navy game party held with the Annapolis Society of Minnesota. Our graduates outcheered the former middies in attendance this past year, and were rewarded with a tie. This year, our long-suffering fans will taste victory!

West Point Society of South Florida

On 25 March the Society held its celebration of the founding of the United States Military Academy 180 years ago. Ninety-three members, their wives, and friends of West Point gathered in the Encore Room of the Dupont Plaza Hotel in Miami for the occasion.

Highlighting the celebration was the presence of our guests of honor, the Superintendent, LTG Willard W. Scott, Jr. and his wife, Mrs. Justine Scott. At noon on 25 March General Scott was present and spoke during a luncheon at the Country Club of Coral Gables to a group of high school candidates for West Point, and their parents.

The Founders Day celebration started with a Benny Havens hour followed by dinner. In the traditional manner, the dinner opened with the Cadet Prayer followed by toasts to the Commander-in-Chief, the Corps and to the Ladies. The program consisted of remarks by the oldest graduate, BG Benjamin Weir, Class of '14, and the youngest grad, John W. Vanderschaaf, Class of '76, who established his claim to fame by leading those present with a Rocket to the Corps. Fortunately the roof of the hotel, though it vibrated noticeably, did not come down. However, a few dishes fell on the floor and numerous glasses of water spilled.

The highlight of the evening was General Scott's address about the Corps, concerning the academic, sports and character training aspects of the development of cadets, to prepare them to become officers in the United States Army in accordance with the mission of the Academy.

The only order of business at the dinner was the election of Officers for the term 1982-83. Leonard Kaplan '39 was reelected President, David G. Blanchard '67 elected Vice President, and Henry H. (Huck) Bolz III '71 reelected Secretary-Treasurer.

The dinner ended with the singing of the Alma Mater followed by a spontaneous "Beat Navy" from the Superintendent, and more Benny Havens.

West Point Society of Atlanta

On the evening of 16 March, the members of the West Point Society of Atlanta and their guests gathered at the Officers' Open Mess at Fort McPherson, Georgia, to celebrate Founders Day 1982.

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Colonel (Retired) Charles E. Balthis Jr. '40, president of the Society, welcomed 170 graduates, wives and guests. Lieutenant Colonel Michael C. Sanderson '64, the Society's Treasurer, gave the invocation. Colonel (Retired) Malcolm D. Jones '26, described experiences in the Corps of former years in his "Oldest Grad" remarks. Lieutenant James R. Ott '79, was the "Youngest Grad" spokesman. Included among the guests were First Classman Joseph Kolb '82; Holly Getz '82, daughter of Brigadier General and Mrs. C. E. Getz, of FORSCOM.

Principal speaker was USMA Superintendent, Lieutenant General Willard W. Scott Jr. '48. Lieutenant General M. Collier Ross '49, Deputy Commanding General, FORSCOM, introduced General Scott. In his address, the Superintendent emphasized the mission of the Academy to provide a baccalaureate education for cadets and to graduate young men and women trained in the tradition of DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY.

General Scott discussed the new dual-tracks academic curriculum requiring each cadet, starting with the Class of 1985, to choose between two fields of study; mathematics - science - engineering (MSE) disciplines or humanities-public affairs (HPA) disciplines. General Scott also spoke both candidly and reassuringly on the Honor System, emphasizing the challenge of teaching young people of today's social and ethical orientation to live by the Code and not tolerate others who are discovered in violation thereof. The Superintendent concluded with information about plans to meet requirements for increasing academic and indoor athletic facilities. Announcement of plans to make use of the buildings of recently closed Ladycliff College for additional academic, library and museum space, met with discussions at the tables recalling earlier memories of that associate institute.

The evening's program ended with former members of the Cadet Choir and Cadet Glee Club led by, Alan H. Gould '47, singing the "Alma Mater," "Army Blue" and "The Corps." Major General Charles P. Graham '50, Chief of Staff, FORSCOM, Master of Ceremonies, announced formal adjournment, to return to Class discussions at Benny Havens.

Our Society here has a well balanced, active program each year. It usually starts with a fall Kick-Off affair to give newcomers to the area a chance to meet the old hands. This event usually includes a speaker from the Academy, a current film coverage of the Academy or some similar highlight. Then we combine with the Navy grads for the Army-Navy game. This is always well attended by spirited representations from both Academies.

The Annual program is rounded out with the Founders Day dinner in March and the installation of new officers and Board members at the May general membership meeting. We manage one additional social event over the Christmas holidays when the Society combines with the Women's Club for a dinner affair.—Schellman '39.

West Point Society of Alaska

Alaska's Founders Day banquet was held at the Fort Richardson Officers' Club on 20 March 1982.

The keynote speaker was Dr. James Ford, Chaplain, U.S. House of Representatives and former chaplain of the U.S. Military Academy. The Oldest Grad speaker was Bruce Staser '44 and the Youngest Grad speaker was Grant Steffan '81.

Dr. Ford gave an inspirational talk on the camaraderie of values instilled at West Point and he laced his presentation with stories of the famous and not so famous who have contributed to the folklore of the institution. Bruce Staser gave a well-received tribute to the Army wife who has contributed so much to the success of our graduates, and Grant Steffan provided an update on the military, intellectual, physical, social and moral development of cadets at West Point today.—Nunn '59

West Point Society of Central Ohio

The Society celebrated Founders Day 82 with a social hour and dinner at the Ohio State Faculty Club, Columbus, OH, on 18 March. The featured speaker of the evening was Brigadier General Frederick A. Smith Jr., Dean of the Academic Board, USMA. The Society was also honored to have as the oldest graduate in attendance, Brigadier General Frederick S. Strong Jr., Class of 1910. General Strong spoke firmly and with conviction to a receptive audience of graduates, cadet parents, spouses and cadets. General Smith's excellent presentation on curricular, and other changes at the Academy, capped off an enjoyable, informative and inspirational evening.—Lair '62

West Point Society of Middle Tennessee

The Society met for the Founders Day Celebration on 26 March 1982. There were 35 graduates, six Naval Academy grads, and one Air Force Academy grad present, together with their ladies. Landon G. Daniel '19 spoke as the oldest grad, and Greg Lucas '74 made the customary remarks as the most junior grad present. President Sam Bartholomew '66 introduced his classmate, Tom Swain, who is CO 3/319 FA Bn at Fort Campbell, as the speaker of the evening. Tom gave a most positive and heartening report on the state of the Army in general, and of the 101st Abn Div (Air Assault) in particular. In order to be present for the evening, Tom had left his battalion in the field, made a quick change to business suit, and was going right back to the field and his battalion following the meeting.

Joe Rawlings '51 was elected President of the Middle Tennessee chapter for the coming year.

The affair was held at the Hillwood Country Club in Nashville. The club put on a fine dinner and all the arrangements were great.—Macintire '45.

Space Coast West Point Society

This year's Founders Day dinner was a well attended black tie affair, held in the Patrick Air Force Base Officers Mess. Major General Herbert "Doc" Loper, Class of '19, our elegant oldest grad, attended with his son Tom, Class of '50, while our youngest grad, Bruce Donlin '75, collaborated with classmate, Chris Gaston, to pigue our imagination with tales of the exploits and ghost stories, by which the newer classes bemuse themselves. The Superintendent and Mrs. Scott charmed, delighted and in general gave all of us a clear impression that the Long Gray Line is in good hands. They have a standing invitation to return anytime.

The evening of Saturday, 12 June, the Space Coast Society will mingle with the local Annapolis Alumni at our traditional annual barbeque. Festivities will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Patrick Yacht Club with Tom Burt '49 doing the honors. If you still need reservations write to the Space Coast West Point Society, Box 4484, Patrick AFB, FL 32925, or call Howard Peckham, Tel: 305-727-7244.

West Point Society of Los Angeles

Founders Day celebration was a brunch held on Sunday, 7 March, at the Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. Guest speakers were Edwin Meese III, counselor to the President, and Harry N. Walters, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (Class of 1959). Approximately 300 were in attendance including guests from the Naval Academy Society of Los Angeles. Oldest graduate, Colonel James C. Waddell (Class of 1914), Past President and Governor Emeritus, spoke. Youngest graduate was Theodore R. Taylor Jr. (Class of 1974). Outgoing officers were President: Bill Cohen (1959); Vice President: Jerry Skatvold (1956); Secretary: Mike Esposito (1956). New Officers were President: Mike Esposito (1956); Vice President: Max Feibelman (1946); Secretary: Bob Schannep (1960). Mr. Meese spoke about critical factors in security of the United States. Former All-American on undefeated Army team of 1958, Harry Walters, spoke on the resurgence of Army football and its relationship to national defense. As Mike Meese (Class of 1981) had addressed the Society as "The youngest graduate to be" last year, this was the first time that the Society had a "Father-Son" team as guest speakers on successive years.

West Point Society of Chicago

In February, Carl Ullrich, the Director of Athletics, visited Chicago along with Cadet Rick Waddell (Army Varsity football player who has recently been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship). Carl addressed the luncheon group on the progress he is making in reorganizing the athletic department and Cadet Waddell gave us a very courageous speech on his reaction on be-

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ing told he would not start in the Navy football game. This session was attended by several prospective candidates who, as we understand it, are now favorably inclined toward becoming cadets. In March, the former Deputy Supe, Art Brown '53, was our guest of honor, along with his lovely wife, Jerry, at our Annual Founders Day Dinner Dance. This annual affair was highlighted by the normal toasts, especially the one given by our oldest grad, Dr. Julius Mussill, June '18. A good time was had by all. The annual Business Roundtable was held in the Shareholders' Room at the Continental Bank in April. The theme of the Roundtable was "You and the Executive Recruiter." On the panel were senior partners at the largest executive recruiting firms in Chicago who told the assembled group of the various things employers are looking for, the structure of recent compensation packages, how to go about seeking employment on a post-military career basis and other very interesting topics. As usual, Continental Bank was a most gracious host and our hats are off to EVP Gene Croisant for his assistance in this regard.

The Society, in conjunction with the Union League Club, was instrumental in bringing the Chief of Staff, Shy Meyer '51, to Chicago to address a large luncheon group at the Club. Quite a few of our members, along with a large group of business and civic leaders in Chicago, attended.

New officers elected for the coming year were: President, Ivar Kaardal '73, Vice President–Recruiting, Dick Gallagher '63, Secretary, Dennis Coll '65 and Treasurer, Pete Meyer '64.

At the Annual Founders Day meeting, tentative plans were made to try to bring the Glee Club to Chicago in 1983 for Washington's Birthday weekend as well as early efforts to bring another Army/Air Force game to Chicago.—Coll

West Point Society of Phoenix

The Society held its celebration of the 180th anniversary of Founders Day on 9 March 1982 in the South Court Room of the Pointe Resort.

Dinner Chairman Jim Vivian '42 reports that over one-half the known graduates in the area enjoyed a prime rib dinner with all the trimmings, including red wine, and a fine program in this colorful setting overlooking the city.

Coy Curtis '35 succeeded in enticing almost 100 grads, wives and guests with his inspiring invitation. He then MC'd a great program featuring the "Com," BG Joseph P. Franklin, who held us spellbound with a most interesting update. Ed Sachs '30 did the honors as "oldest grad" in regaling us with the story of how he courted his bride. Our faith in the younger generation was strengthened by Captain Jeffrey Greene '73, "youngest grad."—Vivian '42

BEAT NAVY

West Point Society of The Monterey Peninsula

The Society celebrated Founders Day at the Fort Ord Officers Open Mess on 14 March with 267 graduates and guests in attendance. Considering the fact that a large number of the troops at Fort Ord were on exercises around the world, this was an excellent turnout.

The Commandant of Cadets was the guest speaker. COL W. McC. Chapman, Aug '17, the oldest grad, gave his reflections on the old Army while LT Meese '81, the youngest grad, told about the new.

In keeping with the Society's active program to assist in recruiting candidates for the Academy, MG L.G. Cagwin '40, President, introduced two of the three local candidates who have been accepted for the next entering class, and who were our guests for the evening. Unfortunately, the third candidate was unable to attend.

Much of the success of this Founders Day was due to the outstanding support from the 7th Infantry Division, commanded by MG T.D. Ayres.—Chapman '37

Rock Island Arsenal

For the first time in many years, West Pointers gathered at the Officers Club at the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, to celebrate Founders Day. Co-Chairmen, John Herrin '74 and Bob Wilson '73, welcomed over 100 guests, which included more than 30 grads, their wives and 25 possible candidates of the Class of 1986.

BG Frederick A. Smith, the Dean, attended as guest speaker bringing recent news and slides of the "gray walls." Earlier in the evening he spoke with interested high school students and parents.

Enthusiasm for an annual get-together was strong. PDC for next year: Bob Wilson, 701 Eastmoor, Iowa City, Iowa 52240. For those of you who were invited, but did not attend: beat your boots! You missed a good time, good food, and a great speech by the Dean.—Wilson '73

Fort Bliss

The West Point Founders Day dinner was conducted at Fort Bliss, Texas. The guest speaker for the event was Mr. Carl Ullrich, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, USMA. The topic of his speech was "Athletics at West Point." The dinner was given on 16 March 1982 in the Fort Bliss Officers Club. MG John B. Oblinger Jr., Fort Bliss commander, was the host for the evening. COL Crampton H. Jones, Class of 1916, was the oldest graduate.

Hawaii

Founders Day 1982 was celebrated in Hawaii with dinner and festivities on 13 March in the DeRussy Room at the Hale Koa Hotel. The theme for the celebration was General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. The distinguished guest and guest speaker for the evening was the Honorable Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Democratic Senator from the State of Hawaii. The host for this year's celebration was LTG Eugene P. Forrester, USMA '48, the Commander of Western Command (WESTCOM).

Plebe Life 1918

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arms, clothing and equipment, and required to walk post in his underclothing with a broom or a tent-pole for a gun. When the corporal came around with the relief an hour or so later the shivering plebe was roundly "bawled out" for having been caught napping on post, after which he was allowed to go in search of his lost equipment, which was usually left in the vicinity.

Sometimes, tradition has it, the tactics were reversed. One tale is told of a certain plebe who caught a yearling buck whom he particularly disliked while the latter was taking shelter in his sentry-box during the rain. The plebe crept up behind the sentry-box, overturned it, and sent it rolling down the hill. I have never heard what became of the man in the box!

I was particularly fortunate while on guard and never had a patrol run on me. The moral effect of seeing such occurrences on adjacent posts was, however, sufficient.

In such a manner the summer drifted along, or perhaps I should say *raced* along. We were too busy to become bored.

One event which broke the monotony was a visit I received from Dad and Bud. Sometime in August they passed through West Point on their way to Plattsburgh, where my brother was to enter the Officers' Training Camp. With them were Marvin Gray and two other fellows whose names I do not remember. The circumstances of my seeing them, however, I shall never forget.

The Corps was marching to dinner. My battalion had just formed a column of platoons and was doing a column left to change direction down the main road to the mess hall. I was Number 1 in the rear rank of my platoon, and just as we began the turn my glance rested on the opposite curb for a moment, and whom did I see there but my Dad and the group mentioned above. I had no idea they were in this part of the country and my astonishment and joy were so great that I forgot where and who I was. Particularly *who*! For the moment I saw and relaxed my plebe brace, the attention of Mr. Donelly, the yearling file-closer, was attracted. Said Mr. Donelly shifted his position so as to be directly behind me, and began to give me his undivided attention. He invited me, in that calm, unfrightened tone which yearling corporals are wont to use in addressing Fourth Classmen, to get my chin in and "drag those shoulders back." This just as I was marching past within ten feet of my Dad! I believe it was an event unique in the history of the Academy for a father to stand by

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and see his son "crawled" before his very eyes. Of course I promptly came to life and immediately resumed the plebe posture, and in this manner marched triumphantly down the street out of the sight of my admiring friends.

Upon my return to camp from dinner I was informed by the Cadet Officer of the Day that I had visitors at the guard tent. Before I could get permission from the Officer in Charge, however, first call for afternoon drills was sounded, and a few minutes later I had to fall in again and go to signal drill. My section marched out again right by my Dad who saw me and perhaps began to feel that his was a poor place for visitors. We reported to the officer who gave instruction in signalling and were told to fall out, take flags (semaphore and wig-wag) and begin sending and receiving in pairs. My Dad had followed up and after a few minutes I asked the instructor for permission to speak to my friends. This permission was readily given, and I went over and spent a joyous half-hour with my visitors. At the end of this time the instructor called me back and I had to bid good-bye to Dad and the fellows, who left the Point soon after.

But the little episode was not quite at a finish. That night after supper an upper classman, a stranger to me, stuck his head into my tent and inquired if Mr. Ford lived there. I snapped to attention and replied that he did, whereupon I was told to put on my coat and follow him. He led me way to the far end of the encampment—it was, if I remember correctly, G Company Street—and then to the forbidden southern end of the street where the upper classmen lived. We halted before a darkened tent and I was told to enter and stand at ease. This, of course, I did. There was no one present in the tent when I went in, but shortly afterward several cadets—upperclassmen—entered. When all were settled, I was terrified to hear one of them ask the question:

"Mr. Ford, do you know you have committed the unpardonable sin?"

"No, sir."

"Well, you have. Who were the people you were talking to this afternoon in front of the library?"

When I answered this question he began to bombard me with more: whether I did not know tht Fourth Classmen were not supposed to receive visitors during summer camp, whether I had asked the visitors to come, if I knew they were coming, etc., all of which I answered vigorously in the negative. I believe I stated that I not only did not ask the people to visit me, but also that I disliked exceedingly to have them do so. I would readily have severed all connections with family, home, and friends, had he only suggested it! My replies evidently satisfied him, for presently he ceased to question me, gave me a solemn warning never to repeat the offense and told me to "beat it," which I did at a dead run, vowing inwardly to walk ever the straight and narrow path of plebe custom.

A word of explanation here is necessary. When a man enters the Academy, the change from civilian life, or from life elsewhere in the military service for that matter, is very abrupt. It is purposely made so. The standards of West Point are entirely unlike those of any other institution. To preserve those standards unchanged it is considered necessary that a young man entering the Academy be subjected to the severest discipline, that even his personality be more or less suppressed, in order to give the spirit of West Point time to get hold of him, to allow him to adapt himself to the ideals of the Corps, and to keep those ideals from being, through him perverted.

So a plebe, especially during those first few months of summer camp, is expected to lie low. Visitors are not forbidden him, but they are most emphatically frowned upon, and the wise plebe waits until the return of the Corps to barracks in September before he begins a social career. Even then he leaves "femmes" out of the list.

The foregoing paragraphs were written, obviously, at a much later date, probably when Cadet Ford was no longer a plebe and could therefore better appreciate the custom. Even so, at a later point in his diary, he describes an event where he and a roommate, George DeGraaf, were called on several successive days to the the room of two yearlings and "crawled" unmercifully for the heinous offense of trespassing on the diagonal walk running between North and South Barracks. The two plebes had forgotten the upper class edict in their excitement at the thrilling news that two visitors were waiting to see them at the reception room.

During such "crawlings" the victim was made to stand with his back to the wall, pull in his chin, raise his chest, square his shoulders and flatten his back until the small of it touched the wall. Meanwhile, though there was no physical contact, a hateful face, eyeball to eyeball, six inches away, snarled at him with imprecations and commands to strain every muscle involved. A successful result was achieved when an outline of the plebe's shoulders and torso appeared in sweat on the wall. Cadet Ford wrote of his tormentor: "I conceived a hatred of him (name deleted) which I firmly believe eternity cannot eradicate."

I think it is necessary to differentiate between the action just described, done in private, done with malice, done without authority, and a somewhat similar treatment inflicted on plebes in public, pursuant to custom, for some purpose, and approved by the Commandant. The first type (administered usually by yearlings, themselves just out of plebedom, and not yet dry behind the ears) humiliates the plebe, arouses his antagonism, and does nothing to fit either cadet for command of the troops of a democratic nation. Quite the contrary.

But let Cadet Ford resume.

Camp life, after beast barracks, was very enjoyable. We all learned how to smile once more, and found many things for our amusement. It is said that a cadet has the most keenly-developed sense of humor to be found. The theory is that the cadets are confined so closely that life would be unbearable if there were many pessimists around. So they take every opportunity to squeeze a laugh out of an occurrence which, to the ordinary observer, would seem prosaic indeed.

One incident, in particular, I remember: We were required to be always properly shaved at dinner formation each day. Most of the fellows drew water from the hydrants in the company streets and shaved in their tents in the approved style. Now I had nothing against shaving in my tent, but my face rebelled violently against being shaven with cold water from the hydrant. The only place where we could obtain hot water was the bathhouse at the eastern edge of camp, and to shave there was forbidden. The problem narrowed down to transporting hot water from the bathhouse to my tent. But how? A bucket was too large and would excite suspicion. I finally hit upon the happy expedient of wrapping a canteen in a bath towel and proceeding to the bathhouse on a pseudo-legitimate errand, filling the canteen with hot water, and beating it back to my tent to perform the duty. The scheme worked well for a time, but the denouement finally came. A particularly observant upper-classman noticed that I left the bathhouse after having been in only a minute or so.

"Mr. Drucot, do you mean to say you took a bath in *that* time?"

"No, sir."

"Why not?"

"Didn't need one, sir."

"Well why, then, in the name of Saint Christopher, did you go to the bathhouse a minute ago with a bath towel in your hand?"

"I wanted to get hot water to shave in, sir." With this I unfolded the towel and showed him the canteen. He eyed it for a moment, and then said:

"Proceed, Mister. I haven't the heart to stop a man with that much ingenuity."

On a subsequent occasion, however, I was discovered by a yearling not so favorably inclined, and was forced to throw out the hot water, draw ice water from the tank, and shave in it. This almost broke me of the habit.

Summer camp buzzed busily along. We were already beginning to anticipate with pleasure three important events in a plebe's life: Camp Illumination, the big hike, and the return to barracks. Camp Illumination was the first occasion upon which we could see visitors without fear; the annual hike was a happy season during which the upper classmen allowed us to enjoy ourselves at will; and the return to barracks was the signal for the

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extension of plebe privileges particularly those with regard to seeing visitors.

Camp Illumination came that year on 14 August. We were told to ask up all the friends and sweethearts we wanted to see, and to have a big time. On this occasion the camp was decorated extravagantly, lanterns were hung everywhere, and a big stage was erected in the general parade where the "show" was to be given. The plebes, as usual, did most of the work.

Two days later, Monday, 16 August, the big hike began. During the summer we had had several short overnight hikes to Round Pond, Popolopen Creek, and other favorite camping-places. But this was "the" hike. It lasted about ten or eleven days. Each day we broke camp early, packed up, and were off on the march. The maneuver s were usually march problems, so that we might become accustomed to the elementary exercises in tactics.

Cadet Regulations prescribed that cadets not go further than a mile from camp without special authority, but needless to say this rule was constantly broken. Night found kaydets scattered all over the surrounding country. The plebes at once broke for the nearest store to satisfy that craving for sweets which had been steadily growing upon them since their entrance to the Academy. In those days a box of candy was a priceless luxury; cadets could not receive packages from home, nor were they allowed to have money with which to buy things. On the hike these restrictions were withdrawn. Everyone got some cash from home and, especially the plebes, stuffed himself to the utmost with every kind of "boodle" that could be bought. Indeed, before the hike was over most of my classmates were half sick from these excesses.

Our first camp was at Popolopen, and we remained there two days. We had a good time, after the day's work was over, swimming in the creek above the dam. The water, as in nearly all the lakes around here, was very cold, but it was great sport, at that.

The first night I stayed in camp. The following day I was detailed to the company kitchen at K.P. This was a good deadbeat; all we did was turn out two or three times a day to peel potatoes and wash pans—the rest of the time we had to ourselves. This excess of leisure time was a standing invitation to take chances, so a fellow named Stucker (he shortly after resigned) and I decided to catch a ride on a little mining engine that ran periodically past camp, go up to the little settlement, "Bull Mine," and get some boodle. The Corps, be it remembered, was out on a problem.

Getting out of camp was easy, as was catching the choo-choo. The engineer was friendly, so we perched ourselves on the side of a dinky little coal car, and rode merrily along. All went well until we had nearly reached our destination. I was singing lightheartedly as the plucky little engine chugged along at about ten miles an hour, when I happened to glance ahead and there, beside the track not twenty yards away, saw Major Thompson.

The sight of Alexander, it is said, instilled the observer with fear; one glance at Garibaldi would shake the strongest of spirits, but a look at Tommy was a veritable nightmare. He was the sternest disciplinarian among the tactical officers, and to be caught in the act by him was about like dreaming you were falling.

He saw me at the same time I caught sight of him. I waited not a moment, but promptly rolled off on the opposite side of the train from him. More because of the speed of my jump than anything else, I took a tumble and got an ugly cut in the hand and numerous bruises as my reward. I promptly picked myself up, however, and while the train was still passing between us, beat it into the bushes beside the track, never stopping until I was deep in the woods. Finding that I was not pursued, I picked my way along a stream-bed back to camp.

On a succeeding night several of us had a little party on a big rock in the middle of a great rocky creek. We sat nude at the foot of a noisy waterfall with the clean, cold spray of the creek tingling our skins, and afterwards built a fire on the rock, and sang and feasted until the evening was over.

Thus passed the hike, that glorious season of plebe existence. It was on the hike that we first were allowed to do without constant surveillance on the part of the upper classmen, and consequently it was here that we first began to feel ourselves a part of that great organization, the Corps! All too soon the return to the Point began.

We got back to the post on 26 August and moved to barracks the following day.

On Monday, 2 September, academic work began. Our studies were mathematics, English, history, drill regulations, tactics and gymnasium. This does not sound particularly hard, but all the classes were of a full hour's duration with the exception of mathematics, which occurring daily, lasted a full hour and twenty-five minutes. Classes ceased at 3:50 and from 4:00 to 5:40 in the afternoon we had drills of various descriptions: infantry, field and coast artillery, and preliminary target practice. Our time was taken up almost wholly by scheduled work during the academic season. It was either a very brilliant or a very indifferent man who could find any considerable amount of extra time on his hands. I know that on the average I worked at least twice as hard as I ever had before at either of the two schools I had been to.

It was on the morning of 2 October 1918, my twentieth birthday, that bedlam broke loose. At class formation, Harding, Second Class, the Regimental Adjutant, began spreading a rumor that a telegram had been received by the Superintendent from the Secretary of War, ordering the classes of 1920 and 1921 to be graduated 1 November, and my class, 1922, the following June. After that, the rumor had it, the course of instruction at the Academy was to be of one year's duration as long as the war kept up.

There was much speculation regarding the truth of the rumor, but we were soon to find out. At dinner that day the whole Corps was assembled in the main messhall, and the order was read to us. It agreed exactly with what we had heard. Major Thompson, the Acting Commandant, held up his hand for silence as soon as the order had been read, and spoke as follows: "You have heard the order; now let's see what sort of discipline you have. That's about all you get here, anyway. I want everyone to keep absolutely silent for five minutes." He was an old timer, and it was evident that he hated to see men graduate who had been in the Academy only one or two years.

The silence was deadly. Not a sound was heard, although some of those present, most of them, I suspect, could have wept with joy. The classes about to graduate were glad at the prospect of getting out into service while the war was still on, and the plebes were glad because their time would come in June, and because, furthermore, graduation of the upper classes meant recognition and the end of plebe troubles.

At the end of five minutes Major Tommy (the same one who had nearly caught me on the train) told us to make as much noise as we wanted for five minutes. I shall not attempt to describe the uproar that followed, but I will say that after that day I always felt the Pandemonium must have been rather a quiet place in comparison!

Let not recognition pass unmentioned. Prior to this time we had been plebes and had been subject to the various intricate customs of plebe life. Now we were to be "recognized," that is, placed on an equal status socially with the upperclassmen. Recognition usually comes just after graduation parade in June, when the plebes have been in the Academy one year, but the leaders of '20 and '21, the classes about to graduate, wisely decided that our class should be recognized at once in order that during the few weeks which remained before 1 November we might come in contact with the upper classes as much as possible, and so absorb as much as possible of the spirit of West Point before we were left, a five months' old class, to run the Corps alone. It looked almost like the end of West Point; only a half-baked class of plebes left, and even they were to graduate in June. After that? It must have been a bleak outlook for the believers in the old Academy. Truly, such a test of strength has rarely been imposed upon an institution! '20 and '21 decided to give us the utmost of their experience and their knowledge, and pray that the outcome might be favorable.

My class was recognized immediately after the return of the Corps from dinner

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on the memorable occasion described above. When the battalions formed in front of the mess-hall to march home from dinner, each upperclassman shoved his rear rank file up into the front rank and, marching in the rear rank himself, proceeded to administer the last final bucking-up that usually comes during June week. We pulled our chins in further that day than they had ever gone before. When the battalions were dismissed in front of the barracks we turned to flee from the wrath of our tormentors—for of course we had no idea of what was coming—but lo! the erstwhile demons, with smiles on their faces, came forward to shake our hands and say they were "glad to know us." Barton, '21, was the first man to recognize me. After this we met upperclassmen on terms, not exactly of equality, but at least of congeniality. We no longer had to sound off the number of days or sit stiffly at the table. It was terribly hard to become adjusted to this state of unaccustomed freedom, and only by degrees did we learn to sit relaxed at the table, or call upperclassmen by their names, or do any one of the hundred things which upperclassmen do and plebes don't.

October passed quickly. The classes about to graduate were busy buying officers' uniforms and equipment, and doing a million and one other things attendant upon graduation. Their course of instruction was modified so as to prepare them as well for commissions as was possible under the circumstances.

The graduation exercises were much briefer than is usual. No diplomas were ready to be given out and no pretentious schedule of social events could be arranged. The Corps reviewed before the Secretary of War, and was then drawn up in a hollow square to be addressed by the Secretary, General Pershing, and other dignitaries. In the afternoon there was graduation parade, an exceptionally difficult formation this time on account of the large number of graduates and the small number who were left. As finally arranged, the parade was as follows: each company formed with plebes (my class) in the front rank, yearlings in the rear rank, and second classmen in the file closers (there were only three classes). The regiment was then formed on the parade ground in line of masses, as usual. At the command "Graduates front and center" all the upperclassmen stepped forward, executed front and center as prescribed for line officers, and took post behind the reviewing officer. This left only the front rank of each company standing. Members of my class who had been detailed for that purpose now fell out to act as company commanders, guides, etc., and the Corps, what was left of it, paraded in single rank, preserving double distances when in columns of fours. They said it didn't look so bad, at that.

The graduates left that afternoon, and my class of five-month old plebes found themselves alone to preserve the long gray line unbroken.

Cadet Ford's class had much work to do, and grave responsibility, no doubt about that, but a new Superintendent, General Douglas MacArthur was coming in to guide their efforts.

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individual with a sound foundation academically, physically, socially, and religiously. This foundation is built within the family.

The United States Military Academy, the United States Army, and more importantly, America herself, are all stories of teamwork, cooperation, and people helping people. The American family is also a story of teamwork. If this emphasis on teamwork continues, if all of us keep working together as a family of men, women, soldiers, and Americans, then we will not fail in anything we undertake. Then the 1985 class motto of, "FOR EXCELLENCE WE STRIVE," will be upheld.

If West Point was to be looked upon as a business deal, it would *have* to be considered four years well invested. If it was to be judged as a "service and privilege," then it *must* be considered a great honor to be part of an institution so rich in tradition and dedicated to serving freedom and the American way. The Class of 1985 is honored to be a part of West Point—and just as much, we are honored to have the privilege of calling all of you our family and friends.

Tonight is one of those very special nights that is remembered for a lifetime. That is why tonight would be a fine time for all of us to give thanks to each other. Cadets, please turn tonight to your mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends and say thank you. Turn to that special friend and tell him or her that you could not have succeeded without his help. Mom and Dad, thank each other, for you have admirably succeeded in the mammoth task of raising a son or daughter. The evidence is seated before you.

In two months when Plebe year is over, we cadets will be one step closer to achieving the professionalism required of a United States Armed Forces officer. We have come a long way, but there is still a very high mountain to climb. Now, we can begin to keep driving forward and striving for excellence, but we will not do it alone; we will do it together, as a team, AS A FAMILY. For it is all of us "together" that make West Point such a special, special place. Thank you.

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police could not control the situation. At the time, there were only a few hundred soldiers in Washington, and the Chief of Staff had to summon additional hundreds to the area. These soldiers did not use bayonets, despite claims that they did.

"I was an instructor over at Annapolis, and I happened to be in Washington the day the famous confrontation took place between MacArthur and the bonus marchers. As a matter of fact, I went out to Bladensburg Road to see what would happen. I was there with a couple of other Navy men most of the day. The bonus marchers had assembled on the Road, and there were rumors there would be trouble when MacArthur showed up.

"He did! Close to noon. He came walking down the road with Patton on one side of him and Eisenhower on the other. There were 100 soldiers behind him. Their rifles were at shoulder arms.

"MacArthur never stopped. He walked right up to those marchers and kept going. As he did, some of the soldiers in the crowd of bonus marchers saluted him. Others dropped back, and the general just walked right through into a nearby building. The soldiers came right up behind him. There wasn't any trouble at all. I saw everything that happened. After MacArthur went inside, the marchers went their own way.

"That was the historic confrontation. That's exactly what happened. There wasn't any trouble at all. That same day, I heard tear gas was fired at marchers in other parts of the city. No shots were fired by the soldiers, despite what is claimed."

Admiral Morrill concluded: "Douglas MacArthur was a great American. His reputation should not be tarnished by false stories. There isn't any doubt in my mind that, in time, the truth will prevail. When that happens, Americans will finally realize the true greatness of the General."

West Point to White River

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the strength of their influence are immediately obvious. Interesting enough in their own right, these letters represent an important body of unexamined information treating the military and social history of the North American frontier during the last quarter of the nineteenth century.

Among the most satisfying, in terms of continuity and variety, are those prepared by Frank F. Eastman who graduated from West Point in 1879. His first letter to Susan was written two years earlier:

West Point, N.Y.
Nov. 11th, 1877

Dear Miss Warner:

I was in such a state of mind this afternoon that I could not come to your class. Everything is dark to me and, I am in despair. I wish to be good and noble, but it seems impossible. I have prayed for help, but it seems help has

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been denied me. At times an Evil Spirit takes possession of me and I can do nothing. In fact my whole life has been one continual struggle against myself. At times I thought I was conquering it but only to fail again, and now I am completely discouraged. I know it is not soldierlike, or perhaps manly to give up but it is too much. I can not keep on much longer. Once I was told that I would be *very* bad if I *were* bad, and that is what I fear. I know I have everything to lose and nothing to gain if I give way to myself. Nobody can know but God the fearful struggle that has been going on in my heart for some time now, and He alone knows how it will end. If you can say anything to me which can drive away this cloud you will do me that greatest favor one mortal can do another. Will you not pray for me? I know you are a Christian and perhaps your prayers may avail where mine have failed. I have brought everything before me to urge me on in the right: Father, Mother, brothers, and sister, all looking to me, hoping that I will succeed and do well; and I can see the vast field of usefulness which is open before me where there is work to be done, but all these seem as nothing to me at times and this is one of them. You have always been kind to me and I have taken the liberty [to] make known to you my trouble, and to ask for help if you can give me any.

Please answer this as soon as you can.

Yours truly,
Frank F. Eastman

If Susan made copies of her responses they have since been lost or destroyed, but whatever she said to Cadet Eastman had its effect. Less than two weeks later young Eastman wrote thus:

West Point, N.Y.
Nov. 21st, 1877

Dear Miss Warner:

I received your kind note and little book yesterday, and am very thankful for them. I must acknowledge that I wanted to see you Sunday yet did not want to. I wanted to see you and tell you that I had not *quite* given up, and not to see you because I could not tell you what you were so anxious to know.

I can trust Jesus now and feel that He will help me. I feel at peace. I thank you very much for what you have done for me.

Yours in haste, F.F. Eastman

From that time until his graduation Eastman apparently wrote no other letters to Susan, and though the two quoted here do not commend themselves as models of eloquence they do illustrate the sort of relationship the Warner sisters had with the members of their Bible classes, for Eastman's comments are nowise unrepresentative.

But perhaps the most historical significant of the Eastman letters is his first after reporting to duty on the frontier. Within a day of his arrival at the 14th Infantry's garrison he became a member of the expeditionary force sent to rescue the command of Major Thomas T. Thornburgh, an Academy graduate some twenty years his senior. In what came to be called the White River Massacre, a band of Ute braves jumped their reservation contrary to Chief Ourey's urging. Following war chiefs Jack and Douglas the Utes razed the Colorado Indian agency and successfully engaged Thornburgh's reaction party, thereby leaving Lida Clarke Thornburgh a widow. Philip Sheridan, then in command of the Military Division of the Missouri, recounts the action thus:

The whole attitude of the Indians was hostile, so Major Thornburgh at once dismounted and deployed his men, but at the same time tried to open communication with the Indians. His overtures were, however, met by a volley, and a hot engagement at once began. The Indians had not only the advantage of position, but were superior in numbers to the troops in advance, so Major Thornburgh determined to withdraw and join the escort with the wagon train. The skirmish line retired slowly, leading their horses, but returning a fire, which did great execution among the Indians. Failing to break the line of skirmishers, the Indians attempted to get between them and the wagon train, which had gone into park on the right bank of Milk River. The Indians took a strong position commanding Thornburgh's line of retreat, and a charge by about twenty men under Captain Payne was ordered, so as to clear a commanding knoll of Indians, reach the train and arrange for its protection. This was done and Major Thornburgh himself started for the train soon after giving this order, but he was shot and instantly killed, just after crossing the river and within five hundred yards of the wagons. . . .

The wagons were unloaded and with their contents slight breastworks were hastily made, the Indians keeping up a most destructive fire, under which officers and men rapidly fell.

A high wind was blowing at this time, and the Indians set fire to the tall grass and sage brush down the valley, the flames spreading rapidly toward the troops, igniting bundles, grain sacks, wagon covers, and other combustibles, threatening the train with entire destruction. The Indians attacked the command furiously at this critical moment, but the troops succeeded in extinguishing the flames among the wagons, with considerable loss to themselves in killed and wounded. . . .

During the night a supply of water was obtained, better intrenchments dug, the wounded cared for, dead animals dragged away, ammunition and rations distributed, and at midnight couriers slipped away toward the railroad which dispatches reporting what had occurred and asking for aid. . . .

The following were the casualties in Major Thornburgh's command: Killed, Maj. T.T. Thornburgh, Fourth Infantry, and nine enlisted men; wounded, Captain Payne and Second Lieutenant Paddock, Fifth Cavalry, Acting Assistant Surgeon Grimes, and forty enlisted men. Wagonmaster McKinstry, guide Lowry, and one treasurer were killed and two teamsters wounded; total, twelve killed and forty-three wounded. The strength of the Indians who were well armed and supplied with abundant ammunition was estimated in the official report of the affair at from three hundred to three hundred and fifty; the Indians themselves afterward admitted a loss of thirty-seven killed.

The couriers sent out on the night of 29 September succeeded in getting through safely. As quickly as possible after receipt of orders at Fort D.A. Russell, Wyo., Col. W. Merritt, with Troops A, B, I and M, Fifth Cavalry, was upon a special train from Rawlins. From this point, by a march of almost unparalleled rapidity, in something over forty-eight hours Colonel Merritt's column, consisting of three hundred and fifty men, one hundred and thirty-one of whom were infantry following in wagons, marched one hundred and seventy miles over a most difficult road and reached the command at Milk River at half-past five o'clock in the morning of 5 October.

Colonel Merritt's light advance column having reached Milk River, the crippled command there with the wounded were sent back to the railroad at Rawlins. Other troops having joined Colonel Merritt, making his force strong enough for an advance against the hostiles, he proceeded to the White River Agency, the Indians all having disappeared before the troops. It was found that the Indians had burned and utterly destroyed the agency, had killed the employees and the agent, Mr. Meeker, and had carried off all the females into the horrors of savage captivity.

Colonel Merritt was about moving against the hostiles, when his operations were suspended at the request of the Indian Department, pending special negotiations with the Utes for release of the captive females and surrender of the ringleaders in the late outrages.

While these negotiations were in progress, however, on 20 October a reconnoitering party from Colonel Merritt's command, under Lieutenant Hall, Fifth Cavalry, was attacked by the Indians about twenty miles from White River; they defended themselves until night, when they suceeded in returning to camp, but with the loss of Lieutenant W.B. Weir, of the Ordnance Department, and the chief scout, Humme, both of whom were killed; two Indians were reported killed by Lieutenant Hall's party during the fight.

Eastman's first White River letter, however, tells a somewhat different story, es-

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pecially with respect to the deaths of Lieutenant William B. Weir (1890 Academy graduate and son of USMA Drawing professor, who painted Sylvanus Thayer's portrait) and his civilian assistant—*not* Hall's chief scout—Mr. Paul Humme.

In camp on White River, Col.
October 28th, 1879

Dear Miss Warner:

. . . Wednesday morning at 7:30 came an order from Omaha to Gen. [John E.] Smith to send four companies to Rawlins, W.T., immediately, as Major Thornburgh was killed and his command surrounded by Indians. It was necessary for me to fly around to get ready: clothes and shoes and arms had to be obtained, and all preparations made. By nine o'clock the troops were ready to march to the depot three miles away. We left Ogden on Union Pacific R.R. at 8:30. Luckily a sleeping car was placed at the disposal of the officers, and so we had a comfortable night's rest, though many jokes were cracked about going to war in a sleeping car.

We reached Rawlins about 6:00 a.m. next morning. General then [Colonel Wesley] Merritt with his troops left during the forenoon to guard the wagon train. The night was quite cold and we found it different from summer encampment at West Point. We were on the road six days and a half. Five days the roads were dusty and at times we were fairly enveloped in clouds of it. We met many settlers flocking in to Rawlins for safety but did not see any signs of Indians until we reached Bear River. There we found a man with three wounds received five days before in a fight with a dozen Indians. He was doing well, though he had an ugly gash over the eye. A dense signal smoke was sent up a few miles from us, and that night several signal fires were seen. The night of the 8th, we camped near the ashes of a wagon burned by the Indians. It snowed during the night and we got along very slowly next day. After going four miles we passed the grave of three men killed by Indians. They had also burned a threshing machine destined for themselves [which was emblematic of their revolt against the programs of Agent Meeker]. Our men found a shoe in the ashes with a foot in it, that of a boy. A few miles further we came to General Merritt's camp near the scene of the fight. Here I found my friend [Lt. James V.S.] Paddock of the USMA class of '77 with a bullet hole in his thigh in no danger. We camped during the day and in the afternoon, I walked down to the battleground. A detachment was there to recover Thornburgh's body. Three hundred dead horses and mules lay around the rifle pits, shot down by Indians who took deliberate aim from the hills around. Paddock described the fight to me, but I will not repeat it. You cannot imagine the sufferings and hopelessness of these men lying behind the dead horses while the Indians fired incessantly at them for five days. You can imagine their joy on Sunday morning, when on challenging some approaching horses they heard the welcome answer, "Friends of the 5th Cavalry" and the familiar sound of the "officers call" on the bugle.

It was a gallant fight; a gallant rescue; for the men were in the saddle for twenty-five hours and travelled 70 miles the last day and night. Merritt left Rawlins Thursday at 11:15 and reached the battlefield at 5:30 Sunday morning after travelling 115 miles.

We left our camp next morning, and a hard climb we had for a distance of at least six miles over the hills, through the snow and sagebrush; but we did not see an Indian. During our march we passed through canyons where fifty Indians could have delayed us for hours, and inflicted severe injury. At night we camped in sight of White River yet nine miles from the [White River] Agency. We found a man in a coalmine shaft [one Frank Dresser] who had shot himself through the head. We have since found he was at the Agency when Agent Meeker was killed, but had escaped and gotten so far; when seeing Indians constantly passing and giving up hope, he killed himself.

The next day we only went a few miles. We found more Indian work, and buried a boy we found near the remains of a burned wagon. We went into camp about 10:00 a.m., while the Cavalry went on to the Agency, where they found the remains of seven men and one on the way [E.W. Eskridge] making eight. The buildings were burned and the women carried off. We remained in camp two or three days until we received reinforcements, and then started toward Grant River. We moved fifteen miles and camped: passed two deserted villages where everything showed that the Indians left in a hurry. It snowed three or four inches during the night, and as there was no travelled road, it was almost impossible to get our wagons along.

It was necessary for the men to haul the wagons up a hill and by the time half were up, Colonel Merritt received orders to confine his operations to the White River country. We had to turn back. Three or four wagons tipped over, and all would have but for the assistance of the men who with long ropes kept them right side up. We camp[ed] back near our old camp the next day and have been here ever since.

On the 20th, Lieutenant Weir and [civilian Paul] Humme went out to hunt. Lieutenant [William P.] Hall [USMA, 1869] and five men went in the same direction to examine the trail to see if wagons could pass. The former were a mile or so ahead, when the latter heard firing. Hall thought Weir was firing at deer, but as his party reached the top of a small hill, ten or a dozen Indians sprang up and fired a volley at them. Luckily no one was hurt and they succeeded in keeping the Redskins off until dark and then came in. Several companies of cavalry immediately started out to look for Weir. About 3:00 in the morning as Lieutenant Hall was riding along in the vicinity of the firing, his horse shied suddenly at something white. It was Weir lying dead. The fatal bullet entered the right cheek coursing downward, cut the juglar, and came out on the opposite side of the neck. They brought the body in. Humme was not found that day.

Last Wednesday a strong force was sent out to find Humme's body. About 2:00 p.m. they saw a party of Indians and were about to fire on them, when a white flag was raised and General [Charles] Adams of Brooklyn came in. He was sent out by the government to investigate the outbreak. We learned that the women [Mrs. Meeker et al] were safe and unharmed; also that Humme was dead and buried. He killed one Indian [a young boy who apparently disclosed his position while watching the deer hunt] and Hall's party killed another. The Indians say they had orders not to fire and would not have done so if Humme had not killed one of them first.

Weir was liked by everyone. He was very imprudent in leaving the rest, and that too against the repeated warnings of Hall, and General Merritt before leaving camp. He and Humme are alone to blame, but it is very sad.

We are lying here doing nothing. The weather is splendid, but can't be so long. We may have to stay here all winter, two hundred miles from the R.R. I am in good health and get along well with my duties. There are nine of our Class here.

I have not heard a word from anybody for five weeks, not even Miss Colby. It is not her fault I know. Please give my very best regards to your sister and Aunt Fanny. Remember me to my cadet friends. I won't ask you to write as long a letter as I have, but I would like to hear from you.

Sincerely, your friend,
Frank F. Eastman

Nearly two months pass before Eastmans' next letter written two days before Christmas. Nothing in it suggests more than the starkest kind of circumstances, but Susan, Anna, and Fanny, who were themselves anything but warm and well fed, took renewed courage in their own relative comfort.

Many more letters passed between the Eastmans and the Warners before Susan's death in 1885, by which time Guy Warner Eastman had been born. And by Anna's death in 1915 the Eastman's second son, Clyde, had graduated from West Point. When the United States entered World War I both Clyde and his father were serving in the grade of colonel. After the war and forty-one years of service to his country, Frank Eastman

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retired from active duty. Throughout his years in the army—indeed, throughout his life—Colonel Eastman's actions like those of so many of his fellows mirror the profound influence exercised by Susan and Anna Warner. If they failed to win over every member of each class entering the Military Academy it was not for lack of trying; when they did win, though, the victory was total. For both women, what had begun as a speculative whim of an uncle, whose grand schemes ended with his fatally contacting cholera in a French debtor's prison in 1848, became an accidental triumph. Had their mother lived it seems unlikely that Henry would have surrendered to adversity so completely; it seems unlikely, too, that Susan and Anna would have grown so fully as they were forced to by necessity. The circumstances of the Warners' lives are familiar enough, is much of the material here. What has not been explored, and what I have only hinted at, is the rich and varied contribution these women made to their young nation through the caring and lasting relationships they began and sustained with so many who spent their lives in its service. The few letters reproduced here offer little more than a glimpse at the yardstick by which Susan and Anna Warner measured the efficacy of what they took to be their own humble service to mankind. But even from so small a sample it is evident that a yardstick is a measure far too short.

Letters to Editor

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Army Football Prospects

I'm delighted to see Colonel Earl Blaik join the discussion suggested by my letter; for no discussion of Army football would be complete without the contribution of one of its greats, Red Blaik. I wish him the best.

He has a number of astute, and nostalgic, things to say—but a few, I'm afraid are not particularly relevant to the 1980's, for the times are changing. To avoid stretching out these joinders and rejoinders, let me list several points related to both letters:

Colonel Blaik says of the difficulties surrounding current recruiting, and excepting a few earlier periods of USMA advantage, "has it ever been otherwise at West Point?" Well, sure, of course it has. In the first part of this century, West Point and Army football enjoyed high visibility. Only about 5% of each generation went to college at all. There were few football teams; and the best were college teams, doted on by a few sports writers. Now the whole football scene has changed radically, and the most powerful new feature, it seems to me, is BIG MONEY, which really shouldered its way onto the scene in the mid-1960's, generating big money payoffs for colleges, players, and investors; so great stadia were built and expanded, football hype was fanned into conflagration, halls of fame flourished, corps of lissome cheerleaders rivaled the Rockettes. About 50–60 colleges have become production lines for the pros. Meanwhile, the quality of high school coaching has vastly improved; even the high school coach's status is involved in the college and pro destiny of his players.

Big money is hard for talented but poor youngsters to reject. Money and other perquisites are now available. Facing a choice between nine straight years of regimentation and BIG MONEY, it appears that most modern youngsters will choose what most Americans choose: money. That doesn't mean that the young people are sick or corrupted; most of them are simply cashing in on the market value of their talents—like rock stars.

Recruiting used to be somewhat haphazard. A group of old grads could occasionally discover an unknown future star; but those days are gone forever. BIG MONEY'S talent searches are exhaustive and blanket the nation. No corner is overlooked. That is why I say "nonsense" at each announcement that another task force will be formed to beat the bushes. The bushes have already been beaten by full-time pro scouts, not to mention the 200–300 football graduates of Notre Dame who are high school coaches.

Despite all this, of course, a future Glenn Davis or Pete Dawkins might show up at West Point in a rare year. But what good would one person, however scintilating, do? A great offensive back needs at least a decent offensive line. Meanwhile, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Penn State, USC, etc., take in 25 or so already "established" stars at every position every year, as Joe Terranova's data shows.

Here we get to an issue on which I have always disagreed with prevailing myth: the assertion that football players make the best combat leaders. In my view, football players provide their share, but no more. In this connection, I offer an interesting (and true) anecdote: the case of Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Class of 1941. As I dimly remember him, a short and slim fellow, he weighed about a hundred pounds (though must have weighed more). He not only did not play football, but he never engaged in *any* activities during his four years as a cadet. Yet, it is said that on Bataan he fought like a tiger, and to Sandy Nininger was awarded the *first* Congressional Medal of Honor in World War II!

I'm sorry to disagree about this, too; but I believe that West Point is in competition, educational and otherwise, with the Ivy League and every other institution with high performance standards. I see no misperception in an Academy boast that it has developed a co-ed Rhodes Scholar any more than in a boast that it developed an all-American football player.

All this is regrettable, and I dearly wish it were otherwise. But we deceive ourselves if we keep saying that there are scores of potential all-Americans "out there," hungry to enter USMA and waiting for West Point to find them. As an alternative, how about touting other sports? One fine candidate, it seems to me, is 150-pound football, in which Army has dominated the East for a decade.

Anthony L. Wermuth '40

Army Football Prospects

When I was a youngster, there was a popular song with the title "I'll Get By." I could not understand the philosophy of "getting by" at that time, and I have not yet learned how to strive to "get by." How shocking to read letters by graduates who believe our Alma Mater's football team should strive only to "get by." (Can't you just hear the coach exhorting —his players to "Get out there and play mediocre!"?)

Thank God for Red Blaik and his real world response in which he described his results with the players he had from the Class of 50. I remember them. They were well-drilled, well-conditioned, disciplined, and, above all, well-coached. Having had the experience of trying to interest the Triple A in a few players over the years (with zero results), I honestly think that most of the twenty-six who beat Navy 38-0 would not even be interviewed by the current powers-that-be in Army football. It seems to me that they read their computer printouts, and are interested only in height, weight and time in the forty.

During the recent period of ignominy for Army football, we have been following the local high school's football program and I cannot help but make some observations. Our high school team, in my opinion, had had only one truly outstanding natural athlete during its six years of varsity competition. One year our leading scorer weighed 134 pounds and over a dozen different players scored. In short, we've not had wonderful natural ability and a lot of big guys. What we've had is kids who work out in the weight room year round in order to be ready for football. We have had over 150 young men come out for the team each Fall. We have had a coach who worked night and day to get them prepared. We've had a team which was well-drilled, well-conditioned, disciplined, and well-coached; and, oh, yes, we've been State Champs four out of the six years.

—James A. Ross '50

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town State University. Mike brings to us a vast background of football knowledge and has been part of a number of excellent, successful programs, including Syracuse University. Charlie Taaffe, a fairly new arrival to the coaching staff last year, has

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REPORT ... from the classes

'10

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The issue of ASSEMBLY in which these notes are published will cover Founders Day, a big event for graduates everywhere. **Strong** observed the event by attending twice! The first, for the 13th time, was held at Orchard Lake Country Club with Michigan alumni, and the second at Ohio State Faculty Club in Columbus with the West Point Society of Central Ohio. Fritz has established legal residence in Newark, OH, after being, as he says, "zoned out of Orchard Lake." The wide spread location and size of the branches of the Association of Graduates, as the West Point Societies may be called, is quite surprising to this scribe, as it may be to many.

1910 memories were recently recalled by a visit by **Hortense Chapman** of Williamsburg, VA, and her son, Erwin Brigham and daughter-in-law, P. K. Croft Brigham. They are the parents of Peter Brigham, who, as a cadet and double grandson of 1910, attended our 70th Reunion Class dinner.

ASSEMBLY of March 82 included the obituary of **Carey H. Brown** Jr. of the Class of 1942, prepared by and at the suggestion of Jack Davis, Carey's classmate. The tribute, 40 years after Carey Jr.'s death during World War II, is greatly appreciated.

'14

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The March issue of ASSEMBLY noted the death of **Crawford** on 27 Nov 1981. I had never heard from him and presume that he had been ill for a long time. Waddell reported that his wife, Vera, has been in and out of the hospital. We all wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

I was pleased to hear from **Cliff Mathews** in Atlanta, GA. He writes that he would be glad to see any classmates passing through Atlanta. **Haskell** celebrated his 90th birthday with a reunion with a younger brother in MN, and is back in FL. **Monroe** is happy among his redwoods and artichokes in CA, **Villaret** and **Hoge** have everything under control in DC and **Benny** will soon be able to work around his yard and garden, which he enjoys.

Waddell and **Monroe** were scheduled to speak at Founders Day dinners in Los Angeles and San Francisco, respectively. I turned up in Miami as the oldest graduate present. GEN. Scott, the present Supt, gave a splendid talk. Our first Supt, #26, was H. L. Scott, Maj., Cav. LTG Scott is #52! For the first time since I took over this duty I can report

"All present or accounted for, Sir"
Ben G. Weir

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

the September issue by — 30 June 82
the December issue by — 30 Sept 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.

'15

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Hume Peabody retired from his duty as Class Scribe for health reasons. His resignation was accepted with regrets by **Vernon Evans**, Class President. **Hume's** outstanding work for the Class over the years merits special gratitude from all. He edited the Thirty-Five Year Book, started the Annual Class Christmas Letter in 1970, edited for several years, and has been the Class Scribe since 1968! I am the new Class Scribe, fully realizing I am not the "Pro" as was Hume. I need help in obtaining Class news! Please send such news to me in ample time for me to meet my deadline for the Class Notes to reach West Point. The next deadline is 30 June for the Sept. issue of ASSEMBLY. I need your news by 20 June.

The 1981 "Class Christmas Letter" was mailed to all Classmates, and Class Widows by 15 Dec. '81. That brought Class news up to 20 Nov., with very little since. For the benefit of others, the following deaths occurred: **Bradley, Clark, H. K., Gillette, Hall, Stringfellow, White, Elinor Peabody, May Leone.** Changes of address: **Evans** to 2512 Q Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007; Betty **Aurand** to Mari de Villa, 13900 Clayton Road, Manchester, MO 63011; Thea **Gillette** to 2057 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94115; Vera E. **Clark** to 9355 S.W. 43d Terrace, Miami, FL 33165; Jeanne **Hooper** to The Evangelical Manor, 8401 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19152; Germain **Melberg** to c/o Mrs. Albert Olson, 880 Mathews Drive, Chico CA 95526; **Struble** to Box 15, 110 Arch Street, Keene, NH 03431; Scotty **Ritchel** to 1400 Kenesaw, Apt. F12, Knoxville, TN 37919; Jesse **Sayler** to 24 East Liberty Street, Apt. 21, Savannah, GA 31401; Midge **Strong** to 5545 East Lee, Tucson, AZ 85712; Therese **White** to Army Distaff Hall, 6200 Oregon Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20015; Alice **Woodruff** to Southern Manor, 8800 Four Winds, San Antonio, TX 78239.

Alice Woodruff reports that a new school in San Antonio, TX has been named "**Omar Nelson Bradley** Middle School." Also that a middle school in San Antonio had already been named for **Ike Eisenhower.** She and her daughter, Dorothy (Mrs. R. J. Daniels), will be in the DC area March 26-31 to visit the younger Woodruff family.

Dr. Allen F. Kingman, Jr. died of a sudden massive heart attack on 19 Feb. '82 in San Antonio, TX. He was a son-in-law of **Hazel** and "**Squire**" **Taylor** and a son of BG and Mrs. Allen F. Kingman, Sr.

"**Jake**" **Meneely** spent a happy, relaxed, winter at Sea Island, GA, as usual. He returned home to Albany, NY, however, to many feet of snow and real cold weather, also as usual.

Winnie Robinson and **Det Ellis** were married on 9 Oct. '81. Winnie was the widow of BG **John N. Robinson,** USMA '15. They spent the late fall and winter at Winnie's home (P.O. Box 3038, Bradenton, FI 33508), and plan to be at Det's home (24 West Irving Street, Chevy Chase, MD 20815) from mid-May until fall, then return to **Bradenton.** First class mail will be forwarded.

At present **Jack Harris** is in a retirement home (Carriage Hill Nursing Facility, 9101 Second Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20907) but his mail goes to 24 Denton Road, Wellesley, MA 02181, where **Evelyn** remains with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Peltier.

Ethel **Winfield** celebrated her 90th birthday in Nov., was eating well and even played the piano! She suffered a severe stroke in Jan. and is now in a Convalescent Hosp in Sebastapol, CA. She can be contacted through a son, Col. Robert S. Bridges, USAF, Ret., 1991 Marsh Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

That is it for this time. Please help me for future issues of ASSEMBLY by sending me Class news in ample time.

'16

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News of '16 for inclusion in ASSEMBLY is scarce this issue. Hopefully we can fill you in on Class activities better in the next.

Bill Spence & Boots are getting along fine in San Antonio following **Bill's** heart attack. He walks a mile or more daily. He tells us he has 3 grandchildren located in Dallas, one attending S.M.U. We hope to have contact with them.

Bob Whitson has sold his house and everything in it and entered the same nursing home as Nell, where she is getting complete care even to spoon feeding. He, like all of us, is working on his income tax. His address, 841 Rice Rd, San Antonio, TX 78220. **Bob** has been most loyal in furnishing information for ASSEMBLY notes through many years. We shall miss his notes and are most appreciative. **Boots Spence** has agreed to be our Southwest Reporter, which will be very helpful.

Marian Robb is our most traveled member, as she and daughter Ellie are planning more trips for the summer.

Stan & Mary Scott are pleased to announce

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the coming wedding of their grandson, Burton Lasiter Scott, to Marianne Bouvier of Winston Salem, NC, to take place in Duke University Chapel on May 29th. His brother Bill of Rome, Italy, and David of St. Mark's School, Dallas, will act as best man and usher; and parents and grandparents plan to attend.

APR '17

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In the NY Times, 30 Jan, there was an article about an award made to **Matt Ridgway**. It noted that **Ridgway** was Truman's choice to succeed Gen MacArthur as commander of the UN Forces in Korea, later served as Army CS, and now was to receive the Harry S Truman Public Service award. The award, which is made by the city of Independence, MO, was to be presented 7 May on the steps of the Truman Library there.

Most of what follows has been taken from letters to **Fred Irving** in response to his bulletin re our reunion.

Bill Harrison writes, "My wife and I plan to attend the reunion. I will stay over until Mon to speak to members and families and cadets of the Officers' Christian Fellowship Sun eve.—my grandson, '81, is becoming a helicopter pilot at Ft Rucker. His sister, 1LT, MI, is married to CPT Pete Sanders '78, stationed in HI."

Elizabeth Foltz says, "I have never ceased to be glad that my husband and I were at his 50th reunion—it was his last good year, and WP was very important to him. I have always been proud of our sons, Peter and John, but I wish now that my husband could know our grandson, Tom, who will be 3d generation **Foltz** in the Armed Services. His father, John, is still in the Army, his Uncle Pete is in the Naval Res. and he is in the AFROTC at GA Tech."

Laddie Hayden was at WP in Oct. Her grandson, Bobette's son, CPT T.P. Watson Jr., is an instructor there.

Halsey's letter tells us, "Our grandson, Mark Halsey Armstrong, graduated from WP. He was CPT of Co. H, the co in which I was a LT. He is now asgd to 101 Abn Div and is taking Rgr tng at Ft Benning. Another grandson is John Armstrong '78. We now have a 3d grandson, John Halsey, who is a Plebe at WP. I'm sure he will be marching for you in the alumni parade."

Leona Harmon sends greeting to those of '17 who will be at the reunion. "I live alone in the house which we purchased in Hanover, NH, just prior to **Ernie's** death. My daughter Barbara, recently widowed, lives near by. My 3 sons, Halsey, Robert and Ernest Jr. are ret from their separate careers. My dau Jeanne works in insurance in St. Louis. The 17 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren bring much joy into my life."

Mark & Mary Clark plan to meet **Bill & Alice McMahon** (Bill was Mark's roommate) in NY 18 May and drive up, probably with **Charlie & Mrs. Saltzman**, to WP 19 May for the reunion. Mark writes, "I'm hoping my son, Bill Clark '45, will be there with me, with his wife. He is Deputy Asst Secy of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Nixon appointed him and he has been there ever since. He enjoys the work and does a good job. I have been Chairman of the Amer. Battle Monuments Commission since I was appointed by Nixon. Pres Reagan has appointed a new Commission, with all new members except me."

Although **Helen Brown** doesn't feel able to be at the reunion, she sends her warmest regards to those who will be there. She writes, "My last trip was in Sept, when I went to CA to be with Betty and my grandchildren for her terminal illness with cancer. I was there the final month as I felt they needed me for moral support, and I was grateful to be there with them. My Bob is in LA with Flying Tigers air cargo lines, and Kit is married and lives in Davis, CA. They see a great deal of each other on holidays and are so compatible it makes me very happy." She signed her letter, "Helen, a Kdet girl."

Alice McMahon has learned that **Gracie Murray** died in Nov, 80 in Eugene, OR, and that **Gladys Gurney's** address is now Village Green No. 9, Southern Pines, NC.

We were shocked and saddened to learn that **Gladys Sackville** had drowned at a FL beach in Feb.

Jule Heavey is now in the Georgetown Ret Home, 2512 Q St NW, Washington, DC.

AUG '17

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For some 20 years **Hi Ely** has made his home in 'Hawkwood', Louisa County, VA. It was a Tuscan villa with central tower and arches, built in 1855. On the morning of 28 Jan, Hi was the sole occupant. He was awakened by smoke in his bedroom. Fortunately, four men passing by on Rte 15 were attracted by the flames. Hi could lean out the window and direct them to where there was a ladder. So Hi was saved by a matter of minutes. His home was a total loss: authorities estimated the damage at $500,000.

Hi had ten days in hospital being treated for smoke inhalation. He then headed south with his daughter Hope, and her husband, Col Harrington Cochran ('41) to make his new home with them at 4942 San Rafel St, Tampa, FL 33609.

He is undaunted by the tragedy and has already made reservations at the **Thayer** to attend our 65th as he had planned all along. Hope and Cocky Cochran will drive him up.

The **Rolfe** family reunion at Longboat Key, Sarasota was a huge success, the aftermath was tragic. On the way home Pinkey had a heart congestion. Nan managed to drive him back to the Naval Hosp at Orlando, where he had the best of care. He has recovered so that he looks well but can't walk far (no golf) and is somewhat forgetful. Medicos limited him to one drink a week. Under such conditions they simply had to cancel out on our Reunion. A heavy blow to them and to all of us.

Early in Mar **Tiny Bellinger** had another stroke. It left him unable to speak intelligibly so Margaret is having a devil of a time communicating. She is a wonderful woman. She accepts the burden of having to do, or get done, practically every thing. Yet there was not the slightest tinge of self-pity when your Scribe talked to her.

There was a nice letter from Vada Bissell: among other items she praised **Bill Chapman** for his nursing of Toodles after an operation. There was also a note from Laura **Cole. Mickey Kernan** heard about Hi Ely's fire early and phoned. **Bill Chapman** also called your Scribe to get the latest news of **Peggy Moore**. Toward the end of Mar Loessa **Coffey** expected a visit from Didi and her husband (West Coast).

We are forging to the front. On Founder's Day here **Leo Conner** was the oldest graduate present!

JUN '18

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Dick Richardson died suddenly of a cardiac arrest in Portland, ME, on last Feb 18th. He leaves two daughters and six grandchildren.

Connie Jadwin died on last Mar 3 at Fauquier, VA Hosp. Interment was in the Warrenton cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Peg, a son, Edgar, two stepsons and a stepdaughter. The **Grenatas, Wedemeyers, Louise Bishop** and **Marian Ross** attended the services. Connie's father was No. 1, Class of 1890.

The **Mileys** attended the wedding of another granddaughter in Atlanta early this year. They expect to be at the reunion, in the Poconos, next Aug, of the 17th Abn Div which Bud commanded in WW II.

The Class petition for a 1984 postal stamp issue commemorating the Berlin Airlift and our famous classmate, **Lucius Clay**, was submitted to the Postmaster General last Jan.

The following is quoted from the 1 Mar Class Letter: "News item: 27/81. NYC Cadet accosted by two thugs, one with knife. Cadet broke arm of one, groin kick for the other who ran off howling. Police got the knifer and congratulated the cadet for her courage and karate skill."

NOV '18

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Jimmy Carroll died on 2 Jan in the Veterans' Hosp in Albuquerque, NM, where he had been a patient for several months. He was buried in the National Cemetery in Santa Fe. Mary had taken an apartment sometime before in Albuquerque to be near Jimmy where she expects to remain.

On 18 Jan **Frank Cunningham** left us while a patient in St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ, near their home in Roseland. His ashes were placed in the family plot in West Orange. Frank had a massive heart attack in 79 along with pneumonia but had recovered from it and was quite well until just before his death.

In Oct of 81 **Ed Dolph** had some major surgery for a stomach malignancy in the Castle Point Veterans' Hosp in Beacon, NY. He died there on 1 Mar. Following a memorial service in Newburgh, he was buried in the Fishkill Rural Cemetery beside his wife Laurabelle who had died in 56. Son Bruce, USNA '56, came back from his home in CA to be with his dad shortly before his death.

At this writing we have a very sick classmate in **Charlie Hixon**, now a patient in the Naval Hosp in Bethesda, MD.

Chuck Gildart keeps up his daily two-mile walk in spite of some heart problems. His daughter Ruth and her husband, Draper Lewis, have sold their home in CT and are joining Chuck in CA. **Percy Banister** is now living in the Prescott Samaritan Village in Prescott, AZ. **Bill Mendenhall** and **Charlie**

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Morrison have nothing but praise for the Cadet Choir which they heard in The Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA. **George & Lucy McReynolds** are quite well. George gives to us some commentaries on recent books which are very well taken, as the books can be quite controversial. **Doris McAllister** has recently written two books, one, "Whisper of Trade Winds" a novel of the Philippine Islands, and the other, "Winds From Mongolia" is a story based in China. Two film producers are after the first one.

Mc Monroe was constantly concerned for the classmates and widows in his region of upper California and the Northwest during this last winter; it was so severe there. While many trips had to be cancelled, all survived by staying at home. **Phil & Fred Butlers'** health is such they are both house bound even in good weather. **Lee Gray** likes to travel but must use a wheelchair in airports due to a heart condition. **Alice Pope** braved the weather and spent Xmas in the Yosemite. **Count & Mary Gorlinski** celebrated their 55th wedding anniv in Reno along with their son and his wife, but winnings were negative. **Paul Kendall's** condition remains stationary from his paralysis, he is still in the Vets' Hosp. Sons Donald and Tom gave their mother, **Ruth Miller**, a fine 80th birthday party on 20 Mar in San Luis Obispo. Ruth is very active in many organizations, the D.A.R., P.E.O., Women's Forum, her church and others. **Mike Quinn** is now living with son Dick and his family. Dick is now on duty in Ft Lewis with the I Corps. **Elmer Barnes** is being very careful that he doesn't overdo as he is prone to. Dorothy, who had a successful cataract implant last year, had the second one in May in spite of slight glaucoma. Elmer **& Pinkie Walsh** are always the oldest grads at Portland's Founders Day. **Lark Gilland** is also to have his second cataract removal and lens implant this month.

Nov. 18: Oldest Class Present, San Antonio Founders Day: Chorpenings, Denkelbergs, Pilands and Knudsens.

Corp & Mary Chorpening fly up to DC once or twice a year to visit daughter **Anne Aiello** and her twin daughters who live in Reston, VA. After a week in Apr with the **Aiellos** they went to DeLand, FL, for a visit with old friends from the days when DeLand was their home. They attended the Mar Founders Day dinner in San Ant along with the **Dunkelbergs, Knudsens** and **Pilands. Peg Smith (E. W.)** and **Cora Moore** are in the same nursing home in San Ant. Although Peg's eyesight is very poor and she has some hearing difficulty, she is very alert. Cora's daughter comes down from Canada to visit her mother frequently. Good reports have come in from **Bernice Keasler, Eunice Hamilton, Marcie Chadwick** and **Doodle Graves (Miller, E. G.). Jim Christiansen** has been improving gradually after his hospital siege but has had to be in the nursing infirmary at their Air Force Village much of the time. **Dunk & Lella Dunkelberg** have a wedding which is important this month; it's their granddaughter, Gail Gray, Judy's daughter, and a little later their grandson, **Jeff Dunkelberg**, an MD at Walter Reed. Gene's son will be married to an MD from Johns Hopkins. **Connie Fonvielle** had a good visit with son John Jr. and his family in Brazil, but John Sr. stayed at home to hold the fort.

Bob Schow had a bad case of flu early in the spring but the good FL weather has straightened him out. And Tiny is trying hard to gain back all she lost from a very bad year healthwise. **Marie Stevens** was visiting son Fred Jr. in Alexandria, VA, and in returning to FL missed by a very few days the terrible crash of the plane into the bridge crossing the Potomac. She was on that same flight and knew the attendants. **Art Pulsifer**, even with his persistent physical handicap, gets around in great shape and makes many visits; Canada, CO, Puerto Rico, CA, TX and NY are all on his current itinerary.

Bryan Evans, who always carries a heavy Class work load for us, has plenty to do taking care of his big house and yard by himself, and he must watch his health carefully. **Wanamaker** and **Hastings** were the only 2 who could make the Founders Day. **Canan, Whelchell, Evans, Holbrook,** and **Hixon** were all indisposed one way or another. **Mimi Norman** had a good visit with a daughter in AZ, going there when the DC weather was not so good. **Buddha Groves** had a visit from daughter, Gwen Robinson; the **Robinsons'** home is now in NY. And since his ret, son Dick and wife are residents in Alexandria, VA. Emphysema put **Francis Twichell** in the hosp for 10 days in Mar but she's much better with spring here.

Betty & Gerry Trichel weathered the tough winter in MI in good shape. The **Fitzpatricks** however spent the Jan-Mar period in Scottsdale, AZ, instead of NY. Neither **Jo** nor **Ken Leslie** regret the past nor fear the future, living day to day and coping easily with the minor aches and pains of age. **Don & Claudia Horsey** had a short but pleasant cruise to Bermuda in Apr. **Chloe & Felix Usis** have but one good eye between them but manage very well. Chloe being legally blind and Felix can use but one eye.

Late note: **Charlie Hixon** died on the evening of 31 Mar 82 in the Bethesda Naval Hosp. It was an end to considerable suffering. He was buried in Arlington. Daughter Margery Long had come up from New Orleans to be with her parents for several days as had son Robert (MG Retd), and all the grandchildren were present for the service. Edna will keep their home in Sumner, a DC suburb.

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From the DC **Dick Ovenshine** reports that **Marion Phelps** spent 2 weeks in the hosp in Dec taking tests, was released to spend Xmas week with young Joe; reentered the hosp 4 Jan for surgery. Her recovery was good and all was negative. **Verlie Cooey** asked Dick to thank the Class and express her appreciation for the flowers sent to Archie's funeral services; she said that the flowers were really beautiful. **Hughes Steele** wrote to thank Dick for Dick's condolence over Boots' death, (Mar ASSEMBLY).

1919: Loper—oldest grad present, Founders Day Patrick AFB.

We have lost 2 widows. Mail sent to Mrs. **Roy Green,** (Sonia), and to Mrs. **Henry C. Jones,** (Felicia), has been returned to sender, undelivered. If you have any data which could help us to locate these ladies, please notify **Dick Ovenshine** or scribe.

Al Wedemeyer wants a copy of a Plebe Bible; not, repeat not, a modern one, but one of the same edition as was issued to 1919 when we were all in that blissful state of dolce far niente known as Beast Barracks. If you can help here, please write to Al direct. Oops Dept: **Nancy Echols'** new granddau in Togo is, in reality, a grandson, Michael Karl; and **Hugh Steele** is **Hughes Steele.**

From **Herb Jones** in the DC: Last DC area monthly luncheon was at Ft McNair on 2 Mar. '19ers present were **Stu Barden, Merritt Booth, Mose Chadwick, Les Flory, Al Gruenther, Elton Hammond, Ed Hopkins, Herb Jones, Dick Ovenshine, George Rogers.** In Jan **Stu Barden** visited his sister Claudia and her husband, VADM Smedberg, USN Ret, (former Supt USNA); at Crystal River, FL, where Stu played a bit of golf. He visited also **Ham & Marge Young** at Vero Beach, FL. Ham complained of his health but he and Marge looked fine. Stu plans to rebuild his golf game now as the weather warms. **Elton Hammond's** house was burglarized while he was out and he lost 7 guns. The alarm functioned grandly but was ineffective. The family silver and other valuables. however, were in a bank vault at the time. Returned from 6 weeks in Togo, "a most fascinating and unique experience," where she visited her dau Betsy, son-in-law, and new grandson Michael Karl, **Nancy Echols** enjoyed her trip but was glad to be home, too. On the air trip she was treated like a queen. **Mike Brannon** is in WRGH where he has been through much, with great courage. Marge says that he'll return to his nursing home in about a week. **Emmy Allan** broke a hip last year but had almost recovered when she fell again, causing a new break, which required a hip replacement. Now in the hosp, she is recovering but dreads the therapy sessions she must go through. **Les Flory** is piping a visit to Vienna in May, and renewal of many friendships he made while on duty there at the end of WW II. **Herb Jones** was the only '19er to attend the DC Founders Day dinner at Bolling AFB, 19 Mar; attendance about 600. Oldest grad, Leo Conner, Aug '17, made no speech. The youngest grad drew thunderous applause. "...it was a grand evening... I...talked to many old friends..." said Herb.

Says **David McLean** from Belleair, FL:

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Hughes Steele has been recovering from open-heart surgery—6 weeks in the hosp and 2 months in a ret home—and is now nearly well. Boots died in Aug 79 after 3 years of illness. A school teacher before her marriage, she had been very active when well, a member of at least 8 charitable organizations. She is survived by her husband Hughes; a son, William; 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandsons, all of Winter Haven. We did not have these details when her death was reported in the Mar issue. Son William is an MD with a large practice who underwent open-heart surgery at the same time that Hughes did.

Gretchen & Harris Scherer enjoy their life in Sarasota; she spends time on the golf course and Harris, he says, keeps the house in repair. They seldom see '19ers, except for **Mary Hedekin**, who has an apartment in Sarasota which she visits occasionally. In the recent past they have visited their daus in Marion, SC, Williamsburg, VA, and DC; and every summer various family members, scattered over the eastern US, visit a certain town in Ontario for enjoyable reunions.

Virgil Shaw is Chmn of Education and Entertainment at his ret center in Clearwater. A dynamo, he organizes concerts, theater trips, bridge games and other diversions. **Dave McLean** hears many admiring comments about Virgil, who is "very happy in his new home and we're proud of him."

From San Ant **Bob Springer** states that **Viv & Ham Hamilton** took the 14-day Servive Academies Trans-Panama Cruise in Feb. They flew to San Juan, PR, boarded the TSS **Fairsea**, visited St. Thomas, Aruba, Cartagena, San Blas Ils; went thru the Canal, then to Acapulco, Cabo San Lucas and L.A. There were about 35 WP alumni aboard. Ham was the oldest grad, celebrated his 83d birthday on 3 Feb, when at dinner he had a birthday cake, wine, and was serenaded. During the evening's night-club entertainment Ham's birthday was announced and he was given a standing ovation. Then there was a kissade, so to speak, when all the pretty girls on the ship's staff rushed over to him and kissed him. What superb service! At a cocktail party for WP alumni, COL Morris J. Herbert, USMA '50, AOG Rep on board, presented Ham with an album made of copies of HOWITZER pages. Throughout the voyage, COL Herbert and his wife Faith made sure that all passengers received all needed attention until they were aboard their homebound airplane at the L.A. airport. A really grand trip.

Since his return home Ham has had a cataract operation at Wilford Hall Hosp, is reported recovering nicely, able to see the AF nurses with 20/60 vision. Among several projects that **Alex Bennet** is working on is that of gathering material for a book on historic WP. Long associated with WP and the armed forces, the **Bennet** family will be part of the book's story. **Lib Collier** seems to be well taken care of at the Chandler Memorial Nursing Home. **Rhoda Springer**, with the new "million dollar" knee, is walking again, with a cane, but absolutely without pain. **Melba Noble** says that admin of the **Chic Noble** estate is progressing slowly. **Bob & Rhoda Springer** were the only reps of '19 at the San Ant Founders Day dinner, held 20 Mar at the USAA complex. Oldest Class present was Nov '18 reptd by **Chris & Janie Knudsen, Dunk & Lela Dunkelberg, Corp & Mary Chorpening**. Speaker of the evening was Kenneth F. Zitzman, '32.

From San Fran Bay **Jack Vance** says that he and Betty, **Babe & Ruth Ruth** plan to attend the Founders Day dinner at the Presidio on 19 Mar.

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DEATHS

1LT **Archie William Cooey** Sr, USA, ret, died of cancer at his home, New Braunfels, TX, 8 Feb last. Interment 11 Feb in Evergreen Cem, Delhi, IA. A large number of friends and relatives attended the services. The cemetery was covered with snow and studded with dark green fir trees, Archie was laid to rest with the simple dignity which characterized his life. He is survived by his widow, Verlie; a son, A.W. Cooey Jr. of Delhi, IA; 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Sydney Ward Gould died 28 Jan 82, suddenly, in New Haven, CT. He resigned from the Army in 22, did postgraduate work at MIT, specialized in botany, served as Army colonel in WW II. He is survived by his widow, Bea; a son, S. Ward **Gould** Jr. of Bristol; a dau, Arleen Toops, of Lynchburg, VA; a brother, Rodney C. **Gould**, of Salem, OR; 2 sisters, Florence Thomas of Canton, OH, and Elsie Grace Patterson of Pontiac, MI; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held at the Madison, CT, Congregational Church.

The Class extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

VITAL STATS

Living grads 77; missing 2; deceased 205; widows 97.

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With great sadness I report that **Hugh Winslow, Harvey Greenlaw, Van Van Sickler, Frances Schick** and **Willis McDonald** have died. Our deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

Hugh Winslow died 4 Jan 82 from heart failure, at breakfast in his home in Arlington, VA. He had been in poor health since a massive heart attack in 75 and congestive heart failure in 79. This news came from his dau Elizabeth with whom he had made his home. Hugh was buried in Arlington with full military honors. Attending with dau Elizabeth were **Denson, Hinds, the Holles, Lemnitzer, Rehm, Routheau, Samouce** and **Stratton**. Hugh was appointed to USMA from the AEF in France in WWI. He had resd in 27. Ten years later he almost died from a severe stroke which paralyzed his whole left side. However, he recovered sufficiently to return in 42 to serve with distinction in WWII as CO 64th FABn 25 Div Jap (45-48) and as Sr Adv Scty Gp Jap (51-53). Besides dau Elizabeth he is survived by his widow Lilly, now in a Nursing Home, son Hugh W. Jr., and 1 granddau.

Harvey Greenlaw died 10 Jan 82 of diabetic-vascular complications at his home in Compostela, Nayarit, Mexico, and was buried there. This information came from **Dick Singer**, our Class Rep for TX-MEX, whose letter to Harvey was answered 6 Jan by Harvey's Flying Tigers (?) friend, H. Dudley Mackey, indicating Harvey's death was imminent. Information also came later from **Jack Goff** who received a letter from a Flying Tigers friend, R. E. "Bob" Codner, of Cottonwood, AZ. For many years Harvey could not be located until he was found by **Hank Lambert** in 75. Harvey wrote then: ". . . After resigning in 31 . . ." —etc. as recorded in the Jun 75 ASSEMBLY. He was No. 2 of Flying Tigers under Gen. Chennault (38-42) becoming incapacitated with a badly burned knee. He retired to Mexico in 45 and had been in Compostela since 64. Bob Codner's 19 Feb letter said Harvey "had been wheelchair bound" perhaps for some years. He also spoke of Harvey's divorced wife Olga, also of the Flying Tigers, and authoress of the historically valuable 1943 book, "The Lady and the Tigers." There is also a son, possibly somewhere in England, whom Codner is trying to locate.

1920: Singers celebrating Dick's birthday.

Van Van Sickler died 15 Jan 82 at the Venice (FL) Hosp, from a heart attack. According to **Frank Henning**, our Class Rep for FL, Van was driving home to his beautiful home on Casey Key after working in his Treat Lychee fruit grove on the mainland. When he arrived at the bridge, it was raised to let a boat pass. When it was lowered he was found slumped over in his car and was rushed to the hospital. Memorial services were held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Venice. Attending with family members were **the Daniels, Frank Henning, Eloise Smith (RO)** and her son Russell. Van's ashes were inurned in Apr at the West Point Cemetery beside his wife Priscilla, who died in 79. Van resd in 31 to give full time to managing his fruit grove in FL, his tree farm in ME, and 3 family investment farms. He returned in 41 to serve with distinction in AGO WD 41-46 (LM-2CR) and as AG USAR EUR 54. He also served in Nanking and Yokohama and was awarded the Nationalist China Medal of the Army-Navy-Air Force Grade A, and the Special Breast Order of Yun Hai. He is survived by son Robert of Eugene, OR; dau Dr. Gail T. Rayner of Tallahassee, FL; dau Priscilla, wife of MG Max W. Noah '53, CG Ft Belvoir, VA, Engr Ctr; and 10 grandchildren.

Frances Schick died 26 Jan 82 at her home in Carmel, CA, after a brief illness. Memorial services were held at the Carmel Presbyterian Church. Attending with family members were **the Bartletts (WH)** and **Herb Reuter**. Frances was inurned 28 Apr at the West Point Cemetery beside Larry, who died in 67. She had been active in church work and the Carmel Chapter of the American Red Cross. She and Larry were very happy in their children—dau Marylou (wife of Ret COL Paul C. Root Jr. '41); son, Ret LTC John '55, 4 grandchildren including MAJ Paul M. Root '66, and 2 great-grandchildren.

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Willis McDonald died 26 Feb 82 in Valley Hospital, Litchfield Park, AZ. He was buried in Riverside Cemetery in Cody, WY. Willis had resd in 22 to pursue a business career and ret in 64 as Sr VP and Dir NY Trust Co. and former Sr VP Chemical Bank of NY. He moved to AZ in 70. His wife Elizabeth died in 79. Surviving are his son, Willis Jr. of Greenwich, CT, and sister, Eunice M. Dawson of Cambridge, MA.

Our heartfelt condolences also to **George & Rosalie Doolittle** in the loss of their 53-year-old elder son, James M. II; to **Kay Burns**, her 98-year-old mother, Elizabeth Zalesky; and to **Don Burns**, his sister, Montrose Seitz.

James M. **Doolittle** II died 23 Feb 82 when his private helicopter crashed into power lines a mile from his 16,000-acre Watrous, NM, cattle ranch home. Since 70 he was the 3d generation owner of the family Albuquerque Lumber Co., founded in 1881. Extremely active in business and civic affairs at the City, County, State, Regional Mountain States and even National levels, he left his stamp in lumbering, cattle raising, banking, politics, Chamber of Commerce, trade publication, YMCA, cancer, and United Way funding, Regional hospitals and schools, and had just become president of the NMSU Foundation. He leaves his widow Barbara, 6 children, his parents, 1 sister and 1 brother.

Elizabeth Zalesky died 15 Feb 82 of pneumonia at the Goodwin House in Alexandria, VA. Memorial services were held at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection at Goodwin House and burial in Arlington. Attending with family members were the **Hines, Holles** and **Samouces.** Mrs. Zalesky, a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames, was the widow of Ret Navy Med Corps CPT, William J. Zalesky, who died in 51. She served with him at posts in China, Latin America and the Philippines. During WWII she was an active Gray Lady with the Red Cross in CA. Besides dau Kay, she is survived by daus, Dr. Elizabeth Z. Johnson of Cleveland, and Marion Z. Smith of La Jolla, CA; 8 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Montrose Seitz, a resident of the Army Distaff Hall for several years, died 7 Mar 82 at DC's Providence Hosp. She was buried beside her husband in Dothan, AL.

The 14 Feb issue of the Salt Lake City **Tribune** announced a ceremony was held at Ft Douglas, UT, at which a plaque was unveiled honoring **Bill McFadden** as the Post's commander in 53-54.

The 12 Jan West Point Soc of DC quarterly luncheon meeting at Patton Hall, Ft Myer, VA, was attended by **Burns, Hinds, Holle, Lemnitzer, Rehm** and **Stratton.**

The 19 Mar Founders Day dinner at DC's Bolling AFB's Officers Club was attended by **Burns, Denson, Hinds, Holle, Lemnitzer, Mitchell (JD), Rehm** and **Samouce.**

Jack Goff was Oldest Grad speaker at the 19 Mar Founders Day dinner in Ft Lewis, WA.

Chit Chitterling spent several weeks in the hosp, Jan-Feb, and is now in the Annapolis Convalescent Home.

Dorothy Harris (FM) spent most of Jan-Apr 81 in the hosp. By June she was able to walk again but decided to enter Millcroft, a ret home in Newark, DE, near her dau Anne Redd. It was a big wrench for her to leave Annapolis, MD, where she and Fred had settled in 56. We wish Dorothy much happiness in her new home.

Red Sharrar's dau, Beryl Barr Rubin, writes: "My father is doing quite well despite loss of right leg below knee in 76 . . . My mother was an invalid for 20 years until she died 1 Jan 81 . . . Father is now home with people to look after him around the clock. He is physically strong and can get around with a walker, but not well enough for Class lunches in DC."

Martha Merritt enjoyed a visit from her brother and his wife during Xmas. "It was a joyful time for all as they had not yet seen all of my 11 great-grandchildren."

Gus Vogel's Xmas card said: "My son John and I will take **Tincy Rutter** to her son's house in Houston, TX. We'll spend Xmas with my older son Harold in Denver."

Dan Buie wrote **Charles Holle:** "The strong support of our dau, Cynthia Manet, enabled us to survive the loss of my wife Sallie."

Jack Goff wrote 7 Jan: "We have been hit by flood storms of the century in CA, and heavy rain and snow in OR and WA. Here in Tacoma we are just melting out after a week of freezing weather . . ." So he and Alma drove to Yuma, AZ, for 2 weeks of sunny golf. On 3 Mar Jack also wrote: "Just back from Oahu and Maui after 10 days with **Bob & Betty Kreuter** at their Maui condo. Marvelous vacation with a fine coat of tan to brag about . . . (Alma was not up to it and stayed home) . . . Alma will probably have a leg arterial by-pass operation in Apr . . . Bob and Betty are great hosts, drove to Hana and Waialua and around Iah needle and the north coast for whale watching and surf board viewing . . . I also took a cruise boat to the islands of Molokai and Lanai with continuous mai-tais and luau picnic . . ."

The Kreuters had Xmas at a family gathering in their dau, Nancy McClintock's home in Los Altos, CA. They spent Feb at their condo at Kapalua Golf Villas on the HI island of Maui, and the first week of Mar at the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu.

On 24 Feb **Bill Bartlett** reported that they were not adequately prepared for the 4 Jan 10.42 inches of rain that fell in 24 hours, but they are now. The loss was a minimum of 10 ft of garden path, a few small trees and some soil. The view from all windows had not changed. (You should really see it—beautiful sunrises over scenic Monterey Bay through their 400-year-old live oak trees, and sunsets over the Pacific.) Bill writes: "This is Ash Wednesday. Our calla lillies are in bloom as well as camellias, flowering Quince, roses . . . and 4 orchid spikes on the front porch." Bill has just republished the out-of-print 1853 book, "The Pilgrim Fathers or The Founders of New England" authored by his namesake relative, William H. Bartlett, who provided numerous of his very artistic sketches and etchings in the book. Bill and Ruth have beautifully dedicated the book (Library of Congress Catalog Card No. 81-68372) to the "Memory and Honor of Our Son, **William Harry Bartlett Jr.** Who Died In The Service Of His Country In The European Theater Of Operations."

Grace Roberts Larter writes 7 Jan from San Antonio: "Am doing quite well considering . . . Have one living son, Frank M. **Roberts**, who lives in Houston and has one dau, my only grandchild, now 7 years old and quite pretty and very bright . . ."

Madeleine Maddox writes 31 Dec from San Marcos, TX: "Am healthy and happy. Keep very busy with my horses and painting and home. All my daughters are happy and well as are my grandchildren and great grandchildren."

Johnny Johnston (OR) writes 1 Jan from San Antonio: "Marjorie and I are quite well. She frequently visits our children, grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren in TX, GA, and Guadalupe, Mexico. Their weddings and blessed events offer excuses to visit . . . I stay home when possible." Don't let that last remark fool you. Far from turning to pasture his fiery "2-wheeled steed" he has acquired another to keep it company. He finds them "Very reliable and good company. I exercise them every day the weather is fine."

John Hodes writes 31 Dec: "My sister **Jean** Quereau, her husband and 2 children, are in San Ant. My sister, Celeste Fry, is in Jacksonville, AR. And I am ret (COL '49) here in Killeen, TX, teaching school. My wife Alma is from El Paso. We have 8 children, all away from home now except Timothy, age 10." John enclosed a copy of pp 350-351 of Supplement Seven (1961-1965) of the "Dictionary of American Biography" (of famous Americans) which contains the biography of his father who died in 62. His mother Laura died in 78.

Dick & Nena Singer celebrated Dick's 83d birthday 12 Feb at a party in his honor at the home of their friends, the Breiths, in Granite Shoals, TX. On 4 Mar, Dick saw **Millard Pierson** at the monthly meeting of the San Antonio MOWW Chapter, of which they are both past presidents. Millard had been away 2 months in CA with his dau Dorothy. **The Singers** also attended the 51st SW Conference of the Building Owners & Mgrs Assn in Little Rock, AR, early Mar—"Great convention . . . lost a little and made a little on the horses . . . Returning home they were off again with friends to Piedras Negras, Mexico, for a Corbuto dinner, will spend the night at Laughlin AFB on way home." They expect to be in DC for the 75th annual BOMA Convention 19-23 Jun, when they will also see son Tommy and his family in Baltimore. They will drive home via Decatur and Atlanta, GA, to visit with Dick's 2 older sisters and their families. "From there on, no telling where we will go . . ."

Happy news just in! **Anne Farrell** and GEN James E. Moore '24 were married Friday 4 Apr 82 in the Memorial Chapel, Ft Myer, VA. All our best wishes for much happiness to them!

'21-'22

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As of this date (March 29th) 19 classmates have signed up to attend the 60th anniv of our graduation, 2 more are "maybes," 2 former members and 5 widows—with their widows all adds up to 52. Of the 41 classmates who are still up and around, 4 did not reply to our bulletins, they are **Beal, Dean, Pirkey** and **Woodbury.** As for the widows, I received regrets from **Lillian Chidlaw, Dorothy Kyle, Gertrude McClenaghan, Sarah McDavid, Rosalie Mulvihill, Ila Mary Svihra** and **Helen (Taylor)** Towner. For the most part all those who sent their regrets stated that their physical condition was such that it made travel impossible, but they all wanted to be remembered to everyone.

Jim O'Connell had 4 surgical operations during the past 2 years and had another one last Apr. And **Bob Wilson** had just got out of the hospital in Mar but that it would be several months before he would get his strength back.

While on the matter of operations and hospitals, **Lucile Anderson,** my wife Hazel, and I were operated on 14 Jan, 5 Nov, and 12 Jan, respectively. We spent a total of 35 days in the hospitals. I am glad to report that all 3 of us are back to normal.

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In Jan the Army Distaff Foundation celebrated its 20th anniv. Since **Diddy Taylor** was largely responsible for establishing the Foundation in the first place, and **Mark McClure** was its first Treasurer, they and their spouses were present and each had a few well chosen words to say. The Distaff Hall has done a tremendous job of accommodating Army widows. Those of our Class who are residents there have enjoyed their life at the Hall.

At the Jan meeting of our DC classmates, **Myron Leedy** brought his nephew who has recently moved to DC. He is a lawyer and in charge of his firm's DC office that had only recently been established. The meeting was well attended. Likewise was the Feb meeting. The discussion was about **Max Taylor's** article in the **Wash. Post** about the "hatchet" job the media had done about him and GEN Westmoreland. And the Mar meeting was well attended, but the only flaw was that Mark got stuck for the drinks. He will attend the meeting in Apr because according to established rules and regulations, he will get a free drink.

I regret to report that **Margaret Cooley** died. The bulletin that I sent her last Feb was returned marked "deceased." Seven years ago I received a letter from her in which among other things, she stated that she and John had had no children. I have no other information about her.

ADDRESSES

Madeleine Sadtler's new address is: Bethesda Retirement and Nursing Home, 87 Jones Mill Rd., Chevy Chase, MD 20015. **Jake Stewart** now has a street address, it is 3324 Government St, Ocean Springs, MS 39564. We formerly listed Jake with a P.O. Box. The new listing will make it a little easier to find him when you visit him and his beautiful gardens. **Frances Gregory** has a new location: 3525 East Hacienda, Las Vegas, NV 89120. **Marion Hensey** is at 601 East Tanglebriar Lane, Apt. E, San Antonio, TX 78209; **Dolly Hisgen**—P.O. Box 1336, Pebble Beach, CA 93953; **Clarence Dean**—7858 California Ave, Apt 205, Riverside, CA 92504; **Anne Bodine**—28 Dakota Dr, Cherokee Village, Hardy, AR 72542.

A bit of good news: **Charlie Dobbs** wrote me that he and Kathreen "are still on the normal grocery store, doctor, drug store, beauty parlor syndrome and feeling fine."

'23

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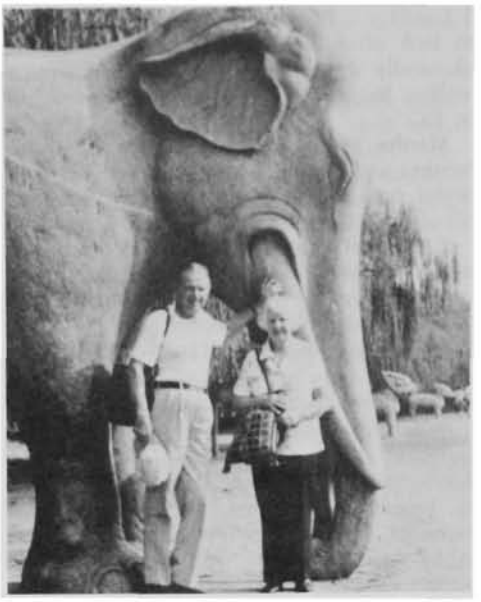
Classmates and friends in the DC Area were happy to have a visit with **Virginia Post** in Dec. She was visiting her daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Her son Eddie Jr. (USMA 69) is in Korea.

Santiago Guevara has undergone a cataract operation with successful results. **Tim Timberman** was able to accompany Virginia to the wedding of their grandson, LT Bill Callaghan, at Ft Meyer Chapel on 9 Jan. **Joe Smith** reports that letters from classmates indicate a budding of interest in our 60th reunion. He expects about 15 couples. More positive information will be distributed later this year.

Damon & Helen Gunn spent winter months in FL. Damon doing fine but Helen suffered a bad fall requiring medical treatment. Their maid-companion looked after Damon.

Attending the Founder's Day dinner were



1923: The Craigies at the drive entrance, Ming Tombs.

Guevara, Fry, Smith, and **Shafer,** held at Bolling Field on 19 Mar.

Clyde Rich reports that their daughter, Robina, visited them while in USA from Paris in Feb (she does the traveling for the family now). **Rich** also had little news from the other '23 members in SA—but did say they had some snow in their area of TX this year.

With deep feeling of sadness, we report the death of **Ella Verne McGehee.** She died in Menlo Park, CA as the result of a stroke in mid-January which soon afterward ended her long suffering on 30 Jan. Following Episcopal services she was interred at USMA West Point on 3 Feb 1982, only a short distance from the site of the Old Hotel, where they first met in 1921. We send our condolences to **McGehee** in his sadness.

Glenn Palmer informs us that Mike **Buckley** had an operation and is doing nicely.

Buckley and Eleanor, Harmony, Price, White JW, Palmer, and **McGehee** attended the San Francisco Founder's Day dinner on 19 Mar. The WP Glee Club presented a program of songs, which was well received. Reports were that a good time was had by all, despite the lack of inspirational talk about WP, and the absence of others of '23.

On 3 Mar, **John and Alice White** gave a luncheon party at the Presidio of SF for classmates in the area, attended by 12 of the Bay Area Class group, plus Eddie and Dottie Plank ('20). Attending were: **Buckleys, Palmers, Prices, Harmony, McGehee, Harriet Pesek** and **Virginia Post,** and the Planks. The **W. R. Pierces** would have been there too, had not Mary been taken ill a few days before. The Whites are giving up their San Francisco Apt in May and will be spending time in NY State: New Address is 854 White Rd., Brockport, NY 14420. On 1 May he is retiring as a financial consultant to Kidder Peabody and Co, and looking forward to getting in some serious gardening and attending one or two Army football games. Any classmates coming through the Rochester, NY area are welcome to stop over with them at Brockport.

During Feb **Herb Enderton** had a family reunion in San Diego with his four children, Alice, Ann, Herbert and Donald. He had a few friends in for Sunday afternoon tea. Lyle and Louise Rosenberg attended.

Founder's Day dinner for San Diego area was held at the Miramar Naval Air Station Officer's Club on 12 Mar. The Com, BG Joseph F. Franklin was the speaker and was outstanding. Those attending were **Dave Stone, Dave and Kay Dunne, Herb Enderton,** and **Lyle and Louise Rosenberg.** Louise's brother-in-law, Bob Borman, USMA '41, and wife, from Los Altos, visiting the **Rosenbergs** and attended the dinner. **Deke Stone** was unable to attend as he had just returned home from the hospital. His son, David, visiting them from Sherman, Texas, took Deke's wife, Louise, and filled in ably.

We received a call from **Helen O'Reilly** from Tacoma, WA requesting information about WP for her grandson, who is interested in becoming a cadet. We hope he makes it!

Karl Lueder writes that he has not budged since late Oct, but has enjoyed the sunshine, climate and pool in Galisco, Mexico. He sympathizes with us when he hears shortwave reports about the very cold weather many of us have had this winter.

From Tucson, AZ, **R. C. McCormick** (Mac) commented on the well deserved accolade of **Frank Dorn's** artistic ability in Dec '81 ASSEMBLY. He, as Business Mgr of our HOWITZER, recalls that in 1923 there was a competition of the year books of major colleges and universities of that year. BF James, whose company made the color plate of Frank's works, was pleased to inform the HOWITZER board that our book won the national first prize, and that Frank's outstanding art work was by far the major factor in the win. To the judges, Frank's artistic abilities were amazing. This is a great story, Mac, and thanks for sending it in. His last comment is also relevant: "I try to survive on the theory that God doesn't want me, the Devil is afraid of me, and the hope that neither changes his mind."

From Sullivans Island, SC comes word from **Bill and Martine Lucas** with hello and with special greetings to his two roommates, **Michael Buckley Jr.** and **John H. White Jr.** The **Lucas'** will have their 52nd anniversary in Jul. Martine says she has never passed beyond a "plebe" in the household! Unfortunately she has been suffering with severe angina—but some new medication on the market promises some relief. Bill says her hobby is cooking—she is the Julia Childs of their neck of the woods. Bill says, "When I complain about being old and decrepit, I remind myself that Old Age is a blessing, not granted to everyone."

It is with deep regret that we report the death of three classmates: **Lloyd Shepard,** Vincennes, IN on 12 Dec 1980; **John Graffin,** Paris, France; and **John Burnett** in FL. **Charlie Gettys'** persistence in obtaining the above information finally paid off. As of this writing no more data on **Graffin** or **Burnett** are available, but **Shepard** was buried in Vincennes. The Class extends our sincere sympathy to his wife, Louise, and also to the families of **Burnett** and **Graffin.** Other information submitted by **Gettys** follows: **PD and Mary Weikert** have had their social activities limited during the past year. Mary is legally blind and PD is slowly approaching that stage. The WP Society Founder's Day meeting in Orlando met at the Naval Training Center Officers Club on 16 Mar. The speaker was MG Arthur E. Brown Jr., the former Deputy Supt at WP. The WP Society has lunches at the Club the second Tues of each month, except Jun thru Aug.

EF and Anne Merchant send greetings. He attended the Founder's Day at St. Petersburg on 24 Mar. **EB Howard,** after his wife died in 1980, suffered a heart attack but has sufficiently recovered with the requirement

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of seeing the doctor every three months. He has married a widow (who with her husband had been friends of the Howards for 40 yrs). He has resumed playing nine holes of golf twice a week—and attended the Founder's Day dinner.

Doris Heaney says all is well in her area, except she is overcome by learning about a Hex nut, when installing a new hose for her dish washer. The trouble lies in getting the right size wrench to tighten things—any way, it now works! Doris says that her son and his wife, George and Mary, spent some time in Feb helping her with her income tax—which of course still awes her, but eventually she will be able to do it all! She has written to **Gurley** but has heard nothing yet—and also to **Helen Carrol**, who wrote and said that she is OK.

Clara Raymond spent graduation ceremonies at WP in 1981, to see her grandson Charles L. Raymond Jr. get his diploma—and then attended his wedding on the next day. During the summer she attended the weddings of two grandsons, one a graduate of '79.

Gettys, who lived with **Graffin** as a plebe, had been trying to get in touch with him for some time and finally did receive a letter from a cousin of **Graffin** in Allentown, PA, but no details. **Graffin, Hume** and **Laning** were together in Marion, AL before entering WP. **Laning** attended Founder's Day dinner with **Gettys** in St. Petersburg. **George Stewart** sent latest news about **Stu Cowles**. He is confined to bed or wheel chair to which he has to be strapped. He is receiving excellent care by the VA—but unfortunately the doctors give no hope of recovery. George's wife, Louise, has not yet recovered from her broken hip over a year ago, but she is making progress. George himself, took a physical exam and got a clean bill of health. Incidentally, your scribe missed his name for birthdays in Mar ASSEMBLY—He'll be 80 on 28 May 1982.

From Philly, PA news from **Roy Dwyer** including notes from **Howard Serig** and **Frank Wilder**. The wintry weather kept them from getting out but each one is getting along with ailments (legs and eyes) fairly well. **Larry Barroll** sends greetings from New York, and he sends "hello" to all.

"Christmas '81" from **Bill and Victoria Craigie** was most interesting—parts of which I'll cover. Early in the summer he propositioned Victoria that if he took her on a trip to China, she would let him return to Nepal. She agreed and they did just that. On 31 Aug in a party of 20 British, 2 Canadians, and six Americans, they flew from Hong Kong to Peking and spent four days seeing: Tien An Men Square, The Forbidden City, The Summer Palace, The Temple of Heaven, and enroute to the Wall they spent a couple of hours at the Ming Tombs. Between the two of them, they climbed up both sections of the Wall, each representing a very steep and spectacular climb! Then they flew to Chungking. After two days there they proceeded down the Yangtse for three days on a commodious boat named "The East is Red." They enjoyed many miles of varied and interesting river scenery before reaching the Yangtse's famous gorges, not characterized by our Grand Canyon type of precipitous cliffs, but very steep mountains. They left the boat at Wuhan, a large industrial city about half way between Chunking and Shanghai, then took train to their starting point, Hong Kong. Victoria spent two days in bed in Hong Kong, and five days in St. Joseph's Hosp after arriving home, and by end of Nov was OK again. Both felt comfortable about Bill leaving for his trip in Nepal. Victoria spent a week of his absence visiting Gale in Boulder.

1923: The Stones at Army-Navy game luncheon, San Diego.

As to Craigie's Nepal trip. He planned to fly to a 13,000 ft vantage point to get shots of Everest and other gorgeous peaks that are located in that "hard-to-get" area. But the Pilatus Porter STOL aircraft that were utilized to transport guests to the Everest View Hotel were all out of commission following a fatal crash six weeks earlier and the hotel was closed. Instead, he flew in a Twin Otter to Lucla, about 20 miles south of the Everest View Hotel area. It has a landing strip at 9300 ft elevation cut off the side of the mountain. He had hoped to rent a pony as he did in '78 and '79 in the Annapurna area and make a three or five day trek up to the picture taking area and then back to Lucla, but this was not feasible. A bad cold, combined with the effects of the altitude, brought on shortness of breath problems that convinced him that he was in the wrong place! He returned to Kathmandu. A couple of days later he drove up to Kakani, 20 miles northwest of Kathmandu at 6500 ft elevation. It has an unobstructed view of several groups of Himalayan peaks. He took some final movies and slides and that ended his picture taking. On 9 Dec he headed home, a Thai International DC-8 to Bangkok, a Cathay Pacific L-1011 to HongKong and then an FTL747 back to Los Angeles. By this time his cold had developed into a bronchial condition that put him into St. Joseph's Hosp for five days, including 16 Dec, his 56th wedding anniversary!

Having taken **Craigie** to Nepal and gotten him back safely, we just received word about another traveler going to Nepal. **Steve Conner** and wife Alison, left Olympia WA on 10 Feb for a week in London, and three weeks in Sikim, Nepal and Bhutan on a nature tour. Steve says Alison is an amateur "bird watcher," while he is not that much. He will take cameras and binoculars and enjoy the few birds that he will be able to locate. A skillful bird watcher sees hundreds of 'em—an amateur sees them in tens and he is lucky to get a good look at five—after all he is the "engineering type," but the change of interest is fun. Alison's father was Robert Cushman Murphy who was one of the outstanding ornithologists. That is one reason why they go, to inspect the birds while also looking at flowers and rocks. The **Conners** still live on a beach of Puget Sound—current total score of 8 children, 19 grandchildren, and 9¾ great grandchildren. One of the last calls him "Great Pop"—a real compliment. Steve was 80 on 29 May. He says that he'll make the 60th reunion if he can! Incidentally, Steve gave me their advice, "If you can't get much real news make some up—a good correspondent never has trouble doing just that."

Fritz Breidster says that Founder's Day dinner was celebrated 15 Mar. The honored guest speaker was Gen Meyers, Chief of Staff Army. He is a classmate of the Pres. of the WI WP Society. Fritz has joined a retired men's club and a regular foursome plays bridge each Monday: Roma keeps up her regular duties with the girls. Fritz expresses fond greetings to all classmates, with the hope that all are coping well for having achieved four score years.

A late note just received from Roma states that Fritz did not make the Founder's Day dinner. On 15 Mar he had a very bad tooth extracted but on the next day he entered Columbia Hospital with a heart not functioning properly. It is now necessary that nurses have to help him do his ablutions and other necessary toilet functions. If the latter were not necessary, things would be a lot simpler. The letter stated that approximately130 attended the dinner (30 to 35 West Pointers). Gen Meyers called Fritz and expressed his regret that Fritz was unable to attend.

David McLean says that while '19 was not rpntd at the St. Ptrbg, FL, Founders Day dinner, 24 Mar, Buck Wiley '28, reported to him that LTG W. W. Scott Jr., Supt, USMA, the principal speaker, gave a very interesting talk on WP today, told of effort to let brighter cadets move faster, academically, or have more electives; and more help for the slower cadets. Held at Bayfront Ctr, the dinner was well attended and very enjoyable.

The Phila Founders Day dinner was held, 13 Mar, at Valley Forge Mil Acad in Wayne, PA. LTG J. K. Bratton, '48, Chief of Engrs, gave a fine talk. And Scribe, as oldest grad present, gave a short talk; (that's what he thought, though the audience's thought is not recorded). LT K. G. Conlon, '81, youngest grad present, gave a humorous speech which earned much applause. It was a very successful party.

Jack and **Betty Vance, Babe** and **Ruth Ruth** attended Founders Day dinner at the Presidio of San Fran, a great success with a capacity crowd despite the bad weather. The Cadet Glee Club, in fifty-fifty full dress, was superb. They had been in the Bay area all week and had appeared in several towns. 94-year-old BG Harold F. Nichols '11, oldest grad present, gave a short talk. LT. M. J. Meese, '81, youngest grad present, son of Pres. Reagan's White House staffer, gave a witty talk. The affair was a great success, enjoyed by all who were there.

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'24

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The winter luncheon of the WP Society of the D.C. was held at Ft Meyer on 12 Jan. Classmates attending included **Vogel, Beurket, Eddleman, Hart, McCormick** and **Hincke.** The principal speaker was the noted news commentator and columnist, Hugh Sidey. He gave a brief description of his service as an enlisted man at WP in 1945-46, apparently in a low grade, but in which he shared responsibility for the education of Gen Haig and other present day military leaders. He recalled his various tasks about the post, including shoveling snow from Thayer Road. For the past twenty-four years Sidey has been a journalist, mainly as a White House correspondent and lately as contributing edi-

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1924: Trudeau, Eddleman, Palmer, Vogel in Hawaii in February.

tor for Time magazine. He spoke of his contacts with the last seven administrations and compared the various problems faced by those Presidents. He commented on their leadership qualities, especially those of the present incumbent. His views and opinions were moderate, intelligent, interesting and well expressed.

As is their annual custom, Anne and **Benny Bennett** spent last summer at Stony Lake in Ontario. While there they celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary, assisted by their children and grandchildren who gave them a sumptuous Chinese dinner in Toronto. Later in Sept they returned home via Montreal and Quebec which they found very picturesque.

During the past summer **Sammy** and **Erica Samouce** went to Annapolis to attend the reunion of the class of Erica's late first husband who died in 1957. He was a holder of the Navy Cross, plus other decorations. Sammy is also an honorary member of that Class. In Aug they drove to Swan's Is off the coast of ME where they rested and ate lobsters. In Oct the Samouces were visited by a British couple from Switzerland whom they entertained with parties and visits to prominent historic shrines in VA. Then Erica's daughter and her husband stayed with them for a week during which they all attended the Yorktown Bicentennial festivities and two days later were guests at a reception and dinner at the Governor's Mansion in Richmond.

On the first day of April last year, Frank and Mary **Gillette** returned from their four months stay in Honolulu and were happy to be back in their home in San Diego. Both are active in cultural and artistic affairs in the San Diego and Los Angeles area, and have made several contributions of Chinese and Korean art to the local museum. In mid-June they took off for a look at our fourty-ninth State, joining a group of other Californians. They expressed constant awe at Alaska's mind-boggling immensity, vast silence, and haunting sense of loneliness. They began their tour of the interior at Anchorage, then visited Valdez and Prince William Sound and the Columbia Glacier. They spent a day in Denali National Park where Mt McKinley rises in majestic glory, then on to Fairbanks, Whitehorse and Skagway, the old Gold Rush town. They cruised the Lynn Canal to Juneau and then drove to the base of the magnificent Mendelhall Glacier. They returned to Vancouver aboard the cruiseship **Rotterdam** which navigated the Inland Sea for four days including a stopover at Sitka, the old Russian capital. They returned home after a few days in Seattle where they visited relatives, and now, at the time of this writing, are back again in Honolulu where they expected to stay until the first day of April this year.

Word has been received that **Bob Harper** has been in the Normandy Nursing Home in San Antonio for over a year. Bob had had a stroke and also a broken pelvis which required fulltime nursing care. However, he is in fair spirits, still retains his sense of humor, and has settled into the routine at the facility. Peg has also been residing in the same nursing home since last Aug. She became ill and required hospitalization and then movement to the retirement facility. The arrangement whereby they are both together is a comfort. At the time of this report they were looking forward to spending the Christmas holidays at the home of their son and grandchildren.

Don Storck and his daughter Dorothy were among those present at the annual Class party at Ft Myer last Oct. On 10 Nov, the Philadelphia Inquirer published a column written by Dorothy about the party especially featuring her father, Don. Dorothy is a regular writer on the staff of that paper. The article is too long for inclusion here, but anyone desiring a copy will be so provided on request to your scribe.

1924: Thomas H. Allen—oldest grad present, Army War College.

In addition to the **Gillettes**, several other classmates have wintered in Honolulu or visited the place for shorter periods of time. The **Bob Stikas** were there for parts of Dec and Jan. Otto and Milrae **Nelson** charged through the islands long enough to do most of the golf courses. Charlie and Jean **Palmer** took up their customary residence at the Westin Ilikai from Dec until Apr. The **Vogels, Trudeaus** and **Eddlemans**, in that order, arrived after the first of the year and, together with the **Palmers**, caused a flurry of parties, more business for the shops, and an assortment of get-togethers including a celebration on Charlie's eightieth birthday.

Dorothy **Griffin** recently returned from the USMA Alumni cruise aboard the USS Fairsea. In case anyone doubts it, Dorothy assures us that AOG members do go on those trips and have a wonderful time. She was the only '24 member in the group which practically made her the matriarch. Fortunately she was seated at the dining room table with the AOG escort and his wife as well as other attractive people. One of the highlights of the trip was a party given on the day they spent in Acapulco. It was held at the Paradise Bar and Beach Club, and hosted by Mr. George Dixon, President of the AOG, and his wife. They all had their pictures taken with the trained chimpanzee who is a feature of that famous tourist trap. Dorothy says that she looks so maternal in her picture that she is thinking of using it on the invitations to her 80th birthday bash with the caption saying that she is still monkeying around.

On 11 March, **Ray Coombs**, Pres of the California Herd, and **Mae** had the group around to their home for cocktails and hors d'oeuvre, after which they adjourned to the Villa Felice in Los Gatos for lunch. Those present included **Walter** and **Beth French**, Mike and Eleanor Buckley, 1923, **Martha King, Jule Justice, Leanora Tandy, Harry** and **Betty Van Wyk**, and **Tom** and **Gwen** Malin. After the luncheon they elected **Harry Van Wyk** President and **Tom Malin** Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year.

Art Trudeau and **John Hincke** represented the Class at the annual Founder's Day dinner at Bolling AFB in Washington, D.C. on 19 Mar. The large gathering was composed mostly of retired graduates in the area, but lacking in the younger officers who are probably too busy at the Pentagon, and most of the ancients who complain that they can't drive a car at night. Besides the usual ceremonies, the guest speaker was LTG Wm. W. Scott, Jr., the present Supe. He gave an interesting talk about current happenings at the Point and the expected acquisition of the old Ladycliff Academy in Highland Falls for housing some of the activities presently overflowing the main grounds. The best part of the show was a short concert given by the "Strolling Strings," a group from the U.S. Army Band, composed of ten violins, two cellos, a bass viol, a guitar and an accordion. They were positioned at accoustically selected locations throughout the dining room and, in perfect unison, played a succession of beautiful melodies. About one-half of the musicians were women, an excellent use of the Army's female talent.

Please make a note on your calendar now, that the next Class party has been scheduled for 14 Oct 1982 at the Officers' Club, Ft Myer, VA.

Susie Smythe has advised us that Mrs. Eleanor Spence Dobson, the former widow of the late Capt. George W. Smythe, Jr., 1949, has been appointed to the bench of the Arlington General District Court of the State of VA. She is the first woman to receive such appointment.

We regret to announce the following:

Elizabeth S. Landon was in a motor accident while visiting her son in Michigan during the Christmas holidays. During hospitalization she developed pneumonia and died on 10 Jan. Services were held at the Cherrydale Baptist Church in Arlington, VA, followed by burial in the Arlington National Cemetery on 14 Jan.

William Harry Bertsch passed away in FL on 13 Jan after a long period of illness. Memorial services were held at the Moss Largo Chapel in Largo, FL on 16 Jan. The remains were cremated and will be interred in the Arlington National Cemetery later this spring.

Cary Judson King, Jr., died in CA on 3 Feb. Memorial services were held at the St. Simons Catholic Church in Los Altos on 6 Feb. Classmates attending included the **Malins, Van Wyks, Vaughns** and **Frenches**, plus others. Following cremation the remains were buried at West Point a few days later.

Joseph Massaro passed away in San Antonio on 10 Feb after a short illness and was buried in the Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery on 12 Feb. Graveside services were conducted with full military honors and were attended by many classmates and friends. Joe had been active in the affairs of the Class

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in the San Antonio area for many years. His absence will be felt by all of us.

We have also learned that **Catherine Etter Cureton** died at Palm Desert, CA on 18 Feb, and that **Ruth H. Glenn** passed away on 8 Feb and was buried beside her beloved "Foxy" in Brooksville, MS on 10 Feb.

Cleo Peterson died suddenly at her home in Alexandria, VA 22 Mar. Graveside services and interment were held in the Arlington National Cemetery on 25 Mar. Attendance included a host of her classmates, relatives and friends.

At a simple ceremony held in Arlington, VA, on 2 Apr, and attended by members of the immediate families, **Jim Moore** was married to Ann Farrell, widow of Francis W. Farrell, USMA '20. The couple immediately flew to Honolulu for their honeymoon, after which they returned to their home in Arlington.

'25

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Bruce Clarke reports that **Bessie** is walking again after her fall in Heidelberg last Nov, when she received bruises to her pelvic region and left leg. Son **Gordon** is returning from Germany to enter Nav WC in Sept. **Bruce** also enclosed a small 10-page pamphlet prepared by COL James H. Leach USA (Ret), in which is described the military career of **Bruce Clarke.** Apparently the booklet is issued in connection with the 40th anniv of the activation of the 4th AD to be celebrated at Columbia, SC, in Jul 82. **Bruce** was CG 4th AD (Europe).

A letter from COL Stuart Wood (Ret), Class of '27, inclosed a program on the occasion of the dedication of the skating rink at Ft Bragg on 12 Dec last, in memory of **Joseph P. Cleland. Wood** was the principal speaker, and the dedication remarks were made by his widow, **Florence Cleland.** The program insert gave a complete outline of **Joe's** military career. Your scribe and **Joe** were close friends in the P.I., 1930-31.

Founders Day celebration here at the Presidio Officers Club was featured by a dinner attended by over 400 grads and guests on 19 Mar and by the WP Glee Club, after a long absence from this area. Oldest Grad present—Nicholas—1911, spry as ever. The performance of the Glee Club was well received and loudly applauded. The Glee Club also made an afternoon appearance in Schwarz theater at Letterman Hosp.

Class of '25 was represented by the **Densons** and **Longs** at the Club. An excellent evening.

Red Newman reports from Sarasota, FL: **Mike DeArmond & Eloine** hosted a gourmet dinner in Feb at their beautiful waterfront home on Siesta Key. Guests were **Bill & Liz Wood; Red & Dorothy Newman; John & Marge Roosma.** And, incidentally, **Mike & Eloine** are pleased with the recent wedding announcement by **Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Smillie** of Acton, MA that their daughter **Elizabeth Mercer** will, on 17 Apr, marry **Robert Hannah DeArmond,** LT, USAF.

Red says he and **Dorothy** also shared a special evening with **Clare Jones** (**Ed's** widow), and some of her friends, at pool side in her lovely Bird Key home—where she comes for the winter each year.

MAJ **Paul Roberts, Litt's** son, visited with **Charlotte** in Bradenton, FL, before reporting to his new assignment on the west coast.

A letter to **Red** from **Bill Nutter** in El Paso, TX, reports he and his **Peggy** are looking forward to moving into their retirement home. **Bill** sees **Gosco Gose** and **Ole Neprud** on visits to William Beaumont Hosp—they, like most of us, are slowed down but justa doing fine anyway. **Bill** says he has set attending our 60th Reunion as his next goal, and hopes the rest of us will too.

A letter to **Charlotte Roberts** from Mrs. **David E. Durant** (12765 Denmark Ave, Apple Valley, MN 55124) reports the sad news that her mother, **Dorothy Linkswiler,** had passed away on 18 Feb, and was laid to rest beside Link at Florida Memorial Gardens.

An early Mar phone call from **Walter French** (ex '24) asked if this scribe knew that **Bill Gillmore** was in Letterman Hosp. No I did not. So after a phone call to confirm the report and a visit to LMAC, I found **Bill** comfortably situated in a small 2 room suite—but otherwise not so comfy. Had been there for a month with a painful back, finally diagnosed as a pinched nerve in the spinal cord. Operated on on 10 Mar—operation successful. Called him at home in Carmel. Said he was OK—but did not feel too good—which means he is not yet able to play golf!

From Longwood, FL, comes the following info from **Hoppie and Sophie:** "We had our youngest daughter and her husband and 2 young sons (8 and 3) for the holidays. They (with **Hoppie** as guide) took in various places, including 12 hours at Disneyland. **Hoppie** says he was dragging you know what—but the 3-year-old was going strong! **Hoppie** also reports that he had a visit with Margarita Calhoun, widow of Calhoun, who was turned back from '25 to '26. Calhoun died in 52. Your scribe remembered him well.

Under date of 8 Mar, **Hoppie** reports that he and **Sophie** have decided to make Longwood their permanent home. Will sell their home in DE when and if interest rates encourage a buyer. Recently **Carl & Louise** Meyer, who were visiting relatives in Tampa, came over to Longwood to see the **Hopkins.** Had dinner out, and the next day, at home with the **Hopkins.**

'26

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Received a nice letter from **Bill Ennis,** which I quote in part: "We have come down to Washington for about four months as we've been doing for several years—going south for the winter, as we say in Newport. There is very little news as far as Newport is concerned. As far as I know, I am the only West Point '26 man in the state, and there is only one West Point Society in New England, the one in Boston. However, there is a very active chapter of the N.A. Alumni Ass'n in Newport that includes me in all its activities except cheering for Navy in the Army-Navy game. A fine group of people." Bill attended the monthly class luncheon in Jan. He says it was fine to see the locals looking so hearty. Present were **Baird, Nelson, Johnson, L. W., Smith, C. R., Stanton, Barbour, Ehrgott,** and **Collins. Sims, Munson,** and **White** didn't make it, apparently because of the ice and snow. Bill says he and **Frances** will return to Newport in early May to get the flower and vegetable gardens going. He says the latchstring is out for '26 from then on.

Spud Murphy writes from CA that he and **Gen** have been busy with welcome house guests, including Spud's brother's son from

1926: Jones, oldest grad present, Founders Day Fort McPherson.

NJ, Gen's niece from Marin County, grandson Geoffrey Simons from Alameda Nav Air Sta., and granddaughter Cindy Murphy, who is eighteen and a soph at Bennington College, majoring in music. As a requirement for credit, she taught music at a boys' school in Durango, CO. She will visit Gen and Spud on the way back. She expects to do similar work in Wales next year. Her brother, Dr. Timothy C. Murphy, Ph.D., is doing research in nuclear physics at the Dublin Inst for Advanced Studies in Ireland.

More notes from Spud: **Wally Barnes,** though not in the best of health, made it to Miami with wife, **Elizabeth,** and daughter Cindy to see son-in-law Willie Shoemaker receive the "Ellipse Award" for the best jockey of the year and to be designated the Goodwill Ambassador of the racing world. Upon his return home, he had some disturbing news from his doctor and must take it easy for a while. Spud says that a note from **Don Booth** hints that he may have some of the aches and pains that we all share in common. (In a phone call to the scribe, Don admitted to some wear and tear, but nothing that medication isn't taking care of).

Harry Grizzard wrote that they are presently enjoying a quiet life, and it's very pleasant. **Elizabeth** is fine and stays quite busy. Harry says he has made a good recovery from his surgery of last spring and feels very fortunate to still be around.

George Hickman writes that he and **Peg** "remain climatically ensconced in the ever-temperate area of Greater San Diego." He avows that it is far easier for their three daughters and seven grandchildren to come west than it is for him and Peg to go east to Sebring, FL, Knoxville, TN, and Auburn, NY.

Bud Black is still immersed in the inevitable paper work that follows the death of a loved one. He is looking forward to its completion, probably in late spring, when he will escape to AK for a brief change of scenery.

Like Bud Black, **Eleanor Hamilton** has been engaged in the duty of estate settlement and probate following Paul's death last Aug. That has now been completed, and Eleanor is finding solace in a new great-granddaughter.

Spud's last item cites a report from **Paul Carroll,** who says that he now plays tennis less frequently and in slow motion. **Paul** leaves about the middle of Mar for a tour of Death Valley, and in May he will tour the British Isles.

Jimmy Burwell, deputy scribe for TX, writes that everyone there must have hibernated, for they all say they have nothing to

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1926: Heidner and Ringler.

report. However, because some have been under doctors' care, it is fitting to make mention of them: **Johnny (A.H.) Johnson** is still coming in to Lackland AFB for regular treatments. They have bought a new trailer, which they have parked at the ranch. (Scribe: **Muffet** sent a note saying that **Johnny** is getting good reports from his doctors and is looking more like himself, keeping a busy schedule between the farm, ranch, golf, and gin rummy. She also said that **Rozee Van Meter** has left Houston to be near daughter Mimi and family in Marietta, OH, where **Van** is buried. Her address is Mrs. S. W. Van Meter, No. 8 Putnam Pl., Marietta, OH 45750).

Ralph Osborne, with **Kathleen's** help, is making good progress. He uses a cane, but still has trouble with his balance.

The **Staglianos** are "holding their own," according to **Stag**. They sound alert and cheerful and send greetings to all classmates and their wives.

Helen Tausch helped Egon celebrate his 80th birthday by bringing him home from the hosp 1 Mar. Egon says he won't be strong enough to attend the local WP dinner in Mar, but hopes and works for better health soon. Congrats, **Egon**, on your 80th from all classmates, and may you have many more years ahead.

Jimmy says that the **Doyles** are in good health. As for the **Burwells**, he reports that they returned unscathed from Vegas, where he and Marcy spent the holidays with friends.

From Atlanta, **Pinky McDonough** sent a note that he thought worthy of being passed on. It concerns an autobiography by Director Frank Capra titled, "The Name Over the Title." On pages 314-367, Capra relates his WWII service at the time his nominal boss was **Lyman Munson**, whom Capra ranks with Gen Marshall as the Army's best. (McMillan and Co., N.Y., 1971). **Pinky** says he enjoyed the 55th reunion and hopes to attend our 60th. The denizens of the northwest don't have much to report. I called each of them and didn't get much more than an "All Right, Sir," but that in itself is good news. **Eddie Watson** went to the Founder's Day dinner in Portland. **Ben** and **Hazel Thurston** will go back to Seattle from Palm Springs, CA, 1 Apr. Norman and **Charlotte Matthias**, as well as **Bill** and **Rosie Mills** were quiet. The **McFarlands** stayed home and had a two-week visit from son Tony and family from AZ for a little skiing. Granddaughter Kelli could not come as she is at the UAZ. All of the northwesterners are keeping a suspicious eye on Mt. St. Helens.

From Washington we have two more items. **Pick Collins** reports that he does not have to take regular radiation treatments any more, but must check with his doctor periodically. He is able to reduce his insulin shots somewhat also.

In two operations about a week apart in the middle of Mar, **Nellie Nelson** had cataracts removed from both eyes and lens implants made. He had been considering having it done over some time, and made the decision when it became too much of a chore to remember to carry two pairs of glasses around with him and when he failed the driving test. He is greatly pleased with the results and says he can see better without glasses than with them. The only drawback, he says, is that he can no longer have an excuse to leave the driving to Lucile.

DEPARTED It is with deep regret that I report the death of classmate **Charles C. Sloane, Jr.** 10 Jan in the Veterans Hosp in Menlo Park, CA, after a long illness. **Emmy**, his wife, wrote that he was cremated and that she will take his ashes to West Point when the weather improves. Besides Emmy, he is survived by son Charles C. III and three granddaughters. Emmy sends her love to the class. Please accept our deepest sympathy, Emmy, for you and your family.

Late Item: After I had sealed the envelope for mailing these notes, Spud Murphy called with this interesting bit: The Pentagon has announced that BG Lincoln Jones III, Ass't Cmdr of the 9th Inf Div, son of **Linc Jones, Jr.**, Spud's roommate and best man at his wedding, is being reassigned from Ft Lewis, WA, to replace BG James L. Dozier in the latter's NATO post.

Mt. St. Helens blew again last night, Mar 19. The blowup was not as violent nor the ash fall as widespread as in 1980. I called **Eddie Watson** this morning. He says that Portland was not affected.

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Two more deaths in the Class must be cited. You probably noticed in the "Last Roll Call" for Mar 82 the recorded death of **Willis W. Whelchel** on 9 Jan 82 at Auburn, AL. Also, on 25 Jan at Myrtle Beach, NC, **Loren D. Pegg** passed on. Helen called to report Mike's dying "peacefully, at home." Further details from these losses were not received by deadline. **Mac Miller** took necessary action to place pages in the Memory Book at WP for both of these classmates. That Long Gray Line thus has gained again from our Class.

Mac Miller also passed on from **Blair Garland** news of the death of **Delmar Spivey** of '28, but always a fond ex-'27, also in Jan 82. You may recall that Del and his Ginny had both attended the 50th Reunion.

Blair's information also included that he had "recently seen **Nellie Fooks** for a great get-together. He is still young and full of life." Blair had added that he and Dottie, her disabilities notwithstanding, were "looking forward to the Reunion."

Dutch Holland wrote in twice during this quarter on matters of interest to us. Included was mention that **Barbara Curtis** was sending Ray's trophies to the Cav Museum at Ft Riley. It has been reported that they have "too little info about riding teams in the early 30's"—Ray's trophies should help and be an added attraction. Dutch continues active in the MOWW, and reported another of his articles was soon to appear in its magazine, an article named "Fellowship Forsaken" concerning the "fast growing criminal cult in America." Dutch continues to achieve!

1927: Jennings and Bell together again.

Ethel Kuter got in a welcome report. She was to be back in Naples, FL, from 15 Feb to 1 Apr, and planned to go up for the Reunion. She reminded that she and **Jean Burgess** had moved into AF Village, San Ant, in Jan, there joining **Betty Lovell** and **Evalyn Flock** already there, for a total of 4 of our widows. Ethel commented, "I am delighted to be here. It is like returning 'home' with a wonderful, congenial club atmosphere." Ethel sounds great!

Ray Bell in a fine report from his winter home in Pensacola commented on his passing through Birmingham on his way back from Cornwall and there having "touched base with **Ty Cobb**; he and his Mary were holding their own. I tried to rouse **Vachel Whatley** in Raleigh, but evidently he was out of town." Ray also commented sadly on the death of **Bill Whelchel**, whom he had seen in Dec when had lunch with the **Whelchels** while he was en route to Cornwall for the holidays.

Then **Ray Bell** again came to the scribe's attention by an interesting monthly report from the Escarosa Chapter, The Retired Officers Assn., Pensacola, FL, filled with brilliant, meaningful messages from the pres of the new TROA chapter, none other than our Ray! Enclosed also was a copy of a fine letter from Ray to the Hon. Earl D. Hutto, senior member of the House Armed Services Cmte, urging the cmte to stand up for the rights of the ret mil personnel against the destructive moves which have been made or are to be considered to reduce "the **earned** benefits of military retirees." It was a fine letter, another to join those from other TROA chapters and those of other service organizations. We must win!

Then as a Pensacola finale for Ray your attention is called to our lone picture for this issue. There we have Ray and **Paul Jennings** at a Jan dinner at the Azalea Trace home of the **Jennings** family. Paul, in forwarding the picture, commented that "it was a nice surprise to see him after 54 years!" Paul also mentioned that on 25 Feb they were going back to Honolulu for a few months, adding that he could not plan to go to the 55th, as his doctors say "it would be too much for me to tackle."

A fine letter came from **Ed Mechling** in mid Mar. Included were these comments: "I have been doing fairly well keeping busy—with church, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, and the like. I ride my daughter's horse when the weather is good." And he was primed up for the 55th!

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Jack Spurgeon, that loyal ex-'27, sent in his usual card to report on receipt of the Mar ASSEMBLY, including an interesting comment on one picture on p. 22 of the issue: "I was surprised at the picture of the Gospel Choir." Ahem!

From **Chuck Stone** came a report of his marriage on 4 Aug 81 to Martha Hickam Fink, in Ocean Springs, MS. She is the daughter of COL Horace Hickam, USMA '08, after whom Hickam Field, HI, is named, and was formerly the wife of COL Rudolph Fink, USAF, USMA '29, deceased. They decided to settle in AZ with some family and friends. Their address will be: 7215 E. Camino Valle Verde, Tucson, AZ 85715. They were looking forward to the 55th, and after it, hoped "to travel to the north in the 100-degree summer."

This adds up to a shorter column than usual. It is to be hoped that much more material will come in promptly when you read this in early Jun. Whether you were at the Great 55th or not, please get off some personal report to the eager scribe, who wants to give a broad coverage every time. We all want to hear of and from everyone! Please, with a snap or two, let's hear from you by early Jun! Just recall that this is not only the great 55th but also that amazing 59th year of our lives!!

'28

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By your response to our letter on the subject, you have voted for a 55th Reunion. So **Skipper Seeman, Dumps Raymond,** and I (with the help of others) are proceeding with the planning for same; to be held in May 1983 just before June Week, along with the other Alumni Exercises. **Dave Traub** has conferred with the A.O.G. and upon their advice and recommendation (since our priority will not get us in the Thayer) he has reserved for us the rooms in two small motels in the Fort Montgomery area. We will arrange to have busses to take us to the planned gatherings; and we expect to charter a bus to take the DC Area gang up and back. There will be space for those of you who would like to join us here for that leg of the trip.

1928: Morrow and O'Brien.

I regret to report that **Del Shivey** died at Largo, FL, on 18 Jan. Services for him were held at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension on 22 Jan. I understand that his ashes are to be interred at West Point this May. The sympathies of the Class go to Virginia and to their son and his family.

Tom & Anne Wells of Honolulu visited The Big Island in Feb including a stay with **Jim & Nancy Green** in Princeton and all 4 came down to DC where they had a meal with **Skipper Seeman** and **Mercer & Mabel Walters.**

Jeannette Maerdian wrote me that **Bill** has been in Letterman Hospital since 23 Nov, where they had to amputate his left leg at midthigh. They expect that he will be able to go home by late Mar or early Apr.

Ruth and I journeyed to Brownsville and San Antonio, TX, in Feb. **Skippy & Steve Harbold** staged a fine brunch for us with **Hal & Wini Halff** (from Austin) and **Sam & Fran Myers** (from Del Rio) also honored.

In due time you will be hearing more about our Reunion in 83. My next deadline is 30 Jun.

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Enroute to FL this spring, **Slim & Muriel Vittrup** dropped in on **Sam & Betsey Silver** for a mini-reunion. Sam had been a member of the **Vittrup** wedding party at West Point in Sept of '30. They were fortunate to have served together in Panama and Ft Benning. Naturally, they re-hashed the "good old days" and solved most of today's global problems. (Would that it were that simple!). Sam & Betsey have a lovely home and a large orchard and vegetable garden (laid out with meticulous care). Sam proudly writes that he prepared a schematic map for the **Vittrups** to get to their FL destination and that it was successful—and a Kudo to some forgotten P at WP.

Sara Phillips has been making a slow recovery from surgery early in Feb, her third major operation in thirteen months. In Mar she was receiving radiation therapy treatments on an out-patient basis. The need for further action was to be determined in April. John wishes their friends to know that they appreciate their expressions of support and good wishes. Although some comments have been received in response to John's letter in ASSEMBLY, there has not yet been enough to stir up action.

From HI comes word that **Beth McDermid** is in good health and carrying on nicely. **Chesty & Joe Chandler** are happy to have her join them frequently for their Sunday morning coffee klatch. At press time, Joe was planning a trip in May to England, Venice, Albania, Greece, Turkey, and Israel. As one can see, she likes to travel, whereas Chesty has had enough and keeps the house safe and their dog, company.

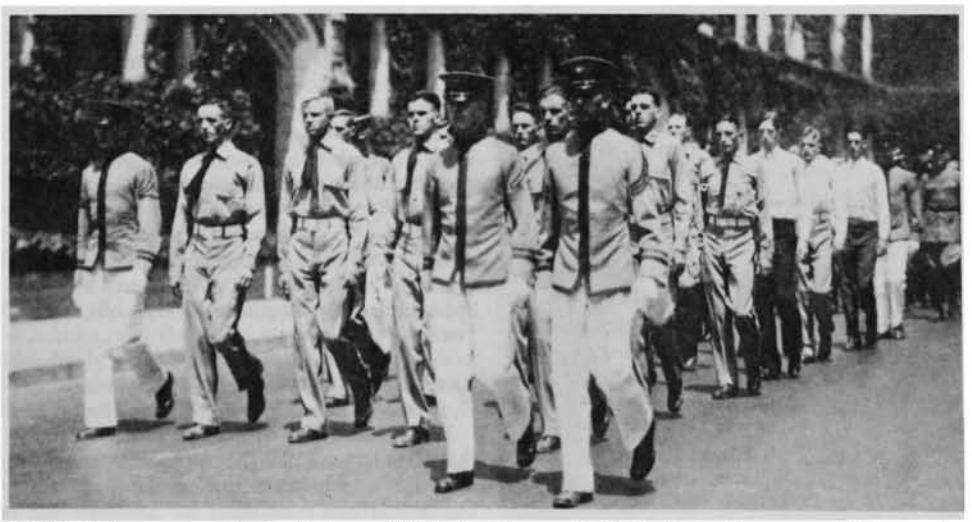
The only report received of Founders Day activity is from **Johnny Theimer.** He and Gracie were in attendance at the Presidio Officers Club, as were Doug & Eleo Dwyre, on Mar 19. On 9 Jan, George & Gerry **Coolidge** attended a buffet at Moffett Field in honor of Dwyre's 50th Wedding Anniversary. The event was given by their five sons—all of whom were in attendance. Two are WP Grads: '54 and '60. One son, Mike, is with the State Department and came from Africa for the affair. Other grads attending were: Jazz Harmony '23, Ray Coombs '24, and Ray Barton '25.

Jim & Lois Stephenson motored to Winter Park, FL in late Jan. They were accompanied by Jim's cousin and wife who live locally. The object was a celebration of Jim's mother's 95th birthday. There was quite a gathering, with relatives from New Mexico, Missouri, Nebraska, and California. She makes her home with Jim's youngest brother. Plans for the 100th were laid before departure.

Jim is heavily into running duplicate bridge games. His regular one on Sundays has been running up against the stops with 30 tables and turning away as many as eight couples—not well received by your true bridge addict. The cold weather caused heavy loss in their garden—tomatoes being particularly hard hit.

In Memoriam: Larry Guyer died 22 Jan 82 and was buried in the St. Petersburg Memorial Park, FL. A contribution in memory of Billie (9-27-81) and Larry was sent in the name of the Class to the American Cancer Society of FL. One of their daughters, Mrs. Caine Berends, has expressed the appreciation of the family.

Change of Address: Mrs. Martha (**Fink**) Stone, 7215 Camino Valle Verde, Tucson, AZ 82715.



1929: Plebes en route to first meal led by Class of 1926 First Classmen—McDonaugh, Kane, Carderman, and Krueger.

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Response to my letter of 13 Feb has been amazing. Of the 120 classmates still pumping along (as far as we know) 72 responded, which is 60% of the lot. Of the 59 widows addressed, 15 responded: 25% of those listed. Unheard from due to the "Return to Sender" process were the **Dana Alexanders**, the **Paul Blanchards**, **Dorothy** (Mrs. **Brainard**) **Cook**, **Alice** (Mrs. **Marvin**) **Johnson**, the **Bus Kennys**, the **Ted Kimptons**, the **Mort Townses**, and **Marion Wall**, **Fergy's** widow. May I urge that any of you who know the whereabouts of the above, or, indeed, any of the classmates or widows who have remained in hiding to inform me so that I may spread the word. While I'm in the mood, I have a fairly good supply of reasonably up-to-date address lists which I will be glad to distribute on request. Latest change I've received is the move of **Isabelle** and **Larry Norstad** from Dublin, NH to 2714 W. Casas Dr., Tucson, AZ 85741. Also from **Bob Porter** we learn that **O'Neill K. Kane's** first wife, **Grace S. Owings** now resides at 13013 Highland Rd., Highland, MD 20777.

On the somber side, I received a phone call from **Craig Heitman**, one of Chuck's four sons, who informed me that **Chuck's** long struggle against a persistent and virulent emphysema had ended on 27 Feb. **Chuck** died in a hosp in Colorado Springs. I flew out on Monday to attend a memorial service on Tuesday in Grace Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs. The beautiful church was filled to overflowing by more than 200 relatives and friends. **Chuck** willed his body to medical science and at some future date his remains will be cremated and, in the same manner as was done with the remains of his wife, **Barbara** in 1975; his ashes will be strewn at the summit of their beloved Pike's Peak. Many of you know that **Chuck** and I were roommates all four years at West Point. I spent four days with him in 1981, and we then made plans for another visit this spring. Sadly, it was not to be.

From **Charley Blaine's** wife, **Helen** I received word that **Charley** had died on 29 Jan 1981. **Jane Barrow** wrote from Panama City, FL to announce the death of her husband **Red** on 9 Mar 1982. He died of lung cancer.

The poll I conducted via my letter of 13 Feb, to find a successor to **Hutch Hutchinson**, who had been Class President for nearly 52 years, resulted in a near-unanimous election of **Bob Wood**. Many classmates and widows praised **Hutch** as a fine Class President over a long stretch. I can report that the majority of the letters I received sang the same two tunes: (1) couldn't be a better choice for Class President than **Bob Wood**; and (2) you (**Brisach**) poor thing! A tough Act to follow, the gallant performance of **Sandy Stone**. On the less frivolous side, I do indeed appreciate all the warm support so many of you expressed for me as **Sandy's** replacement.

Connie Booth writes from CA that she has been frolicking there since 21 Dec, visiting children, grandchildren and having a gay time. She'll be back in time for her 50th Reunion at Bryn Mawr in the middle of May.

Florence and **Chris Clarke** have been spending several weeks in Mexico in their favorite Villa Montaña at Marelia.

Danny Cooper and his new wife **Marion** (as of last year) met while sojourning in a park in Scottsdale, AZ. Their principal activities lean toward sightseeing via yacht, sometimes motor-homing, and in recent months covering Europe by way of a Rhine River Cruise, A Mediterranean Cruise, a tour of the Middle East, and are now booked to do the Asia and Indonesia bit. Can anyone top that?

1930: Founders Day SHAPE: Chaplain James Ford, O'Meara, oldest grad present; Ellen O'Meara; O'Mearas' daughter Louisa and husband Heiberg, USMA 1961.

Libby Curtis very happily popped up from being stowed away in Blacksburg, VA and, as of this writing may now be contacted via the home of COL F. W. Bauers at 1211 S. Crystal Towers, 1600 S. Eads, Arlington, VA 22202, Tel: 703 521-1211. She is contemplating a permanent move to Northern VA. Let's hope she makes it.

Faye and **Paul Dellinger** sent in a clipping from the Waco, TX Tribune-Herald dated 2 Nov 1981 that gave a fascinating account of their experience following their marriage in 1931. In 1935 they went to the PI and began a series of explorations into the far northern reaches of the Is of Luzon, consorting with the headhunting tribe of Igorots and other such unlikely playmates, making it seem miraculous that they ever got back alive. They later junketed to the Great Wall in China. **Faye** and **Paul** are presently residents of Waco—or are they?

Pat and **Fergie Ferguson** are enjoying their ninth year as gentlefolk farmers in Chester Springs, PA. (Where the heck is Chester Springs? I can't even find it on the map.!)

Betty and **John Guthrie**, whiling away the winter in Naples, FL are sweating out **Johnnie's** recovery from a couple of upcoming operations. He assures us all that he is not about to become another statistic. He is now preparing **Freddy Crabb's** obituary for ASSEMBLY.

Jack Herbert took unto himself on 2 Jan last a new wife, Mrs. **Gladyce Nelson Holdobler Herbert**, and are planning to remain in **Jack's** home in Fresno far far into the future. May I express for the Class our heartiest wishes for happiness and good health for the newlyweds. Now that I think about it, how about the two of you coming east for a visit to show each other off? I'll guarantee we'll make it well worth your while!

A nice note from **Dagmar Kelley** indicates that she still resides in Kingston, RI and apparently is getting along very well, thank you.

Betty Kiser wrote announcing the death of **Ray** on 11 Oct 1981 of a heart condition. Our sincere condolences to you, **Betty**.

Frances and **Phil Kromer** announce proudly that they have joined the very exclusive ranks of great grandparents during the past year. Congratulations from all.

So it's off again on a whirlwind world-wide tour for **Jean Quinn**, who set forth from Seattle the end of Feb on the "President Cleveland" to such exotic destinations as Japan, Korea, Singapore, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and the east coast of India. She expects to be back in time for the Memorial Day event in Mountain Lakes.

Eddie Rishebarger relates an incident that involved him and **Sandy Stone** while they were roommates during Beast Barracks. One day when **Sandy** was Room Orderly he and Eddie cleaned the room to utter perfection, they thought. However after they had finished and left for whatever formation was scheduled, the wind whipped across the Plain and deposited a layer of white dust on all flat surfaces. **Ray Curtis**, Class of '27, was inspecting officer that day, and with his little white gloves wrote in the dust "See this? RWC" **Sandy**, not to be deterred wrote back "Yes, Sir! AGS" Result—not defeat, just a couple of hours walking the area. Somehow the anecdote reminds me of a poem I learned in high school. "Willie hung his little sister. She was dead before they missed her. Willie's always up to tricks. Ain't he cute? He's only six." Strictly orthodox **Sandy** was not, but a dull world it would be without the likes of **Sandy Stone**. The **Sandy** I fondly remember was invariably up to tricks.

It's like an "All in the Family" sequence to contemplate that **Betty Allen Roeser** reports in answer to my recent letter. After **Bill's** death in Melbourne, FL in 1975, **Pic Vidal**, Class of '33, introduced **Betty** to **Gene Roeser** and they were married in 1977. **Betty** now boasts of four grandsons and a granddaughter who has produced a great grandson. Frolicking on the beaches with the **Roesers** during the wintry weather are two very dear friends of the **Brisachs**, **Lucy** and **Tricky Troxel**, Class of '31. **Lucy** is **Betty's** sister. During the golfing season much of the Troxels' sustenance is provided by the nickels, dimes and quarters **Tricky** collects from me.

Hank Royall describes a tour he conducted for his son, **Mike**, visiting from Washington in 1981. Starting from his home in Chapel Hill, they made stops at virtually all the historic sites of the War Between the States and some sites of early Virginia history. They lingered at Yorktown, Jamestown, Williamsburg, Richmond, Gettysburg, Manassas, Antietam and eventually arrived in time for Alumni Day at West Point. There the Class of 1930 was represented by **Hank** and **Jim Brett**.

Marty and **Ralph Swofford** asked me to say Hi to the gang. They will while away the pleasant months of the summer at the Slagle Club in MI from May to Sept, and return to Air Force Village thereafter.

From his comfortable nook in Greenville, SC **Zac Taylor** comes up with the suggestion that we urge such respectable establishments as the Natl Inst of Health to go to work on a project to reverse the aging process at exactly 75, wherefrom we get younger each successive year. (Some do mentally it appears!) Effie Mae better see to it that **Zac** wears a hat when he's out on those hot sunny days.

Red Timothy gives the great good news that **Sue** has achieved a remarkable recovery from a very debilitating exhaustion and lack of stamina that has hounded her for the past few years. A truly gifted golfer, **Sue** had despaired of ever regaining the vigor she once possessed. These days she can go out and shoot nine holes without a whimper. May that set of circumstances remain stable.

Frank Waldrop wrote in to demonstrate that times have really changed. He included

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1930: Webers in Hawaii 7 December 1981.

a clipping from the New York Times that told of the expulsion from West Point of a female First Class cadet last July for violating a rule against drinking alcoholic beverages within 20 kilometers of the Academy. The cadet sued for reinstatement on the basis that "the Army had imposed a disparate penalty on her as a female cadet." The Federal Court judge ruled that her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination had been violated when members of the Military Police at the Academy had forced her to disclose that she had committed the violation. So, back to the ranks she probably went. What **Frank** demands of our new Class President, **Bob Wood**, is his explanation of this outrageous example of military brutality and lack of sensitivity not to mention imposition of, disparate penalty.

Mary and **Sid Wooten** have just completed what looks like a peachy way to avoid the ice and snow of Feb. Starting from Puerto Rico on the "Stella Maris" they cruised through the Lesser Antilles, thence 100 miles up the Orinoco River into Venezuela, then back to Puerto Rico for a couple of weeks of moseying around.

Carolyn and **Alva Fitch** are going to Manila in early Apr to help the Philippines commemorate the 40th anniversary of the fall of Bataan. They plan a side trip to Hong Kong.

Bob Wood on **Sandy Stone:** "A true gentleman, giving to the first part of that word the fragrance of an earlier age. His was the gentleness of chivalry, of courage, of kindness. One can picture him in the 1860's, drawing his cavalry sabre and following Jeb Stuart. Possessed of a keen sense of humor and an omnipresent optimism, an ill-temper was completely foreign to his nature.

"I first met **Sandy** when the two of us, along with other candidates, reported to Walter Reed Hosp in Mar of 1926 to take entrance exams. Many, if not most, were concerned, and showed it. Not a worry to **Sandy**. He took that formation, as he did all others, in stride. On 1 Jul 1926 we were both assigned to 2nd Company for Beast Barracks. In Sept. **Sandy** went to 'C' Co. and I to 'D'.

He was truly fond of people, willing to volunteer for any type of humanitarian job. He adored his classmates. One time I asked **Dolly** if she thought he had had enough of the job of Class Secretary. 'Never,' she replied. 'He is most content spending hours at his desk compiling Class statistics, keeping up a tremendous correspondence with classmates and Class widows and writing notes for ASSEMBLY.'"

Sandy may well have had some disappointments in his career, but he was not one to bitch about them. He was the life of any party. A natural entertainer, I am not sure he ever had a music lesson. About 25 or more years ago I asked **Sandy** if he'd ever had any piano lessons. He looked me straight in the eye and said, "Never had a single lesson." He could sit down at the piano, pick out any tune and give it a good vocal accompaniment. And I'll never forget the Stone-Diddlebock-Miller extemporaneous entertainment after supper on the stoop of the 17-18th Divisions.

We shall miss him.

'31

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If you have a short attention span, you can read this column. Otherwise turn to another column to keep up the interest.

I had a letter from **Edie Schmick** from Eugene. She said that Peter had been ill for about 3 years from emphysema and had spent quite some time in the hosp. He gradually succumbed and died in Oct last year. I had letters from **Ernie Easterbrook** and **Glenn Farris.** They both wrote me about the death of **Virginia Dickey** on 20 Feb at Cedar Key. Glenn wrote that he and Mary would attend the funeral. If you want to write to anyone, Joe's and Virginia's young son is LTC James A. Dickey at Hq 1st Bn, 63d Armored at Ft Riley, KS.

1931: The Mansfields, Helen Irvine, the Goughs and the Diestels.

Don & Edythe Buchwald are enjoying their winter wonderland in IN, and hope that **George Dietz** is too. Don says he is selling books and even got an offer from a Swiss LTC for one. I hope that I answered all the questions that he asked me. **Johnnie Ruggles** writes that he received no answers from the Class on the Class ring, so he had to order one for himself. He says that Deak came by about the middle of Feb, but just had a phone call from him, and no person to person call this time. We had a call from **Roy Leinster** who says that his most recent excitement was a trip to the car wash with the windows down, and it was quite a bit of indecision as to which window to shut first. Roy says that Oct 1st is the opening of EPCOT (Experimental Phototype Community of Tomorrow) which might interest some of us. If anyone wants to go to EPCOT, call Roy and he will arrange accommodations for you. Roys says he is well and Babs is too.

A note from **Elmo Mitchell** says that he, Ginger, and the **Lichiries** are the ones left in Atlanta, and they lead a quiet life. **Gordon Blake** says his wife Aina is still talking about the 50th Reunion, her first visit to West Point.

A letter from **Deac Roller** sent along the picture of himself and **Jack Leary,** and his wife Doris. Deac was the only classmate at the wedding. In addition, Deac says that since the reunion, he has talked with, and visited, **Dorothy Thompson** in Houston; the

1931: Roller and the Learys.

Sullivans, Gordons, and **McGees** in San Ant; **Ruggles, Burns, Flaherty** and **Wirak** in Phoenix; **Caraway, Bakers** and **Jayne Elegar** in the Tucson area; then the **McVeas** in the Gonzales area, before San Ant; **Dudley, Damberg** and **Levenick** in around Los Angeles. Deac says he will be back out to La Paz by now.

A note from **Deane Gough** says that Sally Jo and he celebrated their 50th Anniversary last month, and sent a picture along. The cast is—**Herb & Vesta Mansfield, Helen Irvine, Sally Jo & Deane,** and **Gin & Chet Diestel.** Also attending were: Kay & Todd Slade '32, Anne Cochran '32, Teeney & Hal Browning '34. Thank you for the picture, Deane.

We also had a letter from **Charlie Densford;** I should say 3 letters. One of them was an invitation to their 50th anniv, which Betty and I couldn't quite get to attend. I guess it was a good party. Charlie and Cora said that about 150 attended. Included among the 150 were: their 5 living children, 19 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 5 children-in-law and 5 spouses-in-law. Charlie wonders if anyone can beat that. Also attending were **Leo & Clara Belle Cather Little Swede & Lo Carlson, Al & Kay Greene, John & Norma Barr,** and **Gordon & Aina Blake.**

I put this next in a separate column, since I hope that someone will read it. I presume that we ought to be proud of the people in San Ant. They were the only ones of this Class who went to the Founders Day dinner. Present there were **Charlie & Cora Densford,** their daughter, D.D., **Leo Cather, John & Norma Barr,** and that is all. Since I didn't hear from anyone else, I have to assume

1931: The Densfords.

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that no one else went to the dinner anywhere.

I am putting this in the column too. The dues for this year, 10 dollars, are now due, and may be paid right now. Send the checks to **Warren Hoover** or to me.

Maybe the next column will be a bit longer. It couldn't be any shorter.

'32

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CLASS RINGS: I didn't intend to serialize this as a soap opera when I tried to help a couple of guys get replacements for their lost WP rings 1½ yrs ago, but when you drop a pebble in a quiet pond I guess you have to expect some of those concentric ripples that keep spreading in all directions until they touch something.

I was so grateful when an Annapolis "classmate," Lloyd McAlpine '32, brought the loss of my ring to **Dinny Kelly's** attention with the result that I'm wearing Joe's ring as I write this, that I wrote a letter to the Editor of **Shipmate**, USNA's monthly mag, which is the counterpart of ASSEMBLY. Got a nice letter in reply saying he would print mine because he thought it was a good idea to promote Navy grads.

1932: Williams and Farnsworth.

My old friend, Jack Seaman, WP '34, is our **Gracia Grunert's** bro-in-law, and in a phone call from FL, told her he had lost his ring yrs ago. Gracia lives nearby and when she told me, I wrote Dud Wilmeth, '34 Scribe, way up north in Ft Worth. As a result, Dud started his Ring Op for '34 in the last issue of ASSEMBLY.

On a poignant note, my cadet roomie, **Ed Suarez**, lost his ring. As all his friends know, yrs after pretty Delphine died, Ed married lovely Bee, the widow of Jack Kelly, WP '36. Bee wanted Ed to have Jack's ring, so he wore it as they went together to our 50th.

The ladies' miniatures are an integral part of the story too.

When I heard that **Ann Sawicki's** miniature had been stolen, I offered her the one I gave my mother on graduation, but sturdy Stan had already ordered a replacement at $1500 and thanked me very much.

Carol Power was devastated when she lost hers after George died, but **Eloise Skidmore** sent Carol hers because she has a skin allergy which simply doesn't permit her to wear it anymore.

Just before this went to press, I got a ltr from Keith Nusbaum, WP '45, saying that a colleague of his in the NASA Hq Computer Ctr in downtown DC, Ms Louisa Lee, found

1932: Dottie Graham '37 gets an instant replay.

a '32 miniature at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Knowing Keith is a WP, she asked him to help return it to its owner. The inscription on the inner side was well worn but from a combination of 3 consecutive letters, he deduced it was **Huglin's**. (Keith went through the entire '32 roster and that was the only name that fit.)

Of the 3 **Huglin** bros, Harvey died in 66 and older bro Harold, WP '29, died in 75, I phoned Henry, WP '38, in CA and got the news that **Harvey's** 2d wife died 5 yrs ago. He had no clue how the mini might have been lost in DC. So with the full approval of Henry and Keith Nusbaum, speaking for himself and Ms Lee, I intend to take the mini to our 50th Reunion and offer it to one of the ladies who have lost theirs. I've written individual letters of appreciation to thank them publicly on behalf of all of our Class. Particularly Ms Louisa Lee who found the ring and initiated the action to get it to someone who will understand its meaning and cherish it.

Now for opera bouffe, hear **Dave Schorr's** story.

He gave Mary a mini in 34 inscribed, "Love always." In those days, cars didn't have turn signals and when Mary stuck out her arm for a left turn, the ring flew off in traffic.

A few yrs later, the old sentimentalist gave Mary another, inscribed, "#2, I love you." Playing golf at Ft McPherson, Mary wisely took off the ring and put it in a pouch in her golf bag, but the pouch had a hole in it. Nuff said.

Never-say-die **Schorr** gave Mary another, this time inscribed, "#3, don't lose me!" It was stolen at Schofield Bks, HI and the MPs turned out their best sleuths including **Dave Schorr** to track the criminals down, but to no avail.

The guy wouldn't quit and he gave Mary another mini inscribed, "#4, absolutely no more." She still has that on hand, literally and figuratively.

'32 has more 4-star generals than any Class that ever graduated from WP, but it took old Hambone **Schorr** to produce the only Kaydet girl to get 4 minis—all from the same man.

There are still classmates who would like rings with the old sentiment built in. I have one in my safe deposit box but it is small, size 6, and they can be enlarged only about 3 sizes. **Andy Meulenberg** and **Hunter Harris** would like it but their fingers are too large. **Dave Kennedy** wrote that he either plowed his ring under his ½-acre garden, or mowed over it on his 3½ acre lawn. So as I write this I have 1 Class ring and 2 minis which I'll take with me to our 50th.

Chih Wang has made his final move from Taipei to Lansing, MI. In anticipation, they bought a home there some yrs ago where son Eddy (né Chang-yi) has been teaching at Mich State U for the past 10 yrs. I talked to Eva by phone there last mo while Chih was still in Taipei, but now it's official. A ltr from **Chih** said he has closed out all his affairs at Soochow U where he went after ret from the Chinese Army as a LTG (Aide to Chiang-kai Shek after serving with GEN Douglas McArthur's Hq as Chief LO from the beginning of WWII to the end; Bataan, Corregidor, Leyte, Okinawa. He was on the USS **Missouri** when the final surrender was accepted.)

Chih began as a prof of Chinese history, then chairman of the Dept of Foreign langages, Academic Dean and finally Dean of Chinese Studies. Some addition to the US. I'd love to get him to conduct some seminars at UTX where they have a good Dept of Oriental Studies.

Chih's & Eva's address is not in the AOG REGISTER yet, so make note. 1050 Daisy Lane, E. Lansing, MI 48823. Tel: (517) 351-2838.

1932: Babcock presents saber to Cadet Robertson '82.

Perry Griffith, WP '34, who used to pilot horses and airplanes and writes with equal celerity about both, lives 100 yds from **Torg Wold** in Redlands, CA. He wrote that Torg had had a fairly serious operation with good results and was up walking the corridors that afternoon. As Perry says, Torg never walked a step when he could run. As I write this, Torg has a reservation with his son at the Thayer for our 50th and I'm going to greet him at the door to tell him I have no hard feelings about the time I spent a wk in his home, on yearling furlo, and he played **La Paloma** on the trumpet to a captive audience of 1.

Hunter Harris flew from HI to Eglin to get a recalcitrant gall bladder removed and made an o'night visit to San Ant to see bro Billy, WP '31. By coincidence, he spent the night in the same building in which he was born. In 09 it was the Ft Sam station hospital, but after complete remodeling of the interior yrs ago, it is now a residence for visiting VIPI's (Very Important People Indeed.) Had breakfast with the bros **Harris** which lasted 3 hrs to allow 1 hr talking each, but I ceded most of my time to listening to them pass it back and forth about their family. Some family!

Right here at Ft Sam, their mother introduced Ike (you know, WP '15) to Mamie Doud. A few yrs before Mamie died they renovated the Post chapel but were short of funds to install the chimes. Billy wrote Mamie and she responded with the necessary $.

One uncle, WP '88, was a roommate of

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1932: Fort Sam Chapel's thanks to Mamie.

CD Palmer, father of the 4-star bros, Willie WP '19 and Charlie WP '24. Another uncle was Pres. Woodrow Wilson's personal physician. Sometime before that, their grandfather brought the 1st white-faced Hereford cattle to TX.

Hunter, who was CinC Pacific AF at the same time **Dwight Beach** was CinC US Army Pac, is a "Senior Statesman" of the USAF, the group that goes to DC annually to review the AF program before it is finalized.

At random in quondam. Click & Mary Rees went to Palm Beach in Apr for the wedding of their oldest grandson, Clifford Harcourt Rees III.

Charlie & Alice Williams visited San Ant to see their dau and for Charlie to have his periodic checkup, which was AOK.

A happy note from **Dinny Kelly** in Ft Walton Beach, FL, says she is sailing along. Social Chairman of her condo complex and will visit San Ant again.

Joslin Morris, our DC Copenhagen commuter, made a side trip to Atlanta to make sure **Pop & LaTrelle Duncan** hadn't sub-let her guest room to strangers. Sent a big hello from the **Duncans** and their 2 boxers; went to Founders Day dinner with **Duncans and Trumans** at Ft McPherson club. (The boxers refused to wear black tie and stayed home.) Joslin said that WP Supe, Gen Scott, made an excellent speech and the roast beef was rare. (The roast beef was rare at San Ant too, but we also had ham. See below.)

From northern MN, **Harry Porter** wrote about their WP Society luncheon for prospective cadets from the North Central Area. It's part of the USA (barely) and the WP hockey coaches love to recruit there (about 60 interested) for good officer material who can skate, make a sweep shot as well as a slap shot, and back check when the power play doesn't work. Harry sent me their bumper sticker, BLACK KNIGHTS—ARMY HOCKEY. I told Harry that the ice is slow in San Ant, slower than this over-age in grade goalie, but you know me. It was on the front bumper of my little Fiat all over town for the next 2 mos. I apologize that we don't have a league here like the one in AZ where **Eddie & Dottie Hartshorns'** grandson gets up at 0400 to play ice hockey in the high school league.

The Family Sequoia. (Star Division) Gale Robertson, dau of **Gretchen** and our late classmate, **Larry Babcock,** wrote that her husband, George R. Robertson, WP '58, has been promoted to BG. George is at Norton AFB, CA, hardening silos for 30-40 MX missiles and constructing housing for support personnel. At George's promotion ceremony, Larry Babcock Jr. presented our Larry's cadet sabre to George's & Gale's son, Cadet Russell Robertson, WP '82. The Robertsons went to WP in Feb for the 100th Nite Show which Russ helped to write and direct. Needless to say, all Robertsons were at our 50th as a warmup for '32 grandson Russell's graduation.

Click's & Mary Rees's son Ted is now an AF BG. He was a classmate of our dau, Katie **Zitzman** and her husband to be, Earl Nesbitt Jr., at Paris-American HS when their dads were all stationed at SHAPE in 51 and they were 15 yrs old. The AF couldn't have made a better selection.

ONLY IN KAYDET GRAY. The limited, private edition of the **Unprintables** drew an enthusiastic response. I received several more printables, one borderline case and one that would short circuit my electric typewriter.

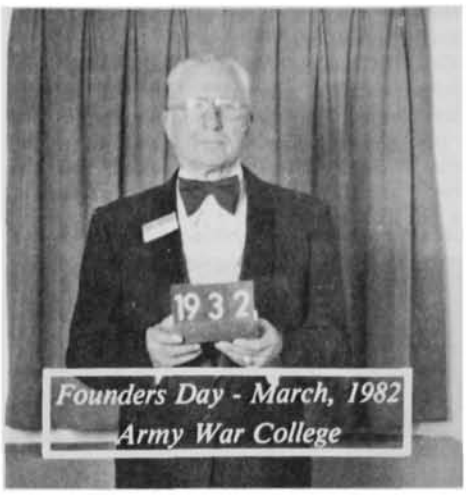
I even got some new examples of "Fractured French" or "Franglais," expressions in grammatically correct French, part of which is pronounced the same as an English **word** with an entirely different meaning. Sort of a bilingual homonym. During the 8 yrs I lived in Paris I thought I had heard every variety, but Pat Guiney, WP '33, sent me some new ones. I'd give some here because they're not unprintable but if your mind registers the French words with the correct enunciation, the double entendre is unthinkable.

1932: Terri Steele looks for an interesting partner.

For the benefit of the vast majority who read this column but did not see the **Unprintables,** there is nothing remotely porno in them, none of the "Infamous 7" four-letter words and no situations like those described in the periodicals at the checkout counters in the supermarkets. Just the kind of stories you hear at parties and tell your wife (or vice versa) after you're home alone. And unlike a few deplorable books in circulation, there is nothing derogatory about West Point in them.

Why I do this job for a pittance; (i.e., it costs me only a pittance for the privilege.) Dorothy Root is an attractive Army wife, married to Walter H. Root, WP '45, whom we see at social occasions here in San Ant. But in 1933 she was little 9-yr-old Dorothy Stanford, bound for HI aboard the Army transport **St Mihiel** where her father, Leland H. Stanford, WP '14, was to be the Area Signal Officer. Dorothy was the 5th of 7 children with 2 younger brothers, all en route to their exciting new station. But who looks at a little 9-yr-old kid?

Dorothy phoned me after she read about **Benny Webster** in the last issue of ASSEMBLY to get his address. In 33 Benny had just finished adv flight training at Kelly Field and with his new pilot's wings was on the **St Mihiele** en route to his 1st duty station after graduation from WP. Dorothy said, "He was so nice to me; he played cards with me on the way over and I've never seen him since. After we landed he was at Hickham and Daddy was at Ft Shafter." Dorothy just wanted to write **Benny** to tell him how much



1932: John Steele.

she appreciated his kindness almost half a century ago.

Until she phoned me, she hadn't known that Benny was a LTG, ex CO, 8th Ftr Cmd, WW II; CG of NATO's Sou Air Cmd & AG of HI after he ret. I told Dorothy that Benny looks just about the same as he did when he beat the NCAA backstroke champ when he was a cadet, except that his hair on top is thinner to the point of being in absentia. But one thing that has never changed is the personality of the guy who played cards with the little girl on the **St Mihiel.**

She's gonna write him.

FOUNDERS DAY in San Ant was a memorable occasion; not for the audience but for me. Bill Wolfe, WP '45, Pres of the WP Society of South TX, sandbagged me into giving the principal address on the flimsiest of pretexts; i.e., how it feels to be going back to your 50th Reunion. This to be from the same platform where the Army CS, the Supe, Graduate Mgr of Athletics, and that ilk, have spoken in recent yrs.

It went off reasonably well, they laughed at all the right places and they didn't see me bleed because the podium was between me and the audience. It was probably sheer relief on their part, but when it was over I got what every hambone loves to hear, a standing ovation.

I got carried away by it and told Bill Wolfe I would do it again any time under the same conditions; i.e., every 50 yrs.

'33

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When you read this, '32 will have their Fiftieth behind them and we'll be next at bat, with less than a year to go. Makes you think, doesn't it? Other up-front items:

—President Reagan, we learned recently, has a special feeling for '33. Under "Playing the Numbers," **People Magazine** (18 Jan) reports that Dallas Cowboy Tony Dorsett, "who wears that number, sent one of his football jerseys to the President, who responded with a long thank-you note, explaining that besides wearing the number while playing football at Eureka College, IL (he being Class of 33), he was the 33d Gov of CA, and during that time closed the deal to buy his beloved ranch at 3:33 p.m. on the 3d day of the month. "I know that neither of us is going to start planning his life around numbers," concluded the

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President, "but it's fun to think you might have a lucky one.' "

—**Great Grandchildren**—a first? "Our first great-grandchild arrived 1 Nov 81," reports **Ray Corum.** "Name's Jeremy—growing like a pig, and just maybe he'll make the Army team." (Ed: Others are reported "on the way"; are Ray & Margie the first among us to be so honored?)

1933: Sibley.

—**Our 50-Year Book** (FYB) is coming along apace and promises to be very interesting reading. (Your Scribe has read 100 or so of the biographies in context of his effort to work up a short history of the Class.) Hopefully the book will (1) answer the question, "What happened to (each of) us?" and (2) be of some interest to our grandchildren.

From **Bob & Ann Blanchard,** an updating: "We'll have all 3 girls with us for the holidays: the youngest, Mary, lives here in San Ant with her husband; the other 2 are coming from Baltimore and NY. We're just back from visiting Bob & his Mary in AZ. Their 4 so grown up—2 in college in Tucson. Eldest grdson is 6′ 2″. . ."

—Ruth **Carroll** recently gave some of us local yokels the pleasure of another smashing good piano recital (sorry, Ruth, but we used "bang up" last time); this was entitled "Grdmothers in Concert" and did credit to Brahams & Mozart, and others, together with refreshments.

—**The Conways** are back in FL as of last summer. "Getting back here in the warmth, with a house all on one level, and a swimming pool, have all helped (Eleanor)," writes Ted. "We're grateful for the progress she's made and continues to make."

Further from **Ray Corum:** "I've been busy with real estate. 'Sold an office building and bought Margie a new Cutlass. Our grdsons, Chris Jr, & Jim, were stars on the Newport Harbor football and track teams, but have not gone on to undergraduate work. I'm still

1933: Bus Evans' family.

working on them . . . I'm spending some effort on our President & Congress to persuade them to correct inequities in or ret pay and use of the resources of our older comrades . . ."

CSM Donald **Cubbison** (our Don's & Molly's son) is the subject of a very laudatory full page article in **PATRIOT** (27 Mar 81), republished in the 24th Div Assn's "Taro Leaf." The article describes CSM Cubbison's rise to his current assignment as CSM of the 1st Bde, a "Ready Brigade" of the Rapid Deployment Force. We share in your pride, Don & Molly.

Yet another book has been published on our distinguished classmate, **Bill Darby.** It is "William Orlando Darby—A Military Biography" by Michael J. King, published by Archon Books Shoe String Press. (King served in Airborne Rangers and Special Forces, and was a visiting professor at CGSC; he contacted many of us in preparing the book.)

Regarding the **Evans', Tom & Bus,** and the Tall Tale of the Dead Turtle placed under somebody's bed at Ft Monroe during our 1st Class "Virginia Trip" in '32 (last two ASSEMBLY Notes), your scribe, having been set right by **Soapy Waters,** has egg on his face: The story, it seems, was substantially correct; only the facts and attribution were in error. The incident was given me by **Tom Evans** (Bus died in 76); and the turtle was lodged under **Ken Fields** bunk (not Milt Summerfelt's); Ken is reported to have taken it in good part . . My apologies to Bus's widow, Ginny, and thanks for the pic.

1933: Reynolds takes command 17 Infantry from Risden, in Korea.

"Here's a story for our age group," writes **Bill Fletter:** Two old men, one a golfer so hard of seeing that he could not follow the ball, the other not a golfer but had marvelous eyesight. So the golfer suggested that they go around together as a team. On the first try the golfer hit the ball 'way down toward the green. "Great shot!" said his Seeing Eye, "Let's go get it." So they started out. When they had walked quite a while the golfer asked where the ball was. "Sorry," said his buddy, "I forgot!"

—That oughta be enough from you, Bill, but it was a pretty good letter. "We're off to Europe by Polar PanAm from Seattle," Bill continues. "Purpose of the trip, besides some sightseeing in Denmark, Sweden & Vienna, is to revisit friends and relatives over there before it is too late (for them, I mean; some are in their 80s, others youngsters like us). Called the **Larsons** this a.m. They returned a week ago from a long

1933: The Richeys and six sons.

trip to AZ, where they saw the **Zieraths** at their winter digs in Yuma. All well. We still keep up our 3 days at the 'Y,' one day volunteer Red Cross at Madigan General (Ft Lewis); and Irm skis on Thursdays while I play catch-up at home. We'll SYAF for sure, DV . . . Plans now are to drive out and make a 'great circle' visit to all you guys back East (to incl FL), then swing back thru Memphis, Little Rock, CO Spgs & CA, then home—that should put our (Diesel VW) mileage close to 100,000 . . ." (Here follow brags we'll spare the reader.)

"Great fun!" exclaims **Ned Gee** from FL. "**Red & Sue White** have season tickets to all Dodger baseball games, right next to ours. We 4 will lunch with the **Kaessers** at their condo in Cocoa Beach tomorrow. **Lucy & Trickie Troxel** ('31) were here for lunch with us last week. Our grdsons, Donald Smith, Fork Union MA, and Jimmy Bowers, junior at North Georgia State, will spend their spring vacation with us here; then our oldest dtr Kacky, husband (COL) Jim Bowers and young son Clarke (frm Ft Benning) will visit for a week. Happy days! . . . (re the great debt we owe West Point) I often speculate as to what we would have been without our Alma Mater . . . How can one forget, particularly at this stage in our life's journey?"

From **Bill & Jessie Given,** a review of 81 plus a preview of 82:

—"(81): Antique Sales & Furniture Restoration—Excellent, our best yet in both shops . . . Our business effort of 16 yrs: 85% return & referrals. Health—Good (for the Golden Years). Jessie to Mayo Clinic for maintenance; Bill at home with shops, 2 poodles, and an extra shot of bourbon.

—"(82): Antique Sales & Restoration—spring clean-up; open full time Sales Shop. Travel: We plan a trip West (AZ & CA), perhaps a second home. Completion of Trust: A Memorial for my son, Don Thompson, at Mayo Clinic. . . . We're grateful for many things but regret our isolation on the Gulf Coast and the business which keeps us from seeing many of our friends, from HI to the Eastern Seaboard." Come to the 50th, Bill & Jessie—we'll see you there!

Pat Guiney sends a status report on WP items:

—"No change yet in status of still vacant Ladycliff College property (USMA may acquire it for Visitor Center, Museum or other purpose)." (**Ed Note:** New Supe, LTG Scott, told DC group at Founders Day dinner that they are planning to ask Congressional OK to acquire the property for a number of good purposes; more will no doubt appear on this in some future ASSEMBLY.)

—"Big flap re projected curtailment of Fed impact aid funds for education of WP children in local Highland Falls high school.

—"Gen Scott is allowing cadets to visit HF on certain days to shop. Yesterday Main St. looked like the area of barracks when classes change! Local stores did big business, and

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1933: Hallock, Doleman, Hurlbut, Tubbs, Sparrow, Pearson, and Darnell.

prior strains between the village and WP have been alleviated."

We have address for **Jim Hagan's** widow: She is Mrs. Frank W. Judge, 5811 Fox Lair Drive, Memphis, TN 38118.

Fritz Hartel writes that Dot's sister, Louise Meder, died of cancer. "Our dtrs Linda & Mary visited us during the year, and Karla (an R.N.) was with Louise at the end . . . We must be getting older, Bert, because our oldest grddtr has been married, and our oldest grdson has been nominated for appointment to both USMA and USAFA! 'Hope he makes the right choice!' " (Very diplomatic, Fritz—we'll drink to that!)

—And speaking of which, **Jack Schmelzer** reports a call from **King Henderson's** widow Kay, that her grdson, Ian Henderson, son of Walter Henderson, has just accepted an appointment to USMA from Senator John Warner (VA).

Word from **Hurly Hurlbut** is that the Honolulu weather cleared just as soon as the **Sparrows** left town. "Don't ever come back," sezee, "Just send Jun!"

Correspondent **Schmelzer** gets all the calls: this one from **Jose Jiminez-Velazquez**, to say that he's been unwell but is better now, and that he anticipates seeing us all at the 50th.

We have a card from **Kingfish Kelley's** widow, Sonia, reporting that after a bad fall and broken bones, she learned she had cancer; she's had surgery and is undergoing radiation therapy. Sonia, you have our thoughts and prayers.

"We ignore Time, Time ignores us; thus far we are winning," say **Shirl & Gordon Larson** in a delightfully insouciant letter. "We hope you're still on top of the things that really matter; they become rather few. . . . Some severe storms have left strange logs & debris in our vegetable garden, and have extended our beach some 6 feet onto our nice green lawn; there it shall remain."

Son (COL) James B. **Lincoln** ('60), reports Father Abe, has recently been assigned to the DNA, in which he is Prog Dir of the—now hear this!—Theater Nuclear Forces S.S.S., meaning Survivability (in War), Safety & Security (in Peace) . . . Wow. We can only hope that the lad has inherited, in addition to his father's good looks, his mother's brains . . . (And all that, for a colonel's pay.).

"We have 13 grdchdrn," writes **Lafar Lipscomb,** "with a 14th and our first grtgrdchd on the way. Any competition?" Sorry, Lafar; you may be second (see start of these Notes). But good luck, anyway!

Our San Ant contingent had some anxiety early in the year when **Mac McClelland** was hosp with something on the order of a stroke; he came out of it, however, with flying colors, a pacemaker, and a physiotherapy regime; all well, at last report.

—and since troubles come in bunches, we have adjacently a note from **Kay Mason** to Abe Lincoln saying that Lass is recovering slowly from a severe stroke which occurred in the course of surgery for a ruptured appendix, a year ago. To both families, then, the Class sends its hopes for recovery.

Posie Neely, bless her, comes in faithfully: "We took a week off from a family-type visit to FL & went up to SC, where we stayed with the **Seamans** ('34), in their beautiful spot at Lady's Island, then to Hilton Head to visit **Peggy & Sam Whipple** in their very new, lovely house. **Eddie Bastion** had dinner with us one evening. From their appearance, the area must agree with all of them."

Just happened across an item under "assignments" in ARMY TIMES: "Two BGs, Gerald E. Montieth & Hardin L. **Olson,** Jr. will be swapping jobs . . . **Olson,** now Deputy CG, East Army Recruiting Command, will become Assistant Division Cdr, 3d Inf Div, Kitzingen, Germany . . ." Thought you'd like to know, Ole.

Jim Pearson's new bride, Margaret ("Maggie") (they were married in Spokane 20 Nov 81) has by now been warmly welcomed into the Class: at the **Hurlbuts'** condo in Hon in Jan, then at **Jean Arnette's** home in San Ant, where they are now settled—a Class party in each instance. Maggie is a charming addition to our distaff group; Pugh is already showing the beneficial effects . . .

—**Bob Rayburn** has sent us a magnificent view of the "Meeting of the Waters, and Old Weir Bridge" at Killarney, Ireland (the spot where Johnny Doughboy Found a Rose in WWII . . . His message: "Any member of '33 will always be welcome at Ballinamore House." Warm thanks, Bob, we'd love to see ye . . .

—An interesting letter from **Pop Risden,** enclosing "picture of me relinquishing command of the 17th Inf to a courageous and devoted leader, **Roy Reynolds**. . . . Roy & I switched positions after I completed my tour as CO; I moved up as CS of the 7th Inf Div. **Bert Sparrow** may be interested in the pic & info." (Both as Scribe & as Historian, I certainly am, Pop! and I would heartily appreciate a few more historic pics for the FYB from other classmates; they will be safeguarded and returned to lenders.)—"I look forward to many more years of joyous living," continues Pop—my plans extend beyond the Year 2000 . . ." (Address: **2000** Lakeshore Dr.)

"What a job you have, Jack!" writes **Carolyn Roberson** to **Schmelzer** anent the FYB, and she goes on to say that Gerry was hospitalized at New Year's but that 'Wonderful Vandenberg AFB hospital & doctors' helped him greatly; he is better than he was last fall . . . The high spots of our lives are when the children come or call."

"We haven't done anything particularly exciting this year," according to **Jack Rudolph,** "as this (Christmas) letter proves." That understatement is penned upon a letter so filled with achievement & adventure as would suffice for any 3 of the rest of us. C'mon, Jack, our Accepted American Historian, with pieces published right & left and contracts for more—he has no business being coy with us! Congratulations, anyway.

"Please change our tel no to (415) 672-6191," asks **Ray Sellers.** "Olive & I have for some time been working on making the 50th Reunion at WP a year hence. Whenever the subject comes up we soar to heights of anticipation—we hope to see you then & there."

"I want to give more than I have, toward the FYB and Roster," writes **Lisa Shinberger.** "Let me know if this check is made out correctly." Thanks, Lisa—the only way we can suggest correcting checks is to add more zeros before the decimal point—but you've already done more than your share, and it's much appreciated.

The **Sibleys** report on Mexico: "We forsook our beaten path to try Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo, a growing resort N. of Acapulco—marvelous for beachwalking, tennis, beautiful scenery, comfortable lodgings, good Mexican food. 'My great interest,' says Ellie, is the Isabel O'Neil Foundation for the Art of the Painted Finish, a wonderful 20th Century version of a medieval guild." From Alden we have a spirited article from a North Conway paper, with a fine shot of our southpaw Rhodes Scholar playing righthanded tennis. "What do you do if, with 50 yrs of L-hand tennis behind you, your L biceps tendon snaps? Do you content yourself with sitting in the bleachers? Not if your name is **Alden Sibley** . . ."

Their younger dtr being married to an AF officer, LTC Cotton, at George AFB, **June & Bert Sparrow** spent Christmas on the W. Coast, visiting Joshua Tree Natl Monument, San Diego Zoo, Pasadena Rosebowl Festival & other pts of interest. "If you haven't done all that," says Bert, "in a 20-ft Winnebago RV, complete with two other adults, 3 active grdchdrn under 10, and a large Irish setter—you haven't lived!" Being halfway there, the **Sparrows** went on for a nostalgic tour of Oahu (which June hadn't seen since '40) and the Outer Islands (which she'd never seen), in the course of which they ran across the **Pearsons** honeymooning in the Hale Koa, later enjoying the hospitality of the **Hurlbuts, Dolemans,** and other friends." At the **Hurlbuts** we also saw the **Darnells, Hallocks & Tubbs;** and we drove by Haleiwa to see **Millicent Hain** & dtr Gwen. All in all, a great trip!"

1933: 1st Row: Maggie Pearson, Cahill, Myers, Alspaugh, Jean Arnette and Sue Shield; 2d Row: Jane Alspaugh, Harris, Barbara Mansell, Pearson, Florence Cahill and Thalia Frentzel.

"I've been playing 3 rounds of golf a week in training for '33's International Tournament of 1982," writes **Bob Thompson.** "Right now Margaret & I are planning a month's cruise on a freighter out of New York—round trip to Mediterranean ports, leaving in April-June as space may permit."

"**Art Tyson** & I are enjoying golf on the manicured courses of The Landings Skidaway Island," writes fellow Georgian **Bill Travis.** "Fun and honors have come in our later years. Elsie had a good part in 'The Greatest Gift,' and I in 'The Lincoln Conspiracy.' The DeMolay Chapter gave me their 'Cross of Honor'—The Scottish Rite their '33rd Degree.' I'm now the executive officer running The Savannah Valley of some 2600 members . . ." Great work, Bill!

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Look in the thick of a good fight, and you may find a **Versace** there. **Ned Gee** has sent us a Vero Beach Press **Journal** article (10 Mar): "Its annual basketball tournament hasn't yet started, and already the NCAA has a dandy battle on its hands . . . On the one side are Dick Versace of Bradley and other, coaches whose teams won 20 or more games . . . on the other . . ." We don't care who's on the other side, Dick; any son of **Hum Versace** will find us in his corner!

'Kindness of **Pinky Webster**, we have addresses of 2 more Class widows: **Hagan** (see above); and **Bill Hunt**: Mrs. Beryl Hunt, 8 Bong Terrace, Mt. Holly, NJ—(201)-267-3002. (Pinky & your scribe met by chance on IS 84 a few years back—not a collision, but he spotted my VA plate HGS-33.). Thanks, Pinky, and may we meet next time closer to a bar. . . .

From **Lee Whelihan** comes word that Bill Jr. (with Honeywell) has moved to the DC area, and that John & family were down (to Carlisle) for a few days last Nov. 'Wish we could get Bill down for a Class lunch, some day . . .

"Please add my wife's name (Eleanore) to the Roster," writes **Fred Zeirath** from Yuma, AZ (he certainly favors his end of the alphabet!) "We spend the winters here in the sun away from the winter rains of the NW. I'm distressed to learn (re biographies) that we have laggards—'hope it's just procrastination and not lack of spirit. . . . Here's a squib definition in today's paper: 'A golf course is a site to be holed.'" (Not by a Double Dam site, quips **Bill Ely**. We hate to close on such an unholey note.)

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ADDENDUM/LATE NOTES.

—"We had our 'welcoming' for **Maggie Pearson** at **Jean Arnette's** house," reports **Billy Harris**; "**Blackie Myers** was co-host; **Ralph & Jane Alspaugh** handled the bar . . . **Mac McClelland** cdn't come (physiotherapy); **Nancy Breit & Chet Dahlen** had the flu (not together). Pics are by **Fred Thorlin**."

—"**John Honeycutt** asks who is planning for our 50th" (Ans: **Hurlbut, Guiney, Fuqua** & others—see below) . . . "The TX Group is planning a repeat of the 45th (air to Newark, chartered bus to the Thayer) . . . Pls tell **Bob Turner** we'll get the biogs in to him before long."

—"The HALE KOA is still going strong," **Hurlbut** sends from Hon, "—more so now that the DC hatchet men reportedly want to sell it . . . There were 18 people there last week we know! **Walt Jensen** was there over the weekend; **Harlow & Pete Miles** due in soon. All local classmates seem to be holding their own, except I can't reach **Wally Andrews** (Fleck); maybe he's on another African safari . . ."

CLASS ACTIVITIES

—Local Golf. By the time you read this **Phil Pope** will have just completed honchoing the '33 DC Area (MD-DC-NOVA) Annual Golf Classic at Ft Meade.

—**50 Year Book.** Some help is still needed: (1) We lack about 50 biogs of grads believed to be living. If any of these are (unknown to us) unable to write their own, we'll collaborate with spouse or other family member to get one written. Last call!

(2) We're still 4-5 grand short of the funding we'd like to have, to make the book as attractive as possible. If you are moved to contribute (more) to the Fifty Year Book, send your check to the Director of Development, Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, NY 10996. Make it out to "1933 Administration Fund of the AOG." (it is tax-deductible).

WISDOM/USEFUL INFO DEPT.

Not everyone knows that there is a "West Point Memory Book" of several volumes, attractively maintained in the USMA Library at West Point. "This book was created in order that the USMA can permanently honor those deceased graduates, their wives, relatives, friends and cadets, in whose memory contributions to the West Point Fund or the AOG have been made." The book was described in the Jun 79 issue of ASSEMBLY.

PRESIDENT'S LINCORNER. Abe's off this week (FL)

SCRIBENOTES. Thanks to all for contributions & encouragement. Next deadline: to me by 15 Jun, please (we're beaching with grdchdrn, we hope!)

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DUDLEY BULLETIN No. 3: 16 Dec 81 I finished DB No. 2, and 17 Dec 81 I started DB No. 3, which will not appear until 15 June 82. 6 mos is lead time. That's why opening your latest ASSEMBLY is like opening King Tut's tomb. You won't find any news. Just history.

In DB No. 1 of Dec. I listed all the "bad guys"—those who hadn't answered a ltr of Jan/Feb 81 asking if they plan to attend the 50th. Here is a list of the "good guys"—those who answered. Names are not alphabetical. **Adams, G; Fell; Bahr; Chatfield; Cook; Dany; Eatman; Volckmann; Inman; McKinney; Sebastian; Stanley; Still; Adams, R; Alness; Ashworth; Barton, Mary; Brown, TT; Browning; Gorman, Midge; Lang, Freddie; Costain, Marie; Cunin; Cunningham; Davall, Martha; Davis, K; Deguire; Dugas, Bernice; Ebel; Foote; Griffith; Hoffman; Hollingsworth; Huber; Huffsmith, Fern; Hutchison; Jenna, Jean; McKee; McLennan; Mead, Verna; Miller, L; Miller, R; Mossman, Allene; Tarbutton; Mullen, Georgia; Neilson; Metraux, Rhoda; Roger S, Delores; Routh; Smith, S; Stevenson, Sue; Smyser; Squier, Jan; Stone, Myra; Tate; Telford, Susie; Athon, Jane; Walker; Strother, Elsie; Wilson, Liz; Winkle; Wise; Womack; Wood, T; Donovan; Erlenkotter; Johnston, Anna; Killian; Kromer; Lawlor; Legg; Luehman; Merrill, Helen; Moseley, Betty; Norvell; Penn; Sanders, H; Simenson; Smith, D; Turner, H; Wells, J; Lyon, Beth.** Thank you for writing! If you are willing to do more, please pick out 2 names from the non-writers listed in the Dec. CN, and write, or phone them, and see if you can get them back into communication with the Class, whether or not you or they plan to attend the 50th.

1934: Loretta Lewis and Diefendorf.

THERE ARE ONLY 715 DAYS & A BUTT UNTIL THE REUNION!

Bob Erlenkotter seeks help, after a patience that is finally exhausted. "One day in either 1° or 2° winter I read on the BB: 'Erlenkotter: Adjunct to Cadet Sinks in laundry bag; a.m.i.'. I headed back to my room and there deep in the bag was a baby's potty, a complete stranger to me. I assumed it had been placed there by a classmate/lowlife with malice aforethought. I started to prepare a b-ache but the madder I got the stronger it got and I figured that taking the 5 demos for contraband was more sensible than 6 and 20 for insulting the whole TD so I jettisoned the b-ache." Now, after 49 years Bob would still like to know, and so would all of us, what "classmate/lowlife" put the potty in his baggy? If you want only Bob to know, write him, and ask him to keep your name in his laundry bag. But if you're willing for all of us to share your secret—write me, PLEASE. There's a special CIA award for your keeping a secret this long.

1934: Satilla Means, Walker, Brown, and Walsh at McDonnells'.

Jack Seaman writes: "Mary and I went to Panama last Feb to see our daughter Wendy and husband, Jim Wilson. While there I called **Rosey Arosemena** and had a nice long chat during which he promised to attend the 50th. On the way back we stopped in Atlanta. We visited the fabulous Merchandise Mall and got the dumb idea of specializing in oriental objects of art and opening a small shop which we named 'The Bronze Buddha! San Francisco has Gumps. Beaufort, SC, now has The Bronze Buddha. But I am not sure this sleepy little southern town is ready for oriental culture and art yet. It's fun, but we are not making money. If we had been looking for a tax lose, we have found it. We have lookers, and Mac Arthurs—'I shall return.'"

Mail from the regulars. **Stan Brown**, (PS), whom I asked if he were getting old: "For a 71-year-old—I guess I'm about average healthwise. Can't hear very well, need a magnifying glass to read the fine print, and my idea of roughing it is a black and white TV. My memory is fine—don't forget a thing. However, the house is full of gremlins. A few days ago they hid my reading glasses, and I haven't found them yet. Put the kettle on to boil for some instant coffee. Then discovered the kettle was over a burner I hadn't lit. And they are always moving my car in a parking lot." And Stan ends with the encouragement, "Hope you are the same."

Sad news from **Elinore & Jim O'Hara.** Elinore's mother, Eleanor H. Harding, 90, the widow of MG E. Forest Harding, died 10 Sept in DC. She lived in Army Distaff Hall. Gen. Harding was the life of our 35th Reunion in '69, and died a year later. There

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1934: The Northams: Moon, Nancy, Babs, Patty, Sally and Scott.

is a Harding Memorial Museum in his home town, Franklin, OH, and a way to express your condolence to Elinore is to send it a contribution.

Perry Griffith is writing a piece entitled **"OH, Dem Golden Fiftieths."** But he is not sure it will be accepted by the Academy as he is a little rough on the authorities. Among other things, "our losses in the PI on the boats that were sunk (carrying our POWS) are not even recorded at Cullum because they weren't losses 'in the face of the enemy.' The post bastards had already faced the enemy." Perry is a regular editorial writer for "The Scuttlebutt," the Amer. Leg. publ. in Redlands, CA. Here are some of his headlines, and other lines: **"World Terrorism—a Loose Cannon on the Deck."** Perry writes: "Moscow-controlled Kadafi is the Daddy Warbucks in this grisly business because of his millions. Indigent Cubans are largely the foot soldiers, plus rabid Germans, Italians, Latin Americans and unwitting Americans who don't reason why they're doing it." **"Kadafi: 13th Century Mentality in a Mercedes Benz."** "Kadafi runs with Kremlin honchos. He spells trouble for the free world. Europe should get behind us and help the world to rid itself of this minor-league but dangerous menace," Perry states. **"Don't Move TV's Dallas to PA Ave."** Perry looks through dark glasses at too-bright White House social functions. "Ostentation is one thing; good taste quite another," he says, and advises the Pres not to move the White House to Versailles. **"The 1981 Model Alexander Haig."** Perry defends Haig in his actions following the shooting of the Pres. "Alec Haig did as he was taught at West Point and had performed for years. He assumed his constitutional role until Bush returned from TX. He took temporary charge. The alternative was chaos. If some of you wonder why Perry is always getting a big part of this column, the answer is simple. He writes, I wish you would.

A letter from **Lou Walsh** coins these words about the office of the Treasurer: "Brown resigned: Cheston took over; Cheston became very ill; Corrigan stepped in and has things under control." And Lou added this sad news: **"Dick McKee** died 29 Jul while in apparent good health. He was buried in a Vet cemetery in Phoenix; both his sons (LTC David, stationed in Germany and James R., living here in Bethesda, MD, with the International Monetary Fund) were present." Dick and Dotty retired to Sun City, AZ, years ago to escape the winters of PA. They had a home on the golf course, and often started their game from the back-door. If there's a course in Soldier's Heaven Dick will be on it. Old artillerymen never shoot their last round. His spirit will be with us at the 50th, and, we hope, so will Dotty and his sons. "Steady, generous, and sincere, his friendship has been the kind that is appreciated. He stands well up in the Class—this, perhaps, as a result of his loquaciousness. He can read a lesson once and know it well and his speed with the slip-stick is proverbial. With this scholarly ability, Mac has specialized in helping some of his less fortunate classmates over the rough bumps of the Written General Reviews. He is never too busy to help someone else." That's what we knew of Dick as a cadet, as an officer, as a friend. Dick's passing leaves the Class's quick and dead score at 190/60.

A phone call to **Jean Jenna** in Tallahassee, FL, brought news that she had seen **Elinore & Jim O'Hara** in DC in Sept, and **Farley & B.J. Richardson** in Dec. Jean's mother is in Distaff Hall. Jean, I hope, is coming to the 50th. Please write her and strengthen the hope.

Moon Northam's 70th birthday party at the Greater Maitland Civic Center in Maitland, FL, drew in his family and 250 friends. His kids wouldn't like it if I called them the Moonies, so I won't. But I'll name 'em: Babs, 42, (3 kids); Patty, 41 (2 kids); Sally, 26, working in Silver Spring in real estate; and Scott is in his first year residency in orthopedic surgery at Walter Reed. Moon said many well-wishers were not wishing well when they also congratulated him and Nancy on their 50th anniversary. To have qualified he would have had to have married as a Third Classman. If word of this reaches Wash. Moon will be deprived of his graduation and his commission; will have to forfeit 30 yrs. pay; will have his marriage annulled; and his kids will be a bunch of, so don't let this info reach the AG. Moon said he had to wait until Nancy reached 17, in 38. Moon extends an invitation to the Class to attend his 80th birthday, which Maitland has already started planning. His only regret on reaching 70 is that he didn't start his $2000 a year IRA when he first became a wage earner on entering WP, 1 Jul 30. Moon says he and **Ron Martin** are regular attenders at monthly luncheons of the Cen. FL WP Soc. And he ends a letter like I wish everyone would: "If you are keeping tabs on those who plan on attending the next reunion, count on us. We wouldn't miss it for anything." I am keeping tabs.

Charlie Tarbutton of Oregon checks in with a TX size boast that his son (one of 4) who lives in San Marcos, TX, "is the best barbecue and chili cook in the state of Texas." Now them's words he may have to eat with chili sauce because the International Chili Cook-off is held in Terlingua, TX, each year, and if **Tarbutton** takes Terlingua he'll be the Toast of Texas. Charlie grew up along the Blanco R. in TX, and would live there still, except he discovered OR is cooler in Jul-Aug, and he couldn't take the heat. Charlie has an advantage over the rest of us, one that **Moon Northam** wants but can't have: he has a 50th wedding anniv coming up next year. He married his blind date from Miss Mason's Castle School at Tarrytown, in 32. Dropping-out has its advantages, like getting a wife and becoming rich early.

Betty McKinnon is coming to the reunion. Other widows who are debating the question please note. Betty spent the 12 days of Xmas going from son to daughter. "They are very good to me and spoil me. The tide has turned. I am the child and they are the parents."

Among those seldom heard from, **Pop Warner:** "I passed my 70th very quietly. Esther and I were out with a local couple for dinner the night before and ended up at their house for birthday dessert. The day brought a few cards from friends and relatives, a birthday cake and the recently-issued Jack Woodson West Point print from Esther, and telephone calls and gifts from my daughters." Esther and Pop took a month's cruise to the eastern Mediterranean in mid-Mar.

Here is **Lee Miller.** "I noted in the CN the name **'Miller'** was listed among classmates who had not reported their plans for attendance at our 50th. One of the other **Millers** is at fault. I believe I wrote you of my plans. But on the chance that I am in error here is my avowed statement of intention to be at USMA for our 50th."

2d VP/Historian/Archivist/Keeper of Class Obituaries, **Paul Barton** wants to be on the receiving end. Send him your obit before it's too late for you to read it. Your life depends on it. Make 3 copies. The original goes to AOG, along with the photograph that flatters you the most (black and white preferable); the second copy goes to Paul. It doesn't require a photo. The third copy is your file copy, so you can remember your life, fact or fiction. **Johnnie Diefendorf,** our past Scribe/Historian, completed the Class Obit Register consisting of 250 cards of 160 living, 90 deceased. Of those 90, obits have been published for 68. 22 are in various stages, some finished and waiting, others not yet started. Some will never get done, unless there are volunteers to do them. **Dale Smith** has completed **Herb Baker's,** and **Paul Hanley** has done **Gene Tibbets.** When **Dick McKee** died in Jul last year, no Class officer knew of it until Jan this year. When any classmate or his wife dies in your area, please see that **Lou Walsh** gets word at once.

1934: Beth Lyon, the Stevenses, the Kerns and McDonnells.

O'Kie O'Connell complains that his classmates "avoid Cincinnati as though it were Siberia." He wants to write CN, but has no subject but himself to write about. It's hard to believe but from among **TT & Marge Brown, Hal & Teenie Browning, John & Helen Buehler, Monte & Mary Canterbury, Catherine Caufield, Miles & Jessica Chatfield, Bob & Sue Erlenkotter, Johnny & Dotty Franklin, Perry & Florence Griffith, Paul & Jody Handley, Jerry & Kay Higgins, Dale & Madelyn Huber, Art & Helene Inman, Charlie & Betty Johnson, Joe & Jeanellen**

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Killian, John & Verna Mead, Arthur Meier, James Miller, Allene Mossman, Blimp & Peg Neal, Tom O'Neil, Val & Mabel Pothier, Helen Putt, Stilson & Sung Smith, Mrs John Squier, and **Janey Stark,** not ONE of them went to Siberia, excuse me, Cincinnati, in Jan to visit O'Kie and Joann, when they had such a convenient excuse of going to see the San Francisco '49ers beat the Bengals of Sib-,Cincinnati. If there is anything worse than this it is the extremes I will go to to get classmates' names in CN. Look at the CA roster! Now if any of you read this column, please write me a pc telling me why you didn't go to Cin City, and then your name will appear in CN via the legitimate means of your own correspondence. If only more of the Class would go legitimate. It takes only a note, please note. Thank heaven for O'Kie who overcame his own modesty and wrote about himself: "Joann and I took a flight to Puerto Vallarta, Mex, and spent some days at the Fiesta Americana. It is a beautiful place and we enjoyed our stay very much. One highlight of the stay is depicted in the enclosed photos. Joann forced me into this activity. We were observing 3 Mexicans running a para-sailing trip. Joann said, 'You wouldn't do that, would you? They wouldn't let you.' That did it!" That produced the "highlight" of which O'Kie speaks.

While fretting about those of you who won't write, I again thank **Perry Griffith,** who will, and does. Plagiarizing Perelman, Perry's poop pops. Grif says he has read so many of SJP's "sterling books I unwittingly plagiarize, as he is priceless." Perry has a piece coming out in ASSEMBLY on Camp Clinton, which may appear in this issue; but if not, watch for it. And if you want to read Perry's account of a Navy trip to Europe joined by **Alness, Neely, Crystal, Jim Walsh, Dale Smith** and Perry, write our archivist, **Barton,** and Paul will lend you the USNA's SHIPMATE carrying the article. Or borrow "Ronald Reagan—Horseman," and see the Presidential white horse.

1934: O'Hara, the Edsons and Corrigans.

Another great poop-pusher is **Jim O'Hara.** Jim reports that at King Neptune's Feast at the DC Army-Navy CC, **Edsons, Stevens, Kerns, Lewises** and he and Elinore were the big fish of '34 that preyed on oysters, clams, shrimp, and small fish. They drank beer until the wee-wee hours, and danced to old and new tunes, and to Neptune.

Dede & Evelin Simenson last year planted 1409 petunias. But it didn't form a growing habit. Dede says he's going fishing instead of planting this year. **Eddrea & Harry Hillyard** have officially notified Jim they're going to the 50th. **Mary & Frank Norvell** signed in on line 2. **Ruth & Jack Renfroe** haven't committed themselves, but I guess they don't have to. We couldn't run a reunion without them. **Virginia & Dale Smith,** sending Jim a xmas card from HI, say, "An old HI legend says that if a swimmer sees a red fish with a white beard in the Punaluu lagoon he and all his friends and loved ones will be blessed with happiness. You have some kind of luck. We saw such a fish. It's called 'meliklismas.' Sometimes a minnow follows it, and it's called the hepinooyr." **Doris Rogers** comments, "1984? That's a far distance to plan for at age 70!" Things change, Doris. Two years ago you wouldn't have told your age. There's a certain feeling of pride at 3 score and 10. And ALL of us will be 70+ at the 50th, and most of us don't think the distance is too far to plan. Join us. But let me correct that "ALL of us." I'm a male chauvinist pig, and was thinking only of the men. Many wives will fall short of that grand old age. There's **Nancy Northam,** married in 38 at 17. She'll have to wait until the 60th reunion to brag. And how many child brides do we have that'll still be 39?

Joe & Martha Tipton, celebrating their 48th wedding anniv, 13 Jun, force me to realize that only the **Tarbuttons** can celebrate a golden anniv on or before the 50th, because it will end 10 days before the 12th of Jun, the earliest date for chapel-hitchings. Let's forget those 10 days that didn't shake the earth and get to the ones that did. All that's golden does glitter at our 50th. **Jeanne & Bob Finkenaur** have 2 grandchildren kaydets who "stop in here in their comings and goings." Imagine the gone-to-hellness of the Corps when kaydets, one still a plebe, can drop into New Windsor, NY, any weekend or Wed aft. **Pat & Cy Betts** "are still in the process of adjusting to life in the great Southwest (San Ant) and really enjoying every minute of it, more or less, that is. (We could do without some of the heat in the middle of the summer, but not if the alternative is to go back to shoveling snow)." Cris, who is on duty with and married to a member of the US Army in Ger. seems to be quite happy about her situaton"; and her brother entered the Army in Dec. "So—it is great, at last, to feel that our twin grandchildren, at 18+ years are more or less able to stand on their own feet"—"the year of emancipation for us! Jerry and Gloria with 2 children, Robinn and Dana, are in Garland, TX. Curt has a job with the US Corps of Engineers in Colo. Spgs. Lee and Mary Alice with their 2, Kathy and Keith, are in Winter Park, FL, and Lynn and Pete, with children, Mike and Terri, are in Canyon Lake, CA." And Pat and Cy really enjoy coasting along "in the same old rut—SW Research Inst for Cy, and Bluebird (Methodist Hospital) service for Pat."

Please don't wait for deadlines! Write when you have something. I thank the 18 who did, and hope for a reverse-ratio effect—that as our Class grows smaller the list of contributors will grow larger, because we need each other more. Whenever you write, you get into print. If you take the trouble, I take the pleasure of putting your name in the column. But write when an event happens. If you wait too long it will be 9 mos. before you read about what you had to say. If 2 issues go by and you haven't read about yourself, call me, and chew me out, because I have slipped. Now there may be times I can't use it all. So it may be condensed, but never ignored.

All of our scribes have fussed about not getting enough material from the class. Wouldn't you think, then, that ex-scribes would help the current scribe? But only 3 out of 21 exes have phased in. Now at the risk of cutting off my Notes to spite your phase, I'm going to name the 18 hold-outs with the hope they will respond, in bad humor, if not in good. Here is the long gray list, and either their names, or mine, will be on the black list if I haven't heard before the next issue. Just for the historical record, dates are given, too, to assist you in recalling when they were charged with making the pen mightier than the sword—but no record was kept before 42. **Finkenaur**—7/42-4/46; **Kenerick**—7/46-4/47; **Smoller**—7/47-6/49; **Renfroe**—7/49-4/57; **Barnes**—wint/58-fall/59; **Hayes**—wint/60-spr/60 (that's the way the AOG record reads); **Tate**—sum/60-fall/60; **Shaefer**—wint/61-fall/61 (another from the record); **Killian**—wint/62-spr/62 (the AOG winter must start in Jan); **Voehl**—wint/63-sum/64; **Schaefer** – fall/64-sum/65; **Corrigan** – fall/65-sum/66; **Lewis** – fall/66-sum/67; **Fellenz**—fall/69-wint/71; **Johnson, CE**—sum/71-sum/72; **Gerhart**—fall/72-9/73; **Lewis**—12/73-9/75; **Fuller**—12/75-9/77.

1934: The Footes just returned from Ireland.

Now here are the 3 "good" scribes whose names I nominate to be inscribed on the next Class of '34 gift to USMA: **Johnny Stevens**—fall/67-spr/69; **Hal Edson**—12/77-9/79; and **Johnnie Diefendorf**—12/79-9/81.

I intend to acknowledge all contributions with at least a postcard as soon after receipt as possible. But Frankie and I are away from home often for months, particularly when Deep in the Heat of Texas is playing. So if you write, and think I have forgotten you, you're wrong. Live long enough and I'll get back. And if you write a 3 pp. letter, typed and single-spaced, and receive only a postcard, it's because my hold-basket runneth over.

Here is the way matters stood on 15 Mar—the last day for getting history into the Jun issue. **Dorothy & Kush Kushner** spent his 71st b'day 7 Mar, "quietly at home looking out at a couple of feet of snow." (Stockbridge, MI). "Undecided as yet about 84."

Those whose poop popped in too late for Mar, but will make June: **McDonnell, Edson, Huber, Renfroe,** and more from **Griffith.**

From **Lou Walsh: Jack Seaman** has completed **Gant Hickman's** obit. **Priscilla,** wife of **Brooke Maury,** has died. She was **Bill Bunker's** sister. She held a MS degree from MIT in Chem Engr, was a tool designer in WWII, and a research specialist in cancer with the Nat'l Inst of Health. She is survived by her son, William, and daughter, Ann—Mrs. David Costello of Buffalo. **Walsh, Fuller, O'Hara** and **Kern** attended her funeral. Lou reports his eye op was 100+% effective, and restored the eye to 20/20—the same as when he wore plebe-skins.

99 have responded to the questionnaire, mailed with Lou's Presidential report, 59 haven't. Now that's a lot better response than the Dudley Bulletin gets. THE Q'AIRE

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IS NEEDED FOR CLASS BUSINESS: The DB can be ignored. And most frequently is. Lou wants the former ASAP. I'll take the latter.

In behalf of RING OP please ring up a widow (so many don't take ASSEMBLY, and won't know about Ring Op) and ask if she will lend her husband's class ring to a classmate. I have a request now waiting to be filled. If ring losers and lenders will write, I'll be the match-maker. It's working fine in the class of '32, where Ken Zitzman started this operation, and later was knocked in the head by 2 thugs who took his ring. He now has a replacement from a widow. Ken used his head.

Johnnie Diefendorf reports that despite 108 days in the hospital **Charlie Brown** is making a strong come-back. **Dan Cheston** is strongly on the mend, after surgery.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS: Only things changed are given: **Alness** 4917 Ravenswood Dr, Apt 1752, 78227; **Brown, TT** (Margery); **Chatfield** 93023; **Crystal** (Sp.); **Cummins** (Sp.); Davall 1400 Geary Blvd, No. 1909; **Foote** 330 Ray's Ford Circle, Carlysville, VA 22936; **Hester** 1480 Pine Valley Rd.; **Miller, RB** (Billie); **Means, Satilla F.**; **Moorman, FW** (Marion); **Rusteberg; Sluman** (Ann), RD #1 Box 30; **Tarbutton** 2232 Latona Ave, NE Salem, OR 97303; **Tate** 500 W.Ash Ave; **Warner** (Esther).

You'll hear more from '34. Don't close the door. 'Til Sept—Dud.

'35

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There is plenty of bad news for this quarter. On 8 Jan **Jan McEntee** died in Radcliff, KY, while doing the crossword puzzle. She was found on the sofa by her youngest daughter, Megan, who lived with her. **Ed Ferris** sent this word but no details of funeral or burial. On the same date, 8 Jan, **Alice Lewis** died with Alzheimer's disease in Plantation, FL. She had suffered several years and had needed constant attention by her loving husband, Harry. A funeral mass was held in Ft Lauderdale, and later Harry brought her ashes to DC for interment in the mausoleum at Arlington Cemetery on 2 Feb. On 14 Feb **Ed Kraus** died in El Paso, TX, after several years of gradually spreading cancer. He was given full military honors and a funeral at Ft Bliss and buried at the cemetery there on 19 Feb.

On 26 Feb **Mike Bowyer** went to the hospital at Ft Belvoir with diverticulitis, and after a couple of days of unrewarding treatment, in the wee hours of 1 Mar they operated. After a couple of weeks Mike was allowed to go home and he is feeling much

1935: Schlanser, Rumsey, Simpson, Fiore, Hill and Wheeler, Founders Day DC.

1935: Algers, Taylors, Clarks and Joneses in Honolulu.

improved. He is still under treatment for a few more weeks but then he should be as good as new.

A lot has happened to the **Bergquists** since that picture in the last issue of ASSEMBLY of Allie and Ken, **Rosemary & Tommy Clarkin**, and **Consuelo & Jim Alger** in Honolulu. **Allie & Ken Bergquist** were on their way to the Far East for a trip. In Bangkok Ken had a "moderate" stroke (to quote **Jim Alger**). He was med-evacuated back to the States; the plane was met in HI by the **Algers** and also by son Ken **Bergquist** Jr., who is Asst SA, and after some treatment and therapy at Camp Pendleton, CA, which is near their home in Rancho Bernardo, Ken was allowed to go home. At last report he is making fine progress, up and around and expects to be able to drive a car again soon.

1935: Breakefield and Bassitt.

Milt & Irene Taylor spent "3 wonderful weeks at the Hale Koa 20 Jan to 10 Feb." They were entertained by **Jim & Consuelo Alger** and also by **Rosemary & Tommy Clarkin.** When **George & Helen Jones** came through on 5 Feb this photograph records the gathering of the 8 of them. George and Helen were on their way to Corregidor to celebrate the 37th anniv of the recapture of that fortress island by George's 503d Parachute RCT, and the unveiling of a monument to the gallant defenders of it.

A very successful Class co-ed luncheon was held at Ft McNair on 12 Feb. About 3 dozen people came including the **Andersons, Chapmans, Bowyers, Bucks, Pickards, Rogers, Pattersons, Simpsons, Twitchells, Schlansers, Rumseys, Wheelers, Hills,** and **Norm Skinrood.** There was also **Isabel Bidgood, Peggy Lou Mitchell,** and **Phyliss McGehee,** and the **Hills** brought Edna's brother and his wife, who were visiting the **Prices** from CA. The organizers of these luncheons were also there of course, the **Watermans** and the **Robbins.**

Ed & Marie Ferris kept house for son Mike and his wife, Betty Ann, in Houston for 2 weeks in Mar while they went to West Germany to visit **Dan Ferris** and his wife, Pati. After that Ed and Marie headed for Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to celebrate their 46th (!) wedding anniv. Ed also reports that son Dan has been selected for promotion to major and expects it to come through in midsummer.

The DC area Founders Day dinner was held at Bolling AFB on 19 Mar. Only 6 turned out: **Schlanser, Rumsey, Simpson, Fiore, Hill,** and **Wheeler.** The picture was taken with **Walt Simpson's** camera operated by **Les Wheeler's** son Duke, USMA '65.

By the time you read this our Mini-Reunion in San Ant will be history, but as this is written it bids fair to be the biggest gathering of our Class since graduation and may very well become known as Maxi.

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The attrition among the stalwarts of our great Class was greater last year than we knew. Therefore, I hasten to honor 2 from whom we've not heard in some time, and which accounts for this seeming dereliction in reporting. **Whitey Grove** unexpectedly suffered a massive heart attack, Thanksgiving morning (26 Nov), at his home in Atherton, CA. On the golf course in Boynton Beach, FL, **Dave McCoach** was struck by a severe coronary arrest. He died in coma the following day, 28 Dec. I trust **Rhoda McCoach** and **Alice Grove** realize that '36 is long on memories and that many of us shall always cherish the association of these great men who have preceded us doddery, straggly remnants of 36's gray line.

At this late Mar note writing, the following are announced as attending Meany's Vegas glamorfantastic. They are **Sally Beard, Peg Joyce, Ethel Crockett** Aldridge and husband, **Maxine Cordes, Velma Harvey, Dorlands, Steve Smiths, Foster Furphy, Clint True, Chappelears, Turnages, Gordon Holterman, Quinns, Willis', Klocks, T. C. Rogers, Dickens, Chaffins, Laynes, Hays, Bill Meany,** and **Gages.** I know others close by in L.A. will show at last moment too. No doubt this list will serve little purpose in acquainting anyone of attendees before reunion—since ASSEMBLY will undoubtedly reach all later than 17 May.

Kelly Bagby has a number of goodies that he is preparing for his 83 reunion in Portland, and it is expected that he will elucidate at Vegas.

I realize that ERA has not moved as well as some ladies would have wished. Nevertheless I'm confident that the weaker (?) sex is making ever greater advancement into the operations of the total world—cadet-persons perhaps? Now these preliminaries are for the purpose of the following statement: if this Class ever were to elect another officer I should cast my ballot for **Sally Beard!** She is really a hum-dinger, hard-worker, and wholly dedicated Class mentor. But at the moment, she's in contact with every female single. And this is important because many of these girls do not subscribe to ASSEMBLY, don't attend West Point club meetings, etc.

Bob Breaks wrote he'd been in San Ant a month after Xmas. He said he saw the **Grothaus'** who'd been traveling 4 months—had been as far as New Zealand. The **Broyles** wrote that they will be missing Vegas. This

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1936: Leer and Ann Butler.

will be the very first time in the 13 (?) year history of mini-reunions that our star golfer will be absent. We are going to miss him very much. His and Lucile's alternate attraction is a trip to Egypt and Israel. **Mid Burnett** was missing Vegas, too, because she is moving to VA and getting settled nearer her children.

Dick Carmichael called several times and indicated he might be coming to Vegas. **Maxine Cordes** went to NY in Jan and visited **Mimi Whipple.** She saw her family too. She says she's been working on **Barbara Benson** to come to Vegas. While doing trustee biz at West Point, **Ken Dawalt** had dinner with **Hiesters.**

On 17 Apr Jeanne **Abrams** and CPT Jack **Daly** Jr. were married at Ft Myer. Bob **Abrams** graduates this Jun in class of 82.

The **Hays** determined that they could manage to get to our reunion; most of us are very happy that this will be their 2d reunion (the other, San Antone) in many, many years. To celebrate their coming, they were dancing with so much verve that Myra toppled to the floor and badly hurt her right leg.

The lure of Vegas was not sufficient to attract the **Hess'**. Instead they will be going to Rome in late Sept. Not the least of their quests in the holy city is to visit Rev Phil **Gage,** who's stationed there and who guided Helen and Whitey on a previous visit a few years back.

I have been rebuffed in not receiving a picture of our first son-general, Brad **Hosmer.** I don't know what interfered. **Jim Hughes** writes that he favors '32's Ken Zitzman's idea of deceased's family offering our classmate's ring to some other who has lost his. I prefer not to be an amanuensis, liaison, or Phidippedes in any such arrangements. Have had a few exchanges of letters with **Bob Joerg.** He's famous because he has 2 opportunities to attend Vegas-each a month apart. He'll undoubtedly go to the latter since it is given by the parachute battalion commanded by his gallant brother Woody ('37), who was killed in action in Belgium. Bob writes wittily but not so as to cover up his constant osteo-arthritic discomfort.

A much appreciated letter came from the 3 children of **Max & Jane Kallman** (both deceased). The grown children sent a generous check and asked that it be applied to the famous Soldier Statue's cost and to honor their parents. I was pleased and touched. I am proud we have offspring who do such homage to our Class. In Jan, the **Klocks, Hosmers,** and **McElhenys** enjoyed a Largo (FL) reunion and decided they'd continue it in Vegas. **Garnett Lee** has been ill and good health and healing are earnestly hoped for.

Had a letter from **McElhenys** in Jan, written on fancy-flowered stationery made by **Mimi Whipple.** The "Ms" said they were visiting the **Madsens**-who were hoping to get to Vegas.

Howie Snyder called in Feb to state that Lo had had surgery which was rather extensive-not from its seriousness, but from its amount; i.e., several operations at the same time. He said she was o.k., just worn out. She should be recuperated when this is read.

The **Wort Williams** wrote that he will be supervising the Vegas golf. He mentioned that the **Stewarts** had visited them.

I should like to use a little space herewith to thank so very many of my dear classmates who have written concerning my father, who passed away 13 Jan. You have all been too generous in extending your thoughts and sympathies, and I want you to know that I am very grateful. Dad has been the '09 scribe for the past 9 years. I know he enjoyed his contact with his classmates and West Point, just as all of us do. Dad did a fine job with his column and I think it was a leading report, not just because of its early chronological position. In most classes, when their scribes step down, another takes his place. Not so in P.S.G. Sr's case; he was the last scribe of that very great Class of '09. And most of us remember or, fortunately, had personal contacts with '09ers who were not only famous in the military, but in world history also. From his Class we must all salute those great soldiers: Eichelberger, Devers, and Patton. And Westy, I hate to tell you a secret I've never before revealed to you: the Class of '09 had a greater percentage of general officers to graduates than did our famous 1936. And finally, I know **Carl Baehr, Bob Partridge, Kitsy Westmoreland,** and I are all happy to have been '09 brats!

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You may have been confused by the titling of the 3 party snaps in the left column of page 57 of last ASSEMBLY. They were taken by **John Frazier** at the **Prestons'** party. The top one shows **Pat Frazier, Roy & Louise Lutes;** the middle one, **Betty Spengler, Fred Clarke's** top, and **Isabel, Mo Preston, Corinne Prentiss** and **Fran Shive;** the bottom one, **Phoebe Cromelin** and **Dorothy Preston** (Artiste-Hostess). Concerning the beautiful and lavish spread of food provided at the party, I assumed that it had been done by one of the top caterers, so when **Mo** remarked that he had done it himself, I thought he spoke in jest, but not so. His artistry in the kitchen rivals Dorothy's with the brush and palette. The snaps at both the **Prestons'** and **Stumpf's** parties were done by **John Frazier,** who had just had his camera repaired and was trying it out in preparation for his round-the-world cruise in 89 days. He and **Pat** with his sister **Lydia** sailed 9 Jan aboard the MS **Sagafjord** from Port Everglades and will return 8 Apr. A card from L.A. tells of plans to have lunch aboard with dau **Suzanne** and son **Doug** and family. Not known to him was that dau

1937: Mansfield and Anne Bryant, December 81.

Muffie was winging her way out there to join them. He said that out of 11 days he had to wear his tux to dinner 9 times. His only complaint, too much food. From a confidential and usually reliable source, I learned that **John** tried to qualify on jumbo shrimps followed by a chocolate mousse, after which he became indisposed. Another card from Shanghai spoke of wall-to-wall people, a fancy train ride to Soo Chow and a royal welcome in Pusan—their's was the first cruise ship in 15 years. We anxiously await his return so that he can resume his duties as bus officer for the reunion.

In early Jan I talked to **Jim Duncan,** who is on the mend from last year's thyroid opn, and participating with NIH in cancer research. When his granddau was born last Sept, he had to wait for 2 weeks to see her because he was too "hot." He is looking forward to getting together with the Class again but cannot go to the reunion because of his commitment to the NIH project.

A group of 9 faithful attended the Jan luncheon in spite of the freezing cold. Most of the discussion had to do with the reunion, bus transportation, etc, and by the time you read this, you will know how well or poorly we solved the problems. **Bob Seedlock,** recently returned from a business trip to the Mid East, was there. **Choppy Brett** read a note of appreciation from **Andy Hartnett's** widow, Mary, for the Class's thoughtfulness and flowers. **Andy** was a regular. About the only luncheon he missed was the one in Dec, the day he passed away.

In Feb **Frances** and I escaped from the DC deep freeze to San Diego, where we contacted **Milt Clark** and arranged to meet him at nearby Kaiser Permanante hosp to visit **Phyllis,** who was recuperating from an opn. It was just about a year ago that we had dinner with them in LaJolla after which **Phyllis** showed us the International Studies Center, USC's San Diego campus, where she was Dean of Foreign Students. **Milt** was in support of his energetic mate and successfully coping with his physical problems of the past 5 years. It was shortly after that **Phyllis** had a devastating stroke. It is heart-

1937: Pat Frazier, Kathy Maliszewski and Betty Drum at the Prestons'.

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1937: Clarke and Trixie Zehner.

breaking to witness the calamities that have befallen these wonderful people in one short year. **Milt's** total devotion to **Phyllis**, and his calm acceptance of their fate, is an inspiration. **Milt** still has his marvelous sense of humor through it all. Their dau, **Mary Jane**, has taken charge. She is a charming, intelligent and capable young lady—so much like her mother. Dau Susie came from OK with her 2 children to relieve **Mary Jane**, who returned to her family in Albuquerque. The 3d dau, Ann, will take over from Susie. Phyllis is now in a convalescent home, with Milt in an apartment nearby in Pacific Beach. She can understand what she hears and reads, but has difficulty communicating. They both enjoy hearing from their friends.

Dubb Haltom wrote to say that his reunion jinx has struck again—a stroke in early Jan all but did him in, six weeks in the hosp and a Roto-Rooter job on a carotid artery, has started him on the mend. As of the date of his letter, 23 Feb, he was back home and in pretty good shape considering what he went through. In late Mar he will go to Pritikin Longevity Center in Santa Monica, "a health center which works on old ---- like me, with a well planned program of diet and exercise, which has done an excellent job on (others) in worse shape." They made a new man out of his brother and he hopes that they will do the same for him. From there he plans to go to Hawaii for 2 months with his dau **Debby** and husband, **Dr James Brand.** He will return to Austin early Jul. He was tremendously cheered by a report from the **DeBill** Spectacular in San Antone on 2 Feb, which was reported to me by **EY Burton. DeBill** was the host for the luncheon attended by **Brant, Browning, Burton, Calvert, Cheal, Davisson, Graham, Holcomb, McDowell** from Houston, **McElroy** from Austin, **Ohman, Sanborn** and **Stark** from Mexico (the first word heard from our expatriate south of the border). All of them signed the fancy menu from YVans Restaurant on which **Charlie Stark** did a caricature of Cadet **Haltom.** It broke up our irrepressible **Dubb** who allowed as how '37 is the greatest. **EY** also enclosed a clipping from the San Ant **Express** showing **Cheal, Sanborn** and **Ohman** hoisting a toast. Several of the Class were liberally quoted by the press on national and international matters. **Cheal** admitted that having a dau in the military partly affects his feelings about women in the service. He wants them drafted for noncombat zone work. **DeBill** also passes the word that Mrs. **Walter G. Gleye, Gib's** widow, lives at 123 E. Edgewood, San Antonio 78209. Next luncheon in Nov, Dutch Treat, organized by **Cheal** and **Ohman.**

The WP Gym team visited San Juan, Jan 7-8, to train and to have an informal meet with the Puerto Rican National Team. **René Lopez-Duprey** gave them a tour of his showroom in San Juan and his rattan factory at Cidra; hosted a buffet luncheon for them, and plied them with a supply of mangoes, which they loved. **René** also attended the meet with his son, **Arturo,** and met the coach, **Ned Crossley.** The trip was a pleasant interlude for the cadets and a boost for the local gymnasts, who are preparing for the international meet of the Central American and Caribbean countries, in Havana next Aug.

A note from **Cecil Himes** said that **Stan & Louise Smith** visited Birmingham last year to see their son, **Steven,** solo with the AL Symphony. He is principal with the violincello section. In the inevitable bull session that ensued, **Cecil** and **Stan** found that they shared similar experiences in the Riding Hall at the hands of CPT (not-so) **Darling** and his co-conspirator, Cochese. Inability to control the beast the first time up reserved him ever after for the unfortunate rider. When his section reported to jumping class, CPT **Darling** would command, "**Mr Himes,** you take Cochese," after which he would further command the rest of the section, "Take horses." Cochese was an erratic jumper with a pea brain of his own. Since there were 6 sections, **Cecil** wonders who were the other 4 lucky riders. He is looking forward to seeing his old classmates at the 45th since he has never been stationed near very many of them. Incidentally, **Ruth Anne** next to his name on the address list is his dau. His wife is no longer with him.

1937: Diercks at rifle range.

In early Mar, **Jerrie Stumpf** had several classmates and wives for dinner on the occasion of **Bud Hines'** visit to DC, where he is spending several weeks in Haymarket with his cousin. He entertained us with tales of his experiences aboard the USS **Mt. Whitney,** a large amphibious attack command vessel—a floating headquarters for the Navy CINC and the Marine Amphib Bde CG. Bud taught the sailors first year college math. After a dull Jan in Newport, RI, they sailed for sunny climes—3 days in Nassau, 5 nights in Ft Lauderdale, where he saw **Carl Lyons** and fiance, then to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras. They tied up across from the French Quarter where he had his pocket picked by a team of experts. After a bystander pointed out the miscreant to him, **Bud** chased him, tackled him and persuaded him with a headlock to drop his wallet—thanks to almost daily tennis over the years. Bud also spent last fall touring CA, AZ, and TX, and seeing **Ginny Ressegieu,** the **Skeldons, Grahams, Burtons** and **Brants.**

Headlines in the AUSA News, Mar 82, "Underwood Addresses 'South of the Border' Problems. **Bud** tells it as it is before the GA, Omar N. Bradley AUSA Chapt at their annual banquet at Ft Bliss. As SOUTHCOM CINC for over 2 years, with responsibilities for the Panama Canal defense and military assistance, and disaster relief to the 16 Latin American countries, he spoke with considerable authority.

A card from **Stan Connelly** in paradise, showing on the front one of the lovelies that make it so. **Mary Jane & Stan** were visiting their children, **Kevin** and **Jeannie,** and their families in HI. On his way through L.A. he phoned **Milt Clark.** They are old Army Ordnance buddies and also were stationed together at WP after WW II. **Stan** and **MJ** decided not to attend the 45th, but will visit DC next fall and take in our luncheon. That will work in nicely with our special ladies day on 15 Oct, although they are welcome at any of our luncheons. Among his many other accomplishments as a cadet, I remember one with particular relish. As you may recall, plebes had the opportunity to qualify on prunes. Eat 100 and sit at ease in the mess hall for one week. I know of others who qualified, but **Stan** did so with a flourish. After downing 125 to the astonishment and admiration of all, he sounded off: "Please pass the food, sir" Pandemonium!

A note from **Hallock,** inquiring about some 45th matters, said that he is busily engaged in building his own home and enjoying it. A piece in the **Wash Post** about the Masters Swimming Program says that **Kelly Lemmon** is ranked among the top 10 nationally in his age group. He was honored along with other swimmers in the Potomac Valley Masters Swimming Assn. He will enter the 70-74 age group soon and hopes to continue adding to his laurels. **Spic Nadal & Jeanne** will leave Naples end of Mar for a visit with his mother in PR. In early May they will go sightseeing through TX, LA, CO, West Coast and then to WP. **Fred Diercks** at 69 is still firing the National Match Course with his M-1 Garand to maintain his NRA High Power Rifle Markmanship rating. **Vic Mansfield** keeps in touch with many of his classmates by phone. He is busy squiring an Irish lass around East Orange, and NYC. **Frances & Trixie Zehner** were recently guests of **Marge Bailey** at the 25th anniv of the Ikebana International, which promotes the art of Japanese floral arrangements.

The WP Soc of DC Founders Day dinner was held at Bolling Officers Club, 19 Mar, with a capacity attendance. Our Class was represented by **Fred Clarke, Gildart, Hoska, Mercado, Oden, Prentiss, Shive, B.F. Taylor, Teeter** and **Wilhoyt.** Food and entertainment were superb, the youngest grad's talk humorous, and the Supe's remarks interesting and timely.

1937: Mary and George Sloan, oldest grad present.

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Johnny & Lee Zierdt are on a 2-month tramp steamer voyage to Australia and NZ with 10 other passengers. They will miss the 45th but expect to be at the next reunion. **Dick Fellows** and **Bill Hipps** have been invited by the Mayor of Manila to attend memorial services on the 40th anniv of the fall of Bataan and Corregidor. With their respective brides they will be there 4-16 Apr. Dick reports that the campaign to raise funds for a memorial to some 3000 American POW's, who died in prison camps in the Philippines, has been successful and that the memorial on the Cabanatuan Prison site will be dedicated on 12 Apr. We will be looking forward to a full report from them at the 45th.

Sadly we report the death of **Milton H. Clark**, who died in the Naval Hosp in San Diego, CA, on 10 April 1982.

Now is the time to get your poop in for the September ASSEMBLY.

'38

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Occasionally someone will mention to me about not appearing in ASSEMBLY Notes. That calls for action by the commenter to take pen, or phone, or camera in hand to provide something that can be published. We do try to use at least part of everything newsworthy that is received. **Art Smith** sent me this fr **Jean Sundin**, 13 Dec, after son CPT **Eric's** marriage (USMA '71): "Nancy & Eric were married in Tulsa, OK, this summer and are living near Stuttgart, Germany. Eric is on the major's list. They have invited me to Germany for Xmas and I'm just thrilled! I'll be there in 2 wks . . . Eugenia's oldest child Bradley (16) had a dreadful accident while body surfing in FL . . . on Merritt Is. He broke his neck and is in a "halo" brace now and in an Orlando hosp for physical therapy. His brain was not damaged but he is very weak and can not walk yet. We pray for his recovery! I went to stay with Eugenia for 6 wks to help out with Jeff, 8 yrs, & Erin, 12 yrs, and have just come home 2 wks ago. With best wishes to you and to all the '38 grp we know . . .

Fr **Frieda Russell**, Chica, CA: "Mel has been quite busy on our local cmte to select candidates for USMA and as secy for the local TROA chapter. His most strenuous activities have been walking the dog, bicycling occasionally, and watching sports on TV . . . Son Mike & wife Gerri are still working away. Gerri recd a well deserved promotion to Asst Opns O fr a br of Bank of America. Our grandson Richard is 16 and driving. He is a good kid, plays golf, chess, baseball and piano . . . Anne & Don are both at same jobs but have been busy adding a large 2-part room to their house, making it L-shaped. . . . Sara is still with Dept of Justice in DC but in another section. Before she was defending the USA against the Indians and now she is defending Indians against encroachment on their rights. She is now in court rm litigation which she prefers . . . Susan decided she had enough of waitressing and early in 81 took an office job. She is a one-girl office for a pest control firm in San Rafael and loves her work and her 2 bosses. She lives in San Rafael in Marin Cty . . . I guess **Marty Craig** & I are hooked on Elderhostels. She is headed next for one in Canada in May and I am going to one in England in Aug . . . with one wk in London, Liverpool, and Cardiff each. Will go to France, Germany and Denmark after the Elderhostel program . . .

1938: Xmas 81: Harrington, McCrary, Bromiley.

1938: Sarasota, Jan 82: Bromiley, Glace, Rhine, Barnard, and Art Smith.

From **"Dottie Harrington,"** You know of course about our rather impromptu cocktail party on 28 Dec for **Tracy's** roommate **Dick Bromiley**. He & Edie were visiting their daughter Joan during Xmas. We were fortunate to have 5 fr K Co here, including **Tom McCrary** (also a roommate), **Kent Schmidt**, and **Art Smith**, along with Dick & Tracy. It was great to have the **Bixbys, Nick Chavasse, Collinses, Johnsons, Lewises, Mrazeks, Ryans, Art Smiths, Stilwells**, and **Kent Schmidt**. Joan came with the **Bromileys**. She is a very attractive girl and works in the DC area. I have her phone nr and might give it to a very few selected males! . . In early Feb we drove to FL and took a cruise fr Miami to the western Carribbean. Tracy wanted to see the Mayan archaeological sites in Tulum, Mexico, and I wanted to see the Cayman Is BWI, among other places. This is instead of our usual winter frolic in HI, but HI is still Paradise. An uninhabited island in the Bahamas where we stopped, and which the cruise line owns, was a close second, but they wouldn't sell it! . . . En route home we stopped in Bird Key, Sarasota, to see the **Bromileys** . . . What a dream house they have! Every room opens on their exquisite pool. Hated leaving after just one evening but half of our friends have ret in FL and we had to keep moving, eventually to visit our youngest daughter, Cindy, and her family in Atlanta. Her youngest, a precious little girl, was Tracy's greatest birthday present, born last May 21st . . ." This gathering of roommates at the **Harringtons**, and mini-reunion of K Co, was a memorable and most enjoyable occasion during the Xmas season. **Tom McCrary** never attends '38 parties but was obviously enjoying this one. He has lived in the same house in Falls Church for 26 yrs and was a friend of my brother, **Herb Lewis** Jan '43, while both were stationed at DCSLOG. His daughter **Carol** and family, including 3 grandchildren, live in CT . . . a daughter is at UCT, a son, 18 yrs, is graduating fr HS and going to MIT, and the other son, 14 yrs, is doing well in the 8th grade. **Carol's** brother Tom lives in Northern VA with his wife & 2 children—one son is graduating fr HS & they have one daughter. Tom Sr. does his own housekeeping and maintains his family contacts. During their visits he displays his prowess as a gourmet cook. We also appreciated an opportunity to meet **Joan** and to visit with the **Bromileys** and the **Art Smiths**.

On 26 Jan the USMA '38 luncheon at Ft McNair was attended with wives by **Beverley, Bixby, Collins, Connell, Izenour**, and **Missal** and by **Bob Brown, Davis, Dupuy, Lahti, Lewis, Miller, Bill Smith**, and **Walson**. **Frank Miller** announced that **Dick Stilwell** was "on the Hill"; snow and cold weather discouraged others and many were toward warmer climes. **Junie Lotz** asked that Frank inform the group that 19 classmates and wives were making the trip on the Mississippi River on the **Delta Queen** next fall. Additional information about hotel reservations will be mailed to those interested in visiting New Orleans before the boat trip. Frank continues to make superb arrangements for our luncheons and keeps everyone informed about current happenings in the DC area. **George & Betty Bixby** leave on 19 Feb for a visit to South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Tanzania, Kenya, and the Netherlands. Only the **Dappriches** have logged as many miles in world travels in recent years. Betty told us there are still many places she hasn't seen. **Frank Izenour** looks fit and said that only the snow and ice keep him from regular golf games at Leisure World. **Trevor Dupuy** was in Egypt before the assassination of Sadat and has been back since. He indicated that the Egyptians are striving to get back to normal living. He will make another visit to the Middle East soon. **Bill Smith** continues his service with the Planning Commission for Fairfax County and **Bill Walson** keeps fit with regular tennis matches.

1938: Johnsons and Harrisons, Fort McNair.

Fr **Dick Bromiley** 23 Jan, "Edith & I left Sarasota on 16 Dec, drove north to Springfield, VA and spent several days with our daughter Joan. We went to Dover AFB on 21 Dec to spend Xmas with our other daughter, **Lynne Harvey**, wife of COL Paul Harvey, USAF, and their 3 children. Our daughter Joan came up to Dover AFB and joined us for Xmas and the following weekend. After a great holiday and visit, **Joan & Edith** & I returned to Springfield. On 28 Dec, **Tracy & Dottie Harrington** had a party for classmates and wives. It was a fine evening and it was a treat for us to be together with so many classmates and wives . . . Subsequent to our return to Sarasota, **Art & Jane Smith** visited us on 21 Jan and we had a small

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party which included **Art & Jane Smith**, Art's brother Paul Smith and his wife Gwen, the **Harvey Barnards, Frank Glace** and **Bob Rhine.** It was a fun evening and several said that they had not heard so much talking in a long time. . . ."

Fr **Bill Strand** 9 Mar, "Enclosed this time are some pictures. They were taken at a delightful party hosted by **Jeff & Babbie Irvin** for **Jim & Charlotte Taylor** on a visit to San Ant in Feb to renew many very old friendships. In addition to the many guests were classmates **Tug & Lynn Hallinger, Doug & Lo Polhamus, Omar & Maria Knox, Ted & Elizabeth Sawyer, Merrick & Celeste Bayer, Bill & Maggie Kieffer, George & Debbie Artman, Fred & Trudy Wright, Paul & Mona Preuss, Frank & Evelyn Hartman, Hugh & Jan Wallace, Bill & Dotsy Strand, Frank Norris & Jean Singer.** (Mert was off on a trip to NY.) While in San Ant Jim also saw **Beno Bruton** during a visit with **Frank Norris.** At the **Irvin** party **Bill & Dotsy Strand** had a wonderful time talking about the good old days at Ft Riley, KS, with **Terry Walker Strain** who was present when Bill & Dotsy were married in May 39. Terry is married to **Jim Strain '41. Cliff & Barbara Macomber** enjoyed a visit to FL in Feb. They saw **J.B. & Pat Coleman, Jocko & Mary Jacunski,** and **Dave & Mechi Sherrard** en route to the FL Keys where they visited **Johnny & Kitty Johnson.** Cliff & Johnny were roommates. Cliff's next adventure is a trip to the Tahoe area for some skiing. **Marge Van Sickle** spent the first 2 weeks of Mar on an R&R with the **Strands.** She is making a good recovery from surgery in Dec. She & Dotsy had a wonderful time visiting friends and doing the San Ant scene. Neil stayed in Rapid City to attend to his County Commissioner duties and keep the home fires burning so the pipes wouldn't freeze. **Bill Strand** had gall bladder surgery in Feb and is making a good recovery . . . As the years race by it means more & more to keep in touch. For example, **Jim Taylor** & I were together on Bougainville in the Solomon Is. **Al Hulse** was best man at my wedding at Ft Riley and a very close friend during our days in the 2d Cav before WW II. My mind overflows with memories."

Fr **Jim Taylor** 24 Mar: "Here at Hilton Head **Fred & Rosemary Dean** have moved into their new beautiful home at Long Cove Club. **Art Maloney** is sharper than ever. He & I are working as volunteer marshals at the Heritage Pro-Golf tournament this week. On 15 Mar **Deans, Maloneys** and **Taylors** made up the 1938 contingent at the West Point dinner here where we heard the Supe tell of WP today. Otherwise all is well and happy here in Paradise!" Fr **Doug Polhamus** 7 Mar, "**Omar & Maria Knox** are planning a trip to the West Coast in Jun to visit their daughter in Seattle as well as see some of the U.S. National Parks in the Western U.S. **Doug & Lo Polhamus** visited a sister and brother-in-law in FL in Jan and Feb. They helped out the ailing airlines by flying this time, but regretted not seeing some classmates who live in FL, which you can more readily do when you drive. **Mert Singer** is still making periodic visits to NY., Boston, & Chicago helping the Army out with their food problems."

Fr **Ed Lahti:** "Suggest that you extract some little known historical information in ASSEMBLY as follows: 'Dateline Philippines, 23 Feb, 1945, One thousand one hundred & seventy-three days after Pearl Harbor, the greatest rescue operation of civ prisoners in the history of warfare took place today in a small college town in Batangas Province, LOS BANOS. Approximately 2146 American and Allied civ internees of the Japanese were rescued from their captors and their nightmarish concentration camp. The rescue was a combined effort of **Colonel Edward Lahti's** American paratroopers from the 511th Parachute Inf Regt, Glidertroops and Artillery of the 11th Abn Div, a Sea-land amphibious group, the Filipino guerrillas of Hunters ROTC, headed by **Colonel E. Adeveso.** Casualties were anticipated to be approximately one-third of the entire combined military force and prisoners, or about 1500 dead and wounded. In reality and beyond comprehension, only 2 internees & 2 paratroopers were wounded with no dead. It was said that 6 Filipino guerrillas were killed and wounded (unconfirmed at this writing.)' **Ed Lahti's** 511th Parachute Inf Regt was the first American regt to occupy Japan. The Peace delegation left to go to the Battleship Missouri from docks at Yokohama guarded by the 511th—on 2 Sept 1945 the 1st Cav Div landed at those docks. Ed sees quite a contrast in this WWII rescue and the Iranian fiasco.

1938: Davis, Walson, Peggy Davis, Cha Cha Ryan, Fort McNair.

From **Art Smith** 9 Feb, I received a complete narrative which covers many of the contacts already mentioned in this column. Some extracts follow: "Our trip to FL fr 7 Jan to 1 Feb was pleasurable—we jumped around the state on both coasts and our only regret was not going to Disney World, Miami and the Keys this trip. 9 Jan we visited the **Jacunskis** and were pleased that Jack's daily hydrotherapy was getting a serious flareup of osteomylitis under control—these treatments were secondary to extensive bone surgery. Since Jack was free weekends, he and Mary entertained friends at their very lovely beach condo at Crescent Beach a few miles south of St. Augustine. We stayed at the condo between weekends while Jack was at the daily sessions at the hosp. Next we visited for the first time, Patrick AFB, Cape Canaveral, and Cypress Gardens, and on to Sarasota to visit my brother Paul and his wife. He is a retired United AL pilot (747's) who flew troop missions (C-47's) during WWII. Jan 21 we stayed one day with **Dick & Edie Bromiley** who had a delightful dinner party while we were there. **Bob Rhine** and I re-lived the FA hike of our First Class year. He rode the swing pair and I rode the wheel pair, and we were both incensed at the lead pair rider who took turns too sharply—neither of us could remember who he was—we love to sightsee and beach walk. We went to Marco Is and spent 2 perfect days on Sanibel Is—one evening at the BOQ McDill AFB, and back to Gainesville to attend a lovely Class party **Mary & Jack Jacunski** had on 29 Jan. Jack was making good progress in licking Osteo and had acquired remarkable skill in using his collapsable walker. The **Colemans, Sherrards, Riordans, Jacunskis,** and **Smiths** had a fine Class get-together—next morning the **Jacunskis** and **Smiths** drove to the **Colemans'** lakeside home at Melrose, and the **Sherrards** joined us there for a half-day house party. Pat served a delicious lunch and that afternoon Jane and I went to Jacksonville Naval Air Station and spent the night at a beautiful BOQ—on 1 Feb we drove back to Richmond."

1938: Artman and Hartman.

1938: Irvin and Knox, San Antonio.

Mar 19, USMA Founders Day dinner at Bolling AFB—**Stilwell, Collins, Lotz, Bill Smith** and **Lewis** represented USMA '38. **Art Collins** presided as Pres of WP Soc of DC and USMA Supt LTG Scott gave a very informative talk about modern West Point. Many classmates were out of the area that evening.

1938: Polhamus, Taylor, Keiffer, Sawyer: San Antonio.

Joe Connell has just returned from the hosp after a triple by-pass coronary operation. On 27 Mar he told me that he had developed phlebitis in one leg and would have to return to the hosp next wk. We look forward to warmer weather and our luncheon at Ft Myer. Many thanks to everyone who contributed letters and photos for this column, paricularly to **Bill Strand** and **Doug Polhamus,** our co-scribes who always keep us posted about their San Ant area.

BEAT NAVY

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'39

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Hate to report this but '39 has less than three months before it loses its last active uniformed member. Shortly after he retired **Jimmy Collins** was recalled to active duty as Chief of Military History, which he still is—but on 30 Sept he retires for the second time and therewith hanging up our last active '39 uniform. Forty-three years, that's not bad (but then think of Gen Omar Bradley—he kept his going 66 years). Jimmy won't be resting. He and Yolande have started building a new house on their farm out near Middleburg where they expect to grow lots of good wine grapes. (How many of you knew that Virginia is really getting into the good wine business?). **Bob Matter** is also involved with history; in March, he returned from yet another of his teaching trips, this time from 8 weeks at King Salmon AFB, AK. For the past eight years Bob has been making 2 or 3 trips a year to remote AF & Coast Guard installations in AK and on Navy ships (from LST's, sub tenders, destroyers to the Aircraft carriers Enterprise and Constellation) to teach history courses to those continuing their college education.

1939: Jim Schwenck.

Harry "Pappy" Myers, Mac McFerrin, Ralph Hanchin and **Jim Shepherd** attended the Hampton Roads Founder's Day dinner. Although they seldom plan a get together they see each other frequently. Mac, after lo these many years, has taken up golf and now is a good golfer. Betty and Pappy are scheduled for an extensive trip through Scandanavia in May. **Nernie and Tommy Thompson** are also on their way to that part of the world—to Copenhagen in July (where Tommy spent three years as Military Attache). From there they will take a 2 week boat trip to North Cape, enroute visiting many of the Norwegian fjords. It's good to see that Nernie has recovered so well from her broken bones that she can take this trip. But back to golf—**Walt Vann** is another avid player and is in just the spot to indulge, as the Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Whispering Pines area is the center for many good courses. Walt never has to worry about getting bored with one course. He wonders why more classmates don't come by for a visit and a game. He stays pretty close to home and the golf course so be sure to give him a call if you expect to be in the vicinity. One of Altea's and Walt's sons will move from DC to WP this summer to become the Brigade S4; their other son expects to be another year in Germany. For convenient courses **Jack Habecker** takes the prize. **Chet Lennhoff** can't get over it. He and Nancy spent a weekend with Jack and Ann in March. There on the edge of the golf course sits the house and there in the garage sits a golf cart. Hop in it, swing out on the course and start playing.

Our President, **Norm Farrell** sez: Our money for a useful gift at the 50th reunion is coming along—$18,000 plus last June. As you give toward it each year ask the AOG to put part of your gift into the unrestricted fund. Give the Supe some leeway. **Andy** says he does. In a letter from **Jeanne Latoszewski** to Norm in Ann Arbor said that on a trip to TX last year she saw **Grace and Strother Hardwick** who have given up their home in FL and moved to San Antonio. She had also talked with **Edna and Al Herzberg** who are in good shape.

A very sad note. We lost two of our class ladies. **Fran Marlin** died of cancer in Feb. A Mass of the Christian Burial was held for her at the old chapel, Ft Myer, conducted by her nephew from Boston and she was buried in Arlington. **Marguerite Ploger** died of a brain hemorrhage in Ann Arbor. She was buried at West Point. A Memorial Mass was held for her at Ft Belvoir. Our most sincere sympathy to Ray and Bob and their families in their loss.

Dossie and Andy Goodpaster spent a week down in the Low Country—Ladies Island and reported that **Page and Freddie Boye** in fine fettle and despite past encounters with the medics **Audrey and Frank Mildren** and **Lydia and Frankie Joe Kobes** look and are in fine shape. **Mary and Earl Larette** brought news from FL that **Dave Dillard** tried a young folks stunt off the diving board for a group of young people and he (Bridget?) had had to nurse a bad back for a couple of weeks.

It is interesting that **Adelaide & Dick Cleverly's** engineer son is busy opening up the old Brooklyn Navy Yard for the installation of a large trash burning power plant. In 1966 Dick's job was to see that the old navy Yard was closed out expeditiously and efficiently.

A year ago **Helen and Ray Janowski** were in WI for the wedding of their son Ron, Cl '76, now a CPT at Ft Lewis commanding a FA Bn. Their daughter Michele and sons Richard (plastic surgeon) and Robert (family practice physician) were also there. In Dec Helen and Ray celebrated, at Camp Le Jeune, the first wedding anniversary of daughter Michele with her husband 1LT Drummond, USMA. They then went to FL and had a great reunion with **Alba and Monk Maslowski.**

In Feb and Mar **Chuck Horner** took the bull by the horns and did a space available trip to visit friends in England. He makes it sound so easy (except for carrying all Joan's and his luggage up yea those many steps to the top deck of the C5A) that he tempted some listeners to try space A themselves. All connections were so good Chuck was accused of having as an assistant a Leprechaun trying to get in a good deed before St. Patrick's Day.

Al Rollins reports Huntsville AL as being off the beaten track these days as far as classmates are concerned because none seem to find their way there. Since **Bob Spragins** left town he and **Gibbo Gibbons** are the only 39ers around. When Al retired from Boeing a few years back he really retired—not even tennis any more. His sons, both engineers, live with their families in Boston and Knoxville

1939: The Kaplans with Superintendent USMA Scott and Mrs. Scott at Founders Day, WP Society of South Florida.

respectively and Al says these are the places to which he mainly travels. **Sally and Bob Spragins** moved from Huntsville to Scottsdale, AZ 4-5 years ago when he retired from a bank. They are really enjoying retired life and especially the AZ weather. Bob says forget what you may have heard about the smog—the air is clear, clean and crisp. If, in a few scattered times, there is a little inversion you can easily get to the mountains and above any junk that might be trapped in. They hope to get east sometime soon as their daughter and her husband are living in the DC area now.

Trudy and JD Richardson left in March for a round the world trip with an extended stop over with friends in India. **Jay Dawley** owes us a report on an extended southern trip this spring.

'40

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Now about the 42.5th Reunion: You should have long since received a letter from the Class with all the hot poop about the gathering at Hilton Head on 6-9 Oct. In fact, you should have sent in your reservation request some time ago. If, by chance, you've not done that yet, there's just enough time for you to dig out the poopsheet and send in your request. If the papers are missing for one reason or another, you can still make the formation with a scratch late by writing before 26 Jun to Marriott's Hilton Head Resort, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928, identifying yourself as a member of '40, giving the number of accommodations you need, and sending along a check for one night's lodging ($75 single, $85 double) as deposit.

Regardless of the problems you may have with such deferred administrative matters, there's going to be enough happening at the

1940: The Rimmers, March 82.

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1940: Lane and Phillips at 9500 ft.

mini-reunion to keep you thoroughly occupied and amused. **Don Bennett** and his committee members, **Maury Parker** and **Frank Meszar**, have arranged a full schedule. Sign up! Mark your absence card to show authorized leave and come join us!

From Ajijic, Mexico, **Ed Verner** wrote **Don Bennett** to get the late, hot poop on the 42.5th. Ed's letter went on, "Aside from the obvious reason of enjoying a get-together with our classmates at such an attractive place as Hilton Head, Irene and I have another purpose in making the long trip from Mexico. We've now lived here nearly 6 yrs, and are ready for a 'change of station.' We plan to move back to the U.S. within a year and are looking for a desirable location in which to settle. High on our list is Charleston, so we'd like to combine the reunion at Hilton Head with a visit to Charleston, where we would spend a couple of weeks getting familiarized with the area."

There were others seeking the word. **Pappy Briggs** wrote to Don on behalf of **Helene Hargis**, Tom's widow, asking that she be put on the mailing list. She has been, indeed. Further, we'd like very much to mail such information to any other Class widows who want to attend or just to keep up to date on Class activities.

1940: Minor, Wynne, Roedy, Colacicco and Rimmer.

Pappy Briggs also sent me a letter describing Class doings in the San Ant. area. It seems **Ed & Irene Verner** had also visited there (they **do** get around). In fact, Irene held a surprise birthday party for Ed at the Randolph AFB Club; most of the Class in the area were privileged to attend. Pappy enclosed a local newspaper clipping, telling of **Morry Shoss's** ret. as a San Ant. College instructor. The article describes Morry's survival and escape after the sinking of the Shinyo Maru in WW II and his forthcoming visit to the Philippines for the 40th anniversary of the fall of Bataan.

I'm very sorry to report that on 19 Mar **Bob Colligan** died in Los Altos Hills, CA, following a heart attack. After a funeral mass on 23 Mar, Bob was buried with appropriate military honors at Gates of Heaven cemetery in Los Altos. We extend our deep sympathy to Marjorie, who remains at their home at 13001 La Cresta Dr, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022.

A letter from **Ralph & Greg Osborn** at their winter quarters in Tequesta, FL refers to a recent B Co gathering in nearby Stuart. **Scott & Priscilla Case, Chuck & Marie Esau,** and **Harmon & Dorothy Rimmer** produced Class chatter and exaggeration. Ralph points out that the Cases, in addition to traveling all over the U.S., have sold their Key Biscayne condo and are moving to Jupiter, FL, just a few miles to the south of the Osborns.

From **Len & Doris Orman**, we have the results of a good deal of correspondence and bustling about the countryside. Len began, "When I wrote to **Wendell Sell** about the time of our 25 yr book, I asked him about his ret plans; he responded, 'Never!' He may have wavered once or twice since that time, but, after a recent visit with the Sells in Malibu, I can attest that for the present at least, he's anything but ret. He's just taken over the presidency of another company—Compact Video—in addition to being chairman of the board of a second and a director of a third. He also serves on the board of Pepperdine Coll, is chairman of the Falconnaire Board of USAFA and is on the board of trustees at USMA. Wendell had told me he was going to cut down on housekeeping by getting rid of the plants and pets. However, at Malibu I found 3 German shepherds, a cat, and innumerable fruit trees and plants."

Len went on, "In L.A., I also talked with **Fat John Coontz**, who is recovering nicely from a recent operation. In addition to Coontz and Sell, there are about 14 other classmates in the L.A. area. I talked with **Bryce Denno** in San Diego; he plays golf regularly with **Lee Bell.** Bryce said that **Eben Swift** was coming in the next day to leave on one of his Navy cruises, where he teaches while at sea. I understand that **Frankie Devlin** now does the same thing on the Atlantic coast. This means that, between the two of them, they'll ultimately get the entire US Navy properly educated."

"We had dinner in Tucson," Len continued, "with **Bob & Ginny Strong,** who look particularly well. In El Paso, we saw **John & Edie O'Keefe** and **Jake & Rosemary Taylor.** John & Jake are both still teaching but Jake is now down to but one class a day. **Dick & Annette Cassidy** and **Lanny & Nora Witt** had a drink with us, while we talked about Dick's big real estate operations. On our way back to Pueblo, we called **Sam Goodwin** at his Crossed Sabers Ranch near Albuquerque to verify that he is still performing as a proper gentleman rancher."

By way of underlining Len's report, **Sam & Kiki Goodwin** wrote from the Crossed Saber. Sam explained, "My work force is temporarily augmented by a local high school student on 'spring break,' so that I'm relieved of fatigue detail today." Sam bemoaned the lack of local Class activity, but did expect a strong turnout at the 20 Mar Founders' Day Dinner in Albuquerque from among the stalwarts of the area: **Addington, Fate, Goodwin, Kenney, McKenzie, P.J. Moore, O'Brien, O'Bryan,** and **Rogers.**

The Founders' Day dinner in the DC area continues to be a stag affair because of the large number of grads hereabouts. Some 600 old grads gathered at the Bolling AFB Club to hear the Supe tell us that USMA is going and growing. Fifteen of the

1940: Symroski and Kent.

Class were present to note that **Woodie Vaughan** is now the VP of the WP Society of DC.

From Williamsburg, VA, **Mac & Sally Lemley** wrote, "Our Founders' Day celebration at Ft Eustis was dignified by the presence of **Dick & Pauline Belt, Butch & Ruth Epley, Gene Strock,** and we two Lemleys. Gene reports that her young Carl, a product of the WP of the South, has been selected from the secondary zone for promotion to Army MAJ. Dick Belt continues to work with the VA Employment Comm, trying to keep all deserving Virginians in the Norfolk area on the job. Butch & Ruth are still teaching. Gene puts out a shopping guide in Hampton. No special news with the Lemleys, other than the arrival of grandchild number 4 in the middle of a Jan snowstorm. Our podunk, the VA Gazette, published since 1736, has recently featured **Jimmy & Dottie Strauss** in their successful efforts to keep the leading Williamsburg art gallery alive and well.

Walt & Alice Winton wrote from Great Barrington, MA that they have wintered well and that son Hal, USMA '64, and his family spent Christmas with them en route to the CGSC faculty at Ft Leavenworth. Walt & Alice planned to be at WP at the end of Apr to attend the reunion of the C-47 Club, the WW II contingent of 82d Abn Div veterans.

From Satellite Beach, FL, **Ed Wynne** says that **Pink & Genevieve Minor** arrived for a 3 mo stay just after Christmas. This led, Ed reports, to a micro-reunion at the Wynn's which also included **Frank Colacicco, Harmon Rimmer,** and **Bill Roedy.** Seems that **Jack Dibble** couldn't make it for dinner, but made up for it by taking Pink out for a round of FL golf the next day (while it was 5 below here in DC).

Turns out that **Dick & Marnie Kent** made one of those FL tours in which the traveler compares the climate with that at home, finds the home team just a bit behind, and then wonders if there isn't a way of having the best of both worlds. While they were investigating this possibility near Sannibel

1940: Swank, Bawlby, Taffey, Dixon, and Alexander.

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1940: The Watrouses, McCartans and Phillips.

Island, they looked up **Len Symroski** at nearby Fort Myer Beach. They report him to be fit, as tanned as a beachboy, and anxious to catch up on news of the Class. We therefore look forward to seeing him at Hilton Head at the 42.5th.

And, speaking of beachboys, **Phil & Chic Elliott** wrote from Pelican Point, "While the rest of the country shivers and shudders in a very cold winter, the FL Keys are enjoying an unusually warm season. I have reconnoitered thoroughly that portion of the Keys southwest of Sugarloaf, where we live, down through Key West and on out to the Marquesas Is and have found no classmates. It is true that **Bob & Daisy Warren** have a home a few miles to the north of us. Nevertheless, just to keep the Guinness record book straight, the Elliotts lay claim to being the southernmost representatives of '40 in CONUS."

Bert & Jean Lane went visiting in CO, stopping long enough to see **Paul & Rita Phillips** at their magnificent house on the hill (if 9500 ft can be considered a hill). The location provides them ample cross-country skiing during the non-summer months, which are extensive, since nearby Fraser has the deserved title of "icebox of the nation." From time to time, Paul still comes back to DC on a consultant basis and manages to make a periodic offspring inventory in their 2 daus' families in nearby MD.

Bill Bennett has evolved a novel style of communication. He doesn't just write—he sends me entire issues of the Highland Falls paper, annotated with comments about his home town and its influence on USMA. He keeps track of both the post and the town doings. For example, Bill commented on the recently authorized cadet "walking privileges" in Highland Falls, noting that such liberties about 45 yrs ago would have permitted his roommate **Howie Penney** much more time to develop his qualifications as Chowhound (4, 3, 2, 1). Again, in noting an item on the history of Constitution Is, Bill was reminded of **Hank Norman's** skin for "Losing himself on picnic, thereby missing the boat."

On to Hilton Head and the tiddlywinks tournament!

'41

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We have been in Deutschland long enough to learn the difference between Pils and Export but not long enough to remember that the bathroom light switch is not in the bathroom. **Jack** and **Muriel Christensen** turned over an impeccable set of quarters to us, and conducted a chilly but spectacular tour down the Mosel where Jack and I were almost overrun by a troup of female devils during a Fasching parade. They are now on a Eurail tour that will lead to all of the best wines on the continent, and after their 31 day adventure we'll get a full debriefing before they return to CA.

What a thrill it was to go to the largest Founders Day gathering in the world—800 strong at the Patrick Henry Club, Heidelberg. Jack Forrest '49 was host; the dinner and program impeccable. Andy Goodpaster's talk should be printed verbatum in ASSEMBLY for all to read. He recited in detail his experience as Supe and the changes that were made. You had the feeling that it was like surgery being performed by a team of the nation's best surgeons. And you had a very comfortable feeling that West Point today is stronger than ever.

1941: The Trimbles: Founders Day Fort Jackson.

A letter from President Jack Norton reports plans for a meeting of the new officers and a request for distribution of more copies of the Brochure. **GeorgeMcIntyre** has them for anyone interested.

Joe Reed sent a clip from the Potomac Almanac reporting the smashing success of **Trudie Ball's** Empress Restaurant on Vermont Ave in DC. Son, Peter **Ball,** has taken over management, but Trudy is still active and reported that when Kissinger returned from China, he said, "Your duck is better than the one I ate in Peking."

A letter from Gen Jim Cooney in Atlanta said thanks for the brochure and added, "I can think of no greater honor than to be an Honorary Member of the Class of 1941. I assure you that I will wear the Gold Cap with pride and dignity."

Potter Campbell sent a pic that was rejected by the camera—underexposed—the snow was focus—high as he was launching across the lake on cross country skis to fetch the mail. They spent a couple of weeks in Aruba in Feb, trusting that the Dutch keep their natives happier than others they'd seen in Bermuda and the Bahamas. Said Pots, "Our post-reunion losses were a shocker, but I'm sure that all of us (like me) have a 23 year old inside; it's just the outside that looks a little saggier—right??"

Barnie & Betty Woodruffs' Christmas Card, having fought its way through the decrepit Army Postal system to us in Worms said, "Our move to Monument seems to be stalled due to the depressed housing market, so we'll have to wait it out." And **Joe** and **Betty Knowlton's** card reached us despite a notation

1941: Meyer and Clifford.

over the address, "No Record—Return to Sender." Joe reported a mini in Oct to toast visitors **Hope** and **Cocky Cochran** (who incidentally, joined a great Xmas party at the Spillers just before we left). **Steve & Tilla Plume, Ted & Frances deSaussure** and **Joe & Betty** laid on the Tryon special for Hope and Gourmet Cook Cocky. Joe suggested an appropriate headline on the sports pages in early Dec should have read, "Army beats Navy, 3 to 3." And George Grant '42 wrote for **Bud Thompson's** address in quest of tapes of the "Hell Cats."

The pix of the handsome couple was taken on 5 Dec at the **Troup** wedding. The Colo Spr/Denver contingent was present at full strength to welcome the beautiful bride and happy groom. Alma, bless her heart, has had two more tours through surgery—first for a tear duct problem which she says resulted in a "fantastic job by the surgeon" and second for a foot problem which she says went well. Those who know and love her would have to say that pound-for-pound **Alma Troup** is the champ for grit and cheerfulness in the face of adversity. **Dave** and **Mary Gauvreau** toured Cancun in Mar, and **Tom & Jean Corbin** were "lapping up" the fabulous ski season this year in CO. And **John Henschke** finally "took the leap" and retired from Martin Denver. After a trip to Las Vegas and CA to see daughter, Joan, John and Dottie joined the USC gang and started teaching his first course at Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune.

Incidentally, and I'll not burden you with that word again, the Master Course Schedule for USC for '82 has 5 '41ers listed: **Ascani**

1941: The Andrus' with friends, Founders Day Heidelberg.

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1941: Stephen and Catherine Troup.

in the Pentagon; **Henschke, Andrus** and **Christensen** as noted above and **Strain** who will teach in Frankfurt/Wiesbaden from Sept through Xmas.

Jack Camp reported the Xmas party a huge success. **Hilda Fitzpatrick** wrote to report that Fitz died of cancer and that she'd appreciate any input on Fitz's cadet days for the obituary. I told her to write **Walt Mullane**, but I'm sure if any of you have input she'd be delighted. Write her at 69 Broms Point, Hilton Head Isle, GA 29926. And sadly I must report another casualty. **Mickey Moore** died of cancer on 1 Mar after a long and valiant fight. **Mary Ann** can be reached at 606 S. Palm Ave; Indialantic FL 32903. **Margaret Willes** wrote a note of appreciation re the brochure. And an interesting note arrived from **Charles Lee**, son of Lynn and Bena stating that the Sierra Point Development Co, of which Lynn is Proj Mgr, is going great. The 350 million dollar office park five miles south of SF will include a marina, 2 hotels and office space for 10,000 people. **Denis** and **Luci Grace** continue to travel in their fascinating job for the Port of New Orleans where Denis is Dpty Port Dir. Having returned from South Africa in Jan they are off to Chile and Argentina where they plan a weekend in Pucon with the **O'Connors**. "We believe this will be the farthest South mini-reunion ever." The AOG reported that BG Hume Peabody '15s long serving scribe has had to retire from his duties because of ill health. Hope some of you who knew Hume Jr. will get his address from the Directory and write the General; he'd appreciate it.

1941: Weinprobers in Bernkastel am Mosel.

Dort Rastetter wrote to say that she is hanging in there. She spent a week in Hawaii with son, John, than the Xmas holidays in CA with daughter, Jean and family. After surviving the OH blizzard she headed for NC and FL to see the other two daughters. **Wray White** sent a brochure on "The Art of Negotiating" which included an endorsement by **Ed Rowny** on the usefulness of the 'need theory' in SALT negotiations. Wray observed re the Brochure, "Perhaps the most surprising to me was the pix of young **Tom McDaniel**. Initially I thought it was a photo of his father as a cadet." **Pooge Curtis** reports a visit to **Mike Cochran** in Feb following a Super Bowl mini with **Gregg & Mickey McKee** and **Felix** and **Doris Gerace**. This may be a previ but he didn't tell me to keep it secret so I'll report that Pooge is planning to marry this summer—her name is Doris and she has got to be a patient woman and one who is very tolerant of bawdy songs.

We are enjoying die essen (or is it das essen)? You forget that being on an autobahn is like the first time you made an IFR approach to a busy international airport. But when you are only hours from the beautiful slopes of St. Moritz with an apres ski racrette, and when you are working with the great young men and women who officer the Army and the Air Force of today, and when you have a Betamax bringing your grandchildren right into your living room you have much to be thankful for. Aufwiedersehen and let's have a mini in Colorado this fall when the beautiful Aspen turn to gold!

'42

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The thrill of victory—seeing the latest Class column in print—turns into agony with the realization that the next one is due within the month!

We of DC have just enjoyed a classy Founders' Day—we being **Allin Bringham, Bob Claggett, Ely, FlorCruz, Hanst, Mizell, Raymond, Reid, Russell, Sheffey, Sitterson, Terry, Ulsaker, Watson, Westenhoff** and visitor **Roger Barnes**, considerably better rep than we've been having. Roger had been under the weather for some time but looked in fine fettle. **Bob Offley** scratched because of a losing battle with a bug (his story). Some suggested that he'd overdone celebrating his sister's recent wedding in San Antone. He does admit some close encounters with a few of the '42 reps there.

Our Jan bisexual luncheon brought a goodly number out of hibernation, including **Virginia & Wyley Baxter**, who came up to haze the **Hamiltons**. **John Westenhoff** has been coordinating for so long that we take his good job for granted.

Ditto for **Jeff Davis** and our dinner-dances, the latest at Arlington Hall being another big success. **Pete FlorCruz** was thoughty enough to take some black and white pix, only to have the finisher do a lousy job. Pete says that he was told that Kodak is trying to squash B&W, and most of the results would seem proof enough! What say you to that, oh Editor?!?! **Bob Offley**'s music had us swingin' and stompin'—although the new tapes to replace the ones that were "too fast" had "too many breaks" (added by request) or "too many slow numbers" (ditto)!

A reminder to all military retirees who are not in the Survivor Benefit Plan or in for less than the maximum—the present "open enrollment" ends 30 Sep. You are unique if you should not be in the program all the way. Write me if you have questions.

1942: Dimi, Fly, Juanita—indeed Happy Hour!

Hutzpah is the word for **Ted & Millie Marks** . . . a Valentine update on the family instead of Xmas cards! Their excuse—a Xmas visit in HI with son Jim and family —CPT, USA. Note that the kids were too smart to be a part of the pictorial evidence. Peggy and family at C&GSC; Trey and spouse in Philadelphia.

Tom Rienzi reported on the **Marks'** visit as well as the **Farringtons'** and **Mizells'**. Says he is confident that he and **Jim Studer** feel capable of interceding for '42 at Reunion. (Their skill and experience is growing while our ability to get in trouble declines!)

A Feb card from the **Ryders** in Snowmass, CO—obviously written under heavy sedation. Bud won a gold and bronze medal in TX Ski Week competition. I wonder if the competition was on the slopes?

Jeff Davis tells me that the **Johnsons** spent part of their holidays with their daughter and family in Potomac. Roy is supposedly phasing out his business activities and pointing at ret. Jeff also had a few pithy comments in a letter to the editor regarding the decision of a judge in a rape case that the victim was not "in fear of serious physical injury" despite being dragged into a woods and having her clothes ripped off.

Bob Rawls says they're in training for the 40th.

Charlie & Lee Mizell celebrated their 36th with a trip to HI. A brief visit with the **Rienzis** and a telcon with Poncho the only interruptions to a heavy schedule of tennis, sunning, sight-seeing, food and total enjoyment of the Hale Koa. Charlie says for all to get on their Congresspersons' backs if the

1942: Jeff, Bobbie, George—two talkers, one listener!

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1942: She **knows** that one of them will buy another round!

threat to dispose of it gains ground. They had had a visit with the **Colladays** en route in order to better appreciate the quiet and restfulness of HI.

Frank Koisch allowed as how his Xmas Newsletter reached him on 17 Dec so he sent back a belated Happy New Year. Serves him right for making all that money in far away places.

The local press authenticated **George Allin's** tale of woe about cruising Arlington at 4:00 a.m.—not for reasons of yore—but in order to tell the Supt of Schools whether the snow of the moment is serious enough to dictate cancellation of school that day.

Doowillie Divers has ret from the VA school sys to the comfort of 14426 Arrowhead Court, Sun City, AZ 85351.

Also ret is **Marion Ladd**, to 417 East Kiowa, Apt. 906, Colo Spgs, CO 80903. I hope that you locals will track her down and get her into the swing of things.

Another of the CO contingent, **Bill Seifert**, just checked in on the unhappy mission of helping to pull things together following the sudden death of his sister, wife of E. J. Peterson of '24.

A phone call from the **Grimshaws** in anticipation of an escape from Detroit's snow to the sunshine of Puerto Rico. They couldn't find the **Corcorans** and needed some guidance. Barbara volunteered to hustle on down and make a survey—but I vetoed. No word from Duke and June since!

Yes, Virginia, there is a **Jack Deane**! He called the office a few weeks ago and then showed up at the Mar luncheon, blaming intl travel for his poor record. Rather than get your name in print because of a rare appearance, why not some news for the column, Jack?

Polly & Fran Roberts dropped in for some personal business, and he recruited yours truly for some help with the TROA Widows' Trust Fund. Now comes word that Fran is seeking a replacement for his USMA spot on the Board of the TD Club of America (NYC).

Carl Ulsaker faked some USPS business in Chicago in order to have a visit with the **Brughs**! He has been faithful in his attendance as our Reunion year rep on the Board of Trustees, AOG, and thoughtful enough to bring Pat along. Had a brief visit with **Ec & Ginger Cutler** during the last meeting.

Fred Rosell had a phone conversation with **Jim Vivian** while on a western swing.

I thought I was needling **Frank Clay** when I suggested that as our new leader, he represent us in extending greetings to COL Carey Brown '10, our Class "father," on his 96th birthday. It turns out to be no chore since the **Browns** and senior **Clays** were friends of long-standing. Even better, Frank can hardly forget because his mother's birthday is the same day.

One more hearty pat on the back for **Al Hunter** and to you respondents out there. I'll be kind to the editor and not list your names. Suffice it to say that Al has at least one volunteer to work on each of the 52 deceased classmates not memorialized in ASSEMBLY. His intensive efforts began to show with the write-ups for **Tommy Arms** and **Carey Brown** in the latest issue. Carey's dad wrote an appreciative and approving thank-you to **Jeff Davis** for his work. **Bill Garland** was the final volunteer, and I hope that my recent receipt of his Xmas input is not indicative. Bill, if you'd held off just a bit longer, you could have been first in '82!

Among the fringe benefits were finding **Dorsey Parker's** widow, Mrs. Luke T. Smith, 2160 Addison, Houston, TX, 77030, and **Jack Pryor's** widow, Mrs. Josephine W. Wood, 3608 Bellaire Dr N., Ft Worth, TX 76109. Also, the loveliest of letters from **Mary Dunlap** (Mrs. Hudson), Bill Guckeyson's widow, at 3915 Southwestern, Dallas, TX 75225, in response to my request that she add a personal touch or two to **Jim Studer's** obit for Bill. I hope that anyone in range will try to maintain contact with these gals that we have not really done well by.

1942: Fruitcakes behind the fruit!

Finally, **Chief Lumpkin** is in need of information as to where **Johnny Ford** went to Primary Flight Training. He advises that John's widow, Mary Frances Morrison remarried and died some years ago. Does anyone know the name of her second husband and the date of her death?

J. Reid is rummaging in his basement these days and came up with a poem—another unknown—written in conjunction with Memorial Services in 48 for **Al Lawler** and his brother Jack. Whodunit? Johnny also sent a copy of a 5 May 42 address to us by LTG McNair. Most interesting.

Joe Cannon remembered again and reported that six of our 10 San Fran Society members attended their Founders Day dinner. Would that we in DC could do as well. Maybe it's because they include the ladies! Joe and **Jack Colladay** (his host for the night) were joined by **Crowley, John & Camille Finney, Sam & Betty Hays** and **Sid & Grace Young**.

Next comes the scintillating report on the 40th. Woe unto you who fail to show—but I'll tell you about it anyhow!

JAN '43

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As reflected in the photos that appear in this column, there were a number of celebrations of the 39th anniversary of June-in-January graduation exercises in old Central Area and the Field House. According to **Mitch Goldenthal**, the following members of our San Antonio contingent celebrated the occasion at the Ft Sam Houston O Club: **Dan/Garnet Bogan, Tim Brown, Jack/Myrl Daye, Mitch/Helen Goldenthal, Bob/Pat Hillman, Warren/Kathleen Lane, Bill/Mary Dee Starnes, Bill/Marilyn Stewart, Dana/Betty Stewart, George/Kay Sykes** and **Gene/Irma Wink**. Toastmaster for the occasion was none other than USAA plenipotentiary, **Jack Daye**. From Los Angeles, **Barbara Barger**, who claims that she's "working her tail feathers off at the bloodmobiles" collecting blood for us Easterners, reported a gathering of the clan on our 39th at the **George Youngs**. A note from **Vic Cherbak** indicated that he and Regina were unable to attend this gathering because Regina was too ill, but he thanks all of you West Coast classmates for the "get-well-soon" card sent to Regina.

Jan '43: Daye and Brown celebrate in San Antonio.

Meanwhile, here in the Washington area, some 52 classmates/wives/friends assembled at Andrews AFB for an evening of wining, dining, dancing and story-telling with our new Class President, B-Ball **Harrington**, presiding. Out-of-towners included **Jim/Joe Hackler** from Myrtle Beach, SC, **Tom/Ann Flatley** from the vicinity of Carlisle, PA and the perennial **Buck/Madge Stahle** from Gettysburg, PA. During the period of toasts and announcements, **Buck Stahle** invited everyone to come up to Gettysburg for a mini-reunion in the spring. Subsequently, with the able

Jan '43: More of our San Antonio Contingent: Starnes and Sykes.

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Jan '43: Aleveras and Porter celebrate in Los Angeles.

assistance of **Joe Benson**, flyers were sent to all members of the clan in the Washington area inviting them to join the **Stahls** for a Gettys-Away Weekend" on May 14-16. Highlights of the weekend are scheduled to include tours of the battlegrounds and Eisenhower Farm and happy hour with sing along Charlie" at the Holiday Inn. We'll have an after-action report (with photos) on the "Gettys-Away Weekend," as well as the mini-reunion in San Antonio on April 30-May 2, in the next edition of our Class Notes.

Thanks to the "catch-them-the-weekend-before tactics" of **Frank Shaw**, some 30 classmates met at the ANCC for our annual spring business luncheon on March 16. Among the "not-so-often-seen" members present were **Clarence Davenport, Jack Schaffer, Ed Sheley** and **Buck Stahle**, who came down from Gettysburg again to promote his "Gettys-Away Weekend." During the course of the business meeting,

Jan '43: California contingent: Aleverases, Fishels, Youngs, Porters and Peggy Meyer.

● **B-Ball Harrington** provided a status report on the memorial gift that we are presenting to the Academy during our 40th reunion in '83 (i.e., beautification improvements to our 1968 fountain memorial on Trophy Point),

● **Charlie Heltzel**, our Class Treasurer, announced that he will be pleased to accept checks in any denomination for the foregoing memorial gift—just address them to Charles L.

Jan '43: California hosts, the Youngs, with the Hehns.

Heltzel, Class Treasurer, 6365 Waterway Drive, Falls Church, VA 22044; and

● **Bob Baden**, our Accommodations Chairman, reported that some 92 classmates/wives have already indicated that they are planning to attend our 40th reunion in 1983 and most of them will require accommodations at Bear Mountain Inn (our headquarters) or elsewhere—if the demand exceeds the supply.

Classmates present and accounted for at this year's Founders Day festivities at Bolling AFB included **Bob Baden, Ed Bennett, Frank Camm, Bob Cook, Jim Frankosky, B-Ball Harrington, Charlie Heltzel, Fred King, Bill Knowlton, John Norris, George Rebh, Darrie Richards**, and **Fred Spann**. Highlights of the evening included the keynote address by Willard Scott (Supt USMA) and presentation of the **Benjamin F. Castle** Award for outstanding civilian achievements to Walter B. Russell, Jr. (USMA '51) by our own **Frank Camm**, the new President of the West Point Society of D.C.

Jan '43: Irene Norris, Ruth Cook, Day Armstrong and Nancy Benson in DC.

In other news from here and there,

● **Ben Edwards** advised me that he has "switched horses" in Saudi Arabia and is now with Northrop as the Mission Manager at Dhahran. According to Ben, it's a "better job with better pay and perks" and he's "back with airplanes" (i.e., F-5s). By way of illustration, he and Jane Anne will be taking a 2-week Mediterranean cruise in June, and subsequently, will be returning to the States for a 30-day home leave in Dec/Jan. Ben's new address in Saudi Arabia is Northrop 259, Box R, APO New York 09616.

● **John Van Duyn** explained that he is what-is-called a sales engineer with W. H. Platts Co.—a closed circuit TV organization in Charlotte, NC. According to John, he retained enough from our old "juice classes to talk to the real engineers in the field."

● **Bob/Tish Kurtz** were featured in the Salisbury, MD **Daily Times** as the happy builders of their own contemporary-style vacation retreat and retirement home on the edge of the Nassawango Forest and Mt. Olive Branch Creek, MD. Interestingly enough, they obtained the plans for their "dream house" through the "House of the Week" column in the **Daily Times.** Bob is still the Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Princess Anne, while Tish serves as the Dir of the Sussex County Commission on Aging.

● **Dee Armstrong** is in the process of completing a challenging study on the further reorganization of the U.S. Postal System—particularly in metropolitan areas. The study is actually being conducted by the Natl Academy of Public Admin, of which Dee is a Sr Rsch Associate.

● The winter of 1982 issue of the **Strategic Review** contained an article by **Duke Kane** on "Anti-Satellite Systems and U.S. Options" —an area in which Duke is an expert at TRW.

Jan '43: Grimm and Flatley at Andrews AFB, Maryland.

● The February 22 edition of the **Army Times** highlighted **Bob McDermott** in its "Focus on People" supplement.

● **Fred King** was "up to his ears" in helping the Gov of MO prepare a budget that would keep his constituents happy by having "something for everyone."

● **Pappy Doyle** stated emphatically that he doesn't know where **George Kinney** is now. As he recalls, he and Jane saw George in town one day some time ago, at which time George said that he was coming over to see them. They thought that meant right now, so "they rushed home to straighten everything up. Almost to the day three years later, George came wheeling up in his fancy sports car acting like he was 15 minutes early." As Pappy remarked, "he was glad that he didn't wait for George in the driveway."

● We congratulate **Joe Conmy** on his nomination to the Infantry Hall of Fame at Ft Benning. Joe is a three-time winner of the Combat Inf Badge. He is also a "multi-grandfather"—his latest entry being John D. Conmy, Jr., who was born in Cumberland, MD on 27 Dec. In this context, we were delighted to become grandparents for the first time with the arrival of Christine Minckler Wall on 23 Mar—and to think that some of our classmates already have grandchildren in high school.

Jan '43: "Like father, like son"—Harrington with his USAFA sons, Richard and Douglas.

● There appear to have been a few "snow birds" visiting Mexico from the Washington area this past winter, to include **Adrian/-Penny St. John**, who visited Puerto Vallarta where their son is involved in developing condominiums; **Ed/Dottie Bennett**, who enjoyed golfing at the lush course of the Princess and Pierre Marques Hotels "over the hill" from Acapulco; and your scribe and wife, who stayed on the beach in Acapulco and enjoyed the view and ever-changing parade.

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● **Darrie/Pat Richards** reported that they had a marvelous time visiting Egypt and southern England—in particular, such charming towns as Bath.

Finally, we commiserate with all of you who have recently suffered the loss of one or more parents—as **Jack Armstrong** did when his mother, "Nanny," died on February 14 and was buried in Arlington Cemetery and as I did again with the passing of my mother, Jane, on February 5, some 90 days after the death of my father. Both are buried in the family (Williams) cemetery in Wales, Wisconsin.

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ONWARD, EVER ONWARD. By the time you read this another June Week will be upon us and that heralds the countdown for the Big Fortieth so from now on think reunion and make plans accordingly. Sure and we've just had a grand St Patrick's Day, green beer and all tempered somewhat by jalopenos and barbeque. Yours truly appeared locally as the official leprechaun and many others, appropriately, turned green with envy. Comes in the mail news from **Bob Mattox** relating that he and **Vivian** received hospitality from **Jim & Jane Walker** at their Merritt Is home on Cape Canaveral. Jim whose virtues and nautical business acumen have been stated before is now in the process of selling his Indian Harbor Marina. Bob went on to say that he and Jim took on two Jan 43 neophytes at the Patrick AFB links, and like Caesar, came away victorious. I hope that you who read this will note that of the many self-professed golfers in our class none will mention his handicap. Very interesting.

Jun '43: Dan'l Flannel.

UNUSUAL, MR RIPLEY, UNUSUAL. In perusing the ASSEMBLY I came across a one in a million oddity: On p68 of the Mar issue we have a pic of **Forrester,** formerly **Ernie Boruski,** grinning and holding aloft a fish of sizeable proportion. On p81, same issue, there is a pic of a Gerald Boruski, ex-cadet, who likewise is holding aloft a catch of fish and grinning.

THE TRAVELIN' TWOSOME AWARD goes to **Jane & Jesse Fishback.** After the sad loss of dau Josie they drove from TN to FL and thence to CA where they flew to HI for a reunion with their eldest, John. After a month in the Islands they returned to the mainland, retrieved their wheels and motored up to Olympia, WA to look in on Jane's 92-year old mother. Now all this travelling was not just to see the sights but to look in on classmates and friends. Herewith I present excerpts from their log: Lunched with **Jan & Rollo Brandt** at Jekyl Is, GA; RON-ed with **Clare Farley's** eldest, LCol Patrick in El Paso and while in that city called the **Alexanders** and talked to Jane, Dr. George just finishing his residency as an anesthesiologist, and gleaned from them the info that **Don Mehrtens** has re-married but details are lacking. In the Islands they had a Mongolian (?) buffet with the **Cantlays** and later raised a glass at the **Ben Cassidays**

Jun '43: Roos in Egypt, February 1982.

who were honoring **Deke Childs.** Touched base with **Cathy Falck** for a status report on **Bill** who is undergoing Radiation and chemotherapy. Talked briefly with Bill who subsequently transferred from FL to LA, CA to continue treatment. Our best wishes, Bill. In CA they stayed briefly with **Dave & Audrey Chamberlain** at their farm cottage near Pasadena although they are currently building on a hillside above to produce what Audrey calls a "real" home. Young John Fishback was present at this affair since he has signed on for a Saudi Arabian tour for Dave's company. The Fishbacks visited 3 days with the **Farleys** and saw **Dave Galas' & Patsy** while there. Both going and coming they knocked on **Don & Marjorie Warburton's** door and found them well. Although they tried to find the **Jim Betts** they were not at home but did pass on their new address: 802 W. Calle de Regalo, Green Valley, AZ 85614. Overnighted in Las Cruces and dined with **Nancy & Warren Rogers** and finally checked in with **Wanda & John Bell** when they unsaddled back in TN. A note from Jesse: "When we visited nieces and nephews and met many of their offspring, we felt rather ancient. The former are mostly middle-aged now, and the latter treated us with the affection that seemed spontaneously warm but reserved for gray-haired oldsters." Let's hope the trip worked its magic for you two; we all wish it.

Jun '43: Charlie Reed (L).

Jun '43: Rocky Rhoads in Alaska.

You all tired and sleepy, too
I don't want you but the major do
You lie there in that government bunk
Eatin' good government chow and callin' it junk
Leggo that clock and grab yo' sock
It's gettin' on towards six o'clock
Benny, the Bugler
Popolopen, '41

Brief notes from **Al Ellis** and **Van Van Auken** to warn us they will be at Reunion in '83. **Ned Burr** (husband of charming Nikki) avers that a second career with the Mitre Corp only brings on leanings towards goin' fishin'. **Burr** see **Forrester,** he'll send you pictures. Sahib **Bill Roos** documented a Feb '82 visit to Egypt with a photo of he with Sphinx and a pyramid in the background. If you look closely you can see that the Sphinx holds an edge on erosion.

Jun '43: The Rogers and Bawleys.

AMONG THE LITERATI. **Will Cover** insured that I saw two special book reviews carried in **The Retired Officer,** one previously covered, that of **Nancy Rundell** called "Iran: Front Row Balcony"; and the other a collaborative work by our own **Charley Pence** and Dr Eugene Petersen entitled "Ordeal in the Vosges," an account of the 275th Inf, 70th Div in WWII. Another work of a sort is a roster of DC classmates prepared by **Bill Malone** and forwarded by Willie. What is interesting here is that there is an appendix outlining a communications system to alert all to disasters and the like. If you will hark back to an earlier issue wherein it was recounted the attendance at one of the **Rogers-Morris** quarterly luncheon briefs for 43-ers. At that time I mentioned that the sudden influx of a civilian clothed but obviously military group into the offices of the **Chief** of Staff and Chief Engineer of the Army must have given the security people fits. Well, here it is, folks—the muster system revealed. Can't you just see on some fog-shrouded evening 3 suspicious-looking char-

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Jun '43: Morris and Ray.

acters in slouch hats, with coat collars turned up, energing onto the streets, stepping into dimly lighted phone booths, looking left and right before simultaneously dropping coins into the receptacle. Shortly thereafter 9 look-alikes repeat this performance, then 27, and before you know it all 56 of the class will be bumping around in the fog—LOST! The roster includes some 20 or more who are outside the area code but live between the Jerseys and the Carolinas. Should you want a copy for reference write **Malone's** Swift Answering Service.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: **Jon Vordermark's** son, Army Dr (Urology) and Citadel grad, is soon to be on his way to England in an Army sponsored exchange program in his specialty. And **Charlie Reed,** Downeaster, sent along a pic of him acting in his official capacity as AAG of the State of ME NG. He allowed as how he was running B. **Rogers** neck and neck for last active duty honors altho he plans to hang it up in '83. Maybe oldest living grad! The Reeds live in the thriving (577) poetic metropolis of Wayne, Maine where five cars waiting for a light to change is considered a traffic jam.

OUTSIDE THE FORTY-EIGHT: First comes a stray pack animal bearing Alaskan license plates and a note tied to its saddle that purports to come from **Rocky Rhoads** now a senior transportation planner for Louis Berger & Assoc working out of the Alaskan Regional Ofc. On his off time he saddles up and takes interested parties into the boonies. The pic you see shows him wearing chaps and a beard that rivals that of "Mountain Man" **Langstaff.** The locale is Denoli Nat'l Park. Next is a formal portrait of the **B. Rogers'** and the **John Bowleys** who were visiting SACEUR after a family visit with their CPT son and family in Izmir. In addition to Belgium and Turkey the Bowleys saw much of Europe before returning to DeLand, FL and reacquaintances with the **Jim Walkers** and brother **Freeman Bowley.** Marge said she heard from **Ann Thompson** describing hers and George's turmoil surrounding their son's wedding. And finally another note from **Charlie Reed** with a strange photo of the former Headcastle **Morris** and NFL Comptroller **Bill "Mutt" Ray** discussing a proposal of the latter for the CE to build a series of domed stadia (Charlie's word) throughout the Far East to be modeled after the hats the two gentlemen are wearing. With that it's time to strike tents. Dan'l Flannel

'44

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The first full day of Printemps, Fruhling & Spring! But only the calendar knows; only the willows and crocuses shyly dare. We're 3 weeks late as Washington prepares for another Cherry Blossom(less) Festival with bored lieutenants detailed to escort the fair blue-chilled maidens.

1944: January Luncheon—Eisenhower and Ott.

The all-male photos record our January lunch attended by the honorable among us who stay home and pay their bills. Some of us who live on float stole, indeed, away to meet young'uns, drive through a blizzard, ski and drop in on **Betty Wear,** my each-reunion tennis partner and her husband. George, I think the name is. Certainly, their town is in some of Colo's most spectacular scenery, which George is diligently undermining for coking coal. Shipping it by the trainload, he is manfully trying to restore our trade balance with Japan. All of us tippi-toed through the sub-zero snowdrifts to par-boil in their natural Glenwood Hot Springs. Too bad the iron-laden water doesn't concentrate and precipitate selectively for those of us approaching 60, did you say?

The string on the Administrator of the Panama Canal Commission is fairly short; in fact he's closer to Washington than is **Clark Kennedy** in Kingman, AZ. So he gets back and forth now and again. The best photo here is from a recent **Blanchard** party for the **McAuliffes.** Via **Jack Peterson,** I was pleased to learn, belatedly (natch), of the marriage of two people whom I have much admired over the years: Harriet Black to John McLucas, who was my last Secretary of the Air Force. All good wishes to both! The Blanchards & Petersons also kept up for a week with the hospitality of **Randy & Becky Cary** on Seabrook Island, SC.

Dottie & Johnny Moore celebrated their eleventh Christmas on Guam, barely surviving a local move, after 10 years, to a new home on Tumon Bay. Johnny is still head master of St. John's Episcopal School, and got a new assistant priest and a promotion to Canon for Missions this year. Young John (III) is manager of Guam's new airport which opened 20 Jan 82. Folks can talk all they wish about the bureaucracy of the Second Estate on Guam, but I know who's in

1944: Steger, Graves, Couper, Morrison and Hayman, liquid lunching.

charge. And she is a member of the First Estate, if ever there was one!

Don Carter has opened a new graphics & publishing business around DC. As long as he takes the advice of Eleanor, his resident financial advisor, look for a bright future!

In the literary corner, **Doug Kinnard's** book **The Secretary of Defense** gets two good reviews that I have encountered; **Al Norton's Theodore Roosevelt** examines T.R.'s literary products and their reflection of the man. Meanwhile **Ollie Patton's** Apple word processor is somewhere between simmer and steam, gestating another saddle-saga, his fifth, called **Western Wind.**

The prettiest portrait in the Washington Post this year? That of **Carolyn Forrest Ginsburgh,** with news of her betrothal to Francis Aeneas Grant-Suttie. Enchante!

Foul Feb weather was parted by a ray of sunshine when **Dottie McPherson** arrived from Orlando for a Presidential Prayer Breakfast and a few days in DC en route New York.

1944: Cowherd, Parson, Ott, Connell, McGuire.

The McPhersons had just returned from a Hawaii vacation where they checked in with the **Susotts.** Vogue & Madmoiselle would have fought for her when we met her for dinner one evening, where we updated our news of Richard the First, who stayed home to put out the smudge pots and save the trees, although the crop was lost from the effects of January's blighting freeze in FL. With son Rex installed as president of the firm, Dick has his whole act together. He and Dottie vacate Orlando May-Oct for their

1944: The Stasers, Founders Day Alaska.

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1944: Blanchards' party for McAuliffes with: Carters, Coopers, Maishes, Petersons, and John and Harriet (Black) McLucas.

summer home near Ashville, NC. That's not too far over to Mont Eagle, TN to check up on **Spike & Patty Geltz** and assorted golf courses.

A mutual friend in Monument, CO says **Gene Steffes** is keeping up his golf game.

The last luncheon I attended was at Ft Myer on 23 Feb. Had a good turnout. Memory serves that **Jack Cushman** was down from New York. Without the roster, I remember no other travelers.

I want to share: "From New England, yet! Sorry, but I just can't make the Apr luncheon, for a number of reasons. Hell, up here, Winter isn't even over yet. I'll probably be out moving snow; at least I'll still be cutting and splitting wood, maybe for next year! In fact, I learned in a hurry that there are only 2 seasons up here: (Winter (7 mos.) & Mud/Bug (5 mos.). And that's what I wanted for ret—a new kind of challenge.

"The area is rural—one day this winter I heard an unusual sound. Turned out to be a car trying to turn at foot of my drive—the 'road' ends there. The rest of the time I just hear the brooks flowing, trees sighing, or birds talking. But, you cannot expect too much activity when you have a population of 500 spread out over 36 sq. mi. I keep busy 'working the woods.'

"But, it is not all rural—if I want to visit the big city, a trip 15 mi north gets me to Newport (pop. 6000) and with all the modern conveniences! And, I keep the mind moving by doing a little Librarian work, taking Acid Rain measurements, and offering a little Accounting advice now and then.

"All that Pentagon training was useful: there is a saying up here, 'We only work half-time . . . 12 hours a day! All that Engr experience is coming home to roost also: I've winterized the cottage, built a shed for the car, shored up a bad foundation and am about to make my 300 foot driveway less susceptible to washing out each spring.

"For those who remember, the offspring Michael, Andrew, and Carla, are doing fine and use the place as a cost-free vacation site . . . as it should be."

Lyrics like that are to be shared. Thanks, **Charlie Davis**, of "Underwood" in NH.

Bill Steger ret from Treasury on 6 Mar and, at long last, agreed to move to the house which Mazzie bought in CA years ago. So, the last weekend in Mar, Bill and Mazzie opened their home, for the last time before placing it for sale, to a happy gang, recalled without benefit of roster: **Connell, Farris, Hall, Morrison, Murphy & Betty Lou Sampson** soloed to lead the groaning buffets: **Cutrona** (& friend), the **Graves, Haymans, Maishes, McGuires, Otts, Pattons, Petersons, Smiths, Sullivans,** and **Vittulos.**

The **Vittulos** were recently in Panama to check on the Administrator and his better half. The **Sullivans** are off to France in Apr for 2 weeks on the barge canals, followed by **Steve Farris** to see an Army daughter in Germany, and back to France for the summer, where in 78 he was accosted and surprised by the touring **Steigers** in Beaulieu-sur-Mer on the Cote d'Azur. We'll miss the **Stegers,** but are glad to hear from **Bill** that **Ed O'Donnell** is leaving the charms of CA and the Presidency of Parsons Engr to come back east. We hope they'll be near.

1944: The Rogers and the Heisses.

We were saddened to hear, though belatedly, of the death of **Ruth Rhodes** of cancer on 16 Nov 1979. Dusty recently wrote that she is buried at the Pensacola FL National Cemetery. Our sincere sympathy to Dusty and family.

Bob & Rusty Shoemaker report from Tallahassee FL where Bob has retired from FL St U into community volunteer work. They enjoy having both son and daughter in local business nearby. Glad to hear from one of our handsomest couples.

Contemplating the paucity of news reports from your scalawags, and comparing with some younger classes, I'm pleased: you are leading relatively healthy lives with longevity far better than the average of our age group. Although Father Time's clanging scythe is distracting now and again, I welcome the opportunity to move toward threescore-and-ten. How great to be of middle-age (and older), compared to the alternative!

John Sullivan plans to update our World Wide Roster on 20 June 82. If you have an address change, let us know here in DC. We'll publish a list of "lost" mates' addresses for your late Sept viewing. A potable prize from your Scribe for the largest number of "founds" by New Years '83!

Thinking about Reunion '84, I **know** I won't have a new car, but am seriously thinking of getting a new pair of tennis shorts. In fact, if I do not, I'll be the one with the purple face—from holding in my waistline. Here's to you, we'll miss ya til then, and hope to see you 'ere long. GSOYPA!

'45

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The manufacturing jeweler who made our Class rings, Herff-Jones, is no longer in business. But for those who need a replacement ring or a miniature hope is not lost. The original dies now are with Bailey, Banks and Biddle Co., Chestnut and 16th, Philadelphia, PA 19102. Costs go up and down with the gold prices, but a miniature was about $400 and a Class ring about $700 when **Jim Elkey** inquired in Mar.

Wilson Hurley's beautiful paintings were on Public TV. He was featured in one of a series of programs on American artists. His program was 9 Feb. Perhaps, for those of us that missed the program they will rebroadcast it later this year. Wilson's paintings are known for his perfection of detail and his subjects are southwestern landscapes such as the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park. Wilson has been a full time painter since 1964 after giving up a successful law practice. Congratulations, Wilson!

Don Henderson, one of those who sent me the info on Wilson, told of a most pleasant evening at the **Gradys'** home (Jun '43). Other classmates there were the **Truscotts, McCullochs,** and **George Garman.** Don said George is looking better than he has in years—playing lots of golf.

Tom McNiel also passed me the news about Wilson. Tom had received the clipping from **Jack Bowen.** Jack's letter to Tom points out that Wilson's next art show is expected to net more than half a million dollars. Tom also reports attending a great party at **Russ McGovern's** home in Redwood City, CA, on 26 Dec. Others there were **Les & Audrey**

1945: Nusbaum, Class Treasurer, at Washington Birthday Brunch.

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1945: Hanket, Class President, at Washington Birthday Brunch.

Ayers from Sonoma, CA; **Jim & Bette Root** from Carmel; **Ed & Jackie Pickett** from San José, and **Tom & Maura McNiel** from Dallas.

Rolfe Hillman wrote that Calista and he decamped the DC area in May of last year and returned to their "ancestral acres" in Fenton, MI, in order to take care of family property affairs. But that Yankee climate got to them in mid-Dec and they headed south for a couple of months, seeing classmates along the way. They made the Class Xmas party in DC area, and then visited with **Pete & Joyce Spragins** at Beaufort, SC. Pete is successfully running a General Business Services office and jogging, and playing occasionally inspired golf. Joyce is coactivator of "The Shop"—a thriving enterprise dealing in antiques and collectibles. But she still takes time to be the gracious hostess and outstanding cook. Next stop was the Shalimar, FL home of the **Carleys.** John is taking literary activities seriously—has a regular op-ed column in the paper, and his fiction is ready for prime time. Lolly pursues some really good art and also is a driving force in the community animal shelter. After a trip to Key West they stopped to see **Jim Dager** in Delray Beach, where Jim is now VP, Engr & Constr for FL Power and Electric. Jim and Lynn recently moved from the Miami area to Delray and now occupy a magnificent "Japanese Inn" house (inspired by their life on the economy years ago). Jim designed it, Lynn was general contractor, and much of the interior was handcrafted by the 2 of them. Good report, Rolfe!

On 2 Feb, the Pres announced that he was nominating **Sam Lessey** to be IG, US Synthetic Fuel Corp for a term of 7 years. Go get 'em, Sam.

Fitz-P Fitzpatrick wrote that **Tom Marks** planned to ret the end of Jan. Tom has been the Program Mgr at Rockwell on the High Energy Laser Prog.

1945: Argo, Class Social Coordinator, at Washington Birthday Brunch.

Mac McDaniel has been appointed to be a member of the Army Science Board. The first meeting was scheduled at Ft Benjamin Harrison on Mar 15 and 16.

Jim & Lillian Elkey took a mid-Mar trip to Nags Head returning via Virginia Beach. Jim wrote me that he had had word of the death of **Jim Bowman** on 5 Oct. He is buried in Jefferson Bks National Cemetery. His widow Sally is living at 1141 Birdie Hill Rd, St. Peters, MO 63376. Our sympathy to Jim's family.

Dick Groves ret on 31 Dec—the last Army member on active duty. **Bob Lochry** is still on active duty as a prof at the USAFA.

1945: Curtis and Holcomb at Washington Birthday Brunch.

Sun, 21 Feb was the occasion for the annual Washington's Birthday Brunch for DC area classmates, held at the Ft Belvoir O Club. As usual there was a fine turnout, and a most enjoyable occasion.

Dick McConnell's wife wrote me a most heartening letter concerning Dick's fight to regain his health. They moved to Medford, OR, in 76 and welcomed the improvement in climate from the coastal areas. Their son Richard is living in Seattle, having grad from UWA some time ago, is now married and working for Ranier Bancorp. In Sept 81 Dick had a heart attack. He seemed to be recovering ok when he had a stroke. After 2 months in hosp he's now home and has been on a rigorous physical therapy schedule. The stroke had left him with left side paralysis. He's seeing some results of his efforts to recover

1945: Smith, Wagonhurst, Kane, Tierno, and McCarthy.

now. His wife says it's also a result of his courage, faith and a truly remarkable attitude, which is positive in every respect. Dick sends his warmest regards to all the Class and regrets he'll miss the mini-reunion but looks forward to the 40th!

Dot Root wrote that their youngest daughter, Diane, was married on 20 Mar in Anaheim, CA, to David Lee Howard of Waco, TX. The entire immediate family made it to the wedding. Daughter Tootie with husband Gary and the **Roots'** granddaughter, Kimberly, came from Dallas along with their other daughter, Bea. Captain Walt III and his family of Gay, Jeffrey and Tina, came from March AFB. Dot said that the newlyweds made the best looking couple of the year! She's a real beauty at 25 and he's 6' 4", handsome and a lot of fun.

Dot and Walt attended the San Ant Founders Day banquet at USAA Bldg, where they enjoyed the company of **Bill** (outgoing Pres.) **& Sally Wolfe, Walt & Irene Galligan, Moose & Maggie Hardy, George & Beverly Wallace,** and **Betty & Rocky Rochfort.** The color guard gave all a breathtaking moment by impaling the macrame hanging from the ceiling, momentarily bringing the proceedings to a halt. However, Ken Zitzman ('32) brightened the atmosphere with a most interesting and amusing talk.

Fitz-P Fitzpatrick said he was again priviliged to host the annual DC-area Xmas party. (He had also done so in 77). Interestingly, he reported the following data:

- In 77, with 76 people present, the average liquor consumption was 14.72 ounces per person.

1945: The Martinezes, Werners, Hadzimas and Atkins'.

- In 81, with 79 people present—all 4 yrs older—the average liquor consumption was 8.32 ounces per person.
- Consumption of all types of liquor was down except Vodka and Red Wine (each up 50%) and White Wine (up 5%).

Fitz-P says: If we assume a straight line relationship, does this indicate that consumption will be zero in 1986. And does it mean we'll have to start giving some back starting in 1987? Perhaps some "hive" can answer this intriguing question.

Have a good summer.

'46

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(142) The list of active duty classmates is fast diminishing as we record yet another ret. On 25 Feb 82 **Bob Shoemaker** retired as FORSCOM CG at ceremonies held at Ft McPherson, GA. Bob ret "his way" at the regular monthly ceremony held for ret soldiers. He grouped himself with a LTC and 3 MSGs. Then at the end he joined the band and played the drum. I wonder if he's been wanting to play the drums with an Army band since he was a cadet. Well, RHIP and Bob thoroughly enjoyed his ret ceremony. Gen Meyer, Army CS, presented Bob with his 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, DSM. The **Shoemakers** are now in ret in TX. We thank Bernie Abrams '47 and C-2 company mate of Bob's (and me too!) for the photo and story.

George & Joanne Patton mailed a family photo taken last Xmas and showing the **Patton** clan together for the first time in many years. Joanne's sister Marni and her parents, Helen and Willard Holbrook, are

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1946: The Pattons, Christmas 1981.

with them. George has embarked on a serious career in farming and has sold his produce at local farm market. They have a listing in the "yellow pages" too! In 2 years you can visit for a "pick-your-own" blueberry purchase. We certainly wish them luck in their endeavor to make "Produce from Green Meadows Farm" a New England hallmark of agricultural excellence.

The Pattons' son George is helping at the farm and has moved his horse operation there too. He has won a number of ribbons and received local press coverage for his achievements during the International Year of Disabled Persons. Their oldest daughter, Margaret, was received on New Year's Eve into the Benedictine Abbey of Regina Laudis at Bethlehem, CT, as a nun postulant. She has been many years in preparation for this move. Margaret will still be able to teach at her school in Bridgewater. Joanne, always busy, has continued her work in volunteerism. She is now a Certified Administrator of Volunteer Service and is active as a consultant and in local and national organizations.

1946: Wilson at WP Society of DC Winter luncheon with Hugh Sidey and Collins '38.

The remainder of the news this issue will focus on the folks in the DC area. Thanks mainly to **Jim Loome** who passed along the DC roster and news items written by classmates as they paid their dollar dues for the year 81-82. I did get a call from **Gene Buzhardt** recently when she was here in NJ visiting her son George. She and her children are in good health.

Mint Wilson sent along a photo showing Hugh Sidey, Washington Contributing Editor for Time Magazine, as he chats with members of the WP Society of DC at the winter luncheon. Mint made the arrangements for the luncheon at which Sidey spoke to one of the largest turnouts ever. Society pres, LTG Collins '38, is also in the photo.

The class group in DC will have completed their social schedule for 81-82 by the time you read this, except for the Class picnic at Lake of the Woods sponsored by D-1 on 26 Jun 82. Prior to that they've had several Class luncheons and dinners, each sponsored by a former cadet company group. **Rex & Connie Beasley** (Tel: 703-972-2324) along with **Jim & Edith Inskeep** are the coordinators for the picnic and both live at the Lake (Locus Grove, VA). Jim (Tel: 703-972-2002) reports his son CPT Jim Jr. '74 is now attending Naval PG School in Monterey, CA, with tentative assignment thereafter at CAA, Bethesda, MD. **Dick Tuck** mailed me a copy of D-2 invite to the 27 Mar dinner at McNair, featuring the blooming flowers of spring.

1946: Tuck greets the Supe, Founders Day DC.

The **Yanceys** are now both realtors working out of Springfield, VA (Home Finders Itl). **Charley Daniel** is now a self-employed consultant for defense industry. Reports son Charlie got his MS in Forestry and is now with Buckeye Cellulose, while son Peter hopes to get his MS in Marine Biology in Aug (81). **Bud Devens** will be up at WP this Jun (82) when son Tim graduates, and then again in 84 when son Ted will graduate. Their last son James is leaning towards VMI. **Katherine Elder** reports son Blake a freshman, UVT, and Courtenay in 2d year dental school, Med College of VA.

The **Gizas** are in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, along with their 2 cats. **Heiberg's** daughter Karen and son-in-law Bill (AF O-6) are now at AirWC, Maxwell AFB. Hei has been nominated to be 1982 Cmdr, Flotilla 14-4 Mt. Vernon) USCG Auxiliary. **Ed Joseph** is working with Assn of American Railroads while Wini is a speech therapist with Wakefield Forest School in Annandale. **Joe Rogers** reports Joe Jr. married 23 May 81 and a 2d Officer on an EXXON tanker while son Robert is in the engineering dept of the EXXON fleet. Son Henry is a 1LT with 2d AD and is a 79 VMI grad.

Mike Sanger's daughter Holly is a 2LT on duty at Ft Ord as Bn Adj and Motor Officer! **Bill & Patti Schneider** have 3 sons in the Army, CPT David '77 at Ft Bliss, 1LT Steve '79 in Paris, and 2LT Rich in Berlin. Bill was in Paris visiting with Steve last Oct, but could not get to Berlin. **George Webb** is a real estate agent with Mt. Vernon Realty. He has 3 granddaughters. Lynn is tennis coach at St. Mary's Academy in Alexandria—4 winning seasons—no losing sessions.

Received just before deadline for mailing: Photo of **Dick Tuck** greeting the Supe, LTG Scott, at Founders Day dinner at Bolling AFB Officers Club under sponsorship of WP Society of DC. Also in attendance: **Randy Adams, Shirley Ashton, Charlie Barker, Stan Baumgartner, Dick Beckner, Dick Burgess,**

1946: Shoemaker's last active duty assignment before retirement.

J.J. Byrne, John Callaghan, Harry Floyd, Walt Frankland, Danny Graham (recently seen on Today show), **Hei Heiberg, Ed Houseworth, Frank Lester, Jim Loome, Bob Malley, Rob Rufsvold, Pat O'Connor, Bill Simpson, Al Torgerson, Harl Tucker, Don Watson** and **Mint Wilson.** Two full tables at least no longer against the back walls, so states Mint, the sender. Mint's son Steve graduates from UVA in May 82 and will go into the Army as a 2LT, Armor, his first choice. Steve has been the Bn Cmdr of his ROTC unit.

'47

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As I fully expected, there are slim pickings for this issue: **Virginia & Jake Jacobson** report a change of address (as of Oct 81) to 9473 Quetzal, Corpus Christi, TX 78418 (512-937-0108). They desired warm weather and salt water and are enjoying loafing on the beaches near Padre Island National Sea Shore. . . . **Ruth & George Harrington** have recently moved to 32 St. Cloud Pl., Wichita, KS 67230, where George is gen mgr in Intl Marketing for Beech Aircraft . . . **Gibby Perkins** is living and selling real estate in the San Ant area. Anyone anticipating buying or selling in that area should call for the smart personal touch . . . **MaryAnn & Goose Gossett** living in San Diego area appear to be competing with **Reckmeyers** having produced their 6th grandchild (1st granddau) recently . . . Similarly, **Bunty & Pete Karter** are on

1947: The Haigs and Halligans, Indian Wells, Christmas 1981.

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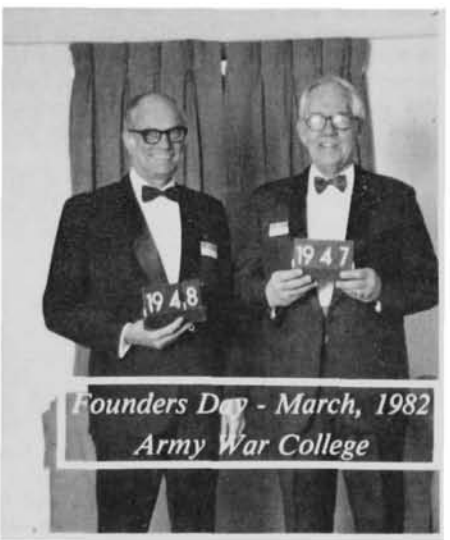
1947: The Scovilles, Edingtons, Wildrick; Joe Johnston (standing) at Rothschild wedding.

their 4th grandchild in the NY area . . . **Lannie & Jack Dunham** expressed thanks for a lovely visit and all the logistical support from the **Haskins** while attending the hosp in the El Paso area. We're pleased that Lannie has apparently now recouped all her old vigor! . . . **Bonnie & Bob McNeil** from the Black Hills of SD report the highlight of 81 for them: the lovely marriage of their Heather to Bob McQuarie in Oct in the Barra Wood pine forest. **McNeils** plan to travel to the Southwest this spring. **Jane Mastin** should be credited with providing most of the above info.

It is sad to report that **Barbara McAdoo** died on 26 Jan 82. Memorial services were held at Rockville, MD, Presbyterian Church with interment at Arlington. Donations may be made in her name to the Rockville Presby Church, 215 Montgomery Ave, Rockville, MD 20850. As described by **Muriel Webb,** many of the Class were present; Barbara had selected most of the hymns and scripture readings so that the service was particularly meaningful to all. Dick had brought 3 large frames filled with family snapshots throughout the years and had set them on a side table for a special touch . . . Carolyn and Michael and their children were home for the Xmas holidays; Carolyn has a baby born in Aug, and Michael has one dau and another child on the way. Our heartfelt condolences go out to you and the children, Dick.

1947: Jennifer Rothschild.

1947: Rosens with '48.



1947: Enos with Schless '48.

Muriel Webb also reports that Bill presumably will be retiring on 31 Jul 82 and it is probable that they will stay in the DC area . . . The WP Society of Chicago sent a picture of **Bev & Bob Rosen** attending Founders Day, with presumably one of our younger classmates from '48, at the Hamilton in Chicago . . . **MaryLou & Jim Edington** sent Bobbie a "Frankly I don't give a damn how old you are" birthday card and some news: apparently this spring will be a very busy but enjoyable time for **Edingtons.** Lacy Ann (dau) and Randy had a son, Ryan, in Feb in Pittsburgh; Peg (dau) graduates from UKS with master's in Counseling, in May, marries David Dowell and then off to HI for Peg to be Patricia's matron of honor. Patricia (dau) marries Conrad on 26 Jun in HI after graduating from Schieller Inst in London; Robert (son) and Sharon arrive in Honolulu on 24 Jun, etc. We are still hoping to have Jim and MaryLou back for reunion in Oct.

1947: Edwin W. Robertson II.

1947: Veaudry, Founders Day Fort Benning.

1947: The Burners.

Fran & Joe D. Johnston reporting in from Long Beach, CA, say that Valerie (dau) has graduated from Law Sch at UMD cum laude, married Edward Monahan, and now both attorneys work in Annapolis; Joe Jr. also in MD with his own furniture business; Jennifer (dau) married Harry R. Rothschild in Kailua, HI (previously reported last year . . . **Marilyn & Bob Halligan** are planning to attend our 35th. This should be our biggest and greatest turnout. **Bob Ehrlich,** in real estate investments in Austin, TX, called me several days ago. He and Patsy are planning to attend the 35th and are urging the following, whom they have recently seen, to be there also: **Jody & Doc Blanchard** now living in San Ant; **Clyde**

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& **Bitsy Reynolds**, motel-restaurant business in Austin; **Perry Gainey**, investments in San Ant; **Mark Kinevan, Bob Moore, Dick Steinborn** and **Bu Biggs** all in Colo Spgs area . . . **Pat & Al Haig** visited the **Halligans** over the Xmas holidays; we're hoping that their busy schedule does not prevent them from attending reunion.

Knowing that this column is in your hands first week of Jun and the next one not until first week of Sept, I telephoned **Mike Maloney** in order to inform everyone of the latest reunion plans. Unfortunately, he and Mockie were on an extended business trip throughout the West. I have good faith that all plans are on schedule. Stay healthy, have a good summer, and let your reps or Mike know your individual info re reunion.

'48

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The February fling here was most successful, and a fallout of it was a list prepared by **Bob Ward** of all Army classmates who have mobilization orders. A total of 73 have orders, another 10 are not preassigned, and 14 are carried as "other." If the balloon goes up, **Lake Churchill, Jim Hooker, Norm Lovejoy, Jim McCray, Arnie Sargeant,** and **Stan Thevent** get the dubious honor of returning to good old Ft Riley! I'm sure that **John Bellinger** used his influence to stay away from the sunflowers. If you want the potential destinations of other classmates, please let me know.

1948: Kean, Pres, West Point Society of Columbia, SC, Founders Day 1982.

Willard Scott was President Reagan's representative at Hyde Park on 31 Jan, the 100th anniversary of Franklin Roosevelt's birth. He placed a wreath on the rose garden gravesite of FDR. A high privilege and honor, Scotty.

Monk Doty wrote to report that son, Mark, and family have moved to AL over the year-end holidays, with Dad driving a U-Haul truck down for them. Monk is still enjoying Beaufort, NC, and welcome passersby from the class.

The wedding of **Casey Burns'** Michelle and Bud and **Jane Wagone's** Bill went off as planned on 20 Feb. The happy couple are now at home at 5726 Kenwood Ave, KCMO, and we all send them best wishes.

Gene Forrester made the alumni news of George Washington U here. He was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree from Chung-Ang University in Seoul for his role in maintaining peace and defending South Korea against Communist invasion. Congratulations, Gene.

In a ruling by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (my former employer) got the nod over the Securities and Exchange Commission on the regulation of nonstock options trading. **Dick Cudahy** wrote a stinging dissent, saying in part, ". . . the majority seems to have returned all parties to square one in this unseemly regulatory debacle." The picture included here is courtesy of the West Point Society of Chicago which shows Dick, on the right, with a member of '47, and two lovely ladies who are unidentified, but I presume are their respective spouses.

Dennis & Joan Pattersons' second son, Bill, graduates from West Point this May, and is assigned to the Basic Course at Belvoir. His older brother is now a CPT and assigned to Bragg. Their sister, Erin Eileen, is still at X Bethesda Nav Med Cen as an ensign. And, young John (the fifteenth, for those who remember) is attending Montgomery College.

A clipping arrived with the story of **Bill & Joan Bandeens'** son, Keith, and his accidental wounding by a steel pellet from the air-powered pellet rifle of a playmate in Nov 1980, when he was 13. The pellet splintered a bone in his skull and lodged in the left frontal lobe of his brain, where it remains today. Bill and Joan have brought a modest damage suit against the playmate on behalf of Keith. He is still on medication, and faces potentially serious consequences, for which the damage suit would provide requisite funds. Let's pray, however, that they never occur.

Charley Horn reports in from New Trafford Farm near Madison Mills, VA. He and Mary visited son, Carl, and family in Germany last Fall, where he is CO, Co A, 2128th Infantry. They enjoyed seeing their grandson, Carl, and spoiled him rotten, I'll wager. Then, in Feb they were off to HI to see son, Charles, and his family, especially granddaughter, Heather. CPT Charles Horn transfers to the new hosp at Campbell this July. Charley saw his old roommate, **Phil Whitney**, and tried to catch up with **Gene Forrester**, but missed him. Charley gives a public vote of thanks to **Jim Allen** and the Space Available personnel he commands. And

1948: Cudahys with '47.

the farm? Well, they took two thoroughbreds to KY for the fall sale between Germany and Hawaii, and went on to FL to see Charley's father. Now the calves are coming and another year rolls around.

Jack & Pat Withers were planning to be off to London in May to see their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter, who will be returning to the US this fall after four years abroad.

Jim & Chris McCray and **Al & Austy Pabst** were off to HI in June, Jim and Chris stopping first in LA. They are new grandparents, Kendall Harwell having arrived on 1 Feb. Jim reports that **Joe & Louise Bratton** were off to the **McCray's** place in Telluride for a week's skiing vacation.

On March 26th I attended the groundbreaking for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Mall at the invitation of Jan Scruggs, the initator and President of the VVM Fund. As you will recall, the Class donated $1,000 toward the project. The speakers, Senator

1948: Scotts, Marshalls, Wagoners, and Keans: Founders Day Fort Jackson.

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Warner and Mathias, and Governor Robb, among others, struck the right note, in my opinion. And, among those who shoveled the first dirt were Gen Michael Davison and Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, as well as the speakers, and over 100 other men and women representing the fifty states, and veteran and other military organizations. Really a great thrill.

'49

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The Class populace in the Washington area recently held their annual election. **Ted Swett** was Chmn of the Nominating Cmte and the new slate of officers elected is as follows: **Geo. Sylvester**—Pres, **Art Kingdom**—VP, **Dave Bolte**—Treas, and **Frank Hinchion**—Secy. Serving with them on the Bd of Dirs are **Clay Buckingham, Joe St Clair** and outgoing Pres **George Hoffmaster. Art Kingdom** has already lined up an interesting program for the year; **Al** and **Audrey English** will host a party at their home on the South River in Annapolis in June, a night on a Potomac River Cruise ship is being investigated and **Tom** and **Jo Marsh** will host the class at their quarters at Andrews AFB in Sept. **Bill Nordin** has taken over as head of our Memorial Day Decorating Cmte. **Dave Bolte** is arranging to honor the sons (no daughters this year) graduating from the Academies. This year we have **Tom Westfall** at West Point, **Steve Jones** at Annapolis and **Tom Pfeiffer** at Colorado Springs. Added to all this, we maintain our schedule of bi-monthly luncheons at the Pentagon. At our Mar luncheon an unexpected guest was **Ed Marks** down from New York—we'd like to see some of the other out of towners join us; we average an attendance of 45-50 per luncheon. Speakers at the luncheons are not an every time thing but in Mar, **Ted Swett** gave an excellent briefing on the situation in Central America. Ted is now with Cyprus Corp. and stays active in Central and South American matters.

1949: Bowman at retirement with General Jones.

Marc Jartman suffered a heart attack early in Jan, but has recovered nicely and by mid-March was back at work. **Don Keith** received the George Wash. Chapter AUSA award in Feb, **Dick Henry** was honored with the Kitty Hawk award by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. The award commemorates the Wright Bros. famous first flight and was given to Dick for his long and outstanding contributions to aviation and space programs. **Al Fagg** while on vacation in Colorado passed on a news photo of **Bo Calloway** and his partner Henry Mancini entered in the Jerry Ford Celebrity Cup at the Beaver Creek, CO Ski area. Unfortunately, the photo won't reproduce.

1949: Weart-Stukhart wedding, March 1981 at Fort McNair.

Jean Weart sent along the accompanying photo taken at son Jeff's wedding last year to **Carol Stukhart**. The Wearts were in San Antonio in Dec and had a great Army-Navy weekend with the **Tieschman's** and **Cheevers** and seeing other classmates such as **Jack Wogan** and **Perry Hunnicutt.**

Lee Surut chaired the '49 effort in submitting candidates for nomination as Trustees of the AOG which were submitted last Dec. The **Suruts** had a great family reunion over Christmas with their three children plus 2 sons-in-law which also included their oldest dau 10th wedding anniversary—how the years fly by.

George Summers does a great job in DC by publishing a bi-monthly newsletter following our luncheons and from his notes:

Some social notes picked up included the 9 Jan marriage of **Doug Stickley III** to Gabrielle Watrous, at Ft Hood. Doug is a recruiting officer in Lubbock, TX. Both **Joe Eagers** and **Carl Fitz** report grandchildren are expected during 1982. Joe reports two expecting daughters and Carl one—and another of Carl's daughters is already a mother.

Carl Fitz also reports his son, the acquanaut, is in the Virgin Is undergoing seven day periods of underwater living in a "home" about twice the size of the Army Secretary's mess tables. With two female members of the crew, it can't be all bad down there. But it must not be all play. A requirement is that one person be awake at all times to guard against problems with the oxygen supply and other life-threatening hazards.

Professor **Bob Springer** appeared without his distinguished moustache. Bob said he'd been without it about a week. **Ed Hindman** reported he was in Escondido and Irvin, CA to investigate possibilities for his building construction business. Someone confirmed that **Stu Martin** is still living in El Paso. And **Ed Townsley** has a new job and has moved to San Diego.

Dave Bolte suggested that we consider improving the Class Cabin at West Point by constructing a roofed-over area outside to give some protection against rain. Interested? Speak to Dave. Or another Class Officer. Or Director.

And now back to other news:

Dave Bolte's Class Fin Statement in first quarter of '82:

Savings Account	$ 916.76
Checking Account	54.12
Savings Certificate	$4,000.00
(Projected Interest)	452.00
West Point Fund (April—1981)	$6201.19

Catherine and **Dave Colgan** plus 3 youngsters still in Augusta, Ga. **Dan Brooksher** with Hughes Helicopter in CA. **Hugh Kinney** has formed Kinney Assoc, Inf Mgmt Conslts. **Bill Lake** passed on word that he and Jean had dinner with **Fred** and **Joan Westfall** in Jan on a trip to FL. The Westfalls make their home in Cocoa Beach. **Al Hale** has given up his surveying business and joined LeHane Consultants of Leesburg, VA—they specialize in seminars for senior management people who suddenly find they are without employment. **Bob Noce** is the prog mgr for NBC Protective Sys for Williams Int. in Walled Lake, MI. **Bob** and **Sue Pfeiffer** will be in Russia in April visiting Moscow, Leningrad, Tblisi, Baku and Yerevon tied into Bob's travel business. They will be back in the states in time to see son Tom grad on 2 June at AFA where they will convene their clan dau Sue from Dayton, dau Molly from Tacoma (married to Bob Curran USMA '72), dau Sally from Atlanta, son Bob from Lake

1949: The Conners.

Tahoe, son Jim from Tallahasee and sons Greg and John from DC. Bob also salvaged a pair of his old shavetail bars for Tom's commissioning.

Dick Bowman passed on a picture of his retirement with Chief of JCS, Gen David Jones. Dick's retirement was the subject of an editorial lauding his work in the Army-Navy Journal written by Ben Schemmer USMA '54 who also included an exit inter-

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view with Dick. From the Schemmer report, Gen Jones personally ret Dick with over a dozen military attaches from allied nations plus a number of their Ambassadors to honor the officer who for the past six and a half years was the Pentagon's staff director for European and NATO policy. Before this latest tour, Dick was military advisor to US NATO Ambassadors Rumsfeld and Bruce. The close of a different but outstanding military career. Dick has joined forces with Bob Basil USMA '50 where they will emphasize industry cooperation with NATO contractors in teaming arrangements. Dick's and Lois' five children are all married and one month spent fixing things around the house convinced Dick he was ready to go back to work.

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The big news this quarter is the President's nomination of **Charlie Gabriel** as CS USAF. **Paul Gorman** said Charlie is grinning from ear to ear. It will be good to have Charlie and Dottie back in the area, though I'm sure they both will be so busy it will be hard to see them. Congratulations and best wishes to you both. We all know you will do a great job!

1950: Drewry retires with Bonnie and General Mathis' help.

Speaking of news items, the **Stockton Record** caried an article on **Sandy Sanderson** after the Dozier rescue. You will recall that Sandy had that job from 75 to 77. He and Ruth even lived in the same apartment. Life I suspect is much quieter now in their new home in Stockton.

Lloyd Darland and his gold certificates continue to make news too. The latest was a nationwide piece in the 21 Feb issue of **Parade.** He will change the system yet!

Bev & Jack Mackmull are enjoying Bragg, where he commands the XVIII Abn Corps.

1950: Wickham and Ramas.

1950: The Hoisingtons gather for a 90th Birthday.

Sons Jack Jr. and Steve were home for Xmas. Daughter Kim and her family were in Germany. Jack himself travels a lot and Bev says their 2 Beagles and 1 Brittany Spaniel are a lot of company for her.

Chuck Tonningsen in Union, WA, wrote during half time of the Rose Bowl that they had their first snowfall of the winter. He said things are rough and primitive out in the woods; one of their friends stopped by to give them 3 live Dungeness crabs (I should have such friends) which they had for supper Xmas Day. Another friend let them dig young Noble firs. He and Peggy now have 22 hopefully rooting around the property. Their children are (1) working in children's book production for Random House in NYC, (2) working for an investment firm near Philly, and (3) working for a bank headquartered in NY.

Warde & Dode Wheaton in Wayzata, MN, sent their card and letter catching us up on their large and active family. At home they are reduced to 2 resident teenagers. Dode kept busy with the Bookcase Store and travel. Warde continued with Honeywell as VP of the Aerospace and Def Group. Also served on the JA board, worked with United Way and did lots of travelling. Wheaton young people: Cheryl (28) and Rick Newell live in South Minneapolis; David (27) is a commercial loan officer at the Northwestern Bank with a desk just a few steps from Cheryl; John (26) and Kelly live in Minneapolis where John is completing law school at the UMN; Jim (24) graduated from Brown and is now in law school at UC Berkeley; Susan (23) is a senior at UWA studying business; Elizabeth (21) spent part of the year at UWA/Bellingham but is now involved in managing a new business; Paul (18) is a HS Sr applying to colleges; Anne (16) is a soph doing well in studies and other activities and is becoming a superb athlete.

Had several postcards from **Morris & Faith Herbert** while they lived it up on a Caribbean cruise in Feb. (Ho Hum).

The **Kellys** (Patti and Jim) and **Lees** (Burke and Lish) are enjoying living near each other in Charlotte, SC. Lish wrote that "Everything is certainly relative" referring to a 6-inch snowfall that really had people incapacitated in that southern town; of course, the **Lees** moved there from Boston, which is accustomed to a good bit more than that. Lish sent the news that **Bill's & Mary Ann Read's** daughter Ginger had a baby in Germany. As for the **Lees'** news: daughter Patti and her husband Russell live in Greenville, SC, where she is a speech therapist and he is with Millikin Co; son Burke Jr., wife Stel and 2-year-old daughter Katie live on Johns Island, SC. He is a nuclear engr at the Charleston Naval base and Stel teaches pre-school. Daughter Peggy will grad from college in May, majoring in social work. Daughter Nancy graduates from high school in Jun and will enter Appalachian State U in the fall.

1950: Peggy Galiffa, Allens, Newcombs, and Slavins in Florida.

Bob Werner came for dinner one night in Jan, when he was in the area on a business trip from Cleveland. Six to eight inches of snow that day didn't deter him; they see a lot more than that at home. All 4 of their young people were home for Xmas, including son Bob, whom they hadn't seen in a year. **Joe McCrane** came by the office in late Jan, fortunately just the day before the monthly Class lunch (last Wed of each month for you out-of-towners), so we got

1950: Burke and Lish Lees' crew.

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1950: The Nickerson family.

him to come by the next day. He has had a very successful operation on his eye and now can drive again. In Feb he called to say he had seen **Nate Gallagher** and **Tom Lobe** at the WP Society lunch in NY and that **Stud Heit** had come back from a trip to the warm climes of South Africa looking well tanned and fit. Joe also reported that **Joe Love** is busy but happy working in Saudi Arabia for the Vinnell Corp. Had a nice chat with **Art Porcher** in Jan, when he called to get **Blackie Bolduc's** address and phone number. Art has ret twice now: from NASA and then from PRC. He and his wife Joyce live in Cocoa Beach, FL.

C.J. **Matthiessen** wrote from Monticello, IA, in Jan to report all is well with our IA contingent. CJ, wife Dee, Mark (15) and Marilee (13) flew to Salt Lake City in their Cessna 182 the day after Xmas for some great skiing. The **Matthiessens** live 45 miles north of Iowa City exit off US 80 and would welcome visits from classmates.

Ardath Wilson had all her young people home for Xmas. She said it was a bit crowded "but who cares?" Scottie runs a computer, Tracy is teaching jr. high and starting a master's program in computer science, Clay graduated from college and hopes to go into commercial real estate and development, Borden will graduate from high school in May and will start UFL in Aug. Ardath is thinking about going to work when the "nest is empty." She fell playing tennis in Jan and broke two bones (rough game she plays). She had a cast up to her knee, which certainly put a damper on her tennis, walking and jazzercise.

Jane Nutting reports from Panama that daughter Katy is busy as an RN in Germany and likes her Army life. Son John, his wife Debbie, and little Trent were due to arrive for a 2-week visit, so Jane and Wally were looking forward to that. **Nate Gallagher** was in Panama on business early this year, so the **Nuttings** enjoyed a visit with him.

Eddie Ramos sent a newsy letter from the Philippines. **Anne & John Wickham** spent a week with Eddie and Ming in Feb. Both are "very OK" by Eddie's report. In addition **Nate Gallagher** visited in Oct, **Dick Wyrough** in Nov and **Winfield Scott** in Dec. Ming must be running a regular motel for classmates out there.

Their daughter Carolina is at St. Joseph's U in Phila to get her MBA. Angelita, who was at Bryn Mawr with our daughter Gwyn, is now Ch Industrial Info Officer at the Philippine Ministry of Trade and Industry. The other 3 girls are also very busy with school and other activities. Eddie, of course, must be busy too, for he has 3 jobs: Vice CS of AFP, Ch of Constabulary, and Dir Gen of Integrated National Police.

1950: The Davis-Hewson wedding.

1950: The Clements.

The Philippines are not the only place for trips. FL too seems a great place to visit these days. **Lee Werner** dropped a line in Mar telling of the trip she and Bob took to Ocean Reef in Feb. **Ed & Marcie West** drove over from Ft. Lauderdale for a night's visit with them.

Jim & Ann Tormey also were in FL in Feb, spending a couple of nights with **Ding & Jean Price** in their condo at Vero Beach. **Jack & Eloise Allen** went south too to get out of the DC winter. During their stay there was a mini-reunion at the Merriott in Ft. Lauderdale. In addition to the **Allens, Chuck & Betty Newcomb, Bill & Lois Slavins,** and **Peggy Galiffa** were there.

While I'm on FL, **Mary Pharr Love** came north from there to DC in Dec., then on to AL, MA, and OH. With Joe working in Saudi Arabia as "Chief of Staff" for Vinnell, she is getting around. Joe sticks closer to home, partly because the tennis court and pool are right outside his door. Of course, that leaves the paper work for Mary Pharr, who is glad to have a built-in lawyer in the form of Mary Bland. Other daughters, Lee and Robin, seem to be having a grand time at UVA. Between classes and beaux there isn't much time for anything else.

Tug & Patty Greer are now permanently settled on Kiawah Is, SC. They broke ground in Sept for their new home and moved in the following Feb. **Penny Phillips** tells me that the house is on the 9th fairway of one of the golf courses there, and is just lovely. Wendy and Penny visited the **Greers** in Mar, when they also managed to see **Ann & Stan Stanton,** who are down-the-street neighbors.

Patty is having a great time being a grandmother for the first time. Daughter Kathy had a son, Matthew Windham, in Sept. Kathy and Bill live near Greensboro, NC. The other daughter, Maggie, is now a junior at FL State, studying Public Relations. Son Tim stayed in Alexandria, VA, and works with **Lou Genuario** in home improvements.

Speaking of Lou **Genuario**, he and Rose went out to Madrid, NM in Feb to see their new grandchild (number 5 for them). **Chrissy** and **Jim Aiello** had a son, Joseph, on 11 Feb.

Dick & Bonnie Drewry joined the ranks of the ret the end of Dec. They are living in Lakeway, TX, outside Austin, along with the **Ryans** and **Paul McDaniels.** Dick reports it's a nice place—and he doesn't have to shovel snow.

While we are on TX, **Dick & Biddy Hoffman** are off for San Ant where Biddy has a show at the Hyatt on 2 Apr. Got a card (business, that is) from **Lou Dixon** in PA. He is now director of the Harrisburg operations for Mandex, a DC based outfit, so maybe we can get him to Class lunch sometime.

We have 3 weddings to report this time. Working backwards, the first is Mary Therese **Bannister,** daughter of Bess and Grady. Mary married John Hosmer in Sierra Vista, AZ, on the 15th of Jan. Then on 17 Oct **Bill & Sue Davis'** daughter Deborah married Tom Hewson. A number of the Class helped celebrate: **Walt & Shirley Adams, Phil &**

1950: The Scandling-Gunter wedding.

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1950: The Tisdales, Founders Day Fort Benning.

Helene Barger, Sam & Tillie Smithers, and **Jack & Rita Saalberg.** The young couple will live in Alexandria, where Tom is an engr with an energy and environment consulting firm. **Bill Davis** also passed the word that their son, Bill Jr., was back in Ft Lewis.

Lastly **Tug & Patty Greer** told of son Tom's wedding last Jun. Tom and Karen both work in DC and live in Alexandria.

After months of hard work, persistence and organization, **Jack & Louise Wagner** held a "come-get-your-30-50-book" party on 27 Mar for those in the DC area. Copies are in the mail now, so our hearty thanks and a "well done" to all who worked on the book. It is a great one, packed with pictures, info, and data. Moreover, it didn't lose money.

Leo & Marilyn Romaneski survived the winter in Boston. Now Marilyn is going out to Geneseo, IN, to babysit 3 grandchildren while daughter Jo Ann takes a vacation trip with her husband, Jim Nash.

Rose & Lou Genuario gave a glowing report of the 90th birthday party given in Feb for Mrs. **Josephine Hoisington,** wife of COL Gregory Hoisington—deceased, Class of 1911, and mother of our classmate Bob, who came up from Huntsville with his wife Alma; Nancy, married to our classmate **Rufe Smith;** Gregory **Hoisington,** Jr., deceased, Class of '38; Perry **Hoisington,** Class of '39; Elizabeth **Hoisington,** first woman general in the Army; and Mary Jo **Hoisington** Maertens, married to ret Army COL Jim Maertens. That is quite an Army family.

Mrs. **Hoisington** lived at WP from 1914 to 1918, when her husband taught Mechanical Drawing. Now his granddaughter, (Rufe's daughter) **Dana Smith,** uses one of his old engineering scales in art work she does for Genuario Construction. Needless to say, it was a super party for a great occasion.

On that high note, I'll close. Everyone have a great summer, but take a few minutes while on vacation to drop me a line for the column.

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Walt Russell was awarded the prestigious Ben Castle Award this year by the DC West Point Society for "his exceptional combat record, his highly promising military career between wars, and his remarkable record of achievements and high service to others in the civilian sector . . ." Walt's activities from Pork Chop Hill to the wounds he received in VN were summarized by LTG Frank Camm '43 who went on to point out that it was the unanimous assessment of Walt's doctors that he could not return to a self sustaining useful life. Walt confounded his doctors and went on to lead a life of outstanding civilian service. He attended law school and was elected president of the student Bar Association. He opened his own law office, served three terms as a State Rep, and was elected Chmn of DeKalb County Bd of Commsners in GA. He now chairs a group fighting drug use and has been active in activities dealing with the handicapped, crime, education, VN veterans, church, and his political party. Walt is also founder and owner of the Georgia Generals of the American Soccer League. The B award was established by Ben Castle '07 in memory of his son, a Medal of Honor winner from '30, who was killed in 1944 when he took control of his aircraft and deliberately gave his own life to save his crew. **Walt Russell** is the second one of the post-WWII classes to join 15 other distinguished graduates who have received the award which include Devers '09, Crittenberger '13, Mumma '16, Biff Jones '17 and other patriots from the 1920's and on. (The other post-WWII grad who received the award is **Red Leffler.**) **Kerm Johnson,** Ch of Chaplains, gave the invocation for the event. **Bill Bradley** and **George Meighen** came up from the deep South to be here for the award.

1951: Delano visiting Bangerter in California.

Ted Atkeson has moved from being CG of the CAA in Bethesda, MD to becoming Natl Intel Officer for Gen Purpose Forces in the CIA. **Jim Rockwell** is leaving his position as C3 Dir, PACOM to become Asst Dep CS for C4 in the Pentagon. **Shy Meyer** received the Alumni Achievement Award during GWU's commencement exercises this past Feb. Also this past Feb, our Class

1951: Winfield with Aldrin and friend.

administrator **Doris Buell** retired from civilian service. Among Doris' many duties will be to maintain a current address list of classmates. If you have changes or need info please write or call Doris at: 511 Wakefield Towers, 4301 Columbia Pike, Arlington, VA 22204, TEL: 703-920-2907. During Mar **Red Leffler** ret from the sr. exec. svc. of the govt. As of this writing he had not decided what new profession or career to enter. For a few weeks he will be completely occupied putting the final touches on the reunion yearbook before publication. Elsewhere in the column is a pic of **Flor & Caring Magsino** and daughters taken just before Flor retired as a BG in the Philippine Army. In the last column I mentioned Flor's athletic activities. Caring writes that she also is active in exercising and has lost 20 lbs since the column pic was taken and now plays pelota three times a week and exercises the other two days. Flor & Caring have an open invitation for any classmate visiting the PI on official or personal business.

A very touching article appeared in the Alexandria Gazette which attested to the courage and determination of Susan—daughter of **Howie & Dotsie Steele.** Susan's neck was broken in a car accident in 1979. Despite months in hospitals and a rehabilitation center, Susan continued studying in order to graduate with her high school class—which she did. Although Susan must use a wheelchair, her strong desire for independence has resulted in her being able to drive herself to work each day in DC where she worked for the Foreign Affairs Cmte as an intern. This summer she will attend St Andrews Col in Laurinburg, NC majoring in political science. Her aim in life is to run for congress. Susan commented ". . . I have a different outlook on things since the

1951: Goodnow, Steele, and Gardes.

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1951: Luger surrounded by the Holle brothers.

accident. I've gotten more determination to do more things. Little things that mattered before don't any more. I'm grateful I'm alive and have a second chance." The headline of the article says it all—"Crippling Car Wreck Didn't Stop Teenager."

Ken Holle displayed his planning, coordinating and managing talents by putting together an outstanding party at the Engr Mess during the gloom period for his classmates—approximately 50 attended. The Holle name in Germany was Hulot. In the book of German Fairy Tales it was Frau Hulot shaking her eiderdown feather quilt up in heaven that made it snow all over Germany! The Hulots were very well known quality paper makers in Germany as they

1951: Veurinks and Kleins.

still are today. **Reb & Dette Barber** were at the get-together. Reb is on the road so often as Mgr of the Joint Tactical Fusion Program at TRW that even his wife seldom sees him. He's responsible for designing and building automated tactical systems and has one office in VA and another office in CA. Daughter Brooke is in real estate in Richmond, VA. Saranne is teaching in Fairfax County. Alison received her grad degree in labor relations from UWI last month while brother Jeffrey graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in Chem Engrg. **Pete Beczkiewicz** continues teaching Chem in the Fairfax County schools. Bashful **Bill Bradley** didn't give me any info when he was here for Founder's Day dinner in Mar because he didn't want to steal any thunder from regional rep **Russ Walthour** who promises to have an exciting story of the FL

1951: The Ryans and the Wells.

contingent with pictures for the next issue of ASSEMBLY. **John & Peg Byers** planned to head for Germany/Austria this past month to visit old friends. **Phil & Sibyl Connolly** spent 5 days in Bermuda last fall on their first vacation out of country in many a year. Phil's observation was that the rum is cheap—nothing else is! Next time Phil plans to take Sibyl to some exotic country half way round the world. **Paul & Sara Beth Coughlin** became grandparents for the first time in January when James Daniel Jeremiah was born to daughter Cindy and husband Jeff.

1951: Milburn steering on the Mighty Maquoketa with Joyce hanging on!

Godfrey Crowe is still advising classmates on vacationlands as Sr VP at Armed Svcs Tour & Travel in Arlington VA. In Feb, **Phil & Irene Cuny** quoted **Rocky & Joyce Milburn** reporting there was lots of snow in UT; they were skiing every day—and had tropical suntans. The following month, the **Cunys** headed for the ski slopes of UT to spend a few weeks with the **Milburns.** The photo of the **Milburns** is courtesy of CJ Matthiessen '50 taken when Rocky & Joyce visited with him in Eastern Iowa last fall. **Sam Dickens** is a consultant on Latin America and appears quite regularly on TV and radio pointing out why the US must defeat communism in the Caribbean and Central America. He has appeared on college campuses for debates and has briefed congressmen and groups in Spanish as well as English. He currently is updating the film "Attack on the Americas" put out by the American Security Council. While Sam travels around the Americas, Marcy occupies herself as a substitute teacher at a local high school 2-3 days each week. Their son David graduated from the UFL in Dec and is now home also teaching part time. Daughter Pam is spending her junior year in Paris on a 6 mos exchange program and living with a French family. Son Sam is completing his first year at Randolph-Macon. Sam reports he saw **Howie & Molly Peckham** in Melbourne, FL over the Xmas holidays. The **Peckhams** do much foreign travel and arrange tour group travel.

Al Esser came cross country from CA to surprise everyone at the Jan luncheon held in the Pentagon. **George Meighen** from GA and **Derek Samuelson** from NJ were also out-of-towners showing up for one of the larger luncheons held recently in the area. **Hank Evans** is still with Jaycor and commuting from Baltimore to Alexandria. Hank just came back from sailing in the Grenadines with some other pseudo sailors. Great time by all. No wives—too much sailing and

1951: The Magsinos in the Philippines.

seas for some of the girls. **Chan & Ann Goodnow** spent their 30th wedding anniversary in Nassau this past Feb. The **Goodnows** own their own race horse—and promise to let me know when the horse is in top form! **Jim Guyer** is dir of can manufacturing with the Miller Brewing Co of Milwaukee. He started that Div in 1973 and now has 5 plants operating and planning for the sixth. Jim & Judy still play a lot of tennis and Jim keeps on running—entering at least one marathon each year. Their son Jim, a civil engr from GA Tech, is planning to enter med school at LSU. Daughter Kathy graduated from FL St and was married this past April. Son Britt is in his second college year in NC. **Bill & Lydia Lemmitzer** took two weeks off in Mar to rest and relax in the blue-blue waters of St Thomas. **Bill Louisell** has found a new career since leaving OSD as Dep Asst Sec of Def (Substance Abuse). He's head gardner at Clifton Hill Farm—subject only to wife Ann's orders. As a consultant however he's ready to travel. **Joe Luger** is Chf, Plans and Progs at DARCOM involved with prog analysis, evaluation, and budget preparation for DARCOM installations and subordinate commands. Daughter Joanne is the 1981 local swimming champ—and her father is having a hard time passing the visual acuity portion of the annual FAA flt exam (why? do you have a plane Joe?). **Pat & Lois Lynch** have been spending as much time as possible at their snowshoe ski chalet and would look forward to sharing ski thrills with classmates. Their son Patrick is burning up the soccer fields, Sharron is a track star in the State championship and is looking ahead to college and Erin is a VA Tech freshman. Saw Jim Macklin '48 at Founder's Day nite who is so proud of brother **Bob Macklin** that he pointed out that Bob was not only an actor as mentioned in the last column but Bob was also a producer, writer, and salesman. **Brooks & Mary Martin** became grandparents this past March and planned to visit their Marine officer son at Cp Lejeune in April. **George Meighen** reported a few issues back that he was retired retired—that is, until **Walt Russell** talked him into becoming his Sp Asst with the General's soccer team. George is now "slaving" and he thought his aide-de-camp days ended in 1955. George mentioned that he and Walt had lunch a few months ago with **Phil Gwynn** who heads the Atlanta office of Thorndike, Doran, Paine & Lewis—investment services. Phil saw **Jimmie Cox** at Ole Miss where both were registering offspring. George also reported talking with **Bill Owens** and **Mike Kovalsky.** Bill is travelling much and trying to "collect old bills from the chicken industry." Mike is

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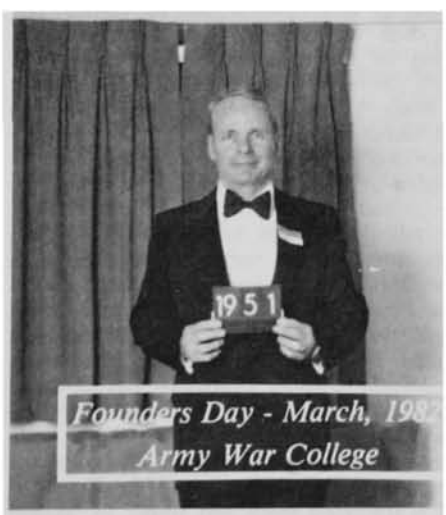
doing some part-time work with DeKalb Community College in their GED program. **Larry Mintz** is the Cerealista y caniculto del Valle del Cauca—I think. In any event Larry recently visited Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador as a guest of the Andean Pact Admin. In May he plans to visit daughter Arlene who's attending Geo Washington U. **Bob McGann**, of United Airlines and the USAF Res, reports that **Bob Olson** has left FL for Tucson AZ to become VP for Maint & Opns of Cochise Airline. **Dean & Nancy Mulder** report that son Steven is an attorney for a law firm in Anchorage AK. Nancy is still working hard towards her PHD. **Sandy Sanderson** regaled us with his misadventures during his winter vacation in Jamaica. Twenty minutes out of National—lost an engine; missed connection in Miami; first meal in Jamaica—food poisoning; on return at National—in a car accident. Remind me not to go with Sandy on a vacation! **Joe & Betty Smith** are spending two years in Saudi Arabia—but they will be returning every six months for visits in the States. Betty is looking forward to an enjoyable time—she won't have to drive (women aren't allowed to); she won't have to worry about the latest fashions in clothing (unless it's a MuMu); and, she won't have to worry about where to go at nite for entertainment! **John & Nancy Shillingburg** and **Bill & Maxine Veurink** showed up for the '51 get-together at the Engr Mess in Jan. John & Nancy are in Alexandria. On retirement, Bill & Maxine moved back to their home just across the Potomac from Ft Belvoir. Earlier this year, **Dick & Lynn Wells** had dinner with **Al Esser, Tom & Gloria Stumm**, and **Larry & Pat Crocker**. All went well until they discovered that Larry's car was locked up for the night in a parking garage. RTP?

1951: The Samotises, Tatums and Akers: Founders Day, Fort Jackson.



1951: S.A. Cartner.

To ensure proper accounting and credit, contributors to the Class of '51 Fund should send their contributions to either **Joe Fant** (One Buena Vista St, Ft Devens, MA 01433) or **Don Zurawski** (15712 Bradford Dr, Laurel, MD 20810). The June, July, and Aug Class luncheons in the Pentagon will be on the fourth Thursday of each month.

God Bless.

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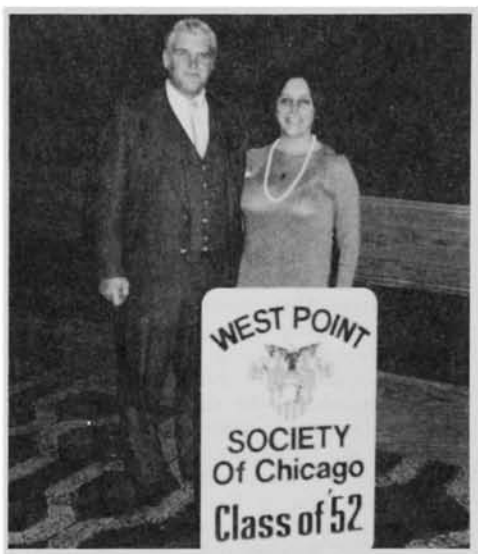
By the time you read this, you will have just returned from or just missed our best class reunion ever, our 30th. We had as big or bigger a turnout as we've had at any previous reunion. The socializing at our 19 May registration dinner ran long past the midnight closing time and branched out to a number of other locations till the wee hours of the morning. Many found it difficult to get up for our Class meeting at 9:00 and quite a few were late. We managed to elect our Class president, though, before attending the inspiring Class memorial service. The services get better as the years pass, but unfortunately, the list of those to be memorialized grows even larger. The Alumni Dinner Dance was a repeat of the night before, only better. And Friday, at the Alumni Review, we had the largest turnout of all classes present. The Class Picnic was a real blast and many tears were shed as we all bid farewell at the brunch on Saturday. Everyone swore to be back for the thiry-fifth in '87. Those of you not there missed a great one and had better start planning for '87.



1952: The Scamans.

1952: Dianne Van Trees, Moran, the Schandlers, and Coleman.

1952: Witherell, Rosalie Shipe, Emilia Moran and Cynthia Witherell.

1952: Witherell, Cline, Lowder, Bovard, Stubblebine and Larkin.

Arriving just too late for inclusion in my March article was a letter and pictures from **Otis Moran**, reporting on the 26 Sept Class party. He reported, "The Washington D.C. area assemblage had a super party on 26 Sept at Quarters #1, Arlington Hall Station, presently the gracious home of **Bert & Gerry Stubblebine**. A big, big thanks to the Stubs for opening their lovely home to us. We also had the opportunity to visit with the Stubs' daughter Sharon and her husband Craig Dear who were visiting for the week-end. A sumptuous buffet that included omelettes prepared to the alumnus' taste and specifications—plus a standing rib—plus other epi-

1952: Young Stan Kuick, Shipe, the Larkins and Trudy Kuick.

1952: Sharon Dear, Brown, Pimentel, Parks, Dear and Kenney.

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1952: Claire and Don Sells.

curean delights too numerous to mention were enjoyed by all. The dance and listening music was provided by a four piece band with lovely singer who won our hearts with a great rendition of Army Blue just before midnight. In attendance were; **Nadean & John Bovard, Pat & Paul Brown, Carroll & Ralph Cline, Philip Coleman, Tom Dunmire & Guest, Cathy & Al Griffin, Marie & John Kenney, Rita & Birt Kidwell, Donna & Dick Larkin, Marcia & Hank Lowder, Ann &**

1952: Bullock, Hoenstine, Turner, Leggett and Gleason.

Paul Malone, Shirley & Dick Moore, Emilia & Otis Moran, Pat & Don Pafford, Kay & Joe Paluh, Betty & Gray Parks, Pat & Frank Pimentel & Guest, Sharon & Herb Schandler, Claire & Don Sells, Rosalie & Scott Shipe, Gerry & Bert Stubblebine, Loretta & John Sullivan, Olga & Al Thieme, Dianne & Harry Van Trees, Cynthia & John Witherell,

1952: Pat Brown, the Parks, the Paffords and the Sullivans.

Inez & Chuck Youree, Trudy Kuick (Stan's widow) & Stan Kuick (Stan's son). **Ashley & Edith Speir** were to attend, however, Ashley has been out of the military so long that he (1) lost his invitation and (2) did not listen to the directions I gave him. Results. He showed up on time at Ft Myer (with Edith) parked behind the Officer's Club (as instructed) and waited on **Paul Brown's** 'shuttle' van to take them to the Stubs. After a long period of waiting, Ashley sensed that something was not according to plan, so he drove around Ft Myer a bit looking for the Stubs' quarters. He finally found an MP who informed him that they used to live over near the old chapel. When it turned out that they did not live there anymore, Ashley decided to 'save the marriage' so he invited Edith to be his guest for supper in lovely Arlington, Virginia. Ashley & Edith, we missed you."

1952: The Riders.

Also arriving after my March article was mailed were two more Christmas cards. **Nancy & Ken Roper** continue to enjoy retirement. Ken still sails a lot. Nancy is still in R.E. Daughter Lee is doing well at F.I.T. in Melbourne, FL. Nancy & Ken visited her last spring and watched the "Shuttle" launch. **Meredith & John Garver** spent their last holiday in their spacious quarters at USMA. John had already assumed a position with National Geographic but was to return in Jan for a formal retirement. Their new address is 6777 Surrey Wood Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814.

1952: The Pfeils—Founders Day Alaska.

Jean & Wes Jones sent a frantic note in Jan seeking info on the reunion. They were, somehow, missed in the Oct mailout. But we straightened out the error and they received the instructions in time.

Willie & Ollie Oliphant reported the arrival of their grandson on Jan 25. Christopher Donald, 8 lbs 2 oz, was born to their oldest daughter Becky and her husband Don Noel. All are well.

The **Retired Officer Magazine** sent me a picture for my article which included **Bill Raiford's** back with three other people, one of which was "Ace" Collins. Because of the abundance of other pictures, however, I'm not including it here.

I received a letter from Anthony Wermuth, Class of '40, seeking **John Keeley's** address. I hope he caught up with you, John.

From **Army Times; Walt Ulmer** has been nominated for his third star and assignment as CG, III Corps at Ft Hood, Tex.

This is also the month that classmates still active but not wearing stars finally bid farewell and join the rest of us in mufti. That doesn't apply to many since only 57 remained on active duty on the effective date of the 1981 REGISTER OF GRADUATES (43 Army and 14 Air Force).

Keep those cards and letters coming!

'53

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All right classmates, its crunch time. When you read this it will only be eleven months until the 30th reunion. It will be a gala event for our Class, and it commences on May 18, 1983. As you have been reminded many times in this column, we will be giving a 30th reunion gift to the Academy which will be a Cadet Recreational Reading/Browsing Room in the new library at West Point. In order to construct this facility in time to hold the dedication at our reunion in May 1983, our fund desperately needs

1953: The Laundrys, Browns, and Mlekos.

an infusion of $20,000 this summer. There are many classmates who have not met their $100.00 original pledge. There are still more members who have not pledged at all. Please remember that your gifts to the West Point Fund must be designated for the Class of '53 in order for our fund to get the credit. So get out the check books and send whatever you can to the West Point Fund, Class of 1953, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996. Make your check

1953: Reunion planners: Yale, Shaw, Johnson, Colonna, Kaplan, and Fuller.

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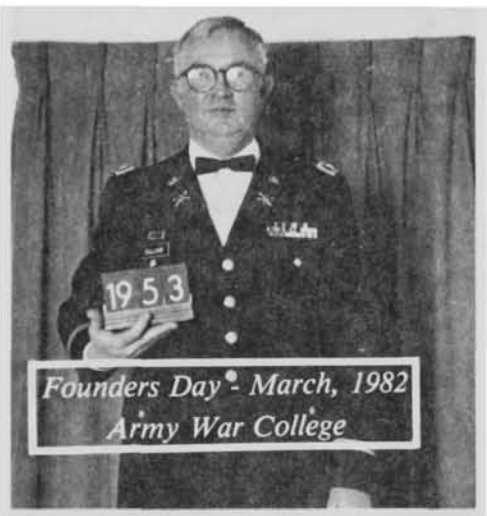
1953: Breckenridge, Jackson, Whitchurch.

payable to West Point Fund, Class of 1953. Inflation has hit the gift area also and that original $100 pledge doesn't buy as much as it did a few years ago. For this reason we request that as many of you as are able, please increase your pledge to $200.

Now is the time to start your planning for the 30th reunion. **Jack Johnson** and his Reunion Committee have done an outstanding job so far and are very advanced in their planning for the event. We urge all of you to plan to attend as we are sure you will be happy you did. The Class will be staying at the Holiday Inn at Fishkill, NY. Fishkill is across the river and north of West Point. It is closer and easier commuting than we had at the 25th reunion. Jack has personally visited the inn and is impressed with its facilities which include a gourmet restaurant. We will be very well supported by West Point with modern bus transportation and all the trimmings. All you have to do is get to the inn and you will not have to touch your car again for three days. The reunion will last from registration at the inn on Wednesday, 18 May, until noon on Saturday, 21 May. You will be receiving more information by mail. There were many Founders Day dinners attended by classmates around the country in March. I regret I have only one picture of these events to print this issue, but I should have more for the Sept issue. The Founders Day dinner at Ft Belvoir was a very fine event this year. In attendance from '53 were **Cary Colonna, Norm & Margi Delbridge, Vald Heiberg, Bob & Nola Breckenridge, Bob & Jean Kaplan, Jim & Ruth Miley, Jack & Minn Neuberger, Max & Priscilla Noah, Dick & Lee Remers** and **Jack Yale. Max Noah** had just given up command of Ft Belvoir a few days before the event and has been assigned as Dir of Prog Analysis and Evaluation in the OCSA. Received a call and a letter from **Jim Dade** who reports that after retiring in 1969, he has been working for a workers compensation insurance company and is extremely pleased with his job. Jim recently was remarried to Loran Gail Gordon and is presently living in Glendale, CA. **Weemo Wubbena** reports visiting **Bob & Jean Glasgow** in their beautiful new house in Cape Coral, FL. Bob and Jean invite anyone going to that area of FL to please contact them. I ran into **Jim McCluskey** not long ago. Jim works for Thiokol Corp and is a manager in the space shuttle prog. He is currently living in Brigham City, UT. Received a very newsy letter from **John Fitch.** John is a prog coordinator with Holex Inc and lives in Hollister, CA near Monterey.



1953: R.R. Sullivan.

He sends news of other classmates such as **Bob Butler** who is with FMC Corp in San Jose, CA and **Herb Peckman** who lives in Gilroy, CA. While on a trip, John had lunch with **Bart Filaseta** who is with Bell Tech Opns in Tucson, AZ. John is so full of news, I'll save some til next time. Watch out John, you have all the attributes of a Class Scribe, West Coast Branch. **Sandy & Hatsie Meloy** have departed the Washington area and moved to Austin, TX. Sandy retired in the rank of major general in March. **Mike Cousland** has arrived back in the Washington area from Ft Monroe. Mike is in OSD, Public Affairs.

It seems that some classmates are not able to wait until the 30th reunion to get together. **Ed O'Hair** announces that there will be a pre-30th reunion get together in Central TX on August 14th of this year. This event is being billed as the Class of '53 Southwest Reunion. It will be held at Ft Hood, TX. All classmates in the southwest or anywhere, for that matter, interested in attending should contact **Ed O'Hair** in Lubbock, TX at 806-793-5959.

Finally, **Jack Yale,** our hard working Class Secretary asks me to remind you that if you want to get on a printed class roster please call Jack at 703-451-5133.

Have a fine summer and think 30th reunion.

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BEAT NAVY

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'54

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1954: The Passmores.

1953: The Piggs and the Zargans.

1954: The Wagners, Ballantynes, Halvatgis', Remus', Formans, Panzers and Karns.

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1954: The Griggs, Mattmullers, Weber, and the Carrolls.

'55

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After reading the article in the last ASSEMBLY, **Kelly Lichtenberg** called to tell me that I had blown his cover by publishing the picture that I did. Speaking of the last article, I apologize for some of the typos. I'll do my best to see that doesn't happen again. I know that it's particularly annoying when the names are spelled incorrectly.

A sad note to start this article. I received notice that Bill Nesbitt, an ex-member of our class, died in April 1981. Bill had been in the Air Force since 1958. He retired as CPT in 1978, and died in 1981, survived by his widow, Noreen, and sons John and Robert of 2724 Sixth Avenue, N.E., Puyallup, WA 98311.

The whale shown floating in his backyard pool is my ex-plebe year roommate **Jim Darrah.** Jim is currently the Civil Def Dir for the city of Hattiesburg, MS and the surrounding two counties. Billie Darrah is working with a home health care business and seems to be enjoying her work. Eldest daughter, Kim, is manager of a figure salon (maybe she should work on her Dad?); daughter Jennifer is a jr in high school and Stephen just turned 13. After the rough winter we had here in Washington it's quite tough for me to write about the Darrah's lake and pool, equipped with a 22-foot pontoon boat (the lake that is—the pool is large, but not quite that large): Oh well, I always knew that the training I gave him would finally turn Jim into a southern gentleman.

Thanks to **Bob Newton, Al Edwards** and **Ed Anderson** for organizing a great class luncheon of our classmates in the D.C. area. Attendees and current interests were: **Ted Gay**—Dpty Dir Civil Works, OCE; **Zack Hagedorn**—NSA; **Dick Masson**—Faculty, NWC; **Ed Anderson**—Research Staff, System Planning Corporation; **Bob Newton**—Research Staff, System Planning Corporation; **"Pop" Warner**—OSD (ISP); **"Doc" Dorough**—Dir, Office of Science and Technology Support, DOS; **Jack Doyle**—Congressional Relations, Bell Helicopter; **Ed Zaborowski**—Asst VP, BDM Corp; **Dick Baker**—Mitre Corp; **Bob Russell**—Information Spectrum, Inc; **Hank Meetze**—President, RAILINC; **Dick Shimunck**—DCO, Ft. McNair; **Jim Ryan**—Pres, Ford Enterprises, Ltd; **Rod Davis**—Air Staff, Dir of Ops; **Ray Gunderson**—Deputy IG, OJCS; **Bill Hadly**—SRI International; **Del Jacobs**—Hq USAF; **Dan Geran**—Hq USAF; **Al Edwards**—Manager, Systems Analysis, Figgie International; **Jack Goldstein**—VP, Science Applications, Inc; **Dick Secord**—OSD; **Joe Franklin**—Cmdt Cadets USMA; the next DC '55 event is a cocktail buffet to be held on 24 April at **Ed Anderson's.**

1955: Wiegand and McIlroy.

At the luncheon **Joe Franklin** read excerpts of a letter from **Ken Donaldson** that I thought worth publishing in its entirety as well as the response of the committee of one tasked by Joe to respond to Ken. First Ken's letter:

"TO: B/Gen Joe Franklin
DATE: January 6, 1982
"SUBJECT: The Corps Has

"For years we have been hearing that The Corps Has. It is indeed a sad and unfortunate state of circumstance that allows the fickle finger of fate to point to positive proof of printer perversity during your command.

"The above statement is based upon comparing the 1977–1981 Bugle Notes with those of a more illustrious year. In comparing the two you will find:

A. Lusk Reservoir has decreased from 92.2 million gallons to 78 million gallons when the water is flowing over the spillway, SIR!)

B. Someone has removed 100 lights from Cullum Hall.

C. Ten names have mysteriously disappeared from Battle Monument.

"In keeping with the fabled traditions of 'Coop The Snoop' and 'The Owl' you might, perhaps, appoint a committee of one to investigate just what the hell happened. After giving serious thought to this matter for a few seconds, I can come up with only a few possible explanations:

1. The water was siphoned off for purposes of unauthorized shower formations in New North Barracks. (Those guys were always trying to pull something.)

2. The lights were removed for use at the after taps Hearts games. (We had to leave the door open and the Yearlings were always grumbling about the ruckus costing them sack time.)

3. Some Plebe had foolishly risked his survival on a bet with his table commandant, and was determined not to lose.

"I trust that by the time Founder's Day rolls around you will have had ample time to investigate these irregularities, award the proper punishment, and issue a complete report.

"The spirit of compulsory breakfast is with you, Joe. Good Luck.

Ken"

Joe's response was based on research done by a special committee of one be appointed and named the SACROSANCT (Special Assistant to the Commandant for Responding to Old, Senile, and Nosey Classmates' Trivia). SACROSANCT's response which Joe forwarded to Ken:

"MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDANT OF CADETS 5 February 1982

"SUBJECT: Still Another Contention that the Corps Has

"1. This memorandum is in response to the allegations made by your classmate, **Ken Donaldson,** concerning alleged slippage of Corps Standards, or in his words "printer perversity." Those allegations are that since 1951 (when '55 walked onto the Plain):

a. Lusk Reservoir has decreased from 92.2 million gallons to 78 million gallons (when the water is flowing over the spillway, SIR!)

b. Someone has removed 100 lights from Cullum Hall.

c. Ten names have mysteriously disappeared from Battle Monument.

"2. Is Donaldson for real?

"3. The facts are:

a. Allegation 1a

(1) Capacity of Lusk Reservoir first published in **Bugle Notes** (BN), 1924 as 92.2 million gallons (with ancillary data describing water flow).

(2) Capacity decreases to 90.2 million gallons in 1961, due to enlargement of Michie Stadium and decrease in size of Lusk.

(3) Capacity decreases to 78 million gallons in 1969, reason unknown; Engineer will investigate. (Maybe all of those beer cans from '55 tailgates have raised the level of Lusk's bottom).

b. Allegation 1b

(1) In 1977, low-bid contract printer sabotages press and gives Cullum Hall 240 lights.

(2) In 1980, realizing the magnitude of this literacy inaccuracy, Cullum Hall regains its 340 lights.

c. Allegation 1c

(1) In 1924, the first printing in BN of names on Battle Monument lists, **incorrectly,** 2240 names.

(2) An 1898 book on Battle Monument describes **2230** names; 188 officers and 2042 enlisted men.

(3) Error corrected in 1952, and each BN since then lists 2230 names.

(4) Analysis? Grads from classes of 1929 thru 1955 have bad poop!

"4. Recommend you suggest suitable portion of crow for Mssr. Donaldson.

Fred B. Johnson
Major, Infantry
SACROSANCT"

1955: The Trobaughs.

I'm glad that we've all managed to keep our sense of humor.

Please try to keep the news coming. Things tend to get a little sparse during the summer months. Best from the **Goldsteins** to all! Have a good summer.

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'56

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This report contains a mixture of both joy and tragedy for all of us. The well publicized drama of **Jim Dozier's** kidnapping in Verona, Italy and later almost miraculous return to safety was both sobering and thrilling. We are all delighted he was relatively unharmed by this ordeal and once again back at his post. Both he and his family are particularly blessed by this turn of events, and all of us are just plain proud of all of them.

1956: The Morgans.

Unfortunately, I must also inform you of the tragic deaths involving Class sons. Brent **Washburn,** Jr., USMA '82, was killed in a one car accident in Dallas, Texas on 27 Dec, 1981. He was the passenger in a car driven by a classmate who was also killed. The exact cause of this accident will probably never be known—the authorities could only surmise that the driver must have fallen asleep at the wheel. Brent was a particularly close friend and A-2 Company mate of **Steve Root** at USMA. It was my real privilege to meet and visit for a few precious minutes with this fine young man during our 25th Reunion in '81. Dick and Louise **Washburn,** who I reported in the last issue now reside in Arlington, TX, have asked anyone caring to make a memorial donation may do so to the West

1956: Richardson, McNulty, Oakes—25th Reunion leaders.

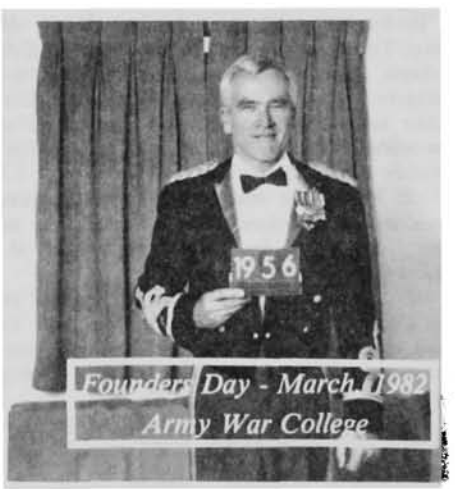
1956: Ladies and men of Co E-1—25th Reunion.

Point Fund, WP, NY 10996. Brent was buried with full military honors in Arlington, TX on 31 Dec 1981.

It is also my very sad responsibility to report James E. **Bonnarens,** son of **Frank** (deceased) and **Rina,** died on 13 Feb 1982 (suicide) in Staten Island, N.Y. He was only 19. His funeral was at West Point on 17 Feb 1982. Rina now resides at 43 Bertha Place, Staten Island, NY 10301. It is at times such as this that we all must take stock of ourselves as well as our remaining loved ones, and truly count our blessings.

Dave and **Gail Muntz** report wedding bells will ring for their son, Steve, and Anne Wallace on 3 Jul 1982. Steve is an agricultural consultant with the Kerr Fdtn in Poteau, OK. Anne is the daughter of MG (USA, Ret'd) and Mrs. George M. Wallace II (Class of '45). Anne will complete her special Ed/PE major studies at Trinity U in May of 82.

You can be sure **Roger and Judy Root** are reserving all bragging rights for their first grandchild, Matthew Ryan Jordan, born 11 Mar 1982. Mother, Susan, the **Root's** only daughter is residing with Roger and Judy in NY until Daddy, Richard Jordan (a USMA grad) returns from his Korean tour of duty.



1956: K.A. Barlow.

Betty and I attended the WP Society Founder's Day festivities in Los Angeles this year. We were pleased to see a good Class of '56 turn out. Among those others in attendance were **Ted** and **Joan Dayharsh, Art Evans, Mike** and **Kathy Esposito, Ted** and **Judy Grant, Dex Shaler, Jerry** and **Sammy Kay Skatvold,** and **Bob** and **Joan Stein.** We were pleased and proud that **Mike Esposito** was elected Pres of the Los Angeles Society for '82-'83. Incidentally Bob Schannep ('61), younger brother of our own **Jack,** was voted Sec-Treas of the same group.

Speaking of Mike Esposito, he has recently moved on from TRW to be Gen Manager of the CA Div of Irvin Inds Inc., a firm dedicated to the advancement of parachute technology. Its product line includes recovery systems for unmanned missiles, reconnaissance aircraft and drones, brake parachutes of supersonic fighter craft, high speed escape parachutes, weapons delivery systems and personnel parachute systems. I'm certain we all wish him all happy landings in this new and exciting venture.

Thanks again for your letters and photos. I'm looking forward to receiving many more from you from the 1982 Founder's Day activities.

1956: The Nicholsons and Huffs.

'57

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Greetings. I know you're out there, even if you won't/don't write. Maybe it has something to do with the weird patterns of late. It's probably too cold to write.

Fortunately, the Class had a party at the Army-Navy Club, and some 22 classmates turned out, some of whom provided the following information.

Leigh Ogden, who ret in Nov 80, is now working as a section leader at Vitro Labs in Silver Spring. He's involved in several Navy projects, as well as survivability and nuclear hardening for the cruise missile. His wife, Carolyn, is the Critical Care instructor at Suburban Hospital, and their daughter, Virginia, is attending the UMD. **Bob Stevens** now has his family back with him, and is enjoying his assignment as Cmdr of Ft Myer. **Bob Leard** ret at the end of the year and has received a political appointment with the Dept of Agriculture. **Bob Tener** has been reassigned from his exec job with the ASA (CW) to OCE headquarters and is now the "Super Fund" czar for the Corps. He will supervise the Corps' involvement in the management

1957: The Whalens, Bainbridge, and Pocock.

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1957: Armstrong, Seely, Voorhees, and Grass.

of design and construction for EPA. **Barry & Donna Fox** have moved up to McLean, VA, from Newport News. He is back on active duty and is assigned to the Office, Chief of Army Reserve, in the Automation Mgmt Office. Their 16-year-old son is at Valley Forge MA and their 2 girls (9 and 10) are now attending school in Fairfax County. **Bernie Tullington** is now with the DC Operations Office of the Battelle Columbus Lab, and **John Bloomfield** is the Admin Officer for the Pineland Commission of the State of NJ. He wants you to be sure to know, however, that "he won't rake needles off your driveway." I think I'm being used to transmit a pin—I mean pun. Oh well. The Class also had a luncheon which was very well attended, and it yielded some more information. **Ed & Mary Ann Soyster** are back in their Annandale house, along with their 3 daughters, after 3½ years at Ft Stewart. He is assigned as Dpty Asst CS for Intelligence, and manages Army Intell Sys and Automation. **Jerry Scott,** who is G3, XVIII Airborne Corps, Ft Bragg, came up to brief DA about the "Gallant Knight" exercise, which he commanded in Egypt. Just think, our first Army (Task Force) commander. He had lots of good information to share. **Tom McDonald** has relinquished cmd of the 35th Sig Bde at Ft Bragg, and moved to MacDill AFB, FL, to be J6 of the RDJTF. **Dick Stephenson** is the J4 of the RDJTF, but is hoping to get a Trans Cmd in Europe. **Ken Halloway** is the J2. Looks like '57 is now taking over the RDJTF. **Joe House** is now the DCS of the XVIII Airborn Corps, having finished a long tour as CO, 11th ADA Bde at Ft Bliss. **Marty Carson** is the VP for Design and Construction for La Quinta Motor Inns, Inc. I don't know where that information came from, but it must be true. I have a copy of his business card. We had 8 reps at the DC Founders Day, which is 2 more than last year. **Bob Comeau** was passing through

1957: Dean USMA presents plaque to Bainbridge for Admissions efforts.

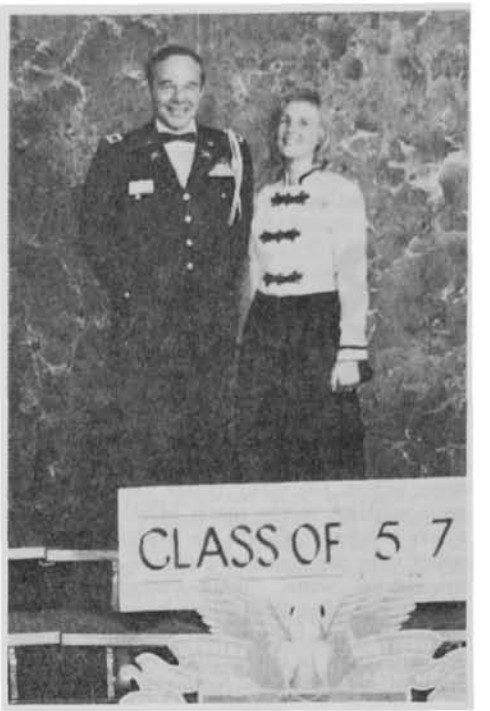
DC, en route from his SJA assignment in the Health Services Cmd, to his new assignment as Dpty JA, USAREUR. He mentioned that his daughter, Valerie, will be married at Ft Myer on 19 Jun 82.

I did get a couple of letters. **Bill Cudmore** wrote from Huntington Beach, CA, to say that he and Margaret are planning to attend the 25th in Oct, and would like some information. By this time you should have received the packet. If you have not, write to COL G. E. Galloway, 103A Washington Rd, West Point, NY 10996, or call him at 914-938-2301. If you can't reach Gerry, call **Bruce Turnbull** at 914-938-2423/2455. It will start on 1 Oct with an informal cocktail buffet at the Thayer, and end on 3 Oct with a champagne brunch. In between there'll be lots of fun and reminiscing, including the Army-Harvard Football game, and a parade for which we will be the reviewing party. See how they run—or march as the case may be. We also need some addresses. The list follows: **Allen, Andrews, Barbazette, Basse, Bieri, Buckner, Davis, Dayton, Delany, Emery, Ewanus, Follansbee, Gee, Hall, Hamm, Hammond, Hanford, Hill, Howell, Ilsemann, Keefe, Kennett, Koch, Kolb, Kyasky, Landry, Lawton, McClanahan, Mead, Morrill, Patterson, Pope, Rogers, Rowland, Ruder, Rush, Andres, Schafer, Shannon, Slaney, Tate, Thomas, Thomson, Tilton, Waldenmaier, Waller, Wheatley, White, Yates, Gooding.**

1957: The Raymonds.

Got a lovely note from **Morrie McBride's** mother, Mrs. Helen P. McBride. Mrs. McBride lives in Braintree, MA, the birthplace of Sylvanus Thayer, and is a member of the Braintree Historical Society. She has been keeping up with the Class via the column and wants to share some information with us. Last Oct she prepared the wreaths from the famous Braintree Herb Gardens, which are located at the restored birthplace of Thayer. These were placed on his grave and statue during a ceremony at West Point, and she has offered to provide photos of the ceremony to those who are interested. Also she extends an invitation to the members of the Class to visit the restored Thayer birthplace. There is a "barn" there which houses the "MacBride Thayer" memorial mannequin cadet, wearing Morris' uniform, along with his decorations and other trophies. I'm sure that since its establishment in 1966 it has inspired many Braintree men and women to enter West Point. Thank you, Mrs. McBride, for your interest in the Class.

Got a note from **Lou Circeo,** who I see quite frequently since he spends as much time in DC as he does commanding CERL in IL, with some information about **Jack Vickers**—good old number one. Jack lives in Portsmouth, RI, and was enrolled in a Design Analysis course at RI College. He was doing a report on CPM, getting ready to take over



1957: Founders Day Heidelberg: The La Partes.

Rickover's job no doubt. However, in the interim he is gainfully employed as Dir of Physical Plant at RIC. Barbara is teaching piano and the oldest son, who is a H.S. senior, is expressing a strong interest in going to West Point. Good luck.

Got a picture and PAO release on **Ed Szvetecz,** with an interesting story. Ed was assigned to Berlin in 61 when the Wall went up and then VP Johnson visited the city. During a parade for the VP, a small Berlin bear with a card welcoming the US forces to the city, was thrown into Ed's jeep. On the card were the names of 2 young Berliners. Ed kept the bear and now that he has returned to Berlin as the CS, US Army Berlin, and with Pam's encouragement, he set out to meet the 2 men. One is an electrician and the other a taxi driver, and both were surprised and happy to learn what happened to their bear, and to meet Ed and Pam. The picture was taken following a lunch hosted by the **Szveteczs** and shows Ed presenting each of the men with a silver tray on which a message of thanks was engraved. As one of the men's wives commented, "I like a fairy tale come true in our time."

I regret that I must end the column with sad notes. **Jim & Ann MacGills'** daughter was killed in an auto accident in Feb, while traveling through AZ. I believe she graduated from college last summer. On behalf of the Class I extend our sincere condolence. **Mau-**

1957: Szvetecz with two Berliners.

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reen Wilhelm died in Jun 81 after a long bout with cancer. I know those of us who knew her share the loss, and offer our sympathy to Ed and the children. On a happier note, their son Bill was married in Dec.

Hope to see you all at the reunion in Oct. But write before that, because my next column is due at the end of Sept.

'58

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Twenty-third column. 4 Apr 82 and a new and different problem: too much info, too many letters, too many phone calls. Actually my complaint is too much MBA homework which is what I should be working on now rather than my wonderful pile of mail. I am tempted to write, "don't contact me, I'll contact you," but **Brad Eliott** knows now how unreliable I am because the AF info I promised last time is not available—I didn't call Brad to get the info. Next time, duty and Northeastern permitting.

1958: The Millers, Founders Day Alaska.

Letter from **Joan Collins** begun on 23 Dec and continued on 5 Jan. Sad news is that Joan's mother died of cancer on 9 Nov 81. Fortunately, Joan had been home for a visit in Sept. On a happier note, Joan had a call from **Pat & Ann Kirk** in Tucson. Pat travels a great deal. Their eldest daughter, Betsy, is in college somewhere. **Jerry Betts'** oldest son Curt graduated from Colo State and is training at Ft Carson with "the Corps." I might ask, "which Corps?" but dare not lest my Engr friends all become former friends. **Mary Ruth and Jim Peck** will move all the way from Baltimore Dist to Ft Meade this summer: Jim to be with NSA. Joan then wondered what will happen to other Dist Engrs due to move this summer: **Collins, Connell, Palladino, Sigler.** Hope someone lets me know so that I can let you know.

Letter from **Jack Madigan**: "I feel somewhat like Mark Twain announcing from Europe that 'the report of his death was an exaggeration'; I have not ret, am working in HQ USAREUR in the resource mgmt business and intend to remain gainfully employed for the forseeable future. There was another John J. Madigan III on active duty as a COL (just as his father JJ Jr. and my father were) whose wayward documents were removed periodically from my file. Fortunately, neither MILPERCEN nor the Fin Cen made the same error (although AFRBA did)." Confession: Scribe knew the report of Jack's ret was not correct, but it served the purpose of prompting a letter. A tactic I may use on

1958: Hruby, Reeder '26, and Cadet Hruby '83.

YOU someday unless YOU write or call in self defense.

Phil Pryor is trusting. He sent along another picture. An earlier one of Phil and his bride Chantal was never published. This one includes **John & Sally Herren, Van & Susie Van Fleet, Phil & Chantal Pryor, Annie Stanton, Dale & Dodie Hruby,** and **Robert Higgins.** Phil was scheduled for Walter Reed in Feb for corrective surgery resulting from his skiing accident a couple of years ago. Hope that no news from Phil on this score means good news.

Joe McElroy wrote from Fountain Valley, CA, where he and **Inez** have completed 8 years of enjoying southern CA with no intentions of leaving. Joe was prompted to write in response to the challenge to identify 2 Class offspring in a recent column. In fact, Joe correctly guessed that the 2 were **Garry Roosma and Scribe.** Considering how little Garry and I have changed since graduation, I am distressed at the low identification quotient. Perhaps it was so easy that each reader assumed every other reader had already written. Back to **McElroys**: Joe is flying for CACI since ret in 79. They have 4 sons—2 in college and 2 in HS.

A commercial note from **Joan Collins** advertising the sale of their house in Kings Park West (sounds like a commitment not to return to DC area). A few years ago this column carried a running commentary on the additions by Sam. If you think you can afford his labor and are interested in DC housing, contact Joan in Vicksburg, MS. PS—9 percent mortgage!

A letter from Hank Larsen, 59. He too identified Garry and me. He tactfully dated the picture in 73 about LTC promotion time before coming thru with 54. Actually, we were 2d johns in flight school in the picture . . . can't remember being that young.

Nice letter from **Ernie Geipel's** mother which I'll make available to someone volunteering to write an obituary for the ASSEMBLY. **Geipel** and 15 or so more obits are

1958: Chantal Pryor and friends.

needed to bring us up to date before the 25th Reunion.

Gale Robertson wrote that they'd seen **Dan & Joan Carter** since moving to CA. Forgot to mention in the **McElroy** account above that Joe reported seeing the **Carters** regularly at Orange County WP Society functions.) **Dick Groves** took Gale to lunch while George was out of town. Fortunately for this family-rated column the **Robertson** daughters were included in the luncheon. **Robertsons** are hoping to see the **Julians, Wayne Weiss** and **Howards** soon. **Bob Puff** stopped to see **Robertsons** recently while at Norton (thawing out from the MN winter) on business. George & **Mac Williams** were students together at DSMC, Ft Belvoir. **Norm Monson** is with TRW in LA. **Robertsons** were planning to attend 100th night show (songs and musical direction this year by son Russ) and be there in May for Russ' graduation. **A plea for news of classmate offspring graduating from WP and other service academies, for pictures, etc.**

Mil Pedersen called. His son William is the first grandson from 35 to enter WP (reported in the '35 column, last issue) while Millard was '35's first son to enter back in July of 54. Probably a first where one family can claim both the first son and first grandson. In case you are confused by all this, our classmate Mil is retd and working as a DAC at Applied Tech Lab, Ft Eustis. Mil was married to Carolyn in Sept 80. She too is working at Ft Eustis. Congratulations to Class of '35, all 3 generations of **Pedersens** and welcome to Carolyn!

1958: Guess who? Guess when?

Envelope from The May Companies with a $100 check from Jack. I was excited, first payment for my writing efforts, alas, it was made payable to the 1958 Class Memorial Fund. Have you sent in your contribution yet? Do it now or when you get your IRS refund.

Scribe got a birthday card from **Ann Jones.** Their real news I read about in the **Boston Globe. Linc** is off to Italy as Jim Dozier's replacement. Linc has a stop at Monterrey for language training. He must have record of continuous troop duty since summer of 72 with only 10 months out for Army War College. Ten years with troops—sounds like the Army before WWII.

Bob Puff called, "after 23 years felt I ought to . . ." He's in the frozen tundra of MN as a competitor of **Pat Mellin's** (at least their civ employers are competing companies). Bob retd in 77 after 9 plus years in CA. CA to MN, talk about an adjustment. The best news is that he and Jo Lynn are planning to attend the 25th. Wish I knew that date to start advertising properly.

Bo Craddock wrote on impressive Southwest Financial Group stationery. He's in Houston where he reports having seen **John Bradley, Tom Forman** and **Frank Bowen.** "Still married to my first wife. Older daughter is at

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1958: The Millers.

GA Tech . . . one more year to go before getting 2 degrees: one from Tech in aero engr and one from Agnes Scott College in liberal arts . . ." Congratulations are in order for Bo's having been promoted to COL in the reserves. He'll probably retire this year.

Bill Miles writes from Thornton, CO where he became the Rector of Chapel of the Intercession on 21 Feb 82. Bill received doctorate in education, guidance and counseling, U of Denver in 80.

Dale Hruby sent a grand picture taken at Col Reeder's 80th birthday. The Corps hasn't completely—seems Cadet Hruby, '83 had to take a weekend to attend the party across the river in Cold Spring! Dale has been TDY of late and reports having seen **Dick Reynard** at Ft Stewart; **Dick Graves, Tim McLean** and **Len Schrader** all at Ft Hood. He's also had calls from **Bob Moscatelli** at Carson, **Bob Clewell** and **Jack Bradshaw** from their "posts on the frontier of freedom in FRG." The callers along with **Sibert** from AMMRC were checking on enlisted personnel problems. I can attest to Dale's incorruptibility which is one way of saying the system won and I lost. Dale attended a recent rendition of the ANCC '58 luncheon crowd "sporatically convened by either **Van Fleet, Lawton, Herren** or **Sigurski**." At least a partial list of attendees includes **Van Fleet, Marc Sigurski, Jae Stanton, Jerry Mitchell, John Schaffer,** and **Ernie Hasselbrink.** Dale's son stopped for a beer break en route to FL with 8 other football players in a Winnebago for spring leave. One of the cadets was **Ed Lucci,** son of **Ed Lucci.** Ed the elder is in Pittsburgh since leaving the AF in 61. "Had I had more time, I'd have grilled Cadet Lucci much more . . ." for information about Ed the elder.

Last letter from **Bob Higgins** with an exposé of DC area Founders' Day. First, very few of the DC Class contingent attended. On to the news (long quote follows): " . . . **Dan Brockwell** is in Manassas as a small businessman . . . **Pete Bahnsen** was trying to get Dan to come to his small business seminars and lecture on various aspects of Dan's printing business . . . Pete also refused to give many details of his doings despite my threat of making up something . . . he said he had never been in ASSEMBLY and wasn't about to start . . . **Chuck Hansult** is still in the AF (where was my AF roommate James W. 'Whathisname'?) . . . Chuck was recently married to Celia Kramer . . . on New Year's Eve . . . in fact . . . just after the start of 82! **Jack Bujalski** is also still in AF but has a PCS to Greeley, CO, where he will be in AFROTC at the UNCO . . . **George Lawton** could not attend because of pending marital engagements (. . . to be married on 26 Jun) so he got **Bill Parks** to drive George's father (Class of '22??) but Bill decided to go to HI with his wife (Bill's wife Mary Jane) so Jack ended up driving the senior **Lawton** who joined us for a drink after the formal ceremonies. **Lee Miller** stated he was the Treas of Electronic Data Systems World . . . **Bill Ganey** is in the recruiting business . . . 12 Districts in the NE Region. Bill said that **Frank Smith** is in NSA at Ft Meade and that **Mike Mahler** is the DCS Pers & Admin of First Army at Meade. **Wally Ward** reports that he is with MITRE Corp doing AF Defense Studies . . . he has run his 8th Marathon and attended a running seminar at Kiawah Isle. Wally also says that **Fran Schneider** is doing well, one son at VPI and a daughter at Maryknoll (??). **Van Van Fleet,** looking resplendent in his tux, is working for an outfit called Van Fleet Associates advising businesses with DC interests but not wanting to set up separate DC offices. Van so enjoyed his first Founders Day in 23 yrs that he can't wait for the next one. **George Mitchell** looking very distinguished in an absolutely smashing beard was at the far end of the table and to my chagrin I did

1958: Gale pinning on stars.

not get to talk to him . . . mea culpa. Oh yes, **Jack Bujalski** also said that **Tom Conti** was at Wright-Patterson AFB as Dir of Manpower and Organization for AF Log Cmd. (Also) that **Bob Shellenberger** is doing AFROTC things at UMI. The youngest grad did well telling us about the closing of Ladycliff (which the Supe said WP was going to lease to move some of the library, BOQ and other things from the Academic area) and **Schlitz** in the First Class Club (that's beer!) As for your reporter, I have resumés on the street, hope someday to figure out what I'm going to do when I grow up . . ." Thanks for the report from DC Founders Day, Bob.

Judy and I attended the WPSNE Founders Day in Lexington. We sat with **Ed & Faith Ofgant.** Where were **Larry Asbury, Dick Bauchspies, Jack Burke, Jim Castle, Paul Ciasullo, Ben Crosby, Bob D'Amore, Arv Doucette, Barry Eveleth, Bob Finkenaur, Roy Kirkpatrick, Len McCormick, Norm Monson, Jack Peters, Cloin Robertson, John Sewall, Don Welch,** and **Don Galli??** They are on the WPSNE mailing roster. I am not too certain of the accuracy of the roster. In the last column I had news of **Ben Crosby** in NV; perhaps he commutes. In this column there is info that **Norm Monson** is in sunny CA. Think that John Sewall was AWOL from the DC function rather than the NE affair.

Miscellaneous. A clipping from Morgan Hill, CA, paper reported that **Jackie Howard** won $100 for her entry (one of 500 submitted) in a mushroom recipe contest. A recent visitor to AMMRC brought a "hello" and promise to phone message from **Jim Brooks.** Sat with **Bob Finkenaur** at the Jan business dinner of WPSNE. Our speaker that night was Harry Walters '59, who is Asst SA for M&RA. The speech was interesting and informative . . . his commitment to the Army and to WP was obvious to us all. **Mike Mahler** was pres of APL Captain Promotion Bd recently according to 18 Jan **Army Times.** In Jan while TDY to Pentagon I saw **Pete Kusek** who retd in Oct 81 and is with Adv Tech, as is **Otto Thamasett.** The McLean/Tyson's corner area is loaded with classmates: **Palmer McGrew** and **Jack Eliot** are with BDM and **Wally Ward** is with MITRE. 22 Mar **Army Times** reported that **Bob Gall** retd 31 Jan.

The current WP Class contingent includes: **Bruce Hamilton,** Physics (rumored to be ret in Jun); **Brad Johnson, AAA; Joe Paes, FE; Stew Willis,** Physics; **John Palmer,** Engrg (also reported to be ret in Jun); **Jim Ramsden,** Chemistry; and **Paul Bons. Joe Lupi** was at Bentley College recently and called but I was out. Sorry. Recent **Army Times** had **Bill Serchak** going from APO 09510 to Ft Meade. The recent 06 command list reflected **Church Hutton** selected for Special Forces and **Pete Hidalgo** for a Chem Proving Grounds. **Bob Higgins** had lunch with **Jerry Mitchell** and **Sandy Evans.** Sandy is still with MITRE, but in Tampa and not Tyson's Corner. Sandy's running all the time, lean & mean per Bob.

I went to **Duff Manges'** 31 Mar ret ceremony at Army Research Office, Durham, NC. Maria and 3 of their 4 daughters were there as well. **BG Ben Pellegrini** made some thoughtful remarks and presented Duff with an LOM for his work as Cdr ARO.

Last news was a phone call from **Hal Lyon.** For those of you who know of his tribulations from the press accounts, I would suggest that you reflect upon the accuracy and veracity of the fourth estate (even your scribe has confessed to an occasional error in this column, even an intentional one concerning **Jack Madigan**). Hal's story had many features made to order for sensational reporting. His phone is 301-371-5094 for any classmates interested in helping him through

1958: The Myers.

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a tough period. To add to their problems, his wife Edith's mother died recently. On the brighter side, Edith's 2 daughters made them recent grandparents. The National Center for Institutions and Alternatives is supporting Hal and will recommend community service. I hope that the next column will carry good news on this subject.

Forgot to mention that **Bo Craddock** also sent a check for $100. Think Reunion, send contributions to AOG 1958 Memorial Fund, etc. And now back to marketing, accounting, financial mgmt . . . close to science fiction for this student.

PS. **Gene Scales**, sorry I cannot find my notes from your call. Gene had more accurate info on the AF brigadier general list, plus other news of TX. Next Time!

'59

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The annual meeting and luncheon on 10 Mar at the Pentagon was presided over by outgoing chairman **Tex Turner**, who is departing for a new assignment as head of the Ranger and Airborne Depts at Benning. Others in attendance for a fine meal and business at hand were **Beard, Lee Bell, Bertils, Besson, Coreth, Cotts, Dawkins, DeMont, Forrester, Phil Gibbs, Griffin, Gurr, Hayes, Krawciw, LeClere, Lidy, Manzo, Markham, Marsh, McConnville, McNerney, Murry, Russell, Schow, Thudium, Toye, Welch, Bob Wheeler, Wosicki,** and **Zaldo.**

1959: Houltry, Founders Day, Columbus, Ohio.

Elected to serve as the Standing Committee for the current year were **Dawkins**, chairman; **Krawciw**, vice chairman; **Zaldo**, secretary; **Campbell**, treasurer; **Coreth**, historian; and **Griffin**, member.

Mart Lidy reported for the Prog Cmte that several dependents of classmates have obtained applications for the 1982 scholarship award, the recipient of which will be selected by a panel of classmates on 15 Jun. The award for this year will be $1,500.

Our Guest Speaker Program ran into some implementation difficulties at WP (chiefly because of the necessarily small size of our initial offering) and has been renamed the USMA Educational Grant. The annual grant of $500, which may be increased as our funds permit, will go to support "Operation Crossroads Africa." This program sends 5 or 6 cadets to Africa for one month during

1959: The Kuschners, Founders Day, Alaska.

the summer to work in villages with other college students on activities similar to those of the Peace Corps: small construction projects, teaching, etc. Participating cadets report on their experiences during the following academic year, and the program is a popular one with keen competition for the slots. The current cost of sending one cadet is $2,400; so, as Mart puts it, we will be sending about an arm and a leg.

John Gurr reported for the Fin Cmte that our fund stood at $28,541 at year end. Income for 1982 is estimated at $4,000. Federal tax reserve for 1981 is $495, and $660 is estimated for 1982. With the exception of a small checking account, the money is currently invested in E.F. Hutton's Cash Reserve Management Fund where the yield is 14.25% at this writing. Note that after this year's $2,000 disbursement the principal has a projected increase of $845. For those who wonder why this fund is taxed, it is because our scholarship grants are restricted to dependents of classmates.

Mart Lidy noted that some of us may wish to support our Class programs, but in the form of charitable contributions that are tax deductible. We may do so by donating to the 1959 account of the West Point Fund (c/o AOG), and we may wish to check with our employers regarding "matching" grants (which some companies are very happy to make). This account can be used to directly augment our support of the Operation Crossroads Africa program.

Founders Day here was on 19 Mar, and that afternoon **Randy Bell** received his stars at the Pentagon with **Tom Russell** and **Harry Walters** in attendance. Randy lives in Philadelphia but is now CG of the 2290th Army

1959: Weekley and Elaine Lawton.

Hosp in Rockville, MD (with units scattered over several surrounding states). So I understand he commutes and spends every Thursday through Sunday in Rockville.

The Supe was the main speaker at the Bolling AFB festivities that evening, and the class was represented by **Kleb** (OCE), **Walters** (ASAMRA), **McNerney** (DCSRADA), **Enright** (FMC Corp.), **Guthrie** (DAC with Harry Walters), **Bob Wheeler** (DIA), **Krawciw** (on loan to State Dept., moving to DCSOPS this summer), **Marsh** (DSAA), **Manzo** (BDM Corp.), **Phil Gibbs** (MDW), **Russell** (DMA), **DeMont** (DOD, on orders for Ft Knox as Ch of Doctrine, TARS), **Burba** (DACS), and **Dawkins** (DSCOPS). Oops, and **Kleb** is going to the War College this summer.

The next evening the celebration at Belvoir was attended by **Jerry & Jerri Hilmes** and **Tom & Ann Russell.** GEN Bruce Clarke was the featured speaker and the oldest grad present.

Tom Russell, who kindly took notes for me at the Founders Day functions, also reports the following. **Art Kubo** has been named Dir of Engr Applications at BDM Corp. **Wayne Lambert** was promoted to BG in March and is at Offutt AFB as Asst DCSOPS of SAC. **Lee Nunn** is DE in Anchorage and is planning to retire there. **Bill Toskey** is in Fairbanks with the Office of the Federal Inspector supervising the construction of the natural gas pipeline. And the latest 06 command list includes **Gary Beech** (CE), and **John Wilson** and **Jim Hill** (ORD).

1959: Meese III, Cohen, and Walters: Founders Day, Los Angeles.

Bill Cohen, who is outgoing president of the WP Society of Los Angeles, writes that their Founders Day celebration drew about 300 people on 7 Mar., and that everyone was very proud of **Harry Walters**, who, along with Edwin Meese III, was the principal speaker. Harry spoke of the resurgence of Army football and what we need to do to win. Harry and his exec, Fred Bidgood ('60) had dinner with Bill and Nurit the evening prior, and a good time was had by all.

Bill Callaghan, Jim Kennedy and **Jack Neal** attended the North Texas Society's Founders Day dinner at the Chaparral Club in Dallas on 19 Mar. Bill is CO of a reserve advisor unit and Senior Air Advisor to a TX ANG Combat Comm Gp. He and Mary have made recent trips to DC and to Atlanta, so "reunion" has been their theme for early 1982. Jim is VP of an executive search firm in Dallas, and he and Pat are enjoying the area. Daughter Pam is at SMU in business, and Kathi is a senior in high school. Jack and Nancy **Neal** report they're fine.

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1959: Roger Ware at Harvard.

Jack, who is now with Electronic Data Systems, had lunch recently with **Paul Dearmin**, who is a financial planner in Dallas. Young Johnny Neal is a junior at Rice in computer science, and Chuck is a high school junior.

Mike Gabel writes a nice letter from Saudi Arabia where he works under his former tac, Gordon J. Duquemin ('47), for the Vinnell Corp. on the task of modernizing the Saudi Arabian National Guard. This is the first time Mike's ever written, and he says he wouldn't have now had I not omitted the name of Cadet Irene Elizabeth Gabel ('85) from the list of '59 progeny at WP a couple of issues back. Sincere apologies, and, in this case, a salaam. Mike is in Riyadh on a one year contract while Elizabeth holds down the AMWAY enterprises in Atlanta. They have another daughter, Michel, at DeKalb Community College; and a son, David, in the AF at Robbins AFB, about 60 miles from Atlanta.

Fred McConnville is winding up his Army career as Secretary of the JCS and hangs up his suit on 1 Aug. Then in Sept it's off to Cambridge and the Harvard Law School to begin a promising new career in wealth. Dot is an interior designer and will carry Fred through the school years in the style to which he will become accustomed.

Roger Ware writes that he and Rinny are outside Philadelphia where Roger is Sr VP of Marketing for the Reliance Insurance Co. Last summer he completed the Adv Mgmt Prog at the Harvard Business School and saw **Frank Salvatore** who, in turn, occasionally sees **John Cohan**, who is a lawyer in the Boston area. And thus, through the grapevine, do we stay in vicarious touch. The four (count 'em) Ware sons are doing fine. Roger, Jr., is a casualty underwriter for Fireman's Fund Ins. Co.; Keith is a jr at Penn State; and Mark and Glenn are at Malvern Prep in Malvern, PA. Roger and Rinny have a condo at Lake Worth and have been enjoying mini-vacations there.

1959: *The Grays, Joneses and O'Meara.*

Jim & Phyllis Walsh, along with son **Terry** ('84) went to the Bahamas for spring leave and saw **Rody Conway** and his oldest son, Scott, for about 7½ minutes at the Miami Airport. Elder son Jay Walsh ('83) loaded the family Winnebago with the Army football defensive unit, and the 8 cadets were last reported terrorizing several beaches in FL.

Powell & Joanne Hutton left SHAPE last summer (leaving **Charlie Lymn** as the surviving 59er in that hqs.) and, with then 3 month old Charlotte, arrived at Harvard for a year's fellowship at the Center for International Affairs. This summer it will be back to the Pentagon where Powell will be working with **Dawkins** in ODCSOPS. He says the delight of watching a daughter grow is savored later than some but surely no less. Whadisay?

'60

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1960: The Huntingdons, Founders Day Alaska.

1960: The Wilsons, Founders Day Heidelberg.

1960: The Feros and Emma Topert, Founders Day Alaska.

1960: Hanne, Carey, Drewfs, and Berry.

'61

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Because of limited input, the '61 column is once again fairly brief. I'm not complaining, because it is a much easier task to compile these notes than I recall in the early 60's, when I had scores of letters to summarize for each article; additionally, '61 is becoming one of the best supporters of the ASSEMBLY editor's pleas to be brief. As the summer upheavals take place, however, may I suggest that informal reps at various posts, camps and stations drop me a line to report on the activties of our classmates.

Pete Gleichenhaus has taken care of that chore for the Heidelberg contingent, where he is the community DPCA. He and Barb joined a spring class reunion of sorts with a Fri night dinner at a local hotel followed by the Sat Founders Day dinner at the Patrick Henry O-Club. **Trish & Dick Buckner** came from Budapest, where Dick is the Army Attaché and member of the diplomatic corps and they are accordingly involved in the embassy dinner circuit (don't arrive early or late, eat whatever is served and enjoy it no matter how it tastes). **Jay Cook,** who is Security/Plans/Ops officer at Pirmasens, joined the Class for the Friday bash but begged off for Founders Day because he had a Sunday Marathon to run. (Joe Wojcik, '62, writes that Jay was one of the top 3 winners in the over-40 category at last Oct's "original" marathon race in Athens.) Another youthful member of the Heidelberg festivities was **Bob Frix** and his bride of 4 years ("I wasn't opposed to marriage; it just never happened.") They have a 2-½ year old son, Alexander, and in his off-hours Bob is a USAREUR IG. **Sharon & Glynn Mallory** joined the Class table from nearby

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1961: Gleichenhaus', Offringas, Butterworths, Frixes, Sollohubs, Mallarys and Tiltons: Founders Day Heidelberg.

Weisbadden, where he is a Bde Cdr and offers a full floor of his position quarters to any '61ers. **Sharon & Connie Leinbach** were also there; Connie commands the local med detachment, and Sharon is the adj at the General Hospital. The **Leinbach** clan includes a son who is a Ranger at Ft Stewart, a daughter finishing high school in PA, and 3 children in Heidelberg ranging from 14 to 2 years old. Other participants at the '61 weekend included **Sande & Chuck Sollohub** (Chuck is on the USAREUR Engr staff and coaches children's basketball), **Liz & Frank Tilton** (Frank is the 21st SUPCOM Engr), **Jennie & Pete Offringa** (Pete commands the 130th Engr Bde), **Gail & Dutch Coulter** (Dutch is completing a tour with USAREUR DCSOPS), and **Judy & Larry Butterworth** (Larry is an IG).

1961: Wooten, Zarzania, Rosenkranz, De Vries, Stone, Cuthbert, Sherburne and Glass.

A note from **Hoot Gibson** (he and Barb are enjoying ret life in the LA area) asks that I put in a plug for **Paul Vallely**, who has entered the Jun 82 primary for the 7th US Congressional Seat from CA. Paul is running on a conservative ticket that supports the President's programs, and any contributions to his campaign would be welcome: PO Box 23727, Pleasant Hills, CA, 94523. As another plug, I'll pass on the telephone Number of **Jim Scott** (800-523-8539) who is VP of an investment firm in Denver and offers financial advice concerning such growth industries as cable TV and health care technology.

Don Landry has temporarily left Jan in Houston to manage their 2-jacuzzi home while he and **Phil Sykes**, both newly ret, are in Saudi Arabia working on a $2 billion construction project for the U of Ridyah. Don's son is finishing his 2d year at Texas A&M (along with **Forest Carlton's** son), while his daughter is completing high school and is preparing to go to Baylor U. This column is too short to recount the endeavors of Phil's & Martha's children: The 11th arrived in Nov, shortly after Phil left for Saudi Arabia; he commented, "I've been through this 10 times before, and now it's old hat."

Finally, the **Army Times** reports that the following have joined the ret rolls: **Terry Alexandar, John Berinato, Drew Casani, John Eielson, Bob Hamilton, Marsh Harington,** Ben Legare (ex-61), and **Ben Willis.**

'62

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Hail to the retirees and welcome to the civilian world!!! By the time these notes are published, most of our class will be donning mufti and stepping out into a variety of positions.

Plans for the coming 20 year Reunion should be made by now and expectations of renewing old ties are high.

Jim Strohmeyer, M.D. writes from Houston where he is practicing anesthesiology. Son, Kevin (18), is now a freshman at Brown and wife, Linda, cares for Stefanie (16); Lisa (12); Sara (1 yr); and John (3).

1962: The Strohmeyers.

LTC **Jim Peterson** is now in the PAO at the Pentagon after leaving AWC in Jul 81. His office phone is 202-697-5720.

Thanks to **Carol Anne Sherard** for her report from their Fairfax, VA home on COL Stew, who is completing his second of three years on the ICAF faculty. Son, Jeff, will be at UMO, Columbia some sixty miles from Stu and Carol Ann's hometown where both sets of grandparents still reside. Son, Steve, will be a HS freshman this fall.

1962: Barrello, Rushatz, Prince, Higinbotham, Bachelor, D.O. Clark, Sklar, Kasco, Robb and G.L. Brown.

Lawyer **Dave Jones** and family reported in from Toledo, OH, where Dave is with Eastman and Smith, Attorneys-at-Law. Dave saw **John Darrah**, who writes that he has been somewhat on the move and very much out of touch since he and your Scribe painted part of California together. John married a California lady named Mary, and added Michael Robert Darrah to the family scene on 29 Nov 1981. John and three partners bought a company called AP Parts from the Questor Corp in Toledo and he is President and CEO. His new home phone and address are: 29095 Belmont Lake Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551; phone 419-661-9233. He asks that anyone in the area give him a holler.

1962: The Laughlins and Kings.

Jim Andress has been elected to a three year term with the Bd of Dir of Lake Forest, IL, Sch of Mgmt. Jim is VP Corp. Planning for Abbott Labs and received an MBA from Wharton School, UPA. He lives with the family at 451 N. Greenbay Road in Lake Forest and looks to replace a locker which **Chris Stanat** threw out of a div of barracks some years ago at WP.

From P.O. Box 859 of Greenville, NC 27834 comes the photo of **Mac Howard** and his family: Eloise, Shannon (12) and Josh (8). Mac is busy lawyering and most certainly will be seen in the political processes of the Nation in the future. Besides which, he is alpha-

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1962: Dave Jones and family.

betically linked to your Scribe in that we always lined up along with **Pete Horoschak**, who is still superintending in Poughkeepsie with his oldest daughter married off to a soccer buff. . . .

1962: The Howard family.

George Gunderman checked in from Rt 2 Box 274G in Russellville, AL 35653 and reports settling in NW Alabama after departing active duty in 73. He works for the TVA Office of Agricultural and Chem Devl in Muscle Shoals as Asst Ch of its Engineering Svcs Br. Gary (12) and Melanie (11) are shepherded (along with Dad) by Anna **Gunderman**. George has been with the 87th Maneuver Area Cmd in Birmingham since 76. They write and conduct CPX's for brigade and higher units up and down the East Coast. George, along with **Gus Fishburne, Al Girardi, Bob Lilley** and **Joe Gross** are enrolled in the AWC correspondence course for 82 graduation. George reported in on the Berlin Wall report of last ASSEMBLY and he thought **Chris Keuker** and **Jim Krause** were there on AOT also. He was with F. Co. 40th Arm as a platoon leader when the "alert" went out. Shortly thereafter they pulled him out to be a liaison officer to Berlin Command. Anybody else have a part of the puzzle to share????????

1962: The Minsons in Norway.

Class of 32 report indicated that COL Wm. H. Gavan has a wife named Ann who is a middle dau to Harvey Fischer, 32 and that Bill's 16 yr old is interested in a future WP cadetship . . . which is good because all indications are **Al Rushatz** will be at USMA in the OPE/Athletics area to join his son who is a second classman.

1962: The Butzers in Germany.

Charlie B. Butzer (Old Dimpled Knees of B-1) sent his lovely family photo to show that steins are not empty in New Ulm Germany even though Nancy (where is **Bob Rumph**'s report, Nancy???) and Scott have now travelled to Dad's new spot as CO 2nd Bn, 4th Inf at Bragg.

Foreign service being the thing, great to hear from Ryan, Dave, Rosanne and **Robert Minson** from Oslo, Norway.

Closer to home, Jim Kimsey had a grand time having Coach Ed Cavanaugh autograph son, Ray's football at the DC Touchdown Club Awards Dinner. Mike, Ray and Mark are possible starting line if recruiting is doing what it should.

1962: The Chafetz family.

Betty and Don Chafetz checked in with a lovely photo of family including young'uns Ross and Gwyn. They are still residing in Dover, NJ.

Betty and Bill Kosco with Jordan, Hollis and Leigh (the little one) are quite certain of an Oamn (Muscat) assignment after their current tour at AWC. Bill will be resident engineer there and hopes that we'll send along reports of the reunion doings. Their little one is Caroline conceived in Hawaii and reared in the PA ice and snow such that they would love to return to the warmth of HI. Oman reports a humid 135 degrees, folks. . . . . That's some kinda warm.

1962: The Koscos.

Mike Jones (Paul M.) sent a great letter (others should be so kind to your bald, gray and old Scribe. . .) He is stationed at Ft Monroe in the Quality of Life Planning program. His wife of two years, Grace, is a computer analyst and both are avid boating and skiing buffs. Mike is pursuing a Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psych at Old Dominion U. He has visited with **Tom Murray** at Bliss and Steve **Hablett** from Redstone. He also saw Fred **Gorden**, XO in OCLL at DA, who is scheduled for Ord and 7th Div-Arty.

1962: The Joneses.

Tom Murray and wife from El Paso where Tom is Dep. Dir of the Materials System Div in Combat Devlopments. He ran into Larry Anderson, '63 who remembers many of the '62 contingent.

From 7826 Welch CT, Alexandria, VA 22310 comes the great news of the wedding of **Roger Shope** to Marian Montgomery Brown on 26 Sept 81 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Georgetown. She is the daughter of MG and Mrs. Arthur E. Brown, '53, and

1962: The Shopes.

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1962: The Larry Smith family.

is a contract administrator with Deleuw, Cather, Parsons in D.C.. Roger is still with OSD there. Roger further reports that **Geoff Withers** retired in the summer of '81 and is in law school at UFLA-Gaineville. Geoff, we want a full report and a visit to your Scribe in Seminole where the fresh grapefruit and orange juice are mixed to a fare thee well. . . .

Phil Costain is teaching in the Def Resources Mgt Educ Ctr at Nav PGSch. K-1's **Larry Smith** and wife, Maren with boys, Mark (6) and Tom (2) are in Sacramento, CA where he is a partner in his own firm a commercial and industrial real estate development company. Take heed, **Frank Cross** . . . Larry went to Germany after leaving active service in 67, where he sold stocks for Bache and Co. in Frankfurt. They returned to the States in 70 to L.A. and the Newport Beach area where he began real estate brokerage, thence to his own firm.

Your Scribe's Coast Guarding career caused a meeting at JDA with **Bob Munsch** who paid for lunch and conducted himself as befitting any COL caring for the 0-3's of the world. MacDill has or had **Bill Bromiley**, X62 and an AF 0-5 along with JAG member **Chuck Murray, Slade Johnson, Ralph Lurker** and **Don Stewart.** Bob gave me a command list showing Brigade level command for **Krause, Landry, Bachelor, Weinfurter, Gary Brown, Bryde,** and **Fintel.**

Thanks to **Dan Teed** and **Rufus Crow** for their sparkling phone calls. Ruf is headed to Detroit to a Sr. Marketing Mgr in Burrough's International Div.

Great thanks too are rendered to all of those of you who planned, programmed, worked, wrote, slaved or piddled in the preparation and soon to be BIG TWENTIETH REUNION. See you Oct 22-24. I expect drinks from all of you on whom I have not told secrets, lies, slander, malicious gossip or ribald sex stories . . . which, by the way, leaves not too many who are buying . . . BEAT LADYCLIFF . . .

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Congratulations to **Pete Weyrauch, Tom Carney,** and **Steve Silvasy** who were selected for the 06 command list. Also congratulations to **Ed Lee** who is on the battalion command list. If I missed anyone please let me know and I will include it in my next column.

Received a letter and newspaper article from **Jack Chase.** He is employed at GE in Burlington, VT. Jack, who was pres of the art club as a cadet, also works as a sculptor. He led a team of architects and designers who competed for the National Memorial for Vietnam Veterans in Washington, DC. His entry was one of 43 (out of 1,421) selected as a Meritorious Entry and chosen to go on permanent nationwide display. He was invited by First Lady Nancy Reagan to attend a reception marking the opening of the exhibit at the Headquarters of the American Institute of Architects. Jack's many sculptures are made to show the complexities of war and are not protest sculptures. They are made to demonstrate that war brings out the good and bad in people. Anyone interested in contacting Jack for information, write to Jack S. Chase, RFD 1, Snipe Island Rd, Jerico, VT 05645, phone (802) 899-2365.

1963: The Hewette family.

For classmates planning to visit So Amer why not plan to visit **Jerry Orlick** who has a gigantic house in Venezuela. In Feb of 81 Jerry resigned from the Buick dealerships in Lynchburg and took a job with Stewart and Stevenson de Venezuela. Jerry's company is a dealer and distributor for Detroit Diesel Allison engines—an important part of oil rigs. Jerry is gen mgr in Maracaibo. His address in Venezuela is: Quinta Provinciana, Calle 71 No. 15a-175, Maracaibo, Venezuela. Their more reliable stateside address is Mr. & Mrs. **George A. Orlicki,** Steward and Stevenson, 4516 Harrisburg Blvd, Houston, TX 77001. Jerry also reports that **Bob & Peg Donovan** are freezing in Canada where he is with B&W Canada building nuclear power plants.

Jim & Nena Hewette are proud parents of a baby, Roman (3 months). Jim enclosed a picture of his lovely family in the back yard (swimming pool) of his San Diego home. Jim is working as a structural engr in San Diego. His Address is: P.O. Box 1907, Rancho Sante Fe, CA 92067. In addition to taking care of the household, Nena flies her single Piper Arrow a lot and earned an instrument rating in it several years ago. His daughter competes in western quarter-

1963: Genetti, Madiia (USNA), and Cole.

horse shows and his son is into motor bikes and sports.

As your new scribe I have been investigating the current status of the Class DC exec cmte and as far as I can discover nothing is going on. The money for widows and orphans is apparently tied up in a fund at WP. I do not know the current status of funds for the Class. If the current treasurer would give me a report for the column I would appreciate it. The 20th reunion is a key time to present petitions to the Class to vote on various projects, Class officers, scholarship programs, gifts for Class sons, etc. To get things started all classmates in the DC area please contact me and provide your current address and phone number. Let me know if you are willing to serve on a Class cmte. I will compile a list of all classmates in the DC area as a first step in getting organized.

1963: The LaFondes, Mary Lyde and Esposito.

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At my last writing I noted that winter had settled in and taken a firm grip on the Hudson Highlands. At this writing, appropriately enough, 1 Apr, there are hints, in spite all evidence to the contrary, that gloom period will in fact come to an end and that the world will not forever be gray and cold. It was winter in the best traditions of West Point and one upon which, as old grads, the classes of '82 through '85 will reflect in later years when describing the trials and rigors of their cadetship.

Piia and I ushered in the New Year in

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1964: Baratto, Murphy, McClintock, Desjardins, Hardy, McCaffrey, Otjen.

the company of **Barbara & Nick Nichols** and **Holly & Norm Grunstead** at Nick's place down in Baltimore. It was a very pleasant affair as one might assume from such a congenial group of participants. If you are calling Nick at the office, by the way, be sure and ask for Harwood Nichols, as Nick has determined that "Hi, I am Nicky Nichols" wasn't consistent with his professional image. We also saw Nick later on in the year when he worked a visit to West Point into a business trip to the NYC area.

In an effort to bring a little sophistication to our lives, **Gladys Kofalt** engineered a gathering of some of the classmates in our area for wining and dining at an old and quaint inn somewhere in CT (I have no idea where we were, **Norm Gill** was driving and he got lost twice). As is our custom, both the wining and dining were done well. The merrymakers included the **Kofalts**, the **McCormacks**, the **Waldrops**, the **Gills**, and the **Tetus'**. **Ken Waldrop**, who I hadn't seen in a while, is Dir of Purchasing for Cheesborough Ponds, Inc. in Greenwich, CT.

1964: The Robinsons.

It's arrival and departure season at WP once again and I am pleased to announce that the Class representation around the flag pole is expected to measurably increase. We have only one departee, Terry **Rusnak**, who is being assigned to Saudi Arabia. That won't be a total loss, however, since Marlene and family will remain here at WP "house sitting" one of those grand old homes on Professor's Row. **Tony Janairo** will arrive sometime in Apr to take up duties as the Area Engr, and summer will see the arrival of **Norm Anderson** to take up duties in DMI, **Bill Reynolds** going to G&CS (it used to be ES&GS; before that MT&G, and my bet is its name will change again before Bill gets here), and **Frank Giordano** will return from a year at the Naval PG Sch. Rumor also has it that **Tony Hartle** will be coming to the English Dept, but no firm word on that yet. **Norm Anderson** visited here for a few days in anticipation of his PCS and in order to check out the hockey rink, rec services, etc. It warmed my heart to see that my old ranger buddy had remained relatively unaffected by the passage of time and other maturing influences.

The '64 contingent at the WP Founders Day this year was comprised of **Sam Burney**, **Gary Cecchine**, and myself. Other attendees included the SA, the Cadet Glee Club, and General Stillwell, who I am sure you will all recall with many fond memories as the Commandant who welcomed us in as Plebes so many years ago. As fond as I am of Founders' Day activities, when Piia left me to my own devices in DC the following weekend, I took the opportunity to attend the festivities there, which were held at Bolling AFB. The affair was ably managed and choreographed by **Gene Sullivan**, who managed to come up with a spare seat for me at the Class table. Attendees were **Tony Janairo**, of whom I spoke earlier, **Jack Little**, who is stationed at Andrews AFB and is in the long range planning business, **Hank Liverpool**, who is with AF R&D, currently associated with Harry Diamond Labs, and **Dave Holdsworth**, who is with the CAA in Bethesda. Jack reported that he had just returned from Korea and this was his first non-flying job since he had been in the AF and that he was a little uncomfortable flying a desk. Hank commented that although he has been stationed around the world, he has been assigned to the same unit throughout his entire career, a function of the fact that the AF sent him to grad school immediately after graduation and his career has been one long utilization tour. Despite the lack of '64 attendance, **Tony Janairo** indicated that a recent luncheon in the DC area drew in excess of 70 classmates.

Other bits from the DC area: Kudos are in order for **Gene Sullivan**, who, it was recently announced, has been appointed Dpty Gen Counsel of the AF. It's not known whether this appointment was a result of Gene's efforts at the Founders Day dinner, or his activites over at the Dept of Justice. **Joe Zengerle**, not unsurprisingly continues to have a way with words, and was spotted on the Op-ed page of the **Washington Post** with an article dealing with the legacy of our Vietnam experience. **Vic Kongsuvan** wrote to announce that he is back in the good old US of A as mil attaché in DC. Vic is now a col in the Royal Thai Army and for the next year or so can be located in Kensington, MD with his wife, Jintana, and 2 daughters. **Johnny Lang**, also from DC, called from his post as Ombudsman for the Smithsonian to report on the activities of **Fred Coleman**, who is apparently into long, long, long distance running, of the 70 to 100 mile variety, and performing quite credibly (eat your hearts out all you marathoners).

I also received a call from **Tom Curran**, who lives now in Hidden Hills, CA, and is running his own marketing co, which he established some 3 years ago. He had called to say that in searching through the family memorabelia, he had come across an extra 1964 HOWITZER, and was prepared to pass it along to any member of the Class who desired it. Tom can be reached at 213-888-6697.

Jim Schoonover wrote from Berlin and mentioned that he had spoken to **Fletcher Lamkin** and to **Dick Chilcoat** on the phone, and seen **Seavy Bain** and **Doug Barr** at various meetings in Germany. **Seavy Bain** apparently will take over an inf battalion some time this summer. Jim also reported seeing **Judd Hughes**, who was over from DC on a MILPERCEN visit, and **Tom & Sue Chapman** on a vacation visit to Berlin. Jim also notes that his 11-month-old, Kyle, is now walking and that his lifetime goal is to have all his kids out of diapers before he is 45 and before Shirley is 30.

1964: Lambert, Leyerzaph, Allen and Mashburn.

As a direct result of my plea for assistance, **Kevin Kelly** was inspired to take pen in hand (apparently some people are reading this column) and herewith is his report. After having struggled through 8 demanding years of working 20 hours a week for 8 months a year at Providence College, Kevin will take a well deserved sabbatical leave during the Academic Year 82-83. He will be based in Golden, CO, from Jun of 82 through Aug of 83, with a break between Aug and Dec of 82 to attend the Army Logistics Exec Development Course as an active duty reservist at Ft Lee, VA. Kevin and Rosemary, who will be studying for her master's degree in reading disabilities, invite any and all Class skiers to visit CO while they are there. Kevin also passed on the info that they had visited **Barry & Bridget Hartman** in the DC area over Xmas. Barry has just returned from commanding a Cav squadron in Germany and is now at the NWC and expects reassignment either to Ft Carson or Ft Bliss from there. Kevin parenthetically noted that sounded like a pretty easy choice to make if one were allowed to do the choosing.

Don Ullman also reported in from Germany where he is in the middle of a 7-year overseas tour. He has just finished 4 years with the Def Attache in the embassy in Bonn, and now he, Kathy, and children, Brian (11), and Lisa (10) are living in Munich where Don is assigned with the 3855th Security Det—tough duty. Don's neighbors are **Mike & Renate Goff**. Mike is another hardship case who is on his 2d tour in Munich as a LO to the Germany Army Engr Sch (I, of course, am not one to complain having had 2 tours in HI and one each in Atlanta, Japan, and at the Universities of FL and VA). Don also reported a surprise visit in Nov last year from his old roommate **Neil Efird**, who was pulling a reserve tour of active duty in the area. Neil currently resides in Yugoslavia where his wife is in the foreign service and he is in business. Don and Kathy also extend an invitation to any skiers passing through the Munich area.

Frank Lambert was also stirred into action by my silver tongued entreaties with a report on his activities in Campbell, CA (408-867-0262). Frank has been running his own carpet business for the last 3 yrs and although he is complaining about the economy, he noted he just returned from a 2-wk ski vaca-

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tion at Lake Tahoe. He enclosed a picture taken in his backyard (the pool and palm trees don't look too bad either!) on Army/Navy game day, memorializing a gathering which included **John Leyerzaph, Ken Allen,** and **Frank Mashburn.** Frank also reports that the welcome mat is out at 877 East Hamilton Ave to all visitors passing through the Bay area.

1964: The Verdecchias, Protheros, Michliks, Plymale and Sarah Welling.

I am very pleased to announce that during the past quarter, I received my first contribution from a member of the distaff side of the house, and I would like to take this opportunity to make it abundantly clear that I am an equal opportunity scribe (my wife would permit no less) and will accept contributions from anyone kind enough to write. **Jean Harvey**'s letter commenced on a nice note complimenting me on my efforts and sympathizing with the difficulties of scribedom. She, however, quickly digressed into a discussion of a very unmemorable event from my cadet days that certainly does not bear repeating here. Let's stick to current events folks! Jean and Jim are stationed in London where Jim works for something called USARDSG, keeping in touch with academic communities and labs and recommending projects of scientific interest to the Army. It sounds like a diverting job. Jim's travels have taken him throughout England, to Greece, Austria, France, and Israel, and he has obviously gotten expansive in his later years as Jean reports he occasionally takes his wife and son Colin on these adventures.

And that's it for this edition of the '64 news. Congratulations to all of those who pick up a fogey on the 3d of Jun—just doesn't seem like 18 yrs have gone by already. One final note of interest just in case it doesn't make it in elsewhere in this publication; WP is currently in the process of acquiring Ladycliff Col in order to provide for expansion of academic facilities in the central area of the post. The acquisition will add about 24 acres to the Academy and will probably provide fertile ground for material to use in future 100th Night Shows.

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More interesting news from our classmates throughout the world. **Ed Abesamis** appeciated my humor in a previous article, and wrote with his address in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where he works for RISCO. His tel is 644-8492. Unfortunately, I'm not sure what the area code is, but some wise sage in my office here indicated she thought it was 645 (think about it). **Ed** reports that he's still willing to unload any classmate's ship as long as you don't mind alcohol-free drinks.

1965: The Applers.

He apparently has also been playing some tennis, and recalled his concern when he was dropped from the tennis intramural team to officiate lacrosse some 18 years ago. I hope I am forgiven, **Ed.**

Received the nice picture of the **Lowe** family, who now reside in El Paso and enjoy the "old Post" living. As mentioned in a previous article, **Jack** is Chf Finl Officer of the Post. **Jack & Annette,** when it comes to having children who look like their parents, you take first prize.

1965: Anderson presents Michigan Resolution to Smith '44, Dean USMA.

Had several long and interesting discussions with **Ed Foehl.** He and **Katie** live in Portland, where they have been for 4 years. In addition to attempting to resurrect the WP Soc of Portland, **Ed** is the Chf Finl Officer for Freightliner Corp., which was acquired by Mercedes. **Ed** reports that **Don Larsen** lives about 50 miles south of Portland and is a dentist. **George Ruggles** has remarried and heads up the Ind Engr Div. of Omark Ind in Brussels. **"Bump" Merritt** is a partner in a law firm in Cleveland, and our good friend, **Woody Epperson,** is wheeling and dealing in oil in Houston. **Ed's** wife, **Katy,** is the head of philanthropic endeavors for one of the local hospitals in Portland. **Ed** also reports that the **"Z"** (**Andy Zaleski**) is still in the AF and is being considered for promotion to 2LT in Washington, DC. He's involved in weapons development. Rumor here in Chicago was that his previous job was designing portable "johns" for the astronauts during the last space shot.

1965: The Lowe family.

Also received a nice letter from **Skip O'Donnell. Skip** is a senior engr at Westinghouse' Naval Reactor facility, and lives in Idaho Falls, ID. They simulate the nuclear reactor plants for Navy submarine and surface nuclear ships. He reports that **Ron Wells** lives nearby where he also works with a nuclear power consulting firm. **Skip** talked to **Dick Tragemann** at Ft Sill when **Skip** was on 2 weeks active duty. **Dick** has a Field Arty training Bn there. **Skip's** old roommate, **George Gerringer,** is now the G1 for USCC at West Point. **Duke Wheeler,** who used to work with **Skip,** now works for the NRC in WA. **Skip's** closing remarks were that the fishing, hunting and rafting are great out there.

On a sad note, I was sorry to learn that

1965: Founders Day Heidelberg: The Adamses, Connallys, Fergusons, Harmans, Helbergs, Kulbackis and Ruggles'.

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Rick Weatherall's father passed away as was noted in the last ASSEMBLY. Our condolences go out to **Rick** and his family. Speaking of this, my research as to whether all appropriate eulogies have been written for our fallen classmates was surprising. Eulogies have not been written on: **Arvin, Lee, Kistler, Keats, Echols, Momcilovich, Wuertenberger, Hays, Kadetz, Bryan, Dickey,** or **Zonne.** I would appreciate volunteers to help complete this important task.

Please note our new address indicated above. We are no longer in Arlington Hgts but have moved to the booming metropolis of Buffalo Grove (which is about two miles north).

1965: The Colls with the Browns '53: Founders Day Chicago.

Judy and I were the hosts for **Art & Jerry Brown** ('53) during our recent Founders Day here in Chicago. **Art,** as most of you remember, is the former Deputy Supe. We had a terrific time with them and shared some great remembrances of West Point.

In the last article, we reported on the notorious **Charles F. Shaw** Vineyard in the Napa Valley. One of my business partners toured that area recently, and was surprised to find out that if the **Shaw** Vineyard is there, the local folk are not sure exactly where. **Chuck,** perhaps you'd better send us directions next time.

Received a note from **Marty Andresen,** who apparently has left West Point. He and **Della** and their 2 children, **Douglas** and **Jennifer,** are off to the War College, where he will be on the staff and faculty in the Dept of War Gaming. Interesting to note that **Marty** was an honor grad at CGSC back in 79. Congratulations, **Marty.** Also received a note from **Bob Brown** that he and **Carolyn Sterling** were married in Feb in Gresham, OR. Our congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds.

Hope your summer is super! All our best from Chicago, and let me hear from you soon.

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You might not be aware that for the more ancient classes like '66, virtually every demerit you ever earned for gross offenses against cadetship and humanity is carefully archived away, and waiting. You have a clue, though that such a record existed, because a recurring element of the Founders Day dinner formula is the gentle, ritual humiliation of the senior person present.

1966: Mini-reunion at Benning.

Before the old gentleman is permitted his few minutes at the lectern, often a snappy young MC shuffles through his papers and comes up with a list of mildly embarrassing quill the fellow earned decades before. Nothing really serious, mind you, but just enough to show manly spirit and, maybe, a linkage: generations of TAC's in earnest written pursuit of generations of cadets. Occasionally, what is shown is a seemingly illogical institutional quirk ("Trash in trash can, SAMI") or the mysteries of military regalia ("Frogs not properly shined"). The real treasures, though, are those timeless pieces of quill written by members of the 2-1 Hall of Fame, which is hereby unofficially established. In another couple of decades, maybe that written by our cadetship's Hall of Fame'r, Tarbox, will be pulled out of the archives so that all can appreciate the hand of a true master.

1966: Charles B. Chitty.

He caught our attention with "warped broom handle," strained our credulity with "dusty air," and immortalized himself with the highest form of the art, sequential quill. You might recall that he wrote up one of us for "Smelly laundry bag," a fairly distinctive (no Rance, not a pun) piece of work in itself. The idea, I guess, was to warn us all not to let our athletic garb ferment in our lockers for a few weeks, then stuff the resulting fungal mess into our laundry bags before the Sat morning inspection. Word travels quickly, of course, and it was not long before another of us, hoping to avoid the same offense, doused the contents of his laundry bag with generous splunks of Old Spice. Tarbox was up to the challenge. The quill? "Facetious laundry bag."

I would argue that every 4-year span of cadets needs a Hall of Fame'r, or at least an Honorable Mention like Breakiron, who was willing to hide in a BP's closet in New South to catch cadets scuttling out of their rooms after Taps. Had his ploy succeeded, by the way, he might have been considered for the First Team. Perhaps today's TAC's are just a little too busy keeping up with reality to develop the art: "Gross error in judgment; wearing a pierced earring while attending the First Class MILPERCEN lecture." Bet you thought that might have been a female cadet. Wrong. Or, "Continuing improper relationship after repeated counseling as evidenced by wrestling with a woman cadet in her room." Given occasional opportunities like these, somewhere within USCC a young officer is surely on the verge of 2-1 greatness. Tarbox would be pleased.

1966: Van Prooyen and Bergman, Germany.

Chuck Hiller called not long ago on behalf of one of his employees, a young woman who was interested in becoming a cadet instead of continuing in Chuck's line of work, women's wear retailing. He mentioned a store in Grand Forks, which if you pull out your old book box, dust of the Goode's Atlas that ES&GS issued you as a Plebe, and place your thumb over east-central North Dakota, you will have just smudged. Chuck reports that the Red River isn't, that he and fellow D-4 file **Tom Miller** (Monticello, IL) are still happily married to the twins, and that he and **Janet** have conspired to produce **David** (13), **'Topher** (Christopher, 9), and **Michael** (4). A photo

1966: The Dickenses.

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1966: The Ohotnickys, Suhays, Jameses, and Dietzes.

of this beaming crew should be forwarded shortly. Chuck was also good enough to squeal on a classmate alleged to be at Ft Hood, **Dave Kelly,** 13th Sig Bn. This raises the rumors circulating at the Reunion that we have classmates there to an intel rating of C-3 (old scale), which places it one notch in reliability above scouting reports from the Bedouin Camel Corps concerning nuclear attack sub locations. If you really are down there, Dave let us know.

Brian Cole also called and, like Chuck, was hoping to plug into the skeletal remains of the '66 "old boy" network at WP. You might recall that Dr. Cole is at A&M, College Sta, TX, as Associate Dean of Student Affairs, College of Education. **Betty** agreed to give Brian and son **Keith** (13) up for a look around WP. If that seems a little early, folks, just remember that in 4 years the sons and daughters of '66 will be wearing a shoe tag and reporting to the man in the purple sash.

Bill Bergman wrote from Landau, FRG, where he has spent "14 months as a hostage to the French Army" as their "first and only exchange officer." Bill is, as always, enjoying himself and enjoying also improved mail service since **Bill Arrants** took over mail carrier duties while commanding the 2/56 ADA. I'm not quite sure why, but if you want to write to Bill you have to address him c/o B Battery. Bill also sent a photo of himself and **Jan Van Prooyen,** Chem O, 3d ID, getting set to do what LNO's are best at: riding around in helicopters. He also ran into **Bill Harvey,** who was last reported as being with the 18th Engr Bde.

1966: The Magees, Grabows, Wilsons and Fullertons.

Also had a note from **Carol Wilson, Tory's** better half, in Columbus, GA. **Deanne & Lee Fullerton** hosted a mini-Reunion at Benning attended by Tory and Carol, **Tom & RoseMary Grabow, Jim & Robin Hallums,** Lee & Deanne, and TK (Robert Redford?) **Kinane,** who "is about to embark on a new career as bartender in a CO ski town." Carol is either serious or also has a very nice bridge she'd like to sell you. Somebody call and let all of us know which. You might already know that 4 of the 5 gentlemen standing can take care of your bodily ailments should you ever need to break into Martin Army Hosp., while the fifth, Jim, can help you break into the 2d Inf Tng Bde, where he XO's. Also, if you are really on a roll, RoseMary can break you into a house (realty), Robin out of bad words (speech pathology), and Deanne and Lee break your wallet (tennis doubles).

Don't ask why **Charlie Chitty's** photo is being run. It just sort of appeared in the mail. Unless you hear otherwise, assume that he is showing off the only tie that he has bought since graduation.

Congratulations to the new command-designees. Join the rest of the crew getting set to PCS (Army talk for moving to a new place) this summer and send along the latest where/when info. A good summer to all, and don't let them pack your garbage . . . M.G.

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You'll all be happy to know, I'm sure, that **Angie Nida** finally paid up. Well, maybe not—some of you probably couldn't wait to wallow in the wake of surrilous scandal. Well, you'll just have to wait till the next time. Of course, there are some others out there who are falling behind in their dues. **Tom White** and **Ann Olson,** just to mention a couple (note that this is an equal opportunity libel).

It is the end of Mar. In some places of the world, that means springtime. In AK, it means, well, you've heard the song, "When it's springtime in Alaska, it's forty below." But at least now we can see the cold—the sun has come out of hibernation at long last. I had forgotten that you're not supposed to stare directly into the sun for long periods of time, but was so awestruck the first time I saw it, I threw caution to the wind. Everything I look at now has a strange orange glow to it. Everything, that is, except **Hale.** The Great Turkey still just looks confused.

Had an interesting experience back in Feb. Went on a caribou hunt with the Turkey. Doing anything when the wind-chill factor is 75° below zero is interesting. Listening to **Hale** sitting on the ground and crying "Momma" over and over again just makes it more interesting. Some things never change. He pulled the same routine in Ranger School 15 years ago. If you will notice the picture you will see that there is an animal connected to the horns I am holding. (Unlike the picture of **Hale** in the last issue). Proof positive of my ability as a marksman. I won't bore you with statistics regarding range, wind velocity, speed the animal was running, etc. (Just picture in your minds eye a howling side wind, animals barely visible on the horizon, running at breakneck speed, and you'll have the idea). I would show you a picture of the Turkey and his animal too, but good taste won't allow it. The poor thing was so shot up (**Hale** hunts with an automatic magnum), especially in the hindquarters, that it was too gruesome to risk some of our younger children seeing it. And just think—by the time you're reading this

1967: The Nidas.

drivel, he will be commanding an Inf Bn—the 4th Bn, 9th Inf, in Fairbanks, AK.

Speaking of which—kudos due our latest crop of high rollers. The 82 battalion command selection list has some familiar names on it. **Steve Frankiewicz, Glynn "Ranger" Hale, Mark Hamilton, Larry Izzo, Al Nahas, Tony Nida, Ray Roe, Ed Smith, Doug Starr, Jim Vance, Chuck Thomas,** and **Lee Smith** will all soon be commanding America's finest young men. And women. Pop up your collective chests. Send me pictures of the ceremonies.

Along with Angie's payment, she also sent a letter. Somewhat cryptic to be sure, but tucked away amid the vitupurative, petty cheap shots, there was a smidgen of news. She claims that **Doc Wentzel's** wife Jane is with child. Since I have yet to see a picture of Jane, I am reluctant to believe in her existence, much less a child's. I mean, come on—who would marry Doc? Doc was an old man when we were kids!

The **Nidas,** on the other hand, do have 3 kids. Nancy, 12, Caren, 10, and John, 7. The 2 girls are gymnists, John is a baseball player. Their mom and dad don't do anything.

I was sitting in front of the boobtube one night a couple of months back, sucking down my third Irish whiskey, waiting for Suzi to put her usual gourmet supper on the table, when something on the tube caught my eye. Upon closer inspection, I almost choked on my ice. There on the NBC evening news, being interviewed on some incredibly weighty subject, was none other than **Brick Anderson,** three piece suit and all. I was so stunned I didn't hear a word he said—not that it matters. People who make a whole lot of money speak a different language than I, so I wouldn't have understood him anyway. I think the interview had something to do

1967: Lowrey with caribou.

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1967: Mather in Marine Corps Marathon.

with oil and the economy; both of which Brick is very good at.

Sitting around the office one day, fighting off the alligators, I was temporarily relieved from my usual state of barely controlled hysteria by a surprise phone call from **Ken Smith.** Seems he was temporarily stranded at Elmendorf AFB while trying to get back to Korea (his airplane—a typical AF model—broke). So we traded gossip for a while. Seems he's the deputy G3 of the 2d Div in Korea. He'll be coming home in Jun, probably to Ft Lewis. I hope he takes his wet weather gear. Ken passed on word that **Bart Bohn** is now at Camp Humphries, Korea, in the local Engr Group, and **John Rollow** is the dentist for the same group. So, if any of you know of any creditors looking for these guys, pass the word.

The **Baggets**—Dave, Magda, et.al., are still at Ft Bragg, but they finally got tired of living in Army tenement housing, so they took the plunge and bought a house. Tis a good thing Dave got promoted to LTC on 1 Apr. They will need the money. Their new address is 201 St. Mary's Parkway, Huntington Park, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

From the Office of the JCS, I get a note with **George Kellenbenz's** signature on it. When I open up a letter and the first thing I see is a letterhead that says "The Joint Chiefs of Staff," my hands begin to sweat. Finally, I think, my ship has come in. All these years of busting my hump have finally paid off. I don't have herpes of the career after all. And then I find out it's just another note from another classmate telling me his ship has come in. Sigh. Another shot of Irish. George, by the by, is the XO to the Dpty Dir for International Negotiations, on the Joint Staff. Big time stuff. No thrashing through the tundra at that level. But then, no fun either. When was the last time you heard of anyone in the Pentagon smiling? George lives in Woodbridge, VA (2650 Falmouth Ct. 22192), along with wife Connie and children, Jason and Susie. They extend an open invitation to one and all.

Another guy mired in the muck of the 5-sided funny farm is **Walt Mather.** Walt dropped a note back in Feb loaded with Class pooop. Walt is very good about that, unlike some of you cretins out there. Walt has done a really outstanding job of keeping the DC area classmates together by organizing frequent Class breakfasts in the Pentagon Athletic Club, and I know for a fact his efforts are much appreciated. His report is as follows: Working for DCSOPS are Walt, **Doug Starr, Al Bornman, Bob Keenan,** and **Hart Lau. Ed Sullivan** works in DCSPER, **Dick Black** works in DCSRDA, **Bill Ervin** in PA&E, **Pete Summers** in Mgmt. **Karl Jacobs** is in the DCSA, and **Lee Smith** and **Dave Peixotto** are in the Army Secretariat. Tucked away over at MILPERCEN is **Bill Pittinger.** Walt has heard rumors that he's not yet able to confirm, that **Dave Tye** and **Mike Andrews** are also squirrelled away in the Pentagon somewhere. **Fred Hartman** is a civ now in the DC area, working for CACI. Walt also reports **Rog Arango** is working at Hqs EUCOM in Stuttgart, Germany, along with **Steve Frankiewicz,** and **Harry Rothman** is a Bde S3 in the 101st Div at Ft Campbell. An ex-classmate, **Bo McCoy,** is up here in AK now, working for the Park Service—address is 6408 Carlos Ct, Anchorage 99504. Bo had to leave us at the end of Yearling year due to medical problems.

Finally, Walt sent this quarters runner's update. He, along with **Bill Pettinger, Doug Starr,** and **George Kellenbenz** all ran the Marine Corps Marathon in DC last Nov. Bill qualified to run Boston this year, with a finishing time of 2:44; Walt just missed the cut off with a time of 2:52. Tough break. Don't feel too bad, Walt—I ran Marine Corps a couple of years ago, and I didn't qualify for Boston either. In fact, oh, never mind. Thanks a ton for the poop—I owe you one.

Have had 2 surprise reunions with long-lost souls here this past week. Was sitting around the Officers Club one day when I looked up into the cheery face of **Bob Shaw.** Bob lives up in Fairbanks (has been up here since 73), where he works as a Public Facilities Planner for the State of AK. He was down here doing his annual 2-week active duty (he's a reserve major now).

Another quickie reunion was with **Andy Maron.** Andy dropped in for a drink one evening—he was in town working on a legal case for his law firm (Short and Cressman of Seattle). The **Maron** tribe—Andy, Sallie, and 5 little **Marons** are all doing well living in the Seattle area.

Way back in Jan I got a nice letter from **Ron Dionne,** who was sitting around his assignment officers office in MILPERCEN being depressed by what they were telling him, (normal reaction) when he thought "By God, I'll write to **Freed Lowrey,** and that will make me feel good." So he did. Ron is currently matriculating at the Armed Forces Staff College—actually by the time you're reading this he'll be finished—and doesn't know where he'll be going next. His wife, Wida, and their children, Melissa (13), Tracey (11), and Jason (6) are living in their newly purchased home at 1604 N. Ester Ct., Chester, VA 23831. Ron has a 2-hour commute on weekends—a small price to pay for broadening your horizons.

Jim Tankovich also exercised the post office to send along a bit of news. Jim is the XO of the 3d Squadron, 11th ACR up by the East German border. If you will check out the picture of Jim, you will notice something strange about his uniform. I think those guys are carrying OPSEC a bit too far. Actually, Jim plays (among other things) Santa Claus for the troops on the border OP's each Xmas—a habit he picked up while at West Point when he would play Santa for

1967: Tankovich along East German border.

the Physics Dept each year. (I have it on good authority that he played Santa for the cadets in his section all the time.) Anyway, if you look closely at the picture, you'll see the East German border in the background. Jim reports **Tom White** alive and well as a Squadron Commander in Fulda—he's said to fire up his troops by leading a "Rocket" before each FTX. Jim's wife, Margaret Ann, expects to finish CGSC before they leave Germany. She still has her MOBDES job at Heidelberg as a French LO for Host Nation Activties.

I don't know how many of you noticed in the Mar issue the obituaries of our 2 classmates, **Mike Kelley** and **Mike Nathe.** If you didn't, dig it out and read them. They are fine tributes to a couple of departed family, and we owe the classmates who took the time and effort to write their obits a profound expression of gratitude. I've said it before—we owe it to each other, and to those who come after us, to let the world know the kind of great people that make up the Class of '67. There are still a lot of deceased classmates who have not yet had obituaries written—if you think you could do it, or know someone who can, please give it a go.

One last note—I wish I could give you all kinds of information regarding the status of Reunion planning for this year, but I can't—I don't know any more than the rest of you. Being at the other end of the world from the sacred soil, it's hard to be involved. The best thing I can suggest, if you're looking for information, is contact the Office of Alumni Affairs and Gifts Program Division at USMA. Good luck.

OK, I'm going to go outside and stand on the ice in the nearest river, face toward the sea, and say a Salmon prayer. Then I'm going to come home and start playing with my fly rods and reels and flies. It's getting to be that time of the year. Eat your hearts out, **Balkcom** and **Dyer**—when was the last time you saw a 60 pound bass?! (Note: an unauthorized comment from the distaff side of the family—I do hope the Salmon doesn't cost $48 a pound like the caribou did, what with equipment, trip expense, processing, and the aggravation—not to mention the mess!—that was incurred by Freed and **Dave Hale** on their last caribou hunt.)

Take care, sports fans, and keep the faith, God loves ya. BEAT NAVY.

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I have to begin this time with an apology to **Gerry Crawford**. I had meant to include some news about him in the last issue, but inadvertently omitted it. In any event, Gerry achieved a first for the Class, I believe, when he assumed cmd of the 24th Sig Bn at Ft Stewart this past winter. Sorry, Gerry and congratulations. In the same vein, the last LTC cmd list included 4 classmates: **Dave Schulte, Frank Audrain, Bill Nash,** and **Norm O'Meara.** I think these fellows ought to be congratulated as well.

1968: The Nippells: Founders Day Alaska.

The first letter I received this time came from **Paul & Claire Joseph** at WP. He wrote in Jan with news, and a photo of classmates who visited them last Homecoming. **Dick & Sandy Bowers** are still in Atlanta, prospering in the real estate business, as is **Barry Conway.** Also in Atlanta are **Nick & Carol Kurilko.** Nick is with CITIBANK. **Bill Campbell** is in Jacksonville in his orthopedic's residency. **Bill Gardepe** was then still in DCSRADA working with Air Def Sys. **Rand & Anne Allen** are in DC where Rand is a lawyer. Paul also mentioned seeing **Keith Harrelson** when he was visiting in Atlanta; Glen Hewitt, then with DSCPER, was going to NavCSC; and **Chuck & Katy Vehlow** were leaving the Army to join Gen Dyn in Wilmington, MA. More news from the Sun Belt came in a letter from **Keith Harrelson,** who wrote about an Army-Navy gathering at the **Bowers'** in Atlanta. The group there also included **Nick & Carol Kurilko, Elwood & Marylou Coby** (Elwood is an Army doctor in Augusta), and **Bob & Jo Echols** (Bob is an atty in Birmingham). Keith mentioned also that he was still with Vlasic Foods in Maitland, FL.

Jan news included the announcement by **George & Sandy Schweitzer** of the birth of their 3d child, Christopher David, on 12 Jan. Welcome to the world, Christopher.

Mike Potter wrote in early Feb to say that in Jul he would be leaving Walter Reed, where he was the ch resident in neurosurgery, after 5 years of training to move to the 2d Genl Hosp in Landstuhl, Germany. Mike's wife Marie was due with their 2d child in Jun. Their first, David, is now 2. Mike also mentioned that **Ken Kremenak** had recently been assigned as an MSC officer to Walter Reed, and that **Vic Garcia** was rejoining the staff as a pediatric surgeon.

1968: The Piraneos.

Feb also brought a letter from **Dennis Manske** in Austin, TX. Dennis has been very busy with his sporting goods business, and is a Reserve Officer. He represented the U.S. at the NATO military competitions in Montreal in 1980, and in the Netherlands in 1981. Dennis said that the U.S. is hosting the competitions this summer at Ft Meade on 11, 12, and 13 Aug, and he wanted to invite anybody in the DC area to watch the competitions. Dennis also mentioned that he had become an Army helicopter pilot last Jul, and that last Aug he took a marksmanship team to Munich for the minuteman marksmanship competition, and "won everything." I told you he was busy.

In early Mar I heard from **John Keane's** wife Anne Marie, who gave me a delightfully distaff version of the DC area Class gathering at their place in Feb. Anne Marie mentioned **Jude & Laurie Rolfes** in Albuquerque where their boy, Jude Michael, was then 19 mos old and calling his father PaPa. The party in DC was organized by **Jack Mayer. Jim Altemose** supplied the wine and beer in honor of his last promotion, and among the attendees were **Don & Stephanie Jones** (Stephanie was teaching part time and taking lessons in German, and calligraphy, and working out in a Nautilus gym with Don.); **Linda & Norm O'Meara** (Linda works as a nurse in VA); **Pat & Jim Madora** (Pat is also a nurse); **Susan & Howard Harper** (they are neighbors of the **Keanes'**, have 3 boys and are a soccer family); **Eric & Sharon Kunz; Stosh Parker; Bob & Sue Pinzuti; Ross & Sue Nagy** (Sue is a Mary Kay cosmetic entrepreneur); **Mike & Marie Potter; Chuck & Deb Steele; Jan & Bob Swedock; Gordy & Edie Tillery; Jack & Bobbi Munson; Jack & Kathy Mayer; Sue & Bill McCauley; Rand & Anne Allen; John & Linda Armstrong; Barbara & Tom Banks; Sam Brooks** & a friend; **Kathy & Jerry Cobb; Bevi & Jack Cochran; Surry & Dorothy Everett; Mike & Becky Fellows; Vic & Allison Garcia;** and **Jesse Gatlin** and a friend. Anne Marie also said that she and John now have 2 sons, John, 11 and Jimmy, 6. I sure hope others will be as generous in their response to my plea for more letters in the last issue as Anne Marie was.

Chuck Giasson also wrote in early Mar to say that he had been reassigned as a proj mgr to the Electronic Compatability Analysis Center (ELAC) at Annapolis, MD, last summer. Chuck said he is about to finish a doctorate for RPI and that living and working among so many Navy types is "exciting."

1968: The Crowes.

Mar also brought a letter from **Mike Kulikowski's** wife Renée. She said that they were on orders for Ft Bragg after Mike graduated from his oral surgery residency at Ft Sam Houston in Jul. Renée said that they had heard from **Gerry Weeks,** who is practicing law in Alexandria, LA; that she has become

1968: The Bowers', Harrelsons, Cobys, and Kurilkas.

1968: Founders Day Heidelberg: Thuss, the Ambroses, Catrons, Jordans, Ohles', Sheaffers, Powells, Tueillas, Jays, and Sowas.

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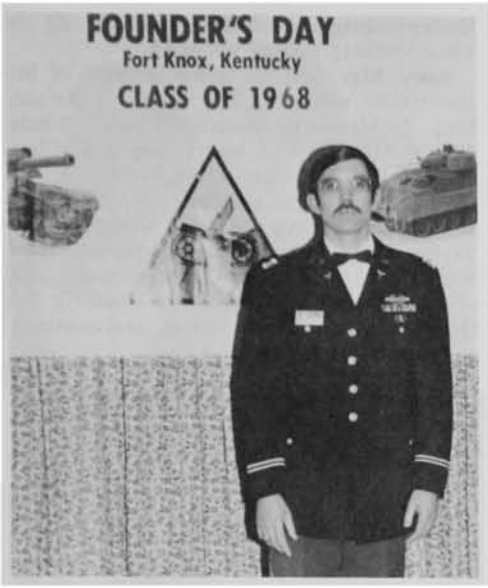

1968: Ron Warncke.

quite proficient in tennis and quilting, and that if anyone was looking for a 2600 sq ft house in San Antonio to give them a call.

Founders Day at Leavenworth saw the gathering of the following classmates: **John & Mary Ludwikowski** (John has his own business as a sporting goods manufacturer's rep in KS City); **Marv & Ann Wooten** (CGSC faculty); **Lee & Ginny Morano**; **Bob & Sandi McDonald**; **Paul & Kathleen Ptasnik** (Paul has orders for the 1 Bde S-3, 3 Div at Stuttgart); **Gordy & Alix Sayre** (Gordy is going to the XO slot 2/11 ACR, Bad Kissingen); **John & Ginny Strand** (John is in CACDA here); **Carl & Carolyn Witschonice**; (Carl is in CAS3 and Carolyn runs the CGSC language lab); and **John & Sharon Cruden.** I recently ran into **John Throckmorton** while he was here for a short TDY trip. John is the budget mgr in the VII Corps G-3 shop in Stuttgart, and he said he had seen a number of classmates at the Founders Day held in Heidelberg, including **Dave Ohle** in long-range planning for USAREUR DCSOPS in Heidelberg; **Mike Shaffer**, who was also in USAREUR DCSOPS: **Dick Powell**, asst Bde S-3 of the 93d Sig Bde, VII Corps, Stuttgart; **Ralph Tucillo**, 3 Div MMO; **Larry Jordan** in Heidelberg; **Gary Halstean**, an Inf Bn XO in 8Div; **Mike Thuss**, in Heidelberg; and **Tony Ambrose**, an OB-GYN specialist who was leaving the Frankfurt Hospital this summer for a 2-year program at Duke U.

Odds and ends from a number of sources include the news that **Chuck Parker** is bound for the 2 Div in Korea; **Bruce Erion** has moved to Phoenix, AZ, where he is a disc jockey for radio station KOOL; **Jack & Nancy Reid** are not sure where they will be going after Leavenworth because Jack is in the COOP program for a master's degree here; **Floyd & Patty Perry** are bound for the 1/2 Cav at Bind Loch near Furth, where Floyd will be the squadron XO; **Paul & Kerry Baerman** will leave WP this summer for Geluhausen, Germany, where Paul will be the 2 Bde, 3 AD S-3; **George Shoener** is at OFFUT AFB in a nuclear job and trying to get a position with a dist engr's office in the Southeast; **Norm Kulpa** is the VP of a company in Louisville; **Bill McAdams** was recently promoted to the Kemper Industries Corp Hq in Houston; **Pete Poynter** is with WE Bell in Meridian, MS; and **Doug McFarlane**, XO of the 2/7 Cav, 1st Cav Div, has been busy lately—his wife had their first child last year and will be having another this year.

1968: Homecoming at the Josephs.

1968: The Kulikowski family.

I just happened to read over my effort in the last issue, and have noted 2 things: It's still cold here in KS, it snowed today, and this set of notes is much fuller than the last. Thanks, everybody, and keep your cards and letters coming. I'm moving this summer, too; note my new address below. Everybody take care!—

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This column is being written on 7 Apr, covering news received since 4 Jan. My next deadline is 30 Jun, so please send your cards and letters by that time.

I will take some license and open this edition with 2 items of personal news. First, Holly gave birth to Robert Michael Jr., on 14 Feb, having gone into labor just 8 hours after I returned from a 10-day Mideast trip. This future rugger weighed in at 10 lbs, 1½ oz, so Kathleen has wisely developed a fast friendship with him. Second, I have just accepted a senior civ position on the NSC Staff as Dir of Legislative Affairs and Security Assistance; I will also continue to serve as Gen Counsel to the NSC. This major decision was made somewhat easier by acceptance of a Reserve Mobilization Designee position in the Soc Sci Dept at West Point, through which I intend to stay close to both the Academy and the Army.

1969: The Nagels.

It appears, then, that we will be in this area for some time to come. We look forward to seeing and assisting classmates as they pass through or move here. The next major opportunity to do so will be at the summer gathering at my parents' home in McLean, VA, starting at 6:00 p.m. on Sat, 12 Jun. Flyers will be sent to those in the area, but we hope that many others will attend. This edition will appear just before the party, so call at one of the numbers above if you need information or directions.

Many of you will be moving this summer, so please send me your new addresses for use in the next Class Directory. Well over 100 booklets were returned last year, and we need your help to reduce that number significantly, thus making continuation of this service worthwhile.

Arlene & Steve Vitucci opened news from the mil side of the Class by announcing the birth of their 2d child and daughter, Anna Kathleen, on 5 Feb at West Point. I also recall seeing Steve's name in **Army Times** on orders to Ft Bragg. Recently moved to the DC area with their 4 children were **Pam & George Coan**, whom I had incorrectly listed as Joan & George in the last column. Must have been confusing them with 2 other relatively recent arrivals to DC, **Joan & George Albrecht** and **Joan & George Demetriou.**

1969: The Rynearsons, Bensberg, Jones, and the Crafts.

Just arriving for an IG assignment at Ft McPherson, GA, are **Mary & Bill Groening**; Bill called recently while in DC for an IG course. Sending a long note from Ft Hood was **Bill Ward** who is with TCATA as is **Tom Rogers.** Also at Ft Hood are Drs **Sheridan (Groovy) Groves** (orthopedics) and **Pat Jones** (pediatrics—en route to Germany), **Lou Curl** (en route to DCSLOG), and **Ken Christian** (6th Cav). Bill mentioned that **Bo Moore** has opened a law office in Columbia, SC, and that **John Vequist** had returned to the United States in 76, was processed from the service, then returned to Sweden where he now resides. By the way, I was criticized by an interested reader of the Mar ASSEMBLY

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1969: Founders Day Heidelberg: The Hawleys, Hessons, Madigans, Secks, Spletzs, Shaws, Smiths, Wheelers, Ivanys, Lobdells, St. Onges, and McBane.

(not a classmate) for even listing John's name on the missing address list; my response is that this column reports news as it is received, and is not a forum for judging personal or professional decisions made by members of our Class.

Cross country in Ft Irwin, CA, are **Marie & John Inselman,** who said that **Nick Psaki** is on orders to Ft Irwin. John had also seen or spoken to **Pete Heesch** and **Jim Isenhower** when the 1st ID arrived for training, and had seen **Tony Kaiser** when the 5th ID was there. Tony apparently is on orders to MILPERCEN. John asked classmates coming to Ft Irwin to contact him for any assistance he might provide.

1969: Yaap, Jarvis, Schatz and Harmeling in Utah.

A good number of classmates still are in Germany. In Heidelberg are **Lois & Jim Johnson** (en route to Bamberg in Jun) and **Marta & Bob Martray,** who were joined by their 2d child and son, Aleksander Antoni, on 11 Jan. Bob, who will go to CGSC in 83, also located **Fred Dibella** in Nuremberg, **Bob St. Onge** in Wiesbaden, and **Jim McDonough** and **Tom Schafer** in Heidelberg. Welcoming their 2d child and first son, Charles Wesley on 10 Nov in Bad Kreuznach, were **Kappy & Geoff Prosch,** while 3d child and first daughter, Julianne Sara, was born to **Marianne & Bob Ivany** in Bamberg on 23 Nov. Also in or near Bamberg were **Rob Goff, Skip Bacevich,** and **Mike Landrum.** Marianne & Bob are due to return for CGSC this summer.

1969: Goff, Ivany and Bacevich in Germany.

1969: Baileys and Tatros in Missouri.

The last letter from the mil side was from **Jay Harper,** who was headed from Ft Sill for TDY in Liberia. While at Ft Bragg for training, he saw **Sandy & Jack Von Kaenel, Jim Minor,** and **Jeff Donaldson,** who are assigned there, as well as **Ron Lucas** and **Bill Burke,** who were on Reserve duty. Jay is due back from Liberia in Jul, possibly for an assignment at DIA in Sept.

Charlie Jarvis sent the first letter and photo from the civ side, reporting on a ski trip to UT with **Dutch Harmeling, Joe Schatz,** and **Bob Yaap. John Blumer** was next with the announcement that he had been elected president of Transit Storage Corp, a Baltimore public warehouse company. Here in the DC area, **Sally & John Suermann** welcomed their first child, Kristen Elizabeth, on 23 Jan.

Further south in Charleston are **Kris & Denny Haydon,** who is CEO of Sam Solomon Co. Denny mentioned that their 2d child and first daughter, Lauren, was born in Aug 81. Relatively nearby in Atlanta are **Ginny & Doug Rogers** and their 2 sons. Doug, who visited recently while in DC on a business trip, located the **Loves** and **Raglins** at Ft Leavenworth, **Sharon & Sam Granett** in Dallas, **Gary Cantrell** in Ft Worth, **Bob Noreen** in private practice in Fairbanks, AK, and **Barry Kerr** completing a pediatrics residency in HI.

Barbi & Tom Whitaker sent the C-4 newsletter from Ft Wayne, IN. They located **Barbara & Mike Wright** in Portland, OR, **Claire & Tom Smith** in CT, and **Frances & Chuck Karwan** in MA. **Claire & Hurley Mitchell** wrote from Littleton, CO, where Hurley manages a plastic plumbing mfg co while working toward his MBA.

Barry Blay sent an announcement of his association with the law firm of Hefner, Stark & Marois in Sacramento, while **Linda & John Harms** sent a lengthy report of Class activities in and near Orange Co, CA. At the local Founders Day dinner were, **Nan & Jim Kenady, Dottie & John Rountree, Bill Taylor** (E-4), **Cindy & Jim Walkenbach, John Welsh,** and the **Harms.**' Apparently, our classmates were instrumental in founding the Orange Co West Point Society, and continue to be quite active in it.

1969: The Coan family.

The final letter this time was from **Mary & Hop Bailey,** who live in Seattle. They had seen **Aline & Bernie Tatro** in St. Louis last Labor Day, then visited **Susan & Mick Zais** at West Point.

George Demetriou called recently to say that he, **Bryan Schempf,** and **John French** attended the Ft Belvoir Founders Day dinner. George also mentioned **Jack Von Kaenel** had been selected for a bn cmd, as have **Jim Isenhower** and **Mike Snell.**

That is it for news. We hope to see many of you at the gathering on 12 Jun, and to hear from those of you who cannot join us. Please remember to send new addresses for the Directory. Until next time, have a good summer.

God bless to all in '69.

1969: Rogers with Doug and Matt.

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This issue of the ASSEMBLY probably catches a lot of you in transit or about to PCS to schools or new duty stations. Hope your moves are safe and that your personal belongings survive the demolition crews disguised as professional movers. Bev and I have been lucky, we have been in our house since 1976. After completion of Dental

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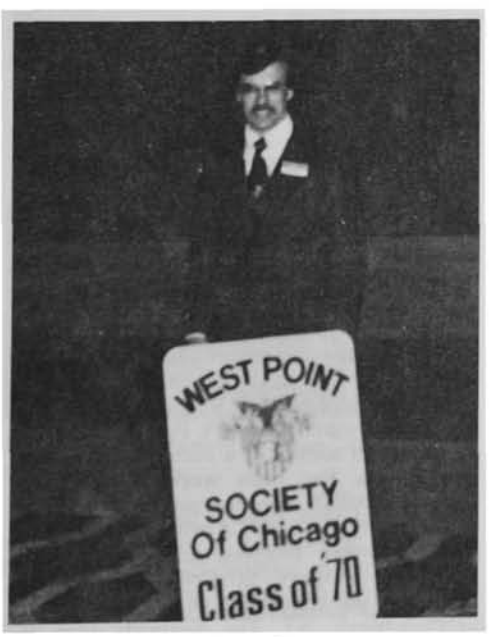
1970: The Davis family.

School my 1st duty assignment was within commuting distance of our very own, mortgaged home. I shudder to think what a move will be like, what with all of our antiques and my basement wood shop. What a yard sale we'll have to have!

A couple of classmates in the AF wrote this time. **Frank Seaman** is a dentist stationed at Yokota, Japan. He earned his DDS at the U of the Pacific in 75. His post-grad training in prosthodontics was completed in a combination UTX/Lackland AFB program. He practices in a 20-dentist clinic. Along with his wife Jane and 2 daughters, Lisa (6) and Julianne (4), he has enjoyed the location on the outskirts of Tokyo. He made it sound so inviting I almost thought about it. **Almost,** I like NJ quite well thank you. Sometime this summer he will be moving to an assignment at the USAFA and should also be a LTC.

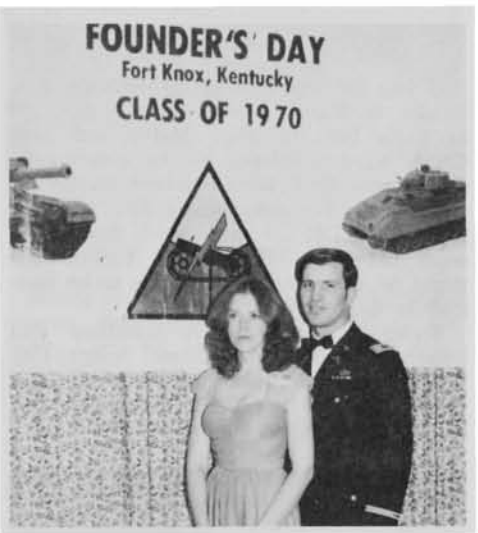
Another AF member, **Bob Heaton,** is presently teaching propulsion design and thermodynamics at the USAFA, where he states the assignment is good, but that they are just not making cadets like they used to. Bob got married this past Apr to Debbie Anderson. It seems that Bob is really into distance running and met Debbie while out on the running trails. Last year he logged in excess of 4,000 miles running, and as an additional result his weight is less than it was in high school. I wish I could say that about my weight. With that many miles of running you can imagine that a great deal of their courtship was on the roads. Debbie is quite a runner in her own right, being the 1st woman in CO to run a marathon in less than 3 hours. This summer Bob leaves for Norton AFB in CA to work on the MX. Best wishes to him and Debbie for a wonderful life together.



1970: Gary Gracyas.

Rich Verrochi will be arriving at the USAFA this summer to be an Air Officer Commanding—the zoomie equivalent of a TAC Officer.

Ken Thompson writes from civ life in Midvale, UT. Ken resigned from the Army in Jul 78 when he received orders to Korea, unaccompanied. He felt that his family was more important than a year of separation. In Oct 1981 he opened his own business called the Four Corner Art and Frame Company, dealing in fine art, gifts and custom framing. His wife Jan will be completing her PhD this summer. She has finished the required courses and is currently writing her dissertation. Additionally, Jan has been working 3 jobs and Ken a 2d, remodeling houses and basements. They've done all this while raising 2 children, Jennifer (5) and Jonathon (2). They really must have an inexhaustible supply of energy! Anyone traveling through the Great Salt Lake Valley is invited to stop by and visit. Ken built his own home on a scenic 6-acre parcel of land. Literally he did it all, from pouring the foundation through shingling the roof. He asks all G-3 classmates to be patient in his initiating a company newsletter. The home building and business opening have consumed much of his time. Good luck to Ken in his business venture.



1970: The Rolds.

A request has been made to locate **Frank Whitlock** also of G-3 origin. No one seems to know where he has vanished to. If you know his whereabouts or can fill in some of his recent past history, drop me a line. My last info had him living in Columbia, SC.

A couple of our contingent of lawyers wrote. **Paul Campbell** is living in northeast NE in the city of Wayne, where he is Asst Prof of Criminal Justice at Wayne State College. Paul left the Army in 75 and attended Law School in UT, where he said he played lacrosse, skiied, climbed, camped and, oh yes! occasionally attended grad classes. Paul and his wife Sara have a 10-year-old son, and are expecting another child in Sept. Additionally, this fall he will be defending his PhD dissertation in social psychology. May they have a healthy happy baby who allows Sara & Paul enough sleep during his preparation for his defense. In closing Paul said everything was fine But he remains unfulfilled in one thing—his ambition to write a truely good pornographic book!

1970: The Linkes, Fort Benning.

Charlie Davis lives in Orlando, FL, with his wife Barbara and 2 girls, Natalia and Christina. Recently he became a partner in the law firm of Wooten, Honeywell, Kest and Martinez. He practices plaintiff personal injury law and has been in Orlando since graduating from law school at FL State U in Tallahassee in 78. Charlie and Barbara have been married 7 years. They offer an invitation to all classmates traveling through on their way to Disney World and points south to stop and say hi.

Les Sumner with Anheuser Busch in St Louis provided some info from a B-4 newsletter. Les and Patti, along with **Ron & Mary Ellen Spears,** vacationed away some of the cold weather at Grand Cayman Is. He reports that they missed the biggest snowfall of the winter while basking in the tropic warmth.

Al Marple is in Korea as xo of 1st Bn 38th Inf. He says he has gotten used to the place and has begun to acquire a taste for kimchee. **Frank Monaco** was a part of the B-4 contingent at West Point but is currently in transit to Leavenworth (for school!) and then to Germany. **John & Kathy Becker** are in Memphis where he is a regional mgr for US Electric Motors. They have 2 children, Scott (9) and Mark (7). **Jim & Marci Snider** are leaving St. Louis, where Jim has worked on Cobras, to attend C&GS. **Dick & Patti Moser** have 3 children and will be welcoming a 4th into the world at about the time this issue arrives in the mail. Dick was a radiologist at Walter Reed and is now the Army Rep in the Radiology Branch of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. **Dave &**

1970: Epley and the Sniders.

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1970: Les and Patti Sumner.

Barbara Wagner are at the JAG Sch in VA where he teaches admin law. Dave received his JD from the UFL Law School. He and Barbara have 3 children.

Although the written responses have improved greatly (My heartfelt thanks to all of you who penned a letter—many for the 1st time in 12 yrs.), there are a lot of people who read the column and yet don't write. How about an update from **Dave & Debbie Trammel** and **Fred & Lisa White**? And all you 1st and 2nd Regt people. Or if you are a good spy, drop a line on some classmates you know. With the tumult of PCS moves I could use some self appointed contact points, especially like CG&S and a new one at West Point, **John Reitz** is PCS'ing. Don't feel you have to have won a Nobel Prize to write in. Contribute. Share the particulars of your own life although you are wrapped up in it on a day to day basis, so that it seems mundane, it's not. We'd love to hear from you. Additionally I am going to randomly mail out some stamped self addressed envelopes to quiet classmates. If you get one please take the time to fill one out and return it. Have an enjoyable summer. Deadline for submission of pictures and letters is 30 Jun for Sept issue. Tom.

'71

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June has come soon, once again. As we enter our twelfth year away from the gray walls, and as I watch the preparations for the Class of 1986, I am incredulous at the swiftness of time. I find myself growing old, and young, with you through your letters, pictures and these notes. Just like some of you old cadet stripers, I know just enough to be dangerous. Please continue to correspond so that I need not fabricate assignments, marriages and births and you need not put pins in your **deMoya** dolls.

1971: The Worthingtons in the Philippines.

1971: The Sundin newlyweds.

If you did not hear at the reunion, **Eric Sundin** & Nancy Armstrong were married in Tulsa last Jul. **Gary Mabry** and **Jack Chiles** were privileged to be groomsmen. Nancy is a Civil Service school teacher in Goeppingen, Germany, where Eric works in the 1st Inf Div G3 shop. **Steve Barneby**, a math instr at WP, recently became engaged to Anne English. They are to be married in Aug.

Seems a good time to transition into some new "Professionally Done" babies: Dec 81—Elizabeth Suzanne & Danielle Lara **Bayar**; Jan 82—Lisa Judith **Leininger**; Feb 82—Heather Conant **Baldwin** (Bill).

1971: The Trowbridges.

With the summer comes some military reassignments. Two at WP have taken new jobs but are not moving. **Chris Arney** has been selected as a Permanent Associate Professor here in the Math Dept. . . . just like in a real school! **Mike Ritchie** is leaving Foreign Languages to become the TAC of A-3. **Dick & Sabine Bridges** are off for Germany. **Jim Crow** will work for CECOM at Ft Monmouth. After branch transferring to MSC, Terry **Fullerton** will begin work at Walter Reed Hosp this summer. Terry and Joan have bought a home in Silver Springs, MD. **Jim Hickok** will work in the IG shop in Korea next year. **Doug Jorrey** is now an Armor Bn S3 in Korea. **Mike Kendall and Dave Smyth** have both landed jobs in DC. Dave's position is with the White House Comm Agcy. **Logan Kelly** will become the AF liaison in the Dept of Mil Instr at WP this summer. After serving as an SGS in Korea, **Jack Klevecz** is on orders to Airborne school (as a student) and then to Ft Bragg. **Jeff & Carolyn McNally** are leaving the bitter Northeast for the big island of HI in the Hawaiian Is. **Joe & Anne Thomas** are leaving the service this coming Aug and will return to the DC area. My best to you all on your new challenges.

1971: The Gogel family.

1971: H-4 Reunion.

1971: H-3 Reunion.

Other news includes **Bob Allaire** who was unable to attend the reunion. Bob recently moved from NJ to Dallas where he is an engr working for ARCO. **Bill Baldwin** left his plush assignment at Ft Polk to work for the litigation section of a Richmond law firm. **Bob Bishop** has been working for Texas Instrs in Dallas. **Bob Breznovits** has moved to the sunny clime of CA with his new wife. **Tom Crossman** received an MS in Math from Shippensburg St Coll, PA, in Dec. **Mike Neyland** commands an AF Met Section in Plattsburgh, NY. The **Neylands** were expecting their first child in May. **Stan Pher-**

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1971: The McGuires, Founders Day Alaska.

nambucq will attend the AFSC after he finishes his graduate studies at Stanford. Tired of letting her husband have all the fun, Mary Schrader recently received a direct commission as a CPT. She works as a nurse at Keller Hosp at WP.

I have had some guilt feeling of late. Many of you have written to thank me for my feeble efforts as scribe. For this I am humbled, but also aware that I am not deserving, lest I begin developing a better product. If I can wrangle some money from the Class vault, I will attempt to revitalize the notes. It is so rewarding around reunion time.

If anyone has any pictures of the 10-yr Reunion they would like to donate to the Class archives and for the 20-yr Reunion book, please send them to **Jeff Rock** at 4001B Clark St, Newburgh, NY 12550.

My best to you and yours for a safe and happy summer 1982.

'72

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Summertime greetings to '72 everywhere. After the frosty winter season, it's nice to be thawed out again. I'll probably need some relief from the heat in another month or two. Realizing the three month delay from pen to print, I cannot pass up the chance to gloat over the NCAA basketball championship won by UNC in Mar. This, along with the national football championship (Clemson), is sufficient for the ACC to say "Eat your heart out, Big-10, Pac-10, SWC, and SEC." I'll hush before I get put on probation. On with the news, sparse as it may be.

1972: Stumpf family reunion, Alexandria, December 81.

Tony Colby sent a short note last Jan to notify the column of his change of status. He's now at NC St (another victory for the ACC) for a degree in Opns Research. After that, it's on to the Math Dept at WP. **Tony** and **Winkie** are kept busy by 2 yr old son, Garrett. Father and son may appear elsewhere in the column if the press was able to reproduce the pictures they sent.

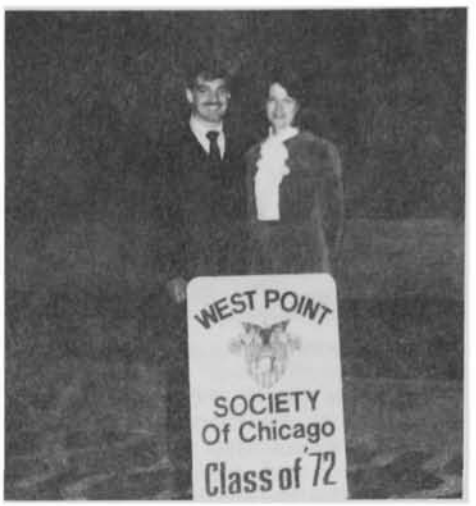
Here are some excerpts from the winter issue of the H-4 newsletter. **Jim Hickey** is about to finish his tour with the Eng Dept and **Bill Paulick** is finishing his first yr. Bill's sons Eric and Brian are enjoying a taste of the Spartan life at WP. **Ed & Denise McConaghay** added a garage to their house last yr and stand ready with hammer and nails again this yr. Ed is in marketing with Varian Assoc. and Denise is in marketing with Intel. The **Tom Ryan** clan is growing —Julie (6), Coleen (4½) and Mary at 7 mo. Tom is a developmental proj engr in water conservation, robot sys, and energy conservation.

1972: Tony Colby and son.

Howie Smith is the manager of the Maintenance Engr plant of Bristol-Myers Co. Betty, Kevin (4), and Katie (2) are all doing well. All the way from Africa comes news from **Tom Innamorato**, and his State Dept tour. He and Lola taught Sarah (1) to swim in their pool this yr. After 5 yrs the **Kogers** finally departed Ft Knox. After 3 mos at the EO sch at Patrick AFB, they headed for a tour in Germany. **Dale Babington** and family have been busy in between tours at Ft Lee and Ft Ben Harrison. Dale has been doing logistical statistics for the Log Exec Dev Crse, and getting an MS in Log Mgmt. He still has found time to do work with the Scouts and other civic groups. For this Dale won selection as one of the Outstanding Young Men in America. Diana stays pretty busy, too, with James (5½) and Peter (3). The **Don Tiltons** announce the addition of Andrew on 8 Oct 81. Don has been traveling extensively with his Reserve Component job and working on his MA as well. **Brad & Lynn Holtz** are enjoying Europe and the 11th Avn Grp. Brad works out of the S3 shop and the two of them have been traveling all over Europe.

Looks as if **Wayne Kirkbride** departed his Mt St Helens assgt too soon! Wonder if you'll have to get the files out again, Wayne. Congrats to Yong Hui on receiving her citizenship on 19 Jan! Wayne has had contact with **Dennis Dowdy** and **Ron Howthorne** while in Vancouver. Dowdy has moved to WP and the Physics Dept and Howthorne is now at C&GS. **Kirkbride** and **Frank Hancock** (Ft Campbell, 2/327) completed C&GS by correspondence. Thanks for the newsletter, Wayne.

Bill Guarino makes his quarterly report right on time. He starts out with a birth announcement; Michael Joseph Marks, son of Tom and Linda, was born 15 Dec, 81 at



1972: Donaghy and friend, Founders Day.

6 lbs, 6 oz. Tom stays on the injured reserve list, this time with a cracked rib incurred on the football field. He missed the Hawaii Marathon, but many of his track team participated. Also in HI is **Walt Shulits**, who works as institutional broker for Merrill Lynch. He provides financial and economic projections on banks, trust companies, and major corporations in HI. Walt has spent an interesting year with such activities as coaching outrigger canoe paddling and traveling stateside in Atlanta, New York, and Boston. He plans a canoeing trip down the Amazon this year! **Paul Oskvarek** is a DE with the Norfolk Dist and wife Denise is a computer analyst. They have a daughter, Jessi. **Frank & Debbie Eich** are still in MO with Procter & Gamble but Frank is now the plant safety engr (no more 7 day shifts!) He stays busy with marathon running and Deb continues her preschool teaching. Daughter Jill is in Deb's class and Robby just turned 2. **Murro Martens** continues to work for T1, for the reserves, and on his MBA. Darla also teaches preschool (son Kurt, 2, is in her class) and Kevin (6) is in kindergarten. The Guarino's had a mini-reunion last winter at the home of **Ray & Nancy Idzior** near Gary, IN. The **Oskrareks**, the **Martens**, the **Dobijos**, and **Tom Pawlowski** were also in attendance. Thanks to Bill and Trish for the update.

1972: Guarino wedding.

Dennis Gray provided a copy of the first I-1 newsletter with this news: **Pat Flachs** recently departed the JAG course at Charlottesville for parts unknown. Wife Angie was expecting at writing time, so we hope they have some good news by now. The Flach's also have a daughter, Kelly (7). **Jim McLean** is teaching European History at WP after getting his MA in British History at UNC. How could Jim still be a bachelor after 2 yrs around all those cute coeds? **Ron Bodre** also was at WP teaching mechanics, until this Jun. **Joe Scaniffe** was most recently heard from at the USUMS. **Bob & Theresa McLaughlin** are still at Ft Monroe,

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1972: The Stillmans, Founders Day, Alaska.

where Bob is Engr Staff Off. He's also been CO HHC, Hg TRADOC as well as Opn Off and Protocol Off. Presently, Bob is working on a grad degree in Engr Admin at GWU. The McLaughlins have a daughter, Jennifer (1). **Tom Nelson** is now with Booze, Allen, and Hamilton as a Sr Engr helping build a Navy for Saudi Arabia. Says his boss is a former commandant at Canoe U! He and Carol have a girl, Beth (3) and boy, Matt (1). **Jim Griffin** became Legislative Asst for Nat Sec Affairs for Sen. Lugar (IN). He has a MA in Int Rel from Georgetown. Wife Kathy is still a stewardess for

1972: The Schmidts, Founders Day, Alaska.

Eastern Airlines. **Ron Murphee** is still with the Civil Service CE and teaches in Baltimore for reserve duty. Ron and Lori were expecting this spring, but no news as yet. Home on the West Coast is **Gerry Zmolek**, Cindy, and daughter Storey (4) and son Lincoln (2). "Z" finishes law school this spring and tackles the bar exam in July. **Jeff Staser** has been a career student lately. He now has an MBA, an MA in Mgmt, and MS in Civil Engr from Stanford. Jeff, Karen, and daughter Sara (1) may be on their way to Saudi Arabia by now. **Dave Lueneburg** abandoned the bachelor ranks last Oct when he married Linda. He also gained a son in the

1972: The Magees.

process. Dave is now with Hughes Aircraft after a couple of years with Ford. **Steve Sheppard** is the Asst DE in Galveston. He got his MBA from Boston U and an MS Eng from UTX. Steve and Diane have 2 daughters, Jamie (5) and Megan (2). **Woodie Collins** departed Ft Bragg for an ROTC assignment in MO. **Ken Martin** is on tour as a BC in Baumholder (I'm jealous, Ken). He married Karen back in 76 and had two "instant" children, Cindy (now 13) and Dianne (now 11). Since then, they've also had a boy, Chris (4). **Bill Wilson** became Dr Wilson in May 80 after graduating from GWU Med Sch. He's now at Ft Leonard Wood "practicing on his orthopedic surgery." Bill and Ginni have 2 children, Kristen (2) and Sean (6 mos). Thanks for the news, Dennis. **Gray** is with GE as a Sr Test Engr and has to put up with a lot of Navy grads in his office. He and Nancy have a boy, Jeremy (6) and a girl, Lindsey (5).

That's about all the news this time. Remember to get motel reservations in early for the Reunion this fall. If you haven't "reserved" a Class Reunion Book, get your twelve bucks in ASAP. Specific questions should be directed to MAJ Doug Wise, USMA Dept of His, WP. Also, you'll have to get football tickets on your own through the Athletic Dept ticket office. Be sure to note '72 Reunion Section on your request.

See you in September.

'73

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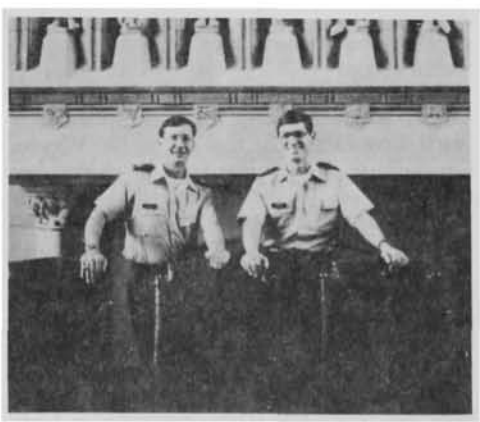
Greetings from West Point! And congratulations all too. Here we are at the nine-yr time-in-service mark. Can you believe it? The countdown for our Reunion has already begun.

With this quarter's notes, there's much good news to report . . . Back in Feb I heard from **Paul & Carol Hamm.** They were married just last Jul and Paul's now a partner and VP of Lockridge & Associates, Inc, a construction mgmt/engr consultant firm in Memphis. Since the company's inception, they've grown from 2 people and no work to 16 people and mgmt of over $230 Mil worth of construction. Not too bad! And, on top of that, Paul, in his "off time" (as he calls it) earned a MBA frm Memphis St U. Plus, he's a member of the same Reserve unit as **Rob Williamson.** In news of other classmates, **Pete Baldwin** is studying law at Gonzaga in Spokane; **Jim & Carmen Branham** are still in Salt Lake City with UUT ROTC; **Joe Mastrucci** is now a VP with CM, Inc in Coral Gables; **Rob & Kathi Roe**



1973: Hazel and Arison in Academic Board Room, USMA.

1973: Lee Hediger.

are out now and with American Can in CA; **Bill & Debbie Miller** are in Dallas with IBM; and **Tom Jervis** is at Ft Stewart.

Yet another success story?! **Lee Hediger,** after leaving the service circa '79, picked up a MBA in marketing mgmt from Long Island U and started as a corporate sales rep for American Scientific Products. Ascending the ladder, he's now corporate sales mgr for the Sheraton-Washington Hotel. Way to go!

1973: The Hamm wedding.

MAJ **Kent Freise** called me last mo from Cp Dodge, IA. (Rocky Waite, TAC D-2 arranged the call). He's in the ARNG and is the IG. How 'bout that! There's one sure way to beat the system, yes? Marie, Jamie (6), and Meghan (4) are all doing great too.

Got another unexpected call also—from **Ron Danhof.** After picking up a MS in Computer Science from the NPGS in 81, he PCSd to the Army Missile Lab, Redstone Arsenal—and the first day there ran into **Frank Hinchion.** Small world, huh? Frank's working at the Martin-Marietta field office there and lives only 2 blocks away from Ron. A mini E-1 reunion was planned last mo (Hinchion/Rockwell/Danhof) so hopefully next quarter I'll have some additional stories to tell.

Jon & Gloria Housman checked in with some exciting news too: Jennifer Jean was born on 1 Feb and Jon went up for promotion in Apr. By now he should be a Process Engr IV for Mobil. Multiple congratulations! Reflecting on his current employ, Jon mused that it's amazing how similar Mobil is to the Army in terms of grade structure. And, "TDY travel" is frequent too, especially between Houston and Oklahoma City. If you're in the area "please stop by"—1202 Leon, Monahaus, TX 79756. Incidentally, on one of his recruiting trips about a year ago, he saw **Scott Barry** on Tic-Tac-Dough competing for megabucks. No info on the outcome, however.

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1973: The Kaardals, Handleys, Colberts and Bill Hubbard.

Got a great letter also from Steve Wells ('74 scribe) at RPI. In the news, two '73ers graduated in May 82 with MSs in Applied Math/ORSA and are on their way to the Math Dept—**Kelly Mohrmann** and Steve, Kathie, Jennifer, and **Jason Kirin. Tom Nunn** graduated back in Dec 81 with a MS in Automotive Engr and he, Christine, and 2 young 'uns are now in Warren, MI where he's working on a TECOM project. **Walt, Lorraine & Monica Olson** are at Watervliet Arsenal near Albany where Walt is a R&D Coordinator at the Benet Labs. And, **Jim Hayes** will be starting at RPI this yr for a math degree enroute to, you guessed it, the Math Dept.

1973: The Reynolds, Founders Day, Alaska.

In a joyous note from **Ed & Kathryn Luckett**, I learned that Florence Louise was born on 4 Jan. Many congratulations! Still no news regarding his destination after graduating from Princeton. I'll keep you posted.

Reporting in from Belvoir are **Joe, Debbie**, Katie (5), and Brian (3) **Fitzharris**. Joe's a staff physician in family practice at DeWitt AH and in Jan took over as Clinic Director. And, on 27 May he was promoted to MAJ. Must be nice! Joe says he's seen quite a few classmates and has even had the pleasure of delivering some babies for E-2 companymates. (**Tim & Kathy Tapp** had Barton in Feb 81 and **Vince & Barb Curasi** had Colleen in Jan 82.) Other grads in the area include **Bruce & Pat Kasold** and **Rick & Patsy Maloney**. Bruce is a JAG at the Pentagon working on becoming a White House Fellow, Rick is working in OE at Belvoir, and Patsy is a nursing supervisor at DeWitt.

Well folks, that's about it for this quarter. Just think, only 3 more articles until our 10 yr reunion! Take good care and God Bless.

'74

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For those interested, these 8 years have been a long time coming. Pay raise is nice too. Writing this on Spring Break—headed south like the other students, but I only made it to the PA mountains and an additional 4 ft of snow. Where's the beach?

Pham Tam's sister has informed me that all actions have been taken on our end for Pham to be released from Vietnam. Now hoping that the Vietnamese Govt will grant him an exit visa in the near future.

1974: Duesler and Carattini.

Charlie Gleichenhaus's phone call and letter all missed the Xmas issue, but here's the scoop. **Paul & Pattie O'Sullivan** are now parents of Paul Francis, III, born 1 Nov 81. Also Paul flew his Cobra recently in a Canadian Exercise and he was featured in the Canadian version of our **Soldier Magazine**, which called him the "Snake driver." **Lee, Marilee and Luke** (3 in Apr) **Van Arsdale** doing fine out in CO. Marilee was expecting No. 2 in Apr. Lee is working, studying on a MS in Geography at UCO, and selling real estate on the side. Word from **Ashby Foote**, a broker with McLarty and Duddleston Invt Securities in Jackson, MS. He sends "now is the time to get into the market." He's right, but remember his "now" was Jan 82, not Jun. **Steve LaRocca** is a btry cdr at Bragg, expecting No. 2 child. **Cliff Krebs** was to be married to Katrice this spring at WP, will be spending an additional yr there with OMI. **Tom Mullen** is stationed at Monmouth along with Charlie, but has a quite unique job. Tom is the Army battery (as is D-Cell) expert, in charge of battery procurement, testing, and related affairs. No doubt a challenge. And sender of this poop, Charlie finishes his 2d, and additionally satisfying, year as a Tac at USMAPS. Rah!

1974: The Jenkins, Founders Day, Alaska.

Tim & Chris Weber verified their existence. Been living in Cincinnati since Jun 79 when Tom exited the svc at Riley. They have two future fullbacks, David Christopher (4) and Michael Thomas, born Aug 81. Tom really enjoying his work at dept mgr of a foods warehouse for Proctor and Gamble. They welcome visitors: (513) 474-2468. The **McGraths'** visited them last yr and the **Bickings'** are still in Amarillo, TX.

Was brought up to date on **Jeff & Cheryl Anderson.** Leaving Ft Lewis in 77, Jeff got an MS in Social Psy at UWA; attended AOAC at Ft Knox; and is now at Kirchgoens, affectionately the "Rock." There he has been Bde Adj for 1st Bde, 3d AD and now cmds B/3/33 Arm since Apr 81. Jeff also picked up his Doctorate in Phil in between. Wife Cheryl has been busy, from showing horses in KY to working in education at their kaserne, and having children: Christine Jacqueline (5), Hillary Elizabeth (4), and on 18 Dec 81 son Chase Spencer arrived. The **Andersons** may well have a first—all kids delivered by same Army doc, after moving halfway around the world. Jeff planning on returning to teach at WP in the summer of 83.

Also in Ger, **Dom Izzo** took over the 58th Engrs last 6 Nov 81 in the 11th Cav in Fulda. Dom says the work is hard, but it beats the heck out of grad sch. I'm fast learning what you mean, Dom. Wife Gitte, sons Roman and Daniel are doing fine.

1974: The Sharps and Wentzes.

The **Tom McGinnis'** turned up in Ger, Tom with the 2/67 ADA, first as the DAME, now the Bn S3, 'tuff job but enjoying it. They added a dau, Betsy, last yr.

Received a late Xmas ltr from the **Spinellis.** Jim was to grad from med sch at USUHS in May and will then no longer be a 2LT. On 1 Jul he begins his internship in internal med at Eisenhower AMC, Augusta, GA, for 1 to 3 yrs. Jim and Lucinda added another screamer on 17 Dec 81 with the arrival of Mary Katherine.

On the D-1 Duck scent, **John Martin** sends that **Gary Rodvelt** married an OK girl, then was off on a tour in Korea, cmding a svc btry in Camp Pelham. They're to go to Ft Lewis when he rtns. **Tom Froneberger** is in Ger as a GLO for an A-10 unit, "Froney II" due in Jul.

Ken & Jeannie Popielis just rtned from Ger after 5 yrs there. Ken cmded a truck co in Stuttgart for 2 yrs, also picking up a MS in Bus Admin thru Boston U. Jeannie was a prog analyst with Hq VII Corps, making it to GS-11. They are now in Ft

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Eustis, Ken in the adv cse and was due at WP in May. He'll work on the Com's staff for a yr then join OMI. They rpt **Russ Quimby** was at Eustis on Reserve Tng; he, Barbara and Tommy enjoying civ life in NE. Also **George, Lori and Amy Runkle** are still at WP, George on his 2d yr as a PE inst, Lori completing her nurse's tng.

Bill Hopkinson files a good rpt on the medics out in Denver, doing their residencies at Fitzsimons AMC while enjoying the Rockies I'm sure. Bill finishes his orthopedic residency in Jun and then, after promotion to major on 11 Jun (!!), will join the famous USMA staff of the same specialty. He adds, "looking forward to the 10 yr Reunion and to check on all old knee injuries." You heard him. Bill's wife, Debby, is a nurse and will work in the WP area. Others at FAMC are **Steve & Carolyn Houseworth**, Steve finishing 1st yr residency in ortho and doing good. **Phil Mallory** has done 1 yr in general surgery and working hard. **Bernie Crosby** is tending to all sorts of kids' problems in pediatrics, enjoys in nonetheless. And **Ed Lisecki** is finishing his internship and heading to Ft Sill for a yr. Bill notes also **Nick & Sandy Jarem** are in Colo Spgs, Nick out of svc and much thinner. **John Herrin** is in his 3d yr of Dental Sch at UIA, also in the Nat Guard. He and Laurel had their first child last yr.

1974: The Bells, Bethels, Deykeses: Ft Benning.

Some scattered notes now: **Tom & Margaret Reidy** are now parents of a big boy, Patrick William, as of 5 Mar; Tom stationed in the DC area. Down in TN, **Rich Plumley** was married last Oct to Donna. **Ed Cerutti** is at UAZ and headed for the Mech Dept, WP, but may get an additional yr to work for his doctorate. In Feb **Rich Benton** rpted to the Mech Dept, WP. **Don Zacherl** is with the Hofstra U ROTC on Long Is, Don also teaching an accredited History cse for the sch. Heard that **Tom Turner** now cmds C Co, 2/75 Rangers at Lewis. **Bob Mixon** was last heard running the thesis 'gauntlet' at U of Houston, he and Ruth should be out of 'Boomtown' and in the WP area by this writing.

Rudy & Debbie Veit visited the **Roeskes** here in the RPI area. Rudy is finishing his Psy Degree at SUNY Buffalo and will teach Leadership or Psy at WP in Jul. They have a dau, Melissa, and Debbie is expecting in Jul. Other news here, **Tom & Joyce O'Leary** moved in, they having spent 6 yrs at Knox until Tom got out of svc. Tom is working at the Army's Watervliet Ars and seeing much of **Bob Dillon**, who's stationed here.

Several of the academic crowd at RPI are finishing their degrees and leaving the life of civvies, campus and some real good socializing and fellowship. **Bill, Karin, Alison & Melissa Pierce, John & Mary Haetinger** along with **Jim, Bea & Jamie Fishback** are off to the Math Dept, **John and Jim** getting Applied Math and OR&S degrees, Bill in CE. **Myron, Naomi & Miriam Lynch** are off to the Physics Dept, Myron a degree in same.

Read in **Army Times** the list of C&CS attendees, noted 4 '74ers due to start there this summer: **Larry Adair, Guy Bourn, Mike Kirby** and **Fuzzy Webster.** This is about as young as one starts that sch, speaks pretty well for them. I trust this is correct, if not —draft me.

My input runs as a sine curve (I learned that) thru out the yr. I should have more about the growing "Rabble on the Hudson" soon, or else you guys get ahold of me and tell about the Corps. Have a nice summer and my next deadline is 1 Jul.

'75

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Time's still flying. Appears the seven year itch has hit because bachelors are really taking a dive or planning on it. The marriage plague has hit Ft Campbell hard in the last few months so for those who are not serious scratch that location off all TDX, vacation or visitation lists. **Keith Huber** was married in April closely followed by **Rick Zak** and **Patrick J. O'Connor.**

1975: Haviland, Clark, Maye, Judy, and Flor: Founders Day, Alaska.

Pete and **Marilyn Farrell** wrote from **Bragg** where Meghan keeps them both smiling. Pete has A Co in the 82 Sig Bn and loves every minute of it. The boys in I-3 should contact 5978 Brookcliff Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28304. **Lou** and **Maureen Kovar** sent the reviews on their first smash hit "It's A Boy" starring John Frederick. Hailed as a howling success, the world premier was 17 Jan 82 at 0655 in Memorial Hosp, South Bend, IN. Scheduled to run daily at 18165 Amberley Lane, South Bend, IN 46637. Needless to say Lou enjoys N.D. and can't believe the Army is paying him to do this. **Royce Kincaid** is in the MBA program and **Mike Killham** is studying law. Lou will write a detailed account of academic life when he gets a chance to figure it out.

Bob Enzenauer sent an Aloha from paradise. Dr. **Jim Algeo** and his wife Dr. Mary Rachel visited recently from Letterman. Jim's finishing his residency in internal medicine while Mary Rachel is joining the Army to do a fellowship in hematology/oncology at Letterman. Bob's finishing his residency in pediatrics and will move up the road to the pediatric clinic at Schofield Barracks. **Steve Hetz** is the father of #3 and will be coming to Tripler for a flexible internship. Bob's twin brother Ray (USNA—75) is now studying medicine at Bob's alma mater —UMO and has joined the Army reserve. Maybe we'll get a convert yet. **Neil Ahle** is out of the Army and in Vet school at the UMO.

Jim and **Susan Whitehead** dropped a line to let us know Jimmy (3½) is proud of his new sister Katie born on 22 Feb 82. Jim is finishing up his MBA at Harvard Business Sch while interviewing and trying to decide on a job. They are having an exciting time in Boston or more precisely Apartment 220, 6 Soldiers Field Park, Allston, MA 02163.

Gary Clark appeared from the US Mail and is at Wright-Patterson AFB in the Flt Dyn Lab. He switched to AF in 80 as an aero engr and will attend the AFIT this summer to receive his masters in Aero Engrg. Gary and Rita are expecting their first "little one" in Jul. **Wayne Hallgren** also went AF in '80 (Gary and Wayne were roommates). Wayne's headed for the UFL for his Aero degree. Wayne and Susan are at Hanscom AFB, Mass with their first addition, Nicole, born on 25 Mar. **Tom** and **Kristie Oetjen**

1975: Chalupa, Williams, Cathy Guenther, Bice, the Pardues, the Johnsons, the Wards, the Morrises, the Guldens, Deane, Shelley Williams, Mazzoli, Tate, Given, and Ivey (in front).

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are enjoying Ft Carson and the FA. Gary and Tom bought a condo in the mountains back in 77 so anyone interested let one of them know. They have special rates for classmates. Tom is headed for WP in German after Vermont and FRG. **Chris Ferguson** is a Wright-Patterson AFB as a civilian type Aero Engr. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of **Neil Begley, Bob Reynolds** or **Frank O'Nell** of (C-4) contact Gary at 1029 Middy Dr, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433.

Jim Olsen wrote from USUHS where he's happy to report he studies alot. Jim's in the '85 class with Tom Howard in '84 and **Steve Hetz** ready to depart with '82. **Dr. Bill Lloyd** is an opthalmology resident at Brook AMC, Ft Sam Houston. Jim was stationed at the AFEES in Buffalo, NY. He recommends it to anyone interested in regular hours, no field duty and plenty of time for family and night school. Jim and Lis were married in '78 and have two boys, Toby and Michael. **Paul Schaefer** is still enjoying Walter Reed and radiology.

Jim Jarvis has departed Dahlonega and the Mtn Ranger Camp after 37 months as an RI. He's been the Ops officer for 27 months. **Dave Morris** flies Blackhawks at Benning while **Jim Given** has supported from the 1/17 Cav at Ft Bragg. **Vince Gwizdowski** has a Cobra plt at Hunter AFB while **Greg Tharp** is buzzing around with the 2/9 Cav. **Bob Simons** still has 3d Rgr Co at Benning while **Ward Jones** holds down the fort at Eglin. Jim's last official act is an AGI then on to IOAC 3-82 as the "oldman" who is still a confirmed bachelor. **Jim** and **Pat O'Connor** attended a wedding on 5 Dec in Chicago for the great Pontious family. Harry and Jane were wed with a great time had by all. **Mike Spasyk** was narrowly missed in Vermont last year—he's G-3 training in VII Corps. Jim's last news is that **Tex Turner** is headed for the Rgr Dept.

Carl and **Cary Provencher** wrote from the Monterey where they're in the FAO program and will head for Garmisch and the US Army Russian Inst for 2 yrs of study. Three others are headed for Garmish—Tom and **Lynne Fiser, Chuck** and **Carla Lee** and **Griff** and **Youngsoon Hughes.** Griff had 4 yrs of Russian at WP never studies and wanders Sanoma, CA tasting wine or learning Korean. He and Youngsoon have two boys—David and Steven. **Tom Fiser** carries his tenths in a little plaid booster cushion that is supposed to make his backside more comfortable during 6 hours of Russian a day. Chuck and Carla rent a "villa" in Pacific Grove with Carla teaching in Monterey and Chuck still looking for a barber shop. **Pete Larsen** was at DLI but left for Singapore in Feb. **Neil Putz** is at NPGS and recently married Song Cha. He is found working on his stamp collection most of the time. **Larry Gibbs** has his name in the phone book but Carl says he never answers the phone. **Bob Harren** moonlights as a shrimp fisherman, lives on the beach, has maid service and shines his head more than his boots. Carl should enjoy DLI after all the time he spent at Dix before transferring to MI. That is one way out of here! Carl and Carey have one son—Richie—born in Jan 81. Once they get to Garmisch all visitors are welcome to join them for skiing, partying or both.

Jeff Duncan wrote a great note on a 3x5 card. He's at Eglin flying F-15's and loves it. The AF rewarded him after two yrs in Korea as an OV-10 FAC. **Pat** and **Karen Lisowski** are still at UPA. Pat plays RB and drinks for a living while babysitting the dogs so Karen will give him spending money. He's

1975: Kasprisin wedding, December 81.

got so much free time he's going to come back to Dix for a 3d summer before going back to work as JAG. The Army will be doing something if they can get him back to work after this much time off. **Pete Haglin** just received his 1st copy of the ASSEMBLY in 7 yrs. He's in Soegel FRG after attending DLI in Dutch, a tour in the Netherlands (Dutch speak better English than we do) and now FRG. Pete works in the 3 shop and laughs at **Olaf Elton** answering phones in the S-1. Olaf has grown 2" since 75 but no lbs. Martha needs to fatten him up. Pete is married (77) but didn't tell me who his wife is; however he has a little boy—Peter—born in 80. They are headed for Sill soon and want to know how to stay in the states. His 3 yr Ft Lewis fishing trip only lasted 18 months and 3 days. My advise—call **Dan Monken** and tell DA you want to go back to FRG immediately.

Guess what! **Jim Pettit** wrote and remarked how his wife Linda has galvanized him into action due to all the stinging comments they receive. Good job Linda, we thought Jim was dead—not just married. Jim's headed for 9 straight years of troops and then a short tour. So much for nominative assignments. He's working on his masters at night with **Bill David**, who's the Div OC at Ft Lewis. When Jim's bored he talks to **Kent Canny** who's got a battery. Jim says his ex-roommate is on post but is so self-centered from never having to go overseas that he's forgotten how to say hello. Now, I find that difficult to believe cuz **Jay Scully** has been looking for Pettit for years and now they're stationed in the same place. Jim promised to write again in '89 so don't hold your breath.

Maureen and **Forest Crain** wrote from FRG to say Adam has arrived and is raising the roof. **Forest** and **Tom Austin** are in the same location which happens to be **Chuck Bakers** old Bn—must be some great war stories around. **Dennis Paranello** called from JFK. He works air freight and enjoys living a block from where he grew up on Long Is. He and Dee Dee have 2 children and are enjoying civilian life immensely. Their home phone is 516-354-0820 and the address is 1356 Rosser Ave, Elmont, NY 11003. **Ken George** called from Ft Eustis. Being Signal, he loves to use the phone and we called each other for 4 days before linking up. Being from NJ, they'd like to head into the Dix area. If anyone else is interested call—I hate being lonely and you'll love basic training. You won't have to work weekends—there aren't any. **Phil** and **Pam Baker** are moving from the Aide slot to Rdn Gp at Dix. Maureen loves her little sister Christine Marie, born 20 Nov 81. **Carl Carrano** is also inbound to Rdns Gp at Dix. **Mark & Sue Hertling** are headed for INST and then WP. **Tom** and **Squeaky Connors** are enjoying FRG. Their dau—Laura—is loving it while Tom has a tank company in Erlangen.

Dave and **Rose Williams** sent Ivey's picture from Doug Stickley's wedding. They are expecting their 1st in June out at Ft Hood. The wedding ran smoothly until the ring dropped twice at the alter and the bride Gabriele (Gabby) couldn't stop laughing. **Dave Williams** got his sabre caught in his uniform while **Bill Ivey** gave commands and administered verbal reprimands in good taste-of course. Doug's younger brother was best man but only wanted to play space invaders with **Jack Gulden.** Bill and Jack drove from Knox in the record form of 990 miles in 990 minutes with 2 gas stops enroute with numerous other refuel requirements along the way. Doug and Gabby changed clothes during the reception and stayed to close the evening out. Sounds like another good partying couple even if Ivey does think he makes her hyper—he does that to the rest of us also.

Tom & Leigh Ayers are proud parents of Corbin Everett. They are getting ready for another run up the ALCAN to a 2nd tour in AK. When I heard from Tom, he said **Paul Bonney** is extending in Korea. **Dan & Judy Kinsey** are recruiting at Ft Gilliam.

1975: Fort Benning.

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1975: Donlin, youngest grad present, Founders Day, Patrick AFB.

Wayne Chalupa called from Knox where he's a BT Bn XO. **Rick Mazzoli** is the Bde S-1 and keeps everyone roaring. **Bob & Jenny Smith** are leaving in Jul for ORSA somewhere. **John Sapienza** flies out to Knox from Campbell in his Blackhawk to get a break from the home life every so often. **Gary Williams** was the Treasurer of Founders Day at Knox and recently got engaged. Wayne's boys John and William are keeping him busy fixing the house. **Bill Ivey** is headed for Korea since Deb just delivered a big baby girl—Heather Ann. He figures he can get another company, if he takes a short tour now. Deb's staying at Knox with Heather until Bill returns. Naturally, I had to call the Ivey's with **Chuck Baker** and his fiance Debbie. Ivey is just what we expected as a father, good luck Mom! Chuck on the other hand is under firm control and in good hands. Debbie treats him with kid gloves and **he is** responding well to the choke chain. He gave up beer for Lent, picks up the house, walks the dog and sets the table for dinner. The wedding is set for 23 OCT 82 in Trona, CA. **Chuck** and **Ken Kasprisin** are planning to fly out for the fun. Call Chuck at 201-821-6958 to see & hear how behaved and restrained he has become.

Tony Rowan is in Houston as a Engr but is hard to contact. **Chris & Joannie Gaston** are expecting a baby in May. **Bruce & Angie Ray** are expecting a baby in June. **Rick Mazzoli** is marrying Anita in May (she's MI—wonder how she caught him). **Dave Tate** is almost finished with grad school at the U of Louisville. **Ken Kasprisin** sold his airplane in Pittsburg to buy a better one. **Chuck Baker** and I called **Bob Harren's** parents cuz he was supposed to be on the East Coast for leave but instead of being home he was on the West Coast getting engaged. Naturally we are all shocked but highly excited at the prospects of Bob being married in the not too distant future. That will be the end of an era.

Rich Zak was married 17 April in Birmingham, AL. Then he heads for FL St and WP in Psych. He is going to be his own case study during Grad school. Can you imagine having Rich as a "P" and having to remain serious.

Wes Hayes wrote from Columbia, SC **Jim** and **Sally Dunphy** passed through on the way to FL to visit the baseball camps during spring training. **Bob McNab** is working for Merrill Lynch in Columbia. **Bill O'Brien** is with DOD as a commo specialist. **Keith** and **Tracy Self** have rejoined the Army and headed back to Ft Bragg.

We were all sorry to hear about the passing of **Gil Lopez** on 14 Jan 82 at Ft Knox. Our prayers and deepest condolences are expressed for Shirley and the children. Gil was a friend to us all and his loss is felt by everyone. The class has requested that Gil be placed in the Memorial Book in the library and a portion of the West Point Fund be dedicated in his memory.

Good luck to everyone in the spring and summer season wherever you are and whatever you are doing.

'76

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Hello again. Hope all is well with everyone. This quarter's mailbag was somewhat more full but there are still 820 folks who need to write!!

Joe & Maureen Sanders just had a new baby, their first: Jillian Melissa was born on 9 Feb at Ft Sill. They just returned from Germany in 1980 and since that time, Joe finished his Master's degree in Public Administration at the UOK. Joe says—need news from H-2 ers.

1976: Cal, Tracy Lee, and Rachmeler.

1976: Aaron Hayes, Founders Day, Fort Benning.

Glenn Lesniak responded to my plea for news with an A-4 update. A sort of an A-4 reunion occurred recently before two in the pic left the army. **Steve & Maria Babula** are now in Pocatello, ID where he is now working for Westinghouse. **Paul & Tina Maier** along with son Chris are in Shawee, OK where Paul is with Mobil. **Chuck, Mary & Kelly Allison** are at Ft Sill for the AC and a command. They should have recently had a new family addition. As for Glenn, Jane, he and son Brett are at the EOAC until June when all pack up to head to UCT ROTC. Glenn also just finished a Masters in Engineering Management from UMO in 1980. Glenn says though that the greatest experience was Brett's birth on 22 Oct, 81. Not even passing the PE exam surpassed that.

Amy Myers did Jack's work this month and sent news. Jack was off in DC for one of his many TDY's and Amy's been keeping slightly busy with the kids (Rick and Becky) and teaching aerobic dancing. They bought a house at Ft Bliss, one of many folks there who took the big step. (They're planning on being there for at least another 18 months). **Sue & Glen Peach** are also there and just had a new family addition on 2 March with a 7 lber named Justin. Amy says

1976: Fort Benning Founders Day.

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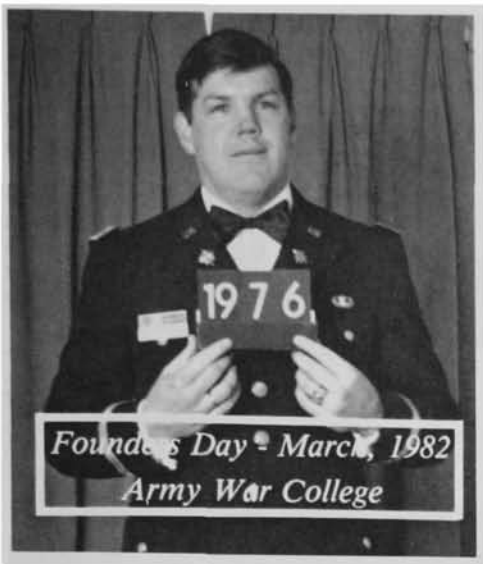

1976: T.P. Kelly, youngest grad present.

he's adorable. **Dave & Joyce Luken** are now back in Germany with Melissa and all is well with them. **Pete Goodyear** is also in the Ft Bliss area, presently a BC.

1976: Lesniak, Babula, Maier and Allison.

Ky White gets a first for his letter. The first classmate to send his professional card. Cindy and Ky along with Danielle (6) Amanda (4), and Robin (3) are now living in the Graham, TX area where Ky is an oilfield engineer. All are enjoying themselves.

John Grech, former summer roommate, and as behind in his correspondence as yours truly, sent his 1st news. His brief military curriculum vitae came with his letter (Korea to Hawaii) and now a civilian. John's presently living and working in Boston for Polaroid. ("Still single and no children.") Anyone wanting to write John (no free processing), send me a note.

1976: Dalton, Modern Pentathlon.

Rick Rachmeler sent a note from Madrid where he is an aide to the liaison command there. **Rick & Poucette Khoury** are planning to be married on 5 June in Beirut. Rick's sister and her husband live in Beirut where he works for the Embassy. They originally introduced Rick and Poucette. Ricks says that **John Cal** is also working in the Madrid area for purposes unknown. Rick says that there are a number of senoritas in the area with broken hearts as a direct result. Both are enjoying Madrid and extend invites to any potential travellers to the area.

Bob & Teresa Dalton are still here in SA where Bob's on the Pentathlon team. Bob's currently ranked 7th in the country and current thought is for a significantly higher ranking soon. He'll be going to either Rome or Warendorf in late April for a competition and then to Stockholm in Sept for the World Military Championships. He'll also be going back to West Point in April to defend his title as National Triathlon Champion (run, swim, shoot) for the third straight year. Needless to say, a real hot shot! Donna and I recently went to Teresa's promotion party here in SA and had a great time.

Another first letter from **Eric Gerencser,** currently at the Presidio and still single. Over the past 5 years, Eric has become a real estate mogul in the Bay Area. Eric's parting note is for some I-4 news.

Melinda, Paul & Megan Adams are spending their last 6 months in CA as Paul finishes law school. Their new home in Aug will be Ft Jackson after Paul finishes the CA bar and JAG basic course. The Adams' caught up with **Joani & John Scott** on a trip to LA. John's working with Pepsi and expects to be moving east this summer too.

1976: The Myer family.

Margie & Eric Zimmerman sent news of another family addition. Olivia Claire was born on 31 Dec in Heidelberg. The last baby to be born in Heidelberg in 1981. Alexander is growing like a weed. Eric says that **Pat & Rosemary Lusk** are also expecting in Aug. Other folks that the Lusks see often are **Harry Jarred, Greg Saunders** and **Tim Reddy.** Greg apparently branch transferred to Engineers, went to the AC, is currently attending some unknown school at Ft Bragg and then will go off to the DLI. Eric sends an APB for **BJ Lachner** (G-3)—if you've seen him, write. **JJ Lullen** is also in the area at Frankfurt.

1976: The Zimmerman family.

Lori & Bruce Robinson sent a note from Ft Stewart where Bruce is finishing up his command and heading to the AC. All with them is well.

A note comes from Steve Barton (77) who is interested in finding **Mike O'Donnell** who disappeared from Ft Ord, heading to Harvard Business School and the folks there haven't heard from him. Mike, I have the address to write to. Steve also sends news about **Brian Osterndorf** who was at Ft Ord for a while, then to DLI and to Brazil where he's presently working as a liaison officer to the Brazilian Army railroad engineers building railroad through the trackless hinterlands.

A note from **John Williamson's** mother brings news about John and Alicia who are at IOAC living near **Steve Carroll.** Others

1976: The Barberos, Hardings, Teri Brown, Gehrki, Steele, and Brown.

there include **Carl Stevens, Jim Donivan, Keith Walker** and **Ed Kennedy.** Apparently there was a Brigade Staff get-together at **Bill Caldwell's** father's house including Bill, John and the others. John's slated to teach history at WP after grad school at UT Austin as is **Carl Stevens. Keith Walker's** in the same group but will be with Sociology.

A wind up includes local news. Ian's growing up, Donna's selling San Antonio real estate, and our second is on his/her way (due in aug). I'm halfway through my six months TDY General Surgery at Ft Hood. Since I've been there, I've seen **Clay Harrington** and **John Crown.** Both look well. As a last request, keep the cards and letters coming. Adios.

1976: The Maloneys, Founders Day, Alaska.

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Sadly I report that **Jesus Olivo** was murdered during a robbery of his parent's store on 24 Aug 81 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. **Lee Jackson,** Jesus' brother-in-law will write the obituary for the ASSEMBLY. Our deepest sympathies to his wife Gloria and family. On the happier side of life:

Stork Report

—to **Cathy and Andy Lamb,** Christopher Lee on 29 Jan 82.

—to **John & Bridget Burdan,** Dehlia Christine on 28 Jul 81.

—to **Janet and Freddie Mills,** Katherine Rachel on 4 Mar 82.

—to **Janice and Mark Preston,** Melissa Leigh on 22 Nov 81.

—to **Evelyn and Curtis Jones,** Curtison, in Nov. 81.

Newlyweds

Jim Malcolm to Diana on 5 Sept 81 in Essex Fells, NJ.

Steve Barton to Bonnie Seelye in Arlington, VA on 22 Aug 81.

1977: Tim and Diana Malcolm, Sept 1981.

General News

Another Founder's Day has come and gone. Had the opportunity to hear the Supe speak at Ft Jackson. He gave a rather upbeat speech and talked about some of the changes such as buying Ladycliff to expand the space at WP.

A special thanks to **Ed Smith** and **Bernardo Arce-Gutierrez** for the information on Jesus Olivo. Ed is at Ft Knox and passed on the info that **Dave Martin** is headed for a ROTC job at Colorado, **Mike Henry** is headed to Bliss and **Craig Pierringer** is working out

1977: Morris and Strehle on recent FTX in Egypt.

1977: The Goebertuses.

of the PAO at Ft Devens. Bernardo is now general manager of a plastic processing plant in Costa Rica. He hopes to be headed back to the States for a MBA in the near future and is interested in hearing from some of his old roommates at POB 1957, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Andy Lamb and **Jim Malcolm** are finishing up their second year of med school at UAL and the Public Health Services Academy respectively. Andy would like to hear from **Mark Gillespie** at 909 Mansard Dr, No. 315, Homewood, AL 35209. On the legal side, the latest JAG roster indicates that **Dean Berry,** UC-Berkeley, **Mac Warner,** UWV, and **Al Chute,** UMN, are soon to be lawyers. **Dave Fletcher** just finished his second year at FSU. **Peter Comedeca,** Harvard, **Kurt Meckstroth,** MI, **Ken Miller,** Penn, **Doug Tesdahl,** OR, **Ron Vogt,** Georgetown and myself have weathered the first year and will soon be getting our first taste of the JAGC this summer. Word is that **John Charvat** and **Dave Price** have been selected to start law school this fall. I also need to add that **Ken Miller** will start this year as our Class rep to the Bd of Trustees.

Michael and **Lesa O'Bannon** write that **Jerry Dittman** is in grad school at Rice. Mike and Lesa are headed back to Germany for another three years. They also stated that **Chris and Soon-Hi Odderstol** are also headed for Germany.

Rob and Missy Kehlet write from Benning where Rob has completed a tour as CO of an engr co and IOAC. Rob is headed to Turkey after the Facilities Engineer Course in June.

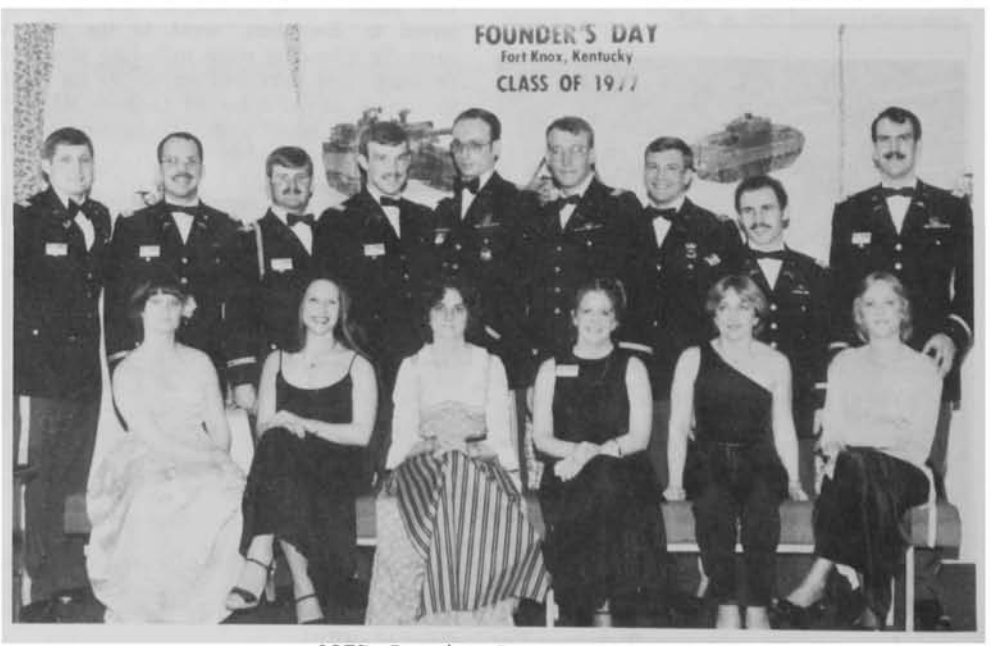
Kevin Trehey writes from Germany where he is with a unit in the 2d SUPCOM. Kevin branch transferred to Engrs and apparently had a great time at EOAC where he met Barbara Carroll who is to become his bride on 17 July.

Steve Lefemine wrote from his current assignment at Ft Hood with a belated history of his tour in HI and the details of his and **Andy Bowers** promotion party which consisted of an authentic Hawaiian luau and several days of revelry not to mention a VW full of beer.

1977: Bowers and Lefemine with their beer wagon.

A letter from **Denis Zambetti** finds him at the EO school in FL and headed for Sixth Army at the Presidio, San Fran. While at the Finance OAC he ran into **John Cicerelle, Greg Robinson** and **Paul Anderson.** Paul is an instructor and John and Greg were attending the AGOAC. Denis also ran into **Mac Martin** and **Crannie Butler** both of whom are attending the S-1 course. **Brad Ardner** and **Paul Nardi** are attending the EO course with Denis.

Received a couple of notes from Bragg. The first from **Tom Strehle** with a picture of him and **Jim Morris** on an FTX in Egypt. Tom and Jim are both AS-3's in the 1st Bde. After assignments together in IOBC,



1977: Founders Day, Fort Knox.

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1977: Founders Day, Fort Benning.

Berlin, IOAC and now the 82d it makes you wonder if they will be able to take being separated. However, a more recent letter from **Greg Harding** indicates that Jim may be getting ready to take the plunge and leave Tom for a better looking roomie. Strehle swears he is waiting for a German barmaid named Mercedes. Greg is with an Engr Bn along with **Kelly Ferrell** and **George Mitroka**. George is headed for the EOAC in April.

A letter from **Steve Barton** finds him at GA Tech studying Geotechnical Engineering. **Dave & Brenda Hruska** have come to see them and Steve invites all the old F Troopers to stop by on their way through Atlanta. Dave is now at Ft Polk with an Armor Bn. Steve also reports that **Hobie McShea** and **Harry Looney** are at Benning in IOAC. Harry is headed for Sill and Hobie and his wife **Cindi** are headed for Bragg. **Joe Tedesco** and his wife **Michael** are at Ft Sam Houston where Joe is an aide-de-camp. **John Robert** and wife **Sandy** are at Ft Gordon where John is assigned to the Dept of Surgery. Steve also mentioned that **Joe Rosetti** is supposed to be in the Atlanta area on recruiting duty and would like him to call.

A letter from **Keesy** and **Sue Goebertus** finds them finishing up a tour in Buffalo and headed for the AGOAC. Keesy thinks he is headed for Panama after the course. He also reports that **Mike & Anna Donahue** are at Ft Sam Houston where he is working in the Comptroller's office at Brook AMC.

A short note from **Bill & Lisa Mason** finds them at the Amphib Warfare School in Quantico. AWS is the IOAC for the Marines. **Brian Smith** and **Jim Greer** are also attending the course. Bill had a command at Ft Stewart and is headed for a ROTC assignment.

1977: The Wilhites, Founders Day, Alaska.

1978: The Haeses and the Lyons—Founders Day Alaska.

1977: Blair Turner, Founders Day, Fort Jackson.

1978: Class members at Fort Knox, Founders Day.

A card from **Mark & Janice Preston** finds them at Ft Hood. Mark is giving up his company in May and the Army in June to use his MBA degree out in the corporate world.

Jim Malcolm called with the latest news on our Class reunion to be held 22-24 Oct. **Bob Lamb**, BS&L and **Mark Hazelton**, HHC, 1/1 Inf will be coordinating the reunion. It seems that many of our classmates do not have updated addresses with the AOG and this is causing some problems with the info sheet being mailed out. If you haven't received your info sheet by the time this is published please send a change of address to AOG or call Autovon at 688-4700/3600. Mark Hazelton can be reached at Autovon 688-4518. The class will be staying at the Nanuet Holiday Inn about an hour from WP. You can start making reservations now. There will be a Class dinner/get together on Fri evening at the hotel. Saturday will start with the memorial service at 1000, parade at 1100 followed by the Class dedication (for our favorite tree!) at the corner of diagonal walk and the apron in front of Ike barracks. The football game is against Boston College (Homecoming). That evening there will be the banquet in Washington Hall. Hopefully there will be arrangements to change at WP. There will be a brunch on Sunday at the hotel. Please check with classmates in your area to ensure they get the word. Hope to see everybody there. Till the next deadline . . . take care.

'78

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1978: Members at Founders Day: Fort Benning.

1978: Founders Day Heidelberg: Steinke, the Kosteks, Rogers, Rush, Donovan and guest.

'79

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Hello from Germany. I hope everyone is enjoying their pay raise. First the stateside news. **Bob & Michelle Ochman** wrote from Ft Lewis where Bob is assigned to the 864th Engr Bn (CBT) (HV). Before his present assignment, Bob and Michelle have been to Ft Gordon and Ft Sill. Bob is presently the CE staff officer. At Ft Lewis within the Bn include; Cantwell '75, Tobin '78, **Ebel '79, Gagnon** '79, Horn '80, Dombi '81, and Plaisted '81. The big event for the **Ochmans** was the birth of their son, Christofer Joseph, 9 lbs 8 ozs on 28 Jan, 82. Bob wants to hear from any D-1 Ducks and Dragons, please write Qtrs 2507-D, Fort Lewis, WA 98433.

Kevin & Jeanie Weddle are still at Ft Leonard Wood and both in new jobs. Jeanie now has a computer job on post and Kevin is commanding the 515th Engr Co. This is the only pipeline construction job in the Army, and it is rather large. The company includes 6 Officers and 180 soldiers. Kevin was well qualified for the job after being XO for the last 17 months. Also at Ft Leonard Wood is **Todd Semonite** who is presently the CG's aide. Kevin says thanks to **Craig Werling and Lee Olsen** for their letters from Germany.

1979: Founders Day: Heidelberg.

Good news from Ft Knox is as follows: **Kent Abernathy** and his wife had a baby boy and named him JR, **"Crazy" Joe Coleman** just returned from Korea and is now starting the advanced course; Joe is renting a house and looking for a female to occupy it with him. **"Little Bobby" Groller** is going to Korea to Disco dance his heart away. **Jim Kelley** returned to Ft Knox giving up his tank for a helicopter. **John Krueger** is probably the only graduate to have 3 addresses in the same town—all with different women inside. **Carlos Pettus** bought a new car because his battery died in his old one. **Jim Roberts** is with the 19th Engrs while **Rob Wentzel** is XO for E-Troop 2/6 Cav. **Ed Dowling and Davis Welsh** opened a furniture company in their off time. Ed is married to Cathy and presently the Motor Officer, while Davis is married to Linda and is working as an XO.

1979: Otto, youngest grad, Founders Day Fort McPherson.

Harry Argo delivered the news for the 82d Abne Div. Harry is living with **Tom Gibbins** while working with **Don Huskey** and **Frank Finelli**, Don and Frank are presently roomates also. **George Singleton** recently left the 82d to join the Rangers in GA. **Jim Peirson** and **J.J. Cooke** ARE working together in the same Bn. as Harry's older brother '76. **Dan Johnson, Greg Watson, Joe Zator** and **Steve Renfrow** are together in a sister Bn. All those mentioned above work for DIV-ARTY and see quite a bit of each other. **Sean McGinn** is still as easy as ever, while **Kevin Borner** and **Mark Rocke,** who are roommates, have both landed aide jobs. While on "Bold Eagle" in FL, Harvy

1979: Husky, Finelli, Argo, Watson, Gibbons, Pierson and Johnson.

bumped into **Rick Knapp** and **Larry Uland** who were on opposing sides of the war.

Meanwhile up in AK, **Rick Lochner** is enjoying the skiing as he is the C-E Officer for 1/60 Inf. Richard III is as smart as a whip and now is 15 months old. Rick and Colleen are expecting an addition to the family about the time this is being printed. **Marty & Joni Thomas** are still at Ft Polk and we wonder—have they had 35 millimeters lately? Rick has also heard from **Bo & Kathy Vasta.**

Outside the states there is plenty of news. **Richard Jordan** wrote from Korea where the guys celebrated the completion of the AGI. **Paul Bobb** is the 4.2" Mortor Plt Ldr while **Bob Case** is the AT Plt Ldr. **Doug "DT" Turrell** is the S-2 while Rich is working as the BMO in the 1st Bn, 23rd Inf; Doug and Rich will be PCSing to the Adv Cse at Ft Benning in May and Jun. While in Korea

1979: Harris, Thomas, Spellissy, Sturm, Smith, Yerks and O'Donnell: Fort Sill.

they have seen **Tom Kee** and **Kevin Zenner.** Rich and Susan are expecting their first baby this Mar, and D.T. is set for a trip down the aisle this Jun.

Meanwhile in Germany the job to get seems to be that of an aide. **Lloyd Darlington**

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1979: Bobb, Case, Turrell, and Jordan.

is presently the aide for BG Palmer '56. Before the easy life, Lloyd was hard at work in 2/68 Armor. Lloyd says HI to **Hoop & Leo Brooks** because he is expecting a letter delivered to CG, ATTN 1 LT Darlington APO 09034. Lloyd also wanted to say Hi to **Lee Stab** and **J.J. Enright. Bill "BT" Taylor** is also serving as an aide in Germany. I bumped into BT at the new McDonalds in Pirmasens. Rumor control has it that BT will be going to Rock Is with his present boss. **Brian & Sheryl Roby** wanted to thank **Dave Polly** for the wedding picture that he did not forward for publication. Well, it must have gotten lost in the mail. The **Robys** are expecting to start a family later this Aug. Brian wanted to say Hello to **Vic Robertson,** who should now be on his way to Korea in search of a submissive wife. **Dennis & Gwen Bowden** have moved from Wildflicken to Bad Kreuznach. Dennis has extended for a year so he'll be here in Germany until 84. Dennis is looking for a letter from **Mark and Cindy Estep.** At the Heidelberg Founders Day Sam **Merrill** said that he wanted to see his name in print, but he has been too busy to write. **Al "GO GO" Gomez** has added a baby boy to the collection of kids associated with the Class and warns that those guys with daughters should lock them up now. Meanwhile Sue, Laura and I have moved to Baumholder, Germany, where I took command of an Ord Co. Please note the change of address and keep all those great cards and letters coming. Now that everyone has received their pay raise they can afford the postage. Keep smiling and writing.

'80

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I'll begin this article by apologizing for the blank space in the last issue. I didn't allow enough time for the mail service from Korea. I guess the article arrived after the publishing deadline. I know—no excuse . . . I'll bend my dogtags! I've still got my rough draft of the last article; so, no news was lost.

1980: Joseph and Jessica Waldron.

I heard from **John Moeller** quite a while ago. He spends most of his time in the field with classmates **Mike Porch, Lonnie Long,** and **Chris Bowling.** Old C-1ers may spot John in his green Mercedes, the "Green Machine II."

Steve Galing informed me that he has been reclassified from Infantry to Finance as a result of his back injury after graduation. Though somewhat sketchy, Steve relayed that he was to be married in Mar. **Bob Doering** and a CA girl were wed in Jan, and **Ed & Barb Farnham** were expecting a child in Jan. Come on, Ling, include more details!

1980: Kasperson, Peters, and Matthews in Garmisch.

From my NATO correspondent, **Jack Matthews: Jan Kozlowski** built dog kennels last fall (?). **Danna Maller** and **Mary Rozinski** visited the **Matthews** while traveling through Ger. Danna is now stationed at Ft Ord, along with another aviator that I know of—**Bob Nicholson.** While in Garmisch, Jack saw **Keith & Rose Kasperson** and **Dave Peters** (Oh, noo . . .). Jack is now his battalion's S1, and his wife, Pat, is handling public relations for Morale Support Activities.

1980: Carol and Kevin MacGibbon, 10 Oct 81.

Charlie Ruppert dropped a line from Ft Leonard Wood. As a tanker, he's a bit depressed that the only tanks on post are "stuffed monuments" parked on street corners for trainees to climb on. Charlie said there was a very large trip section at last year's Army-Mizzou football game. I recently talked with another Ft Leonard Wood resident, newlywed **Bill Wray,** who moved there after obtaining a master's degree in Engineering at Stanford. He and his wife, Nancy, are enjoying the domestic life.

Dave Peters wrote from Ger. to say that Karlsruhe is a great place for a bachelor. He's living with **Jan Kozlowski.** Dave took his EW plt. to Norway in Mar for an exercise and had to plod through one week of ski training there. Dave ends by saying he has shared periods of overindulgence with **Scott**

1980: Bern Ruiz with Tiffany Anne.

Keller, Gary Digesu, and **Billy Ether,** among others.

Fly-boy, **Rex Russel,** wrote to inform us of his wedding held last Aug. He and his wife, Wendie, are now living in Savannah, GA. Rex and **Ron Beebe** are aeroscouts at Hunter Airfield. **Dan Deeter** was Rex's best man, and **John Matuscak, Tim Perley,** and **Keven Brady** were groomsmen. John went to Korea shortly thereafter. Tim went to Ft Ord. Kevin, **Joe Doyen,** and **Bill Gaul** are flying at Ft Hood. Rex thinks **Reggie & Robin Gillis** were headed to Ft Bragg (after the birth of their child). He also wrote that **Dave DeHann** is now at Ft Lewis, and **Mike Knapp** was assigned to Germany.

Woody, T-bone, and the **Tarheel** wanted to pass along a much belated congrats to **Rick Esposito** and his wife, Donna. That's all it said (?).

Bern Ruiz had a "human interest" story from the Aloha state for us. He was notified of the impending birth of his daughter. Tiffany Anne, on top of a hill in the middle of his OPORD during his plt. ARTEP. He arrived at the hosp one hour after her birth. Bern, I hope the mother, Vee, was understanding. Our classmate from the Philippines, **Jun Sanchez,** wrote Bern last year. He's on combat duty in Mindinao fighting guerrillas.

Mrs. **Jay Harris,** Karen, wrote from Ger. They were married last Jun and honeymooned in Mexico. Sharing Friedberg with the Harris' are **Chuck & Milagro Fogle, Mark Hurley, Miguel & Diane Gutierrez,** and **Paul & Julie Mobley.** Between FTX's, the Harris' have been touring the European countryside. Both would like to hear from Ft Hood (B-1'ers, I presume?).

Speaking of Ft Hood, **Bill Bradshaw** gave quite a rundown of the Texan brunch. Bill and Kathy are "running buddies" with **Paul & Debbie Oettinger.** Other couples they run into include: **Frank & Judy Hudson,** who live next door, **Kieth & Sandy Stroschein,** also neighbors, **Kevin & Karen Stramara,** and **Stu & Debbie Whitfield.** Bill says **Fitz Lee,**

1980: Stuban, Ruppert, May, Autrey, Adams, Easley: Army-Missouri game.

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1980: Al and Patty Pires.

a scout plt ldr, **Jim Campbell,** and **Jim Wilson** are all doing well. **Mike Leyland** had put in for reassignment to Korea—no definite word as of this writing. The first aviator Bill ran across was **"Pops" Combs.** He said their Fri flight debriefs are at the O'club. His last news is of **Marty & Tomi Bentrott,** who moved to AK after flight school. Bill's old golf partner wasn't quite at home yet in the Yukon. With a wife like Tomi, I'm sure Marty will manage to stay happy!

Gene Sullivan reassured me that everything's quiet on the Canadian front. The Ft Lewis group also seems to be doing well. **Roger Arnzen** arrived and is flying Cobras when he can fit it into his aviator hours (I'm sure picking on aviators—envy, I guess). **Bobby Knight** and **Rick Friedman** are living together. **Dave Leibetreu** is looking for time to be with Mrs. **Leibetreu,** and **Bill Condron** is still looking for Mrs. **Condron. Tony Thomas** is (or was?) a scout plt ldr, and **Mitch Toryanski** is still "floating around" (?). Sully and his mech compatriot, **Tim Stranko,** both have specialty platoons now. **Tom Gleason,** wherever you are, Sully wants a letter (and so do I!).

More C-1 news: **Al Pires** finally tied the knot—with Patty, on 6 Jun 81. **Mike & Denise Alexander** are expecting a child in Apr. And Smokin' **Joe Charsagua** is flying at his hometown of Ft Bliss.

Our Nicaraguan classmate, **Chris Rugama,** graduated from Berkeley last Sept with a master's degree in petroleum engineering. He's now training for the oilfield wireline business (a future oil magnate?).

Gary Minadeo dropped a line just to say he and Elisha are doing well in Ger.

Steve Tourek is back in the USA (he completed his tour in Korea last Oct) and is enjoying Ft Ord with his wife, Karen, and their child.

1980: The Edmunds, Founders Day Alaska.

Karin Taylor (wife of **Fitz**) wrote that **Ben Hodges** visited them over Thanksgiving. She says **Chuck & Kathy Boucher** were doing well and were eagerly awaiting their turn on the housing list.

Al Duff wrote after a TDY trip to Ft Irwin. He says **Andy Bland** and Fran Linares are both doing well (considering their assignment there). **Al** also saw **Jim Wilson, Gregg Schaumberg,** and **Al Rhein,** who were away from Ft Hood for the training. Al went to AK in Jan, and at this writing, he's in Ranger school.

From Ft Dix, **Tony Puckett** says he and **Bob Maiberger** are enjoying their assignment. Bob is the aide for the DCG. Tony thinks Ft Dix is a bachelor's paradise (?).

Ron Hansen wrote from the wine district of Ger. **Ken Howe** is in Ron's battalion. Ken and his wife have nice quarters with a fireplace—the scene of many parties, according to Ron. Ron saw **Lloyd Miles,** who flew in from Ft Carson in last year's Reforger exercise. Lloyd was to take over the scouts soon. **Scott Bauman,** another aviator, is now stationed outside of Mainz.

1980: Conner, Gloria Clifton, and Jessup.

Steve McLemore should be in his unit at Ft Campbell (finally!). He spent just under 2 years in various schools following graduation. He did manage to marry Emily during that time period.

Carol Young MacGibbon wrote that the 3 weeks she and Kevin spent back in the USA for their wedding were great. Kevin's brother, Kendall (USMA '79), was best man, and former classmate, Laura Welsh, was the maid of honor. Chaplain Kelly flew in from CO to perform the service. The **MacGibbons** are back in Ger. and are living in the Mannheim area.

Prez **Bret Dalton** sent news from Berlin. He says our Class bench on Flirty should be completed now (pictures may be in this issue). He's still checking out the possibility of having a Class stationery printed for our use. Bret has taken over the scout plt.

My last letter was from **Joe & Mary Waldron.** They want to announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Anne (28 Sept), and the birth of Julie Elizabeth (9 Oct) to the proud parents—**Jim & Mary Clifford.** The **Waldrons** would like to hear from **Bob Viohl, Brian Norman,** and **Rob Brooks.**

Dick McEvoy, Pat Donahue, and I are relaxing at IMPC before moving on to our next assignments. We've run into quite a few

1980: Founders Day Fort Benning.

classmates here at Ft Benning. **Don Gongaware** left his new wife, Leslie, in AK for some fun and sun in GA (?). **Brian Langley, John Davis,** and **Daryl Dennis** continuously argue over which airborne unit is best. **Bill Conrad, Al Duff, Greg Chubon, Gus Swafford,** and **Paul Oettinger** round out the group, I think.

Before I sign off—2 administrative notes: first, **Mike Misuzawa,** please let me know of your whereabouts. Second, thanks for the pictures! Remember—if you send a color print, it must be very sharp to be reproduced. Enjoy your summer!

'81

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This month I am writing the column while SDO at the 3rd Rgr Co. Since Abn Sch I've been awaiting my Rgr class to begin, while residing in Columbus' finest lodging—Olson Hall BOQ. (Not unlike a lg POW Camp)

Here at Ft Benning I have encountered many classmates and vividly recall the beaming smiles of those displaying shiny wings or new tabs for the first time. Similarly I remember the anguish and discouragement which radiates from the recycles and Med X's. Yet, although there have been a few disappointments, the Class of 1981 can be very proud for having given their best in all schools.

One of those who I bumped into was my

1981: Bederka, youngest grad, Founders Day Fort Jackson.

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1981: Fort Bliss A-N party: Greenwald, Hustleby, Courts, Lawrence, Sawicki, Roberts, Wiggins, Collins, Bruhn, Perry, Goebel, Berkoff, Dombkowski, McGrath and Barto.

old WP roommate, The Class Secretary **Steve Callan.** After graduating from Abn Sch he broke his foot in Rgr Sch. So after a short leave in San Diego he'll be heading for an FA unit with V Corps in Germany. Always the Class gossip, Steve was able to give the latest scoop on classmates (tho not all is fit to print). He reported **Howdy Belknap** and **Maggie Mayes** married, **Jim Watson** engaged and **Joe Fallon's** wife, Liz, expecting.

1981: Abn Class: Woolridge, Robinson, Meade, Lydia Vaughn, Haller, Hogan, and Buchanan.

I also met **Paul Bethea** and **John Hennessey** at the O'Club, Paul is attached to an Engr unit on post where he resides with wife Anne.

Jim Ferrando, now a proud paratrooper, announced his wedding this August in Pittsburgh. He is currently attached to 1st Bde Ft Knox but yearns for Flt Sch. **Pat Maar** is also said to be happily married, though at this date we can not be sure whether she is a lady or a pick up truck. **Mark Hogan,** our C1 Pres, married **Mark Vaughn's** sister, Lydia, on 14 Mar in Ft Lauderdale. Who said Plebe-Parent weekend never got results? Next stop for them is Germany. Mark also praised **Bill Buck** for being selected Distinguished Honor Grad of his Rgr Class.

1981: Some classmates.

I finally received a letter from a classmates' wife. Thank you, **Susan O'Gara!** Perhaps this will encourage other wives and parents to write in also. She and **Mark O'Gara** were married last Jan in PA. After SOBC at Ft Gordon, Mark got his jump wings. Now Mark is stationed with the 440th Sig Bn in Darmstadt where Susan plans to join him soon. Their wedding was attended by **James Sajo, Dave Majdanski, Mark Cheben, Pamela Howard, Matt Green, Paul Coleman,** Good luck OGIES.

1981: The O'Garas'.

Air Defender **Pete "Coma" Goebel** managed to secure a Crayola and scrawl out a rather lengthy news bulletin. In it, he states the Fearless Four; Pete, **Dave Wiggins, Mike Sawicki** and **Bill York** are all HAWK qualified. Bill and Pete are now in Rgr Sch while Dave & Mike go to Ft Bragg's XVIII Corps. He also mentioned that **Archie Davis** (Dec Grad), **Mel Bland** (Asst 150's coach), **Bob Parpiak** (Asst 150's coach), and **Mike Fahnestock** (Asst football coach), are now at Ft Bliss for ADAOBC. Pete's next rendezvous with destiny will be D 6/52 ADA Wertheim.

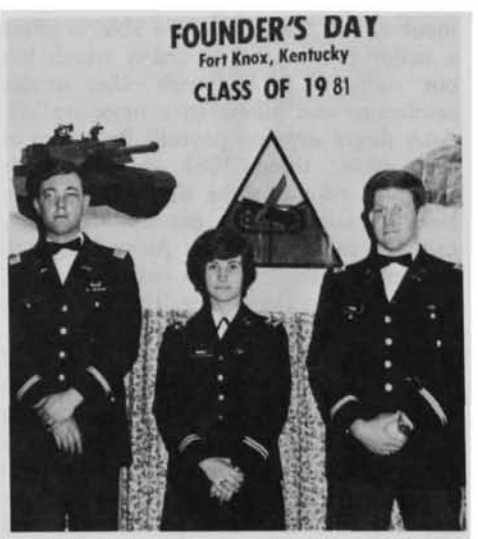
Donna **Dermatis** married classmate **Mike Jaye** at WP 28 Nov. Her maid of honor was **Holly Sarfoss.** Also attending were **Gordon Davis, Dean Taylor** and **Alan Azzarita.** Mike is FA and Donna an Engr, yet they were lucky enough to get concurrent assignments in HI.

1981: The Douthits: Founders Day Alaska.

Lou Yuengert wrote in to announce his engagement to classmate **Chris Boyle.** The couple plan to marry this Dec. Lou is stationed in Bamberg in 2/78 FA along with **Tom Rehn** and **Matt Gorevin.** Chris is with 3/60 ADA in Hohenfels. Others near him in the 1 AD include **Dave Hoffman** 1/22 FA, **Linda West** FTAB, **Sue Bottorff** 1AD DivArty, and **Phil Pelette** 16th Engr Bn. Lou said Grafenwohr is a good place to find grads also. He saw **Pete Woloson** 3rd ID, **Fran Vahle** 3rd ID, and **Kevin Stuart** 1ID (Fwd) there.

1981: Steffan, youngest grad: Founders Day Alaska.

A note from **Skip Davis** describes how six Pointers (with little help from an OCS type) won the National Inf Museum Race at



1981: Jeffery, Camille Nichols, and Young.

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Ft Benning. The team won two trophies placing first among seventy-eight teams. Team members include **Skip Davis, Bill Rice, Dave Knecht, Tim Sherwood, Wayne Young** and **Dave Meade.** Skip also congratulates **Mike & Jan Baker** who were married 27 Feb in Shreveport, LA.

Brian Richardson and three other Guppies; **Pete Henninger, Dave Alegre** and **Curt Alexander** managed to make it through the coldest winter Rgr Class in history (or so goes the legend of Class 3-82). **Brian & Kathy Richardson** were married 27 Feb and will be going to the 8th ID. Brian also plans to attend his brother's WP grad this May.

As a learned disciple of Goodman's Calculus, I shall always endeavor to post my errata promptly. Therefore, I would like to extend congratulations to **Ron & Carol** (not Denise) **Humphreys.** Sorry 'bout that folks!

Now for the topic you've all been waiting for—whose baby wins the Silver Cup as our Class first? Presently, we have three sets of known parents. **Ralph & Anne Palmiero** had a child sometime last fall. Although the birthdate is as yet unknown; they seem to be the likely candidates. The next announcement was from **Steve & Linda Perry.** Steven Patrick **Perry** Jr. was born 26 Dec 1981. Weighing in at 3.5 lbs, he was born at F.E. Warren AFB. Steve has temporarily been attached to the Colo Army NG until his son is ready for travel.

The next notification was from **Bill** (William P.) & **Liz Adams.** Their son, **Peter Harrison Adams** was born 7 lb, 16 oz on 26 Feb 1982. **Bill & Carl Reid** are attached to the 1/78th FA in Ft Hood, TX.

Well, it's time to end the all-nighter and close his SOSH paper. Keep in touch.

The DIA Reports

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been appointed Offensive Coordinator by Head Coach Ed Cavanaugh and our entire staff and squad are looking forward to a winning season in the fall of 1982. Spring practice is about midway through the cycle and many good things appear to be on the horizon.

Recruiting for the Class of 1986, especially in football, appears to be productive. There is no question that our coaches left here with renewed enthusiasm and excitement after the Army-Navy game last fall; there is also little doubt that recruits in the field saw in that game ample evidence to show that Army football is on the move. We are excited about the prospects in the Class of 1986 where we expect approximately 50 percent of the top prospects who came to West Point on an official NCAA visit will enroll on the 1st of July.

Other sports also appear to have had a good recruiting year and we look toward improved performance across the board.

Our competition with Navy is still a source of great disappointment. We stand at 5–9–1 at the end of the winter season.

The Army Athletic Association's financial future appeared to be very bleak for the spring of 1981 when it appeared that the entire reserve would be depleted. Thanks to some Herculian efforts by LTC Allan Graham, our fine Business Manager, and great cooperation both from the USMA Comptroller's Office and Department of the Army, we were able to effect a major personnel conversion which lets our staff fall in line with other service academies and allows us a more realistic AAA direct expense payroll. By virtue of that move, three 1981 season Michie Stadium sellouts, some tightening of the belt in various areas, outstanding generosity by members of our Army "A" Club and, of course, television coverage of the Army-Navy football game, the Association operated in the black for fiscal year 1981. We predict some stability in the area of finances in the years ahead. For us to maintain this stability, I can assure you that the Army-Navy television revenue is critcial. We are determined that we will do what is necessary to allow television to continue the outstanding coverage and faithful loyalty they have shown us since college football began to appear on the television screen. The date of the Army-Navy football game is now firm for a 12:35 pm kickoff, Saturday, 4 December. It will be televised nationally by CBS in that time slot followed by regional coverage of other games.

Season ticket mailing has been made, and should you have any questions or be interested in purchasing tickets and have not received a packet, don't hesitate to get in touch with me or LTC (Retired) Bill Crim, our Ticket Manager. We look forward to an exciting, winning season in 1982 with home games against Lafayette, Harvard, Boston College, Columbia, Air Force and Pittsburgh. Please join us at Michie Stadium this fall.

Spring sports had a major setback in early April as Old Man Winter returned with a vengeance and completely cancelled our Easter weekend sports including the Army-Navy lacrosse game. We have rescheduled league contests, sent various teams on the road with last-minute entries into various invitationals and open events in order to give our teams the competition necessary to be at their best throughout the rest of the season. Early performances would indicate a national championship caliber lacrosse team, and great expectations from virtually all the rest of our spring sports squads. As noted earlier, we have enough contests left with Navy to even up the competition for the year and we look forward to that opportunity as our weather improves.

Thanks for your continued faith and confidence. We feel we are on the right track and making progress toward fielding the kind of Army teams of which you should deservedly and justifiably feel great pride. BEAT NAVY!

Down the Field

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He and the others will be formally inducted into the Hall of Fame in December when the Foundation holds its Silver Anniversary Awards dinner in New York City.

A native of Woodbury, NJ, Carpenter received 28 scholarship offers following an outstanding career at Springfield High. He chose the Military Academy, where in 1958 he helped the Cadets to an 8-0-1 record and the Lambert Trophy, symbolic of Eastern gridiron supremacy.

It was during the 1958 season that Earl (Red) Blaik conceived the idea for the Lonely End offense, and entrusted the position to Carpenter, a 6-2 end who had been injured and forced to miss more than half of the '57 campaign. As the Lonely End, Carpenter never returned to the huddle, but instead received the signals from the quarterback through the use of hand and foot signals.

Carpenter caught 22 passes for 453 yards to set an Academy record during his junior season, then as a senior broke his own mark when he caught 43 balls for a total of 591 yards. While his records have since been broken, he still ranks among the all-time Army receivers for both number of receptions and yards receiving.

He closed out his illustrious career with 65 receptions good for 1,044 yards.

Carpenter served with distinction in Vietnam, receiving the Silver Star, a Distinguished Service Cross, three Air Medals and an Army Commendation Medal. In 1966, he was awarded the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame's first Distinguished American Award in recognition of his heroic action in combat when he turned certain death into miraculous survival.

Carpenter, holding the current rank of Colonel, is the Commanding Officer of the Third Brigade, Ninth Division, at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Sooner Or Later . . .

On a bright spring afternoon in 1936, Fordham defeated Army in baseball at West Point, 27-11, setting a record never equalled for the most runs ever scored against an Army baseball team.

On 19 April 1982, 46 years later, Army returned the favor. Playing at Fordham, Coach Bill Permakoff's cadets scored the most runs ever registered by an Army team as they outlasted Fordham, 29-13. Army got 20 hits, including 6 home runs, one triple, and four doubles. "Also," Permakoff said, tongue in cheek, "We got great relief pitching!" The box score:

ARMY	0 7 4 2 8 0 8–29
FORDHAM	0 3 3 7 0 0 0–13

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BEAT NAVY

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Be Thou At Peace

We, sons of today, we salute you—You, sons of an earlier day.
We follow, close order, behind you, Where you have pointed the way.

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William Bleecker Rosevear Jr.

NO. 5126 CLASS OF 1913

Died 9 December 1979 in Edenton, North Carolina, aged 89 years.

Interment: Beaver Hill Cemetery, Edenton, North Carolina

WILLIAM BLEECKER ROSEVEAR JR.

WILLIAM BLEECKER ROSEVEAR JR. was born in Saginaw, Michigan, on 27 February 1890, the son of William Bleecker Rosevear and Della Allen Rosevear. He attended primary and high school in Michigan, and grammar school at Bishop Ridley College in Canada. He was appointed to the Military Academy from the Eighth District in Michigan on 1 March 1909.

Bill, better known as "Rosie," participated actively in cadet life. He attained the rank of cadet corporal and color sergeant. He was on the football squad for four years and earned his class numerals. He played on the hockey team for four years and earned his monogram. He acted as hop manager and sang in the Choir.

According to his classmates, he stood eighth in his class until late spring 1913 when the following event occurred. "Rosie had made some long-winded calculations on the blackboard, breezed through his explanation of the problem, and looked expectantly at Matthew Cross for his approval. Matt peered over his specs, and said 'B-b-but you have the answer just ten times too large!' Rosie, trying to look nonchalant, made a quick inspection and said, 'It's just the question of a decimal point, sir,' and with a flourish inserted said point in the proper place. 'Y-y-yes, Mr. Rosevear,' Matt stuttered, 'and the d-d-difference between a th-th-three and a three-tenths is also a d-d-decimal point!' Suiting his action to these searing words he changed Rosie's 3.0 to 0.3. Possibly there went one of our bridge builders!"

His original assignment as a second lieutenant was 1st Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He resigned 15 August 1914, and was placed on eligibility list for volunteer officers as captain, Officers' Reserve Corps. As a reserve major, he served as an instructor, Reserve Officers Training Camp in 1917. Ordered to active duty 16 June 1917 he was stationed at Camp Dodge, and Fort Sill, Oklahoma, before leaving for France with the American Expeditionary Forces, where he commanded the 1st Battalion, 339th Field Artillery 5 September 1918–19 January 1919. He was honorably discharged 10 February 1919.

He was commissioned lieutenant colonel, Officers' Reserve Corps, 24 September 1919, and was promoted on 18 November 1922 to colonel, which commission he held continuously on an active and eligible status for 19 years until honorably discharged 21 August 1941 for physical disability, accepted under protest. He reentered the service 29 October 1942 with rank of major, was commissioned lieutenant colonel, Army of the United States 23 March 1943, reappointed colonel 18 August 1943. During this period his assignments were as follows: Army Air Force Officers Training School (graduating 12 December 1942); Commandant of Cadets, Technical School, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; Commanding Officer, Cadet Company, Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pennsylvania, 22 January 1943 to 12 May 1943; Assistant Chief of Staff Al, and Provost Marshal, Headquarters Army Air Force Eastern Technical Training Command, Greensboro, North Carolina, 14 May 1943 to 4 March 1944; Ordnance Basic Training Command, Greensboro, North Carolina, where he was second in command from 29 April 1944 to 26 April 1945. He retired from active duty on 26 April 1945 and received an honorable discharge from the reserves on 23 August 1953.

Colonel Rosevear was an original organizer of the Reserve Officers' Association of the United States, being National Membership Chairman for several years and National President 1937–1938. General Richard H. Cooper wrote, "He will be remembered for his many years of service to our country and to our Association. He deserved the title he was given by National Headquarters of 'No. 1 Minute Man in ROA.'"

Bill was first married in Detroit to Miss Margaret Smith, and they lived in Birmingham, Michigan. In 1944 he married Mrs. Gertrude Shepard Smith. They lived in Greensboro, North Carolina, and four years later moved to Edenton, North Carolina. Here he was always quite faithful to his church, serving on the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He was also active in the work of the Diocese of East Carolina. After his retirement he enjoyed traveling, fishing, hunting and golf (which he played until the 89th year of his life).

Colonel Rosevear is survived by his wife; two brothers, Osborne and Burton; and one stepson, Marvin B. Smith III; and by his many friends scattered over the United States.

Howard Donnelly

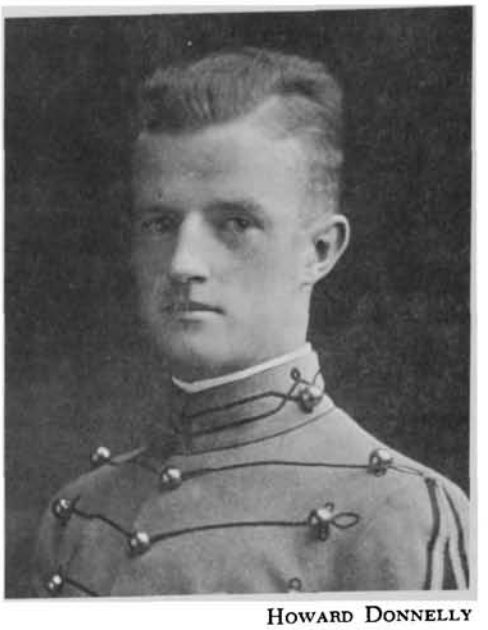
NO. 5430 CLASS OF 1915

Died 22 June 1980 in Balboa Naval Hospital, San Diego, California, aged 87 years.

Interment: Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, California

HOWARD DONNELLY was born in Naugatuck, Connecticut, on 5 January 1893. He attended schools there, and was appointed to the United States Military Academy from that state. He graduated in the famous Class of 1915 along with Eisenhower and Bradley.

Howard was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry. He served in Texas with the 17th Infantry and was with that regiment during the ten months of the Punitive Expedition in Chihuahua, Mexico.



HOWARD DONNELLY

During World War I Howard was with the 2d Division, American Expeditionary Forces, serving in all of its engagements as a captain. He was awarded the Silver Star, the French Fourragere, and five Bronze Stars. During the occupation of the Rhineland, he was assigned as a major with the 32d Division, and returned to the United States with that outfit.

After attending the Army service schools, Howard was assigned as an instructor in the New York National Guard in New York City. While stationed there, he also attended the law school of New York University. Upon his graduation from the New York University School of Law, he received the degree of Juris Doctor.

During World War II, Howard, now colonel, was Commanding Officer, Fort Myer, Virginia, for which he received the Commendation Ribbon.

After his retirement for disability in 1947 he made his home in La Jolla, California. He became a well known real estate broker in the La Jolla area. While there, he was an active member of the American Legion and the La Jolla Country Club.

He is survived by his son Howard and two grandchildren, all of San Diego, California.

Clarke Kent Fales

NO. 5737 CLASS OF APRIL 1917

Died 29 July 1981 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, aged 87 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

COLONEL CLARKE KENT FALES was born on 20 December 1893 in North Tonawanda, New York. He was married on 15 June 1918 to the former Jessie Kingsland. He came from a military family. While his father, Captain Henry Marshall Fales, was stationed at Vancouver Barracks, Clarke, at age 18, became a proficient mountain climber, ascending Mount St. Helens, Hood and Adams.

Colonel Fales graduated from the United States Military Academy in April 1917. He served in World War I as a captain, 21st United States Infantry. In World War II he commanded the 359th Infantry Regiment,

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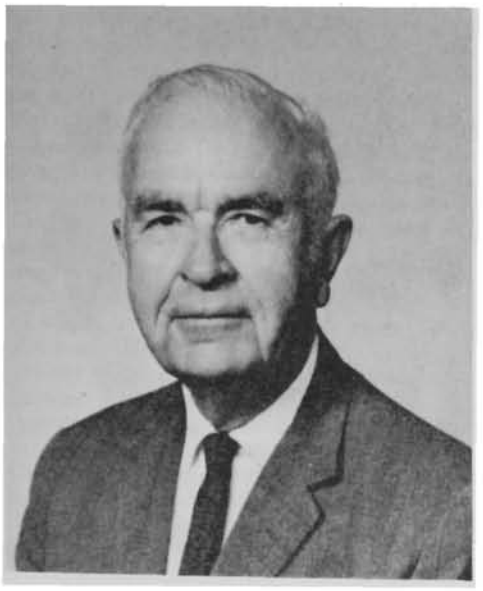

CLARKE KENT FALES

90th Division. He and his regiment were transferred temporarily to the 4th Division, where they took part in the assault on Utah Beach, Normandy, on D-Day. He later returned with his regiment to the 90th Division. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on 12 June 1944 in the vicinity of Gourbesville, France. "Sensing the great encouragement the men derived from his presence among them, he personally led the assault, utterly disregarding the intense machine gun and mortar fire which rained upon the attacking troops. Inspired by his cool leadership and heroism . . . the initial resistance was overrun. With the advance suddenly checked by strong defenses, Colonel Fales ordered a bayonet charge, and placing himself at the head of his men, rushed and carried the objective. Thus unhinged, the enemy defense line crumbled. The gallant and inspiring leadership of Colonel Fales was in accordance with high military tradition." Colonel Fales was also awarded the Bronze Star for Valor with Oak Leaf cluster and the Commendation Ribbon. He participated in three campaigns in Europe.

He retired as a colonel in 1947 and moved to Mathews County, Virginia, where he and Jessie enjoyed the not-so-peaceful life of gentlemen farmers in a lovely Virginia farmhouse which they remodeled. They were surrounded by chickens, sheep, fields of daffodils, hosts of friends in the summer; they travelled extensively all winter. In 1962 they moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, where they planned and built their dream house, which they enjoyed for another twenty years.

Colonel Fales is survived by his wife, by a daughter, Jean Fales Meenehan, a granddaughter, grandson, two great-grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

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Hugh Ambrose Murrill

NO. 5937 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 16 June 1981 in Camden, South Carolina, aged 87 years.

Interment: Quaker Cemetery, Camden, South Carolina

BORN IN CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, in 1894, Hugh Murrill was the son of the late Hugh Ambrose Murrill Sr. and the late Louise Thompson Murrill. Murrill entered Virginia Military Institute at the age of 15, and graduated sixth in his class at the age of 19 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He entered the United States Military Academy in 1914 and graduated in June 1918. His 1918 yearbook describes his years at West Point as follows: "Murrill joined more experienced than most of us. With several year's military training experience behind him, naturally he at once assumed a position of command in our midst.

"Murrill has made a record in athletics of which anyone might well be proud. Not gifted with great athletic ability, by hard determined work, and sincere, conscientious application, he has won his A in football as quarterback, and in baseball as pitcher. In both these positions, his strategic plans of action, gained from his knowledge of tactics, have won him many games and also his sobriquet of 'Gen.'

"Gen has been one of the most military characters at the Academy in recent years. Calm and reserved, he has taken his duties seriously. He is a man of remarkable personal magnetism that makes him a natural leader of men. His failure to make allowance for the opinions of others creates opposition to his plans, but the clear flame of his spirit has carried and will carry him straight through to the goal."

Upon graduation, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry. He was assigned to combat duty in France in the 82d Division as a first lieutenant, then later as an aide-de-camp to the commanding general of the 80th Division.

He resigned that commission in June 1920 and entered business in Charlotte, North Carolina, making a study of the rapidly growing furniture and textile industry. During that period, he became a popular convention speaker, promoting better design and styling. He also was editor and publisher of the Southern Furniture Journal.

In 1931 he formed the Murrill Company in New York City for furniture and fabric design, merchandise development and sales promotion. He retained the same manufacturing clients for 28 years. In the midst of those years, he served in World War II, and after release from the Army in November 1945, resumed his position as head of the Murrill Company, remaining until retirement in January 1959.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, he resumed his Army service as head of the facilities branch of the Army-Navy Munitions Board. Subsequently, he was deputy port commander of the Port of Boston in 1943. The next year Colonel Murrill was assigned to Europe as chief of control and planning and as assistant chief of transportation for the European Theater. He worked with the British War Office on the Overlord Plan for the invasion of the continent, with responsibilities for the success of the Normandy Beach operations and European port development.

HUGH AMBROSE MURRILL

Aided by friendly Belgians, he was the first American to enter the port of Antwerp. With the cooperation of the British staff, he developed the Antwerp Plan in September 1944 for combined British-American facilities and expansion.

For his performance in different phases of European operations, Colonel Murrill received the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf cluster and two Bronze Stars, the Army Commendation Medal, the Croix de Guerre with Palm from the French government, the Order of Leopold from the Belgian government, and the Order of the British Empire Medal.

Surviving are his wife, Brita Wickstrom Murrill of Camden; four daughters: Mrs. Marquette deBary of New York City; Mrs. Robert Arden of Charlotte, North Carolina; Mrs. George L. Morris of Birmingham, Alabama; and Mrs. Hugh Garland Head III of Woodstock, Georgia; two sons: Hugh A. Murrill III of Conifer, Colorado, and Lieutenant Colonel Fredrik H. Murrill of Falls Church, Virginia; 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

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Ernest Calhoun Norman

NO. 6122 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 13 August 1981 in Washington, D.C., aged 84 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

ERNEST CALHOUN NORMAN

ERNEST CALHOUN NORMAN was born on 4 December 1896 in Atlanta, Georgia, the son of Victor Louis Norman and Nina G. Wheeler. He attended public school in South Carolina. He then studied at Mount Pleasant Institute, and later for two years at the University of South Carolina before entering the United States Military Academy at West

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Point on 15 June 1916. He was known to us as Jess.

Although a serious-minded and circumspect cadet, Jess's inquisitive nature and love of adventure overcame his good judgment on one notable occasion during the cold winter of our Yearling year, 1917–18. With classmate Johnny Breen he crossed the ice-bound Hudson River to explore the inviting hinterland on the other side. All went well until their return, when they found the shore ice on the West Point side had melted and they were forced to wade ashore in waist-deep water. Our senior Tactical Officer, Major Hugh L. Walthall, somehow spotted them (we guessed through field glasses from the Bachelor Officers' Quarters) and arranged for their reception almost at river's edge. Punishment was swift and the two found themselves long-term "Area Birds" almost overnight.

Upon graduation as a second lieutenant, Field Artillery, he began his military career as a student officer at the School of Fire for Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and subsequently at the Field Artillery Officers School at Camp Zachary Taylor, Kentucky. In the summer of 1919 he served with Field Artillery units in Thier and Coblenz, Germany, and later became Adjutant, Inter-Allied Railway Commission, in which he served until 1921. Upon his return to the States he was assigned for a few months at Camp Grant, Illinois, and then for the five years from 1921 to 1926 he served with the 3d Field Artillery at Fort Sheridan, Illinois. It was during this period that he married Sylvia B. Campbell, the daughter of James A. and Carrie C. Campbell.

Jess graduated from the Battery Officers' Course at Fort Sill in 1927. After a year's service with the 1st Field Artillery he was appointed Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics, University of Chicago, where he remained for four years. While there he earned a degree as Bachelor of Philosophy.

During the ensuing eight years he embarked on a variety of troop assignments—as Battery Commander 10th Field Artillery at Fort Lewis, Washington; with the 13th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and as Battery Commander and Regimental Supply and Police Officer, 12th Field Artillery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He was a student officer, Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, graduating in 1940. After a short stint with artillery units at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, and Fort Benning, Georgia, he was assigned as Commanding Officer, 84th Field Artillery Battalion, 9th Infantry Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The Division was being activated at this time and several contemporary officers, including classmates Stub Evans and Jack Hinton, were also assigned to the Division Artillery. They became a social clique which gathered each Saturday night at one or another of its members' domiciles to rehash the events and troubles of the week. The children of the members heard all the colorful nicknames used in those discussions and it was not long before they adopted them for their own usage. Evan's son however was cautioned by his father against such familiarity, which led to Jess becoming "Uncle Jess."

Upon the outbreak of World War II he was ordered to Washington, D.C., to serve as Personnel Officer, Office Chief of Field Artillery, and later as Assistant G1, Headquarters Army Ground Forces. At the end of 1943 he was assigned to command the 408th Field Artillery Group, first at Fort Ord, California, then at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and in 1944 he took his unit to Germany. After the war he remained in Germany as G4, XII Corps, and from 1946 to 1947 was Deputy Director, Military Government of Bavaria.

Returning to the States in the summer of 1947 Jess became G1, Military District, Washington, D.C., and was Post Commander, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C. from 1948 to 1950. His last service before his retirement in 1954 was as Chief, Artillery Branch, Career Management Division, at the Pentagon.

Upon his retirement Sylvia and Jess moved to their attractive home in McLean, Virginia, which they had arranged to have built for them. They devoted themselves to a beautification of the property and it became the scene of many lovely parties and gatherings. During several early years of his retirement, Jess was a licensed stock broker with the firm of Burton and Dana of Washington, D.C. Sylvia died in 1963.

A loveable old "softy," with no children of his own, Jess was truly an uncle to all the neighborhood kids. He was a typical "Mr. Wilson" of the comic strip "Dennis the Menace." Not only did the kids want to help in gardening at the McLean home but they sought his counsel and advice on everything from how to handle their parents to what to do for their ailing pets.

Although always a family man, modest and unassuming, Jess was a strict disciplinarian with a mind of his own. He had a heart of gold and gained the confidence and trust of all. He lived the code of the Academy.

But there was another side to Jess—the tough one—and he showed his mettle through the last years of his illnesses. To the consternation of doctors and nurses he would make his own decisions what medication and treatment was or was not good for him, and on more than one occasion, when he had concluded that he had had enough, he would discard the medicine, disconnect the monitors, and disentangle himself from whatever paraphernalia to which he was attached and calmly walk out of the hospital intent on going home. Fortunately he would be retrieved before he left the hospital grounds.

He is survived by his wife, Curtis Madison Norman of McLean, Virginia, whom he married in 1967; three sisters, Eleanor Walker and Nina Norman of Orlando, Florida, and Dorothy Oldham of Sarasota, Florida; three stepdaughters, Barbara K. Barnes and Kathleen K. Sturino of Laurel, Delaware, and Edna K. McPherson of Tucson, Arizona; seventeen stepgrandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

You were a fighter, Jess, to that last breath, and you had the admiration and affection of all who knew you.

—Two Classmates

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Harry Krieger

NO. 6243 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 25 August 1981 in Hines, Illinois, aged 83 years.

Interment: Forest Home Cemetery, Forest Park, Illinois

HARRY WAS PREOCCUPIED as an artist all his life and was always thinking of others. As a result his life was characterized by much volunteer work and service. After graduating with his class on 1 November 1918 he attended the School of Arms at Camp Benning, Georgia, graduating on 22 February 1919. He was assigned to the 31st Infantry in Siberia. While there his company was subjected to a heavy surprise attack in which his platoon gave a fine accounting of itself under his leadership and for which Harry received special congratulations, "on the very game fight that you and your little brand of scrappers put up against such heavy odds. Your and their courage and determination were most admirable." He served in Shkotova and Vladivostok until mid February 1920 when his regiment was withdrawn from Siberia and moved to Fort Wm McKinley where he was on duty until 18 August 1920 when he resigned. Upon return to the United States he immediately entered the School of Fine Arts of the University of Nebraska obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts in June of 1922. He was an honor student and a member of Alpha Rho Tau. Following this he enrolled in the Department of Printing Arts, the School of Art Institute of Chicago where he again became an honor student, graduating in June 1926. He was an artist with McGraw Hill Publishing Company and a commercial artist for twelve years working with several firms, U. S. Steel, Walgren Drug Company, Koopman Robinson Neumer Studios, and Grantham Graphics. He was an exhibiting artist from 1942 until shortly before his death.

HARRY KRIEGER

Harry was born in Hastings, Nebraska, on 18 March 1898. He was always very active in the Boy Scouts of America and rose to be a Commissioner thereof in Maywood, Illinois, where he resided after leaving Chicago in 1939. For his meritorious service as a Neighborhood Commissioner, he was awarded the coveted Silver Beaver Award. He had served as a postal supervisor in the Chicago Post Office and was with the Melrose Park National Bank for two years. In 1928 Harry married Bernice Keith, a high school classmate from Hastings, Nebraska. She died in 1966. They had one son, Keith H. Krieger, who graduated from Northwestern University as an electrical engineer. He has done much work on the design and development of radar equipment for the Army and Air Force. Harry was a devout Presbyterian and attended several Bible conferences in St. Petersburg, Florida. For the

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last several years he devoted much time as a volunteer instructor in hobbies for patients in the Veterans' Hospital in Hines, Illinois, for which he received many commendations. He was an exhibiting member of the West Suburban Artist's Guild of Chicago and had several water colors on display at many of their meetings and exhibits. Many beautiful Christmas Card wood-block prints were created by him. Arthritis and diabetes curtailed some activity in later years, and some accidents required the use of a wheel chair, all of which necessitated admission to the Hines Veterans' Hospital on 26 June 1981 for various tests and treatments. His condition became worse, resulting in his death on 25 August 1981 from pneumonia and a cardiac arrest. After services in the First Presbyterian Church of Melrose Park, Harry was buried in the Forest Home Cemetery in Forest Park. We lost a devoted classmate, a constant contributor to all Class affairs and to West Point, a humanitarian and artist as well as a fine soldier, who gave far more of himself than the average as a volunteer in many of our country's best causes.

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Joseph Vincil Phelps

NO. 6301 CLASS OF 1919

Died 17 July 1981 in Memorial Hospital, Easton, Maryland, aged 82 years.

Interment: Christ Episcopal Church Columbarium, St. Michaels, Maryland

JOSEPH VINCIL PHELPS

JOSEPH VINCIL PHELPS was born in Salisbury, Missouri, on 27 August 1898, the son of Toddie V. and Nannie Adams Phelps.

Before entering the Military Academy on 14 June 1917, he attended schools in Golden, Colorado, as well as several in Missouri, graduating from high school in Salisbury. Numerous school changes did not seem to deter him as indicated by his success as a yearling math instructor at West Point five years after graduation.

As a cadet he was always known as "Joe"—a tribute to his modest disposition, but he was very positive withal, willing to stand up strongly for his beliefs. He was a good student and would have stood even higher in the class if the course had not been shortened to two years. He graduated early with the class on 1 November 1918 expecting to be sent overseas in World War I, but the Armistice ended all that; the class was ordered back as student officers for a post graduate course. In June 1919 the second graduation took place, after which the class was given a European tour of the battlefields of France, Belgium, Italy and of occupied Germany.

Second Lieutenant Phelps was assigned to Field Artillery. After Basic Artillery School at Camp Taylor and Camp Knox, he served in many capacities related to Field Artillery, first in the 4th Field Artillery armed with mountain guns at Camp Stanley, Texas. A modified version of the same weapon turned out to be the armament of the 17th Airborne Division Artillery, his command in World War II with which he ended his active combat career. Throughout his career he had experience with all types of artillery—pack, horsedrawn, motorized and airborne. He also had a Reserve Officer Training Corps assignment as an artillery instructor at Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn for five years.

His military schooling included Field Artillery Basic School at Camp Taylor and Camp Knox, Kentucky (1919–1920), Field Artillery Battery Officers Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma (1928–1929), Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (1937–1938), Advanced Field Artillery Commander School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma (1940). He was granted credit equivalent to National War College in 1947.

General Phelps progressed through the grades from second lieutenant to brigadier general. On 18 March 1943 he became Artillery Commander of the 17th Airborne Division, a position he held throughout World War II, participating in combat in the Ardennes Campaign, the Battle of the Bulge, and in the air drop across the Rhine at Wesel. His Division Commander, Major General William M. Miley, USA Retired, says of him in these operations, "He was an outstanding individual and a very courageous commander; the members of Joe's Division Artillery still remember him for his steadiness and bravery during the very trying times in the Ardennes and the drop across the Rhine."

His service brought him well deserved decorations including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit and the Presidential Unit Citation.

After the war Joe had several short tours: first as Assistant Budget Director, War Department; at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with the Field Artillery Board; then at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with the National Guard where, after distinguished service, he retired as a brigadier general in 1949. His service brought him the Distinguished Service Medal of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

His retirement opened up an entirely new career for Joe and Marion when they settled in Mill Point, Bozman, Maryland, on Harris Creek on the Eastern Shore. They took up farming in a leisurely sort of way. He was dedicated to his family beginning with his first date with Marion Duvall Hoffman which was promoted by her brother "Charlie" Hoffman, Class of June 1918. He ordered Joe to take her to a hop as a "blind date." The romance prospered into marriage while he was on Easter leave from Basic School on 17 April 1920; it lasted for 61 years.

Two children were born to them, Pattie who is the wife of Brigadier General Harry G. Woodbury, Retired, of Little Compton, Rhode Island, and Joseph V. Phelps Jr. of Fayetteville, New York. The Phelps claim the distinction of having the first granddaughter and the first great-granddaughter in the Class of 1919.

Until 1969, when they moved to their home in St. Michaels, Joe enjoyed his hobbies of hunting, bridge, even horseback riding. He built an apartment for guests and family over the garage on the farm. Joe was very clever with his hands as a carpenter, and he could even shoe a horse. He was a good shot and enjoyed hunting ducks and geese on the Eastern Shore.

They made many friends among the local people while living at Mill Point at St. Michaels, as indicated by the large attendance at their 50th Anniversary luncheon at the Tidewater Inn at Easton. After retirement Joe was more and more concerned with religion as a member of Christ Episcopal Church in St. Michaels. He became a vestryman and then Senior Warden. His daughter and son say he lived by the Cadet Prayer and looked forward to "The Great Adventure."

Joe Phelps lived a life of accomplishment—military, family and civilian. He is sorely missed by all who knew him and considered him an outstanding individual—modest, understanding, courageous, approachable but with natural dignity.

Surviving are his wife, Marion Duvall Hoffman Phelps; his daughter, Pattie Phelps Woodbury; his sons, Joseph Vincil Phelps Jr.; and seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

—O.W.M.

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Hugh Brownrigg Waddell

NO. 6342 CLASS OF 1919

Died 2 September 1981 in Pinehurst, North Carolina, aged 86 years.

Cremated ashes scattered over Pinehurst riding trails, North Carolina

HUGH BROWNRIGG WADDELL

HUGH BROWNRIGG WADDELL was born in Columbus, Mississippi, 3 February 1895, the son of Henry Marsden Waddell and his wife, née Anna Alyda Young. He was descended from English and Scotch-Irish ancestors several of whom were well known in the Carolinas prior to 1700.

The question of interest in West Point is easily explained by a combination of environ-

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ment and heredity. In the Deep South in the early days of this century, the Confederate Veteran was venerated and military rank was held in great esteem. Small boys were enraptured by tales of the Civil War, particularily by the Cavalry exploits of Morgan, Forrest, and "Fighting Joe" Wheeler. In addition the little town of Columbus and the surrounding countryside could boast of five living graduates of the Military Academy. The senior of these was a Confederate lieutenant general who was the leading citizen of the town. Although Hugh Waddell had no regular Army background he was heir to an extensive military heritage. Hugh Waddell (1734–1773), the second of that name in America, spent most of his adult life in active field service and during the closing phases of the French and Indian Wars was commanding general of all North Carolina Militia. During the Revolution six ancestors held commissions in the Continental Line and during the Civil War one grandfather and nine great uncles (from four families) were commissioned in the Confederate Services.

Following the tour of the World War I Battlefields with his class, in the summer of 1919, his other service was as follows: School year 1919–1920—Basic Course, the Cavalry School. Troop duty 9th Cavalry, Camp Stotsenberg, Philippine Islands, to July 1922 (included was trip to China with regimental baseball team to play the 15th Infantry in Tientsen, the Marines in Peking, and the American Club in Shanghai, and a trip to Australia to purchase polo ponies). Returned to the United States via Malay States, Burma, India, Egypt and Europe. Troop duty 1st Cavalry, Douglas, Arizona, and Marfa, Texas, to August 1923. Aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Edward L. King, Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth to August 1926. Student, Special Advanced Equitation Class at the Cavalry School, school year 1926–1927. Troop duty 3d Cavalry, Fort Myer, Virginia, to August 1928. Aide-de-Camp to General Charles P. Summerall, Chief of Staff, United States Army, to December 1930. Student Swedish Army Riding School and troop duty with the Royal Horse Guard Regiment to October 1932. Troop commander 2d Cavalry, Fort Riley, Kansas, to September 1934 (troop selected to make the first United States Cavalry training film.) Student Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, school years, 1934–1936. Troop commander and Division Staff First Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, to August 1938. Commanding Troop, 10th Cavalry, Fort Myer, Virginia, to March 1940. Military Attaché, American Legation, Stockholm, Sweden, to November 1943. The Assistant Chief of Staff G4, Replacement and School Command (15 Replacement Training Centers and six Special Service Schools with peak strength of 500,000) to November 1945. Assistant Chief of Staff G4 Antilles Department, San Juan, Puerto Rico to June 1948. Chief of Distribution Division, Office of Assistant Chief of Staff G4, Department of the Army to March 1949. Military Attaché, American Legation, Dublin, Ireland, to March 1950. Chief of Army Section, Military Assistance Program, Administrative Group, London, England, to October 1952 (charged with allocation, delivery and training in the use of United States Army equipment furnished European nations included in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization). Assistant Chief of Staff G4, Headquarters Second Army, Fort Meade, Maryland, to February 1954.

He received many commendations and citations and his decorations include: Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Officers Cross, Order of Polone Restitute, Poland; Royal Order of the Sword; Commander Second Class from Sweden. General Wainwright said it all when he wrote on one efficiency report, "A fine officer and gentleman. An asset to any command."

In 1954 Hugh retired, moved to the vicinity of Pinehurst and Southern Pines, North Carolina, and bought a house where he spent his summers. There he rode horses, played golf, loved and trained dogs, researched genealogy and helped with many charities—his favorite being The Humane Society of Moore County in Pinehurst.

In 1964 he married Chellis Baker Carter whom he had met in Pinehurst. With his charming companion and many friends he found real contentment at last.

In later years Hugh's health began to fail. He died of pnuemonia in Moore Memorial Hospital, Pinehurst, after a long illness on 2 September 1981. His remains were cremated and his ashes scattered over the riding trails nearby—a fitting resting place for a proud old cavalryman to "lie down in green pastures."

He is survived by his widow and one nephew.

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Francis Henry Morse

NO. 6618 CLASS OF 1920

Died 19 October 1979 in Monterey, California, aged 80 years.

Interment: Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, California

FRANCIS HENRY MORSE

FRANCIS HENRY MORSE, known to his firends and classmates as "Frankie," was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, on 7 December 1898. He was the eldest of four children born to Herbert Harrington Morse and Louise Chapin Morse. Theirs was a conservative, old-fashioned, New England family where integrity and forthrightness were the way of life. Following the untimely death of his father, when Frankie was nearly twelve years of age, he assumed ever increasing responsibilities and soon became the "man of the house"; in later years he was a devoted family man, always.

He attended high school in Southbridge where he qualified as an honor roll student and played on the basketball and baseball teams. While in high school he received an appointment to the United States Military Academy from Congressman Calvin D. Paige, 4th District of Massachusetts.

Frankie entered the Military Academy on 14 June 1918, as a member of our Class of 1920. He accommodated himself to the life of a cadet with relative ease and encountered no troubles with the Academic Department, as his class standing within the upper third indicates. His prime outside interest was basketball. In spite of his short stature, but aided by his abundant energy, he earned his monogram in each year at the Academy. Frankie's 1920 HOWITZER write-up carried these statements: "He'd soiree himself anytime to do anyone the slightest favor. Frankie is just that kind of a file who'll turn out his last skag and gladly tell you he's quit smoking." He practiced these closely related traits of generosity and of helping friends throughout his life.

Frankie graduated from the Academy on 15 June 1920 and was commissioned in the Field Artillery, the branch of his choice. On 1 September 1920 he joined his classmates at the Field Artillery School at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and on graduation, one year later, began the series of assignments customary for officers of his grade. Frankie enjoyed a lucky break when his first two stations were Camp Dix, New Jersey, and Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, each relatively near his family home.

Subsequent assignments included: Camp Stotsenburg in the Philippine Islands where he played and coached baseball, as well as participating in horse shows; Fort Sam Houston, where he met Anna Frances Bender, better known as "Fran," to whom he was married on 7 July 1928; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he served as Recreation Officer, Hawaiian Department, and coached basketball and baseball teams; and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he graduated from the Command and General Staff College on 1 February 1940.

Frankie was then assigned to Fort Miles, Puerto Rico, as the Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battery, 25th Field Artillery. Frankie and Fran greatly enjoyed the tropical climate and their pattern of living. But the attack on Pearl Harbor changed all this: Fran and their new-born son Robert were evacuated to the mainland, and within a short time Frankie was sent to the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as Director of the Officers' Advanced Course, where he was promoted to the grade of colonel on 21 January 1 1943. He remained there for a little more than one year and was then assigned to the War Department General Staff as Executive Officer for the Assistant Chief of Staff, G3. He served in this responsible position until October 1946 and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding duty performance. After enjoying a second tour of three years in Hawaii, he returned to this identical position as Executive Officer for the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, for an additional four years, during which he earned the award of the Legion of Merit.

In April 1953 Frankie returned to Puerto Rico, for what became his final tour of active duty. He served as Chief of Staff for the Commanding General, Antilles Department until retirement on 31 May 1954. He regarded this as the most enjoyable of all of

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his duty assignments. The diversity of functions of the command and the need for coordination with his opposite numbers in the Navy, Coast Guard, and Air Force on problems common to all services gave challenge and variety to his work. With his quiet humor and friendly attitude, he made a high place for himself in the professional and social life of the command.

Frankie carried into retirement happy recollections of his active duty days. His commitment to the Army and loyalty to his country were complete. He was modest with respect to himself and his achievements but he undertook to assure that proper credit was given to others, when due. He was wholehearted and thorough in whatever he undertook and with untiring energy accomplished his assigned missions. He was a man of integrity, and he was faithful to his trust.

On retirement he and Fran returned to her native city, San Antonio, Texas. They reestablished their prior association with the Episcopal Church and their earlier participation in the activities of the church where they could be the most helpful. They enjoyed a relaxed life which included bowling, golf, and flower gardening on an organized scale. But Frankie's energy demanded a greater outlet. When an attractive offer came to manage a large inn in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, he accepted promptly. Russ and Eliose Smith followed Frankie and Fran to St. Croix and they enjoyed living on that small, tropical island which was rapidly becoming a focal point for tourists. After a little more than a year, Frankie was invited to join a planning group in Shreveport in preparing the Louisiana Survival Project, a Civil Defense effort for which he was eminently qualified. He served on this assignment for over four years and finally closed his working years with a two year management position in Dallas, Texas.

Frankie and Fran moved to Sarasota, Florida. There he studied flower cultivation with Rose and Hibiscus Societies, and worked as a volunteer helping young owner friends manage a large, inherited retail nursery. His flowers won many prizes in the local shows. He and Fran returned to Shreveport and after a few years they established their final location in Monterey, California, to be nearer their son Robert. They found comfortable accommodations in Monterey and soon felt completely at home.

In October 1979 Frankie was hospitalized in Monterey for a complete physical check-up, and a few days later, after a delightful visit with friends, he went to sleep and never awakened. He was buried with full military honors at the Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, California. He is survived by his wife, Frances Bender Morse; his son, Robert S. Morse; two sisters, Elizabeth Lemmelin and Eloise Smith; and a granddaughter, Siegrid Morse.

A recent letter from our classmate, Frank Henning, carried this magnificent tribute to Frankie: "It seems that wherever our restless, energetic classmate landed, he was always a working pillar in his church, a coach of teams and persons, a lover of nature, and always quietly and effectively helping people. There can be no doubt about the gate through which he passed on his way to his hereafter."

A veritable host of his friends intone: "Well done, Frankie, Be thou at Peace."

—Eddie Plank
classmate

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Harlan Thurston McCormick

NO. 6748 CLASS OF 1920

Died 10 January 1981 in Riverside, California, aged 82 years.

Cremated Ashes Scattered Over the Pacific Ocean

HARLAN THURSTON MCCORMICK

HARLAN THURSTON MCCORMICK was born in Wellston, Ohio, on 25 January 1898, the son of Judge Chester C. and Bertha Vandervort McCormick. Both parents were members of the bar. He attended grammar school in Wellston and high school in Columbus, Ohio.

Appointed to the Military Academy from Ohio, Harlan, known to his intimates as "Mac," performed well all duties both military and academic. Despite his busy schedule he found time to bring much pleasure to fellow cadets with his musical talent. As a member of both bugle corps and cadet orchestra, cornet was his favorite instrument though he could play most any other instrument. Prominent on the amusement committee he also took part in Hundredth Night and Camp Illumination entertainments. Promoted to sergeant and supply sergeant he also was rated as Marksman. The last line of comment under his photo in the 1920 HOWITZER is: "When he leaves we know he will be missed."

After graduation in June 1920 Mac was promoted in the Army to second lieutenant in the Infantry, 2 July 1920. Transferred to Cavalry in September of the same year, he graduated from the Basic Course at the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas, in June 1921. Detailed to the Air Corps in August 1921 he graduated from the Air Service Flying School, Carlstrom Field, Florida, in December of that year. Following duty with bombardment, attack and school groups at Kelly Field, Texas, he was transferred from Cavalry to Air Corps in October 1922 and assigned to Brooks Field, Texas, in December the same year. Here, in August 1923, Mac's musical talent again was appreciated and he was detailed as officer in charge of the Band in addition to his other duties. A letter dated 8 July 1922, from the VIII Corps Area Commander, was received by Mac while at Kelly Field commending him for cooperation with civilian authorities in flooded areas of the Rio Grande. The general acknowledged that low level flights were necessary involving great personal risk to Mac. During service as flying instructor at Brooks Field he was promoted to first lieutenant in October 1925. On 1 September 1926 he was married to Lo Berta Walker Butler at Boerne, Texas.

Following overseas assignment to the Philippines in February 1927 to January 1929, Mac attended the Air Corps Engineer School, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, July 1929 to July 1930, after which he was stationed at Garden City, New York until May 1931 as Air Corps Representative at Curtiss Airplane and Motor Company.

In command of the 17th Pursuit Squadron at Selfridge Field, Michigan, Mac was promoted to major, Air Corps (Temporary), April 1935 to June 1936 and in August 1935 was promoted to captain, Air Corps. While at Selfridge Field he took part in a Free-for-All Military Pursuit Plane Race, a distance of 120 miles for which he averaged 169.588 miles per hour.

Next, Mac was assigned as student, Air Corps Tactical School, Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama, in September 1937 and graduated in June 1938. Serving as Air Corps Technical Supervisor at Patterson Field, Ohio, and Kelly Field, Texas, he was promoted to major in June 1939, lieutenant colonel in July 1941 and colonel in March 1942. He was assigned next to New Hebrides, Solomon Islands, as Air Corps Technical Supervisor, United States Army Forces, South Pacific Area, August 1942; Executive Officer, 4th Fighter Command, 1943; Commanding Officer, 85th Fighter Wing, 5th Air Force, Far East Army Forces, December 1943 to December 1944.

Returning to the United States he served as Commanding Officer, Van Nuys Airport, California, January to September 1945; Plans Officer, Headquarters 4th Air Force, San Francisco, till June 1946; as A5 Plans Officer, Headquarters 2d Air Force, Omaha, Nebraska, until April 1948; Operations Officer, Supply Officer and Commanding Officer, 85th Air Defense Wing, 10th Air Force, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, till November 1949, and as Inspector General, 10th Air Force, Selfridge Field Air Force Base, Michigan, till December 1949.

Citations received by Mac were the Legion of Merit and Commendation Ribbon. Theater ribbons held were: Asiatic Pacific with three bronze engagement stars: Philippine invasion ribbon with two bronze stars; Victory Ribbon World War I and Defense Ribbon.

On 3 November 1945 Mac was married to Joy June Sargent at Carson City, Nevada. No children were born to this or his previous marriage. Mac retired as colonel, United States Air Force in 1950 and bought a home in Hemet, California, where he and his wife lived near March Air Force Base until his last illness. He was invited to join the Ancient and Secret Order of Quiet Birdmen and held membership number 4134.

In November 1979 Mac was admitted to the Veterans Administration Hospital, Loma Linda, California, where he stayed about a year before moving successively to a rest home, the March Field Hospital and the Riverside General Hospital where he died.

Mac is survived by his wife Joy, living in Hemet, California, and one very devoted stepdaughter, Mrs. Laurice Grube, residing in Chino, California.

Mac's close friends received a card dated 20 January 1981 which reads: "It is a beautiful day today, as every day has been in the life of Harlan T. McCormick. But today, Mac departed from us for a journey to the unknown land of all Vikings, called Valhalla.

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As a memorial to Mac we respectfully request that you recall your most hilarious or gracious moment in your association with him."

—Joy S. McCormick and Laurice Grube

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William Ludlow Ritchie

NO. 7647 CLASS OF 1925

Died 17 August 1980 in Hyannis, Massachusetts, aged 78 years.

WILLIAM LUDLOW RITCHIE

WILLIAM LUDLOW RITCHIE (Bill) was born on 1 April 1902, in Helena, Arkansas, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Ritchie of that city.

He was educated in the grade and high schools of Helena and attended the University of Arkansas for a year and a half, where he was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

He was appointed to West Point by Judge Driver of the First Congressional District, and entered the Academy 1 July 1921.

I met Bill as we walked up the road from the railroad station to the Plain. We immediately started a close friendship that I deeply cherished, one that covered our West Point days, our services as second lieutenants in the 2d Division, our duty on the War Department General Staff, and finally our retirement years.

Bill loved life at West Point. He was naturally likeable, and had an innate ability to make friends with a variety of charms that made him a popular cadet among his classmates. He ranked nineteenth academically in his class, participated in many extra-curricular activities, including manager of the baseball team and assistant editor of the HOWITZER, and still had time to coach those that needed extra classroom instruction.

Upon graduation he selected the Field Artillery as his branch of service, and was stationed in San Antonio with the 2d Division. After two years, he was ordered to the Hawaiian Division. Jack Bird, who was with him both in San Antonio and Hawaii, says that Bill was a fine artillery man, played a lot of polo, golf, and tennis, and enjoyed his tour at Schofield Barracks.

After two years in Oahu, Bill requested transfer to the Army Air Corps. He was accepted and ordered to Brooks Field for basic pilot training. Bill took to flying like a duck to water, earned his wings, and upon graduation was ordered to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. His service at Fort Sill was during the early days of air observation for the Field Artillery, and Bill had a major part in the development of adjustment of artillery fire by air control.

Bill left Sill for Chanute Field, and attended the Air Corps Communication Course; then went to Scott Field for two years. During the time that the Army Air Corps had the mission of flying the airmail, Bill was in charge of pilots who were making the very dangerous run at night over the Alleghenies to Washington. On occasions when the weather to Washington was especially hazardous, Bill was known to tell younger pilots not to fly that night, and he would make the flight himself.

From Scott Field Bill was ordered to Washington where he became aide and pilot for the Secretary of War, Woodring, and had additional duty as a White House Aide. During this tour he met Eleanor Preston of Washington, whom he married on 16 June 1939. This union led to two children, Louise (Mrs. John Beale) and William Ludlow Ritchie Jr., and many years of happiness.

Bill attended the Air Corps Tactical School in 1937 and Command and General Staff School in 1938. In 1939 he was assigned to Langley Field and placed in command of a bomber squadron. In 1940 he was detailed to the War Department General Staff in Washington, and assigned to the Operations Division as Chief of the Southwest Pacific Section. He was the Liaison Officer between General Marshall and General McArthur, and kept personal contact with our forces in the South Pacific. On 1 May 1944, he became Deputy Chief of the Strategy and Policy Group.

He attended the Allied Conferences at Quebec, Cairo-Teheran, Yalta, and Potsdam, and made direct contributions to the prosecution of the war effort on all fronts. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his service on these assignments. While in the South Pacific area he was awarded the Air Medal.

In December 1944, Bill was sent as a member of a planning mission to Russia to meet with Soviet planners in connection with the United States/Soviet efforts in the war against Japan. He then served as chief of staff and chief of the air division of the United States Mission to the Soviet Union in 1944 and 1945, and also was military attaché to our embassy in Moscow. He was promoted to brigadier general 22 March 1945.

He was awarded the Legion of Merit for this service in Russia. His sound judgment and his skill in conducting negotiations with the Soviet representatives constituted a material contribution.

In February 1946 he returned to Washington for duty in Headquarters Army Air Force, and worked on the establishment of a separate air force as a major assignment. During the early years of the United States Air Force, he was chief of war plans.

In January 1949 Bill was ordered to London as chief of staff for United States Mediterranean forces. However, this tour was shortened because of illness, and he was forced to enter the Walter Reed Hospital. After a short stay there, he was transferred to Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Denver, where, after two years of treatment and three serious operations, he was retired for physical disability.

Although he retired from active duty in the Air Force, a duty that he loved, he remained involved in business and civic activities for the rest of his life.

In 1952 he became quite active in the English Speaking Union. He was president of its Washington Branch in 1961, and was a national vice president from 1967 until his death. His voice and judgment were of major importance in the development of policies and methods promoting the English Speaking Union's essential mission, which is to provide understanding, cooperation, and solidarity among the English speaking peoples of the world. For his contribution, Queen Elizabeth II of Britain conferred on him the title of Honorary Commander of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire.

Bill and Eleanor had a summer home on Nantucket Island, and they spent much time vacationing there, enjoying the golf, the fishing and the local social life. Bill became an ardent deep sea fisherman, and competed successfully in many big-game tournaments. The Ritchies were enjoying life there in August 1980 when Bill was fatally stricken with an aneurysm.

Thus ended the life of a devoted husband and father, a brilliant officer, a gentleman, and a warm-hearted delight to know; a friend that I knew so well. Anyone else who knew him will agree that knowing Bill was the sort of good fortune that does not happen every day.

—R.V.B.

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William Henry Hennig

NO. 8275 CLASS OF 1928

Died 26 February 1981 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, aged 75 years.

Interment: The Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs, Colorado

WILLIAM HENRY HENNIG

WILLIAM HENRY HENNIG was born 22 February 1906 in Paterson, New Jersey, to Henry and Wilhelmina (Doerken) Hennig. He attended the Lutheran Grammar School and Paterson High School from which he graduated in 1922 at the age of sixteen. His father wished him to enter the clergy, but after reading a boy's book, *Winning His Way to West Point*, Bill determined upon an Army career. While awaiting the age for ad-

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mission, he worked in a shoe store days and studied nights for the entrance examinations, entering the Academy in 1923.

While a Second Classman, Bill was involved in a minor hazing incident and was suspended for one year. He spent this year as an engineering student at Valparaiso University. He chose this school partly because it was near Chicago, the site of that year's Army-Navy game which Bill was determined to see. At Valparaiso, he met his future wife, Lenore Yount, whom he married in Akron, Ohio, in 1929.

Bill graduated with the Class of 1928, standing first in Spanish and 50th in a class of 261. He was a member of the varsity chess team and the fencing team, whose coach gave up on "correcting" Bill's unorthodox style when he noted that Bill was winning most of his matches.

After serving as Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battery, 41st Coast Artillery in 1929–1931, Bill taught Mathematics and English at the II Corps Area West Point Preparatory School. He was then sent to Spain to perfect his Spanish. After a year with the Spanish Horse Artillery and with a diploma from the Centro de Estudias Historicas in Madrid, Bill returned to West Point as Instructor of Spanish until 1937.

In 1938 Bill went to Panama to command Battery A, 4th Coast Artillery (Anti Aircraft Artillery) and later Battery D, 73d Anti Aircraft Artillery. He assumed command of Battery F, 11th Coast Artillery at Fort H.G. Wright, New York, in 1940. He served as Associate Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia, in 1941, moving in 1942 to Washington duty in G2, War Department General Staff.

Bill was sent to Guatemala in 1943 as Military and Air Attaché and later became Chief, United States Military Mission, and Superintendent, Guatemalan Military Academy. He kept the mission aloof from and uncompromised during the series of revolutionary actions sweeping the country. For this accomplishment he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Then followed a tour with the Caribbean Defense Command as Inspector of United States Military Missions in Latin America. In 1946 Bill attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, and remained on the faculty as Head of the Department of Foreign Student Services. For his assistance to a group of Chilean officers, he was awarded the Military Merit Medal by the Commander-in-Chief of the Chilean Armed Forces.

Upon the outbreak of the Korean War, Bill activated the 10th Antiaircraft Artillery Group at Fort Bliss, Texas, taking this unit to Korea in August 1950, and remaining in command until February 1952. With few air targets but a need for field artillery in Korea, Bill directed the retraining of the 10th Antiaircraft Artillery Group to function as field artillery. The group acted as Division Artillery, 1st Republic of Korea Division, commanded by General Paik Sun Yap. Bill was awarded the Silver Star "for outstanding gallantry in action against the enemy near Unsan, Korea, between 25 October and 2 November 1950." He was also awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit, and the Korean Ulchi Distinguished Service Medal with Gold Star for outstanding service on two other occasions.

Bill attended the National War College in 1953. Now a brigadier general, he commanded the 52d Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade, defending the New York Metropolitan Area, in 1954–1955. Then followed a tour of almost three years as Army Attaché in the United States Embassy in London. He returned to command the 2d Region, Army Air Defense Command in 1958–1959, with the rank of major general. His final assignment was Chief of Staff, North American Air Defense, at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado. He was retired for disability in 1964. On the occasion of his retirement he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his five years of outstanding service as Chief of Staff of North American Air Defense during the formative years of this vital element of our national defense structure.

Always a dedicated and conscientious soldier, Bill considered his seventeen months in Korea as the high point of his career. He particularly valued the warm friendship of General Paik Sun Yap, Commander of the 1st Republic of Korea Division and later Chief of Staff of the Korean Army, who twice brought his family to visit the Hennigs at their home in Colorado Springs.

Bill was a realist: a man of few words but a doer of deeds. He spent most of his service in command of troops. He was regarded with highest respect by his superiors and with both respect and affection by his subordinates, one of whom wrote to Lenore: "I want you to know that I am most grateful for having served with General Hennig. He was truly an outstanding officer. He taught me many things, but mostly, he was always a superb example of an officer and a gentleman."

Bill passed away in February 1981 in Colorado Springs. To the very end, he maintained an active interest in current affairs, and his concern for the security of the nation never faltered. Only the day before his death, speaking with difficulty, he said, "I am still in favor of building the bomber."

He is survived by his wife and his daughter, Arden, married to Colonel John H. Madison Jr., Retired, all living in Colorado Springs; by a sister, Ruth Carroll, living in St. Petersburg, Florida; and by one grandson, John H. Madison III, living in Bellingham, Washington. The Class of 1928 extends to them its deepest sympathy and its pride in a distinguished member.

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Warren Cecil McDermid

NO. 8522 CLASS OF 1929

Died 29 April 1981 in Kailua, Hawaii, aged 75 years.

Cremated Ashes Scattered At Sea

WARREN CECIL MCDERMID, 75, died Wednesday, 29 April 1981 in Kailua, Hawaii. He was born in 1905 to Albert and Lucy McDermid in Yakima, Washington. He was married in 1933 to Elizabeth Barry of Puyallup, Washington. They had three children. After memorial services at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii, his ashes were scattered at sea in the traditional Hawaiian manner.

As a Senatorial appointee from the state of Washington, he graduated from West Point in 1929 and remained in the United States Army until 1930. While at West Point he was active in student activities—choir, football, lacrosse, wrestling, Cadet players, and was a rifle marksman and pistol expert.

WARREN CECIL MCDERMID

His military experience included Air Corps Training School, March Field, California, where he was a Student Officer 1929–1930; and duty as second lieutenant, 1st Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, until leaving the service in September 1930.

He earned a master's degree in Business Administration from Harvard Business School during his studies there from September 1930 to May 1932.

His business career began in 1932 with continuous employment with Sears Roebuck & Company, spanning 34 years. Sears sent him to Hawaii in April 1940 where he had the distinction of building and then managing the first Sears retail department store from 1941 through 1951. His employment with the Sears organization continued until his retirement in 1966.

Pearl Harbor Sunday found him dispatching Sears trucks and personnel to help transport casualties and supplies, and requisitioning merchandise as required by the Corps of Engineers and other branches of the service.

While managing the Sears Honolulu store, his business affiliations included Businessmen's Military Training Corps—(B.M.T.C.); Executive Officer of the B.M.T.C. consisting of some 1500 business and professional men; member of the military Governor's Price Control Board and Advisory Board of the Office of Price Administration; chairman of the civilian Governor's Housing Committee; police commissioner and chairman—city and county of Honolulu; president of Honolulu Retail Board; director, vice-president Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu; member of the Board of Governors Hawaii Employers' Council.

In 1951 he was transferred by Sears to California where he was also active in community affairs as director of the Compton, California, Rotary Club, holding a 23-year perfect attendance record. He was director and later president of Compton Chamber of Commerce; supply chief of Region I, California Office of Civil Defense; and manager and then director of the Long Beach, California, Business Bureau.

He was a member of the Sears Retired Executive Club, president of the West Point Society of Los Angeles, and president of the Rolling Hills Community Association.

His family, friends and business associates found that sincerity was one of his chief characteristics, together with complete thorough-

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ness, honesty, and open frankness in his relationships. He had the soul of a poet, worked hard, and the love of his family was of utmost importance to him. He retired and lived in California until moving with his family back to Hawaii in 1975. Upon retiring, he found that painting was a hobby he very much enjoyed.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth; daughters, Mrs. William (Judy) Ratcliff of South Bend, Indiana; Mrs. Thomas (Lani) Uhry of Belvedere, California; Mrs. Gerald (Cindy) Avran of Denver, Colorado; brothers, Robert of Washington, Gordon of Montana; sister, Mrs. Howard (Frances) Smith of Montana; and seven grandchildren.

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Rudolph Fink

NO. 8569 CLASS OF 1929

Died 21 August 1980 in Keesler Air Force Base Medical Center, Biloxi, Mississippi, aged 75 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

RUDOLPH FINK

RUDOLPH FINK LIVED to be seventy-five years old and all of those adult years were graced by his strong sense of integrity, honor and love of country. He was keenly interested in the movements of our government and voiced his opinions in letters to Congressmen and to newspapers and periodicals. His able mind and his approach to problems and events always displayed the individuality that was a distinguishing feature of his personality. This unusual turn of mind produced a number of patents that resulted from his leadership of the Equipment Laboratory in the Experimental Engineering Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base during much of World War II.

Rudy was born in Nome, Alaska, 24 January 1905. His father, Albert Fink, was an attorney there whose ownership of the famous sled dog, Baldy of Nome, remained of interest to Rudy all of his life. His mother, Laura Meigs Fink, was a graduate of Mills College, rather unusual in that place, at that time. Rudy's boyhood was spent in San Francisco and Chicago from where he left for preparatory work at The Hill School, Westminister School and Culver Military Academy. In 1925 he was given an At-Large appointment to the United States Military Academy by Vice President Charles G. Dawes.

The years at West Point were good ones for Rudy. Culver had prepared him militarily and educationally. He enjoyed tutoring and did a lot of it. He also had fun at West Point and often recalled the time when Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine were playing at West Point and their script called for Lunt to exclaim: "Ah, what shall I do with her?" Rudy brought down the house when he rose and called out, "Paint her with iodine and mark her for duty!"

Upon graduation in June 1929, Rudy was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps. A few months later he entered the Flying School at March Field, California, and upon completion of flying training, transferred to the Air Corps. He served in Hawaii and at Selfridge Field, Michigan, before a 1937 assignment to the Air Corps Engineering School at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. At this time, in the chapel at Langley Field, Virginia, he married Martha Hickam whose father, Horace Hickam, was a 1908 graduate of the Military Academy and for whom Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, is named. The Finks had two sons, Rudolph and Albert.

The next seven years were spent at Wright Field, raising a family, making life-long friends, and exercising those qualities of ingenuity and enterprise that caused the design and/or development of the radio-controlled airplane, the aerial pick-up, and the demand regulator. The latter device stemmed from the development of the current low-pressure oxygen system that is used on all modern aircraft. Another invention was the fuel cut-off that is used on gasoline pumps. In all, Rudy held some twenty patents for discoveries that emerged from the Equipment Laboratory. Being an inventor himself, he was well qualified to run a crew of inventors, all of whom held him in affection and respect.

Released from Wright Field in 1944, after more than seven years of duty, which included Commanding Officer during the last year, he was sent to Ondul, India, as Commanding Officer of the 305 Air Service Group and from thence to China as A4 of the 14th Air Force. He also served at Nichols Field, Philippine Islands, and at Headquarters, Far Eastern Air Force, before returning to the States after a three year absence. He was awarded the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal. In 1947 Rudy resigned his commission and became a colonel in the Air Force Reserve.

From 1947–49 he was manager of the Aircraft Division of the Aro Equipment Corporation of Bryan, Ohio, and from 1949–51 he was Assistant Secretary, Northrop Aircraft Corporation, headquartered in Dayton, Ohio. The Korean War saw him recalled to active duty for three years, two of which were spent at Air Material Command headquarters, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and the last year at Brookley Air Force Base, Mobile, Alabama, as Deputy Commanding Officer.

In 1954, a national firm offered Rudy the direction of its aircraft division, but he chose instead to build a cage-egg chicken farm from the ground up. After the land was purchased, on the outskirts of Mobile, he bought the necessary tools and built a number of large structures to house the eventual population of 14,000 chickens. At that time, this farm was the largest cage-egg operation in south Alabama and was a model of modern equipment and efficient management. Rudy directed all departments of the farm, but was primarily responsible for the selling of the 400 dozen eggs a day that the hens produced. This operation, which absorbed the energies of Rudy and his wife for seven years, came to an end when the City of Mobile annexed the property. Rudy then went into the real estate and appraisal businesses and remained in that work until his death. The last twenty years of his life were spent in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery beside Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Hickam.

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Donald John Keirn

NO. 8586 CLASS OF 1929

Died 11 May 1980 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 75 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

DONALD JOHN KEIRN

BORN IN ELBERT, COLORADO, this son of Clara and John Keirn entered the Military Academy on a Congressional appointment. As a cadet he was serious and straightforward, helpful and sympathetic to the woes and trials of friends and classmates. Many of us remember the twinkle in his eye and his vigorous but amiable reaction to "Pull in your chin, mister."

Don graduated number 100 in his West Point Class of 299. His first assignment was to flying school at March Field, California for primary and basic training and then to Kelly Field, Texas, where he received his pilot wings and duty station orders to Rockwell Field, California.

Technical School at Chanute Field, Illinois, occupied late 1931 and early 1932. In September 1932 he went to March Field, California as an aircraft maintenance officer. A squadron transfer took him to Hamilton Field, California, where he enjoyed a pleasant and rewarding two years.

It was there D.J. had the rare good fortune to meet and marry Martha Jean Moore, a lady of great spirit, charm and generosity who never tired of making a comfortable, peaceful and hospitable home for Don and their daughter, Peggy.

In 1936 it was back to the books with a full year course at the Air Corps Engineering School, Wright Field, Ohio. Because of an

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outstanding record as a student, Don was detailed to the University of Michigan where he earned his Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering. His advanced studies won him designation as head of the Research Branch, Power Plant Laboratory at Wright Field, Ohio, and later as chief of the main laboratory.

Early in 1941, Colonel Keirn was designated by the Chief of Staff, Army Air Force, to carry full responsibility for the United States development of jet engines. As a result, he spent the greater part of World War II shuttling to and from England in collaboration with the Royal Air Force and Sir Frank Whittle in development of Americanized production models of the basic British designs.

Should one be inclined to believe that technical/scientific officers lead a tame and casual existence, here is a brief paraphrase of Don's own account of the jet-engine development odyssey as recorded in more detail in the Daedalus Flyer.

"The flight to England (before United States entry into the war) will remain indelibly inscribed in my memory. The B-24 bomber we were riding in had been put to service as a transport with no conversion to passenger use other than fastening two planks to the bomb racks across the bomb bay. No lights, no heat, no windows but plenty of air—the bomb doors had a wide gap through which the wind whistled. The route from Washington to Gander, Newfoundland—about six hours, to Reykjavic, Iceland—about eight hours, to Prestwick, Scotland—about eight hours, and thence to London via British Airways. The trip from Prestwick to London had its anxious moments when we were buzzed by Messerschmitt 109s which came exceptionally close to our flight and pandemonium broke loose among the passengers. An arrangement was made to bring a Whittle test engine to the United States—where General Electric would adapt it for United States production. The entire project was handled with utmost secrecy. I even wrote the contract with General Electric in long hand to preclude possible compromise. By September 1941 we had packaged a Whittle engine and shipped it to Prestwick. I obtained a set of production drawings and had them wrapped in brown paper which looked much like my bundle of laundry. Washington had scrounged a B-24 airplane which was waiting for me at Prestwick and piloted by an old schoolmate, 'Hutch' Hutchison. A British project officer, Group Captain Watt met me bringing a United States Embassy Seal in his pocket and together we stamped all the engine packages. Homeward bound I became Aircraft Commander and rode up front in a fairly comfortable spot. Leaving Prestwick we could see the burning hulks of torpedoed freighters along the Scotland and Ireland coasts. South of Greenland we spotted a surfaced submarine. Hutch was successful in reporting it to a British radio facility, though we were supposedly neutrals, not yet in the War.

"Arriving at Bolling Field, D.C., United States Customs Officers insisted on inspecting my secret cargo before I flew it to its destination at the General Electric Plant in Boston. I refused! They impounded my airplane! It took a full day of negotiating, through and by my only authorized security contact in the War Department, to work out an arrangement with the Customs Bureau. Finally, Customs people counted and described the general size and appearance of the twenty-one boxes securely encased in brown paper and without labels. An oversized exception was wrapped in burlap and looked like a pot bellied stove—the main engine assembly; and there was also my 'bundle of laundry.' I don't believe the Customs types had any inkling that they had just admitted the first jet aircraft engine in the United States. Perhaps they have seen it more recently in its place of honor in the Smithsonian Institution, D.C."

More than any other American, Don was the parent of early United States jets, having been the leading contributor to development of the Bell P-59s and the Lockheed P-80s with their General Electric built turbines adapted from the Whittle designs.

After the War, Colonel Keirn served as Air Force Liaison Officer to the Manhattan District and participated in the 1946 Bikini atom bomb tests. The following year he became Assistant Director of Military Application to the Atomic Energy Commission with the task of developing a program for nuclear powered aircraft.

Following completion of the National War College, Don was designated Deputy Chief of Staff to the newly established Air Research and Development Command serving until the autumn of 1951 when he returned to the atomic field with a tour as commander of an organization involved in nuclear intelligence gathering.

Nuclear propulsion for aircraft having been given a greatly increased research priority, Don was reappointed to the leading project position, wearing three hats and with three chiefs. It is doubted that anyone other than Don Keirn could have been Chief, Reactor Branch, Atomic Energy Commission, Assistant for Nuclear Propulsion to Commander Air Research & Development Command and Assistant for Nuclear Propulsion to Director of Research & Development, Headquarters, United States Air Force. Don accomplished this detailed, frustrating, and time consuming task while gaining complete confidence and freedom of action from his several Chiefs.

Major General Keirn retired in 1959 having left an indelible and distinguished imprint on development of modern aircraft propulsion systems. Jets which have evolved from his early efforts now power a worldwide fleet of civil and military aircraft. The Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Order of the British Empire and the Thurman H. Bane award are among recognitions tendered him.

Following his retirement Don and Martha Jean enjoyed a lovely home in Mount Dora, Florida, and several years later moved to the Air Force Village in Texas as Don's health became fragile. He was a quiet man, ever calm and thoughtful, a caring man with true concern for others and a devoted husband and father. We shall all miss him.

—H.G.B.

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Arthur Walter Blair

NO. 9420 CLASS OF 1932

Killed in action 25 December 1944 in Luchem, Germany, aged 34 years.

Interment: Henri Chappelle American Cemetery, Liege, Belgium

ARTHUR WALTER BLAIR

ALTHOUGH ART had had no boyhood ambitions about making the military his lifelong career, once he had walked through the sallyport and reported in, he knew he had found his niche. The esprit de corps of West Point, and *ALL* that it represents, created a lasting impression and for the rest of his life he tried to be worthy of it and live up to it. His many friends and the troops he served with would agree he succeeded admirably.

He was born in New Orleans on 5 October 1910 and his grammar school and high school years were spent at Gulf Coast Military Academy, Gulfport, Mississippi. He attended Jefferson Military College, Washington, Mississippi, for one year prior to entering West Point in July 1928. He was well prepared for the difficulties encountered in Beast Barracks and he took them, as well as the next four years, right in stride. He worked on the *Pointer* staff and the HOWITZER, but as he said later, walking the area so much did not allow much time for other activities.

The 1932 HOWITZER reads, "Positively the 'punniest' guy of the year—and we don't mean weak. Art will probably annoy you at first but you'll soon begin to listen expectantly for his jokes (we use the term against everyone's advice.) He's a bright spot in this life—and he's spent his time at the Academy searching out the dark corners and brightening them. A stroll on the area—a rousing game of contract—boodle—it's all the same to Blair. He takes the good luck with the bad—and comes back for more. Academics haven't bothered him, or interested him either—but he's learned enough to get by—and not enough to benumb that unexpected wit of his."

Whoever wrote that really knew him and described him well. The essence of his charm was that he had a unique ability to laugh at himself and the world and not take anyone or anything too seriously. Although he is best remembered for his joie de vivre and an irrepressible sense of humor, there were many other facets to his personality. A de-

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voted and loving husband and father, a true and loyal friend, generous to a fault, a music lover—he was all of these as well as a highly trained, competent soldier dedicated to the code of Duty, Honor, Country. Perhaps an underlying motive was his strong religious faith. Years later he wrote that during a lull in the fighting in Holland he had an opportunity to attend church services. Much to his surprise and pleasure he found that during his many years of compulsory church attendance he had memorized the entire Holy Communion service and was able to recite it word perfect—he and the chaplain.

After graduation his first assignment was to a horse-drawn outfit, the 3d Field Artillery at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; and there followed the usual pattern for a junior officer—Civilian Conservation Corps duty, the 13th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and the 77th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. It was there at the New Post Chapel that he and Mary Westpheling (sister of Chuck, United States Military Academy 1931) were married—truly a love story "until death us do part."

The Battery Officers' Course was followed by 2 years at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, with the 15th Field Artillery and then the 11th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Anyone who lived in Hawaii in those years will remember the relaxed, carefree way of life. Even though there was increased training and many alerts and exercises, very few people expected war; there was plenty of time for long, lazy afternoons at the beach, Saturday night dances at the Club, and occasional trips into town to meet incoming ships. It was a very happy time. Their daughter, Susan, was born in September 1941. Life took on new meaning and purpose, and the future looked bright with promise, hopes, dreams and plans. All that was shattered on the sunny Sunday morning of 7 December with loud explosions, the bombing at adjacent Wheeler Field, and machine gun bullets peppering the streets. Nothing was ever to be quite the same again.

The families were evacuated shortly after and Art returned to the States about a year later. After maneuvers he was sent to Camp Shelby, Mississippi where he activated and commanded the 268th Field Artillery Battalion. Training continued at Camp Wolters and Fort Bragg before he took his troops overseas in July 1944.

They fought across France, Belgium, Holland and into Germany with the 8-inch gun, the largest weapon of the ground forces. Art's battalion was classified as "Army Artillery" and fought with the First, Third and Ninth Armies. During late December his outfit was north of the Bulge area near the Ruhr River. During the heavy shelling on Christmas morning a direct hit inflicted heavy casualties on Art and his men. They are buried together, as he had requested, at the beautiful American Cemetery outside Liege, Belgium.

His Executive Officer wrote in a letter dated February 1945, "... the memory of the colonel is one that will always be kept green by those who knew him and served with him. He was an outstandingly gallant officer, a fine leader and above all else, a true gentleman. On the field of battle where there can be no sham, he proved it beyond a question of a doubt. . . ."

"And when our work is done
Our course on earth is run,
May it be said, "Well done!
Be thou at peace!"

"Now cracks a noble heart. Good night, sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!"

He is survived by his widow, Mary, of 107 West Cheyenne Road, Apt 609, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906; his daughter Susan, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Frank S. Butcher, United States Air Force; two grandchildren who are living at 912 Harrington, Bellevue, Nebraska 68005.

—M.W.B.

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Herbert Marvin Baker Jr.

NO. 10085 CLASS OF 1934

Died 10 June 1940 at Tripler General Hospital, Hawaii, aged 31 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas

HERBERT MARVIN BAKER JR.

THE LAST WORDS Herb said to me when I visited him at Tripler Hospital in Hawaii that spring day of 1940 were: "There can't be anything seriously wrong with me. Why I was flying day before yesterday!" He had passed the rigorous annual physical exam to remain on flying status just a short time before and we all knew anyone who flew had to be in perfect health.

Herb didn't believe he was sick and I didn't either. He looked great. But the Big C cut him down on 10 June showing no regard for health and youth. Thus ended the life of a man who had everything going for him with a most promising career in the making. Handsome, well built, athletic, highly capable, a winning personality, a lovely wife and charming baby daughter, Herb would have been a great combat leader in the war that was brewing. A great Air Force officer in every sense.

Soon the war caught up all his classmates and no one got around to writing Herb's obit. After forty years memories are dim. Herb was a modest man who kept a low profile. His classmates generally remember him as a truly great guy but can provide few details.

Perhaps Herb's best biographer is his brother, DeWitt B. Baker, nine years Herb's junior. DeWitt idolized his big brother and also became an Air Force officer, carrying on where Herb left off. Besides DeWitt, Herb had a younger adopted brother and sister, Charles Arnold and Dorothy Arnold. They were his cousins, children of his mother's sister, whose parents both died in 1926.

Herb was born on 11 January 1909 in Cordele, Georgia, and attended elementary school there. In 1925 his family moved to Helena, Georgia, where Herb graduated from McRae High School. His parents, Herbert Marvin Baker Sr. and Birdie Veva Varnadoe Baker, bought and operated the New Telfair Hotel in Helena.

Herb must have done pretty well in high school because in 1927 he entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. As a plebe he distinguished himself in boxing, but math was his nemesis and he was found in 1928. Returning to Helena he helped his family by taking odd jobs, one of which was delivering bread for a bakery. It was a depressing time for him but Herb was not about to give up. Before the year was out he enlisted in the Army with his eyes on West Point.

Herb managed to get stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and assigned to a West Point prep school there. He passed all the mental and physical requirements for West Point in 1930 but a Presidential appointment eluded him. At the last moment, thanks to the loyal help of his father and mother, Herb received a principal appointment on 16 June from Congressman W.W. Larson. Two weeks later he entered the Academy with the Class of 1934.

Classmate Rip Winkle fondly recalls his first meeting with Herb: "On 4 March 1930 I reported to the United States Military Academy Examiner at Fort Sill. When I arrived there was one vacant seat and the officer directed me to it. I observed a neat and professional soldier sitting directly behind me. He was very friendly and courteous. He asked me where I was from, my appointment (2d alternate), and what my job was. He quickly sized me up as knowing little about the military. When my name was called for personal interview, Herb told me to stand erect and say 'Yes, Sir' and 'No, Sir.' I did . . . On the first day of July at the east sallyport of Central Barracks when the 'Beasts' lined up, who should be in front of me but Herb. We recognized each other immediately and both cried, 'We made it!' "

This anecdote typifies Herb's warm and compassionate nature. As he helped Rip to pass the exam, Herb was always available with a helping hand for others.

Herb was assigned to "H" Company in the Corp along with Rip, and they became roommates. He went out for boxing but switched to gym his yearling year and won his minor "A" in that sport along with a major "A" his First Class year. He did well on the make list too, becoming an acting corporal his yearling summer (those few outstanding first year men selected to drill the new plebes), a corporal his Second Class year, and a lieutenant his last year. These honors were not lightly regarded by the Corps of Cadets. Herb was also active in the Fishing Club and on the Hop Committee, and made Expert with the rifle.

Herb was no top scholar but was not about to repeat his disheartening experience at Annapolis. He kept safely proficient in his studies and graduated 153 in the class of 250.

During yearling furlo and after graduation Herb was a counsellor at Forest Lake Camp for Boys at Warrensburg, New York. He helped eight other cadets and graduated cadets get jobs there. Then he went to Randolph Field, Texas, for primary and basic flying training as a student officer.

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A natural athlete, supremely well coordinated, Herb excelled at flying. He selected pursuit (fighters) at Kelly Field for advanced training and became the leader of his flight. It was here in San Antonio, Texas, that he met Martha Ellsworth, a ravishing and dynamic redhead, whom he married on 12 April 1936. He was then at Hamilton Field, California, a spanking new second lieutenant with his prized silver wings.

But Hamilton Field had no fighters and Herb flew Martin B-10s. Here I became friendly with Herb and grew to admire and respect him. He was a sterling officer, always well turned out, a superb pilot, a concerned and loved leader, and a loyal friend.

We were both transferred to Luke Field, Hawaii, with the 31st Bombardment Squadron of B-18's in early 1938. We often flew together and played a regular game of tennis on the courts behind our quarters on Ford Island, where he usually creamed me. Often we drove with our young wives into Waikiki to enjoy the reasonable Chinese cuisine at "Lousy Chows." His lovely daughter Nancy was born in Hawaii in 1938.

Later in 1938 Herb made a rush trip home to Georgia. His father died. No one dreamed that within two years Herb's life would end too.

His classmates praise Herb so highly he must have been one of the best liked cadets in his company. Words like "loyal, magnanimous, beautiful friend," wrote one. "He plowed a deep furrow, gently," wrote another. "He had all the traits we would like to see in a man," wrote Trav Brown. "He had a greatness that few can claim," wrote another. Ted Hoffman wrote: "He was well-liked by all his classmates and had an infectious chuckle and laugh." "Just a great steady-as-you-go sort of guy," wrote Cy Betts. Several said, "my best friend," and I can add my name to that lengthy list. His early death was a tragic loss to his friends, his loved ones, and to his country.

—D.O.S.

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Alvin Louis Mente Jr.

NO. 10448 CLASS OF 1935

Died 19 June 1981 in Anchorage, Kentucky, aged 69 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

ALVIN LOUIS MENTE JR. was born in Wilkensburg, Pennsylvania, on 22 October 1911, the son of Alvin Louis Mente and Anna Hickey Mente. He was brought up in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and attended Schenley High School there. At Schenley he excelled in football and baseball and also played hockey. Following high school he attended Stanton Preparatory School in Cornwall, New York and Carnegie Tech for one year.

Affectionately known to his classmates as Pat, he entered West Point with a smile on his handsome Irish face on 1 July 1931 and left West Point with the same smile as a second lieutenant in the Infantry on 12 June 1935.

While at West Point Pat had many bouts with the Academic Department, but because of his great perseverance, determination and fight he always won out in the final seconds and graduated 265 out of the class of 276. He played football all four years, hockey and lacrosse as a plebe, and baseball as a Second and First Classman, winning numerals in football and lacrosse. Although too light to play first string football he made up in fight for his lack of size. "Red" Reeder, Class of 1926, was Pat's football coach and became his life long friend. Red said, "Few Army football teams have benefitted from a harder fighting third team than in 1933. That third team's mission: 'furnish substitutes for the varsity and give it vigorous opposition in scrimmage.' The third team's remarkable spirit was sparked by Pat Mente, guard, and Carl Goldenberg ('36), fullback. Its battlers inspired coaches, players, and spectators. Usually coated in mud on November practice fields, the 'Paper Hangers' tore into bigger and stronger cadets as if they were mid-shipmen. The fighting leaders of the third team, Mente and Goldenberg, contributed a major share in preparation and umph that gained us a 12–7 victory over Navy and a 9–1 season. Pat loved his four seasons in our famous black jerseys."

ALVIN LOUIS MENTE JR.

In addition to athletics, Pat was Second Class Sports Editor of "The Pointer" and sang with the Catholic Chapel Choir for four years. Ed Ferris, Pat's roommate, wrote of him in the HOWITZER, "... activity is the very keynote of his existence. His sense of humor plus a ready wit have helped us keep smiling through many setbacks. Plebedom and the other three years would have been a dull monotony without his presence."

Pat challenged the Tactical Department on many occasions and usually outwitted them. The night before the Navy game in 1934, Pat and Pop Swarthwood, the head barracks policeman, made and distributed the torches to light the way for the unauthorized midnight break from barracks and pajama parade and rally. This event brought out the Commandant, then Lieutenant Colonel Simon Bolivar Buckner, on a white horse, but he was unable to quell the spontaneous outbreak.

Academic struggles plus Tactical Department woes plus gridiron battles equalled character and Pat had plenty of that when he left West Point and started his military career with the 18th Infantry at Fort Wadsworth, New York. In 1937 he was ordered to Hawaii and assigned to company duties in the 19th Infantry at Schofield Barracks. He continued his avid interest in sports by coaching and officiating soldier athletics. In 1939 Pat was ordered to attend the Advanced Infantry Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. The course was cut short by the threat of war, and he decided that the doughboys were a little slow moving so he decided to become a tanker and joined the 66th Infantry (Light Tanks) at Benning.

While at Benning, Pat and Lou Hammack ('29) officiated high school football in Georgia and Alabama. They had many close calls with the locals when their teams lost and on several occasions the police had to save them from being lynched.

In April 1941 Pat was ordered to the 3rd Armored Division at Camp Polk and Fort Knox where he stayed until January 1942, when he was tagged to be an observer with the British tankers fighting in the Middle East; where he chased and was chased by Rommel for two months. From there he was assigned to General MacArthur's Headquarters in Australia as an Operations and Training officer. In 1943 then Lieutenant Colonel Red Reeder, War Department General Staff was visiting that Headquarters where he ran into Pat in Brisbane. Pat, then a major, told Red, "I'm not doing much but carrying papers, but if this is what they want. . . ." On Reeder's return to Washington, D.C., he was asked if he knew of an Infantry officer who was a fighter and could command a battalion in combat, and who might be spared from the Southwest Pacific. Red had witnessed Pat's tremendous play as a West Point football player and in a few short months, then Lieutenant Colonel Mente was ordered to the 7th Armored Division via a short tour in the Tactical Department of the Armored School at Fort Knox.

Pat went to Europe with the 7th Armored Division in August 1944. As Division G3 and Executive Officer Combat Command "A," he fought through Rheims, Chateau Thierry, Verdun and on to Metz where his Division fought with the 5th Infantry Division. On 21 December 1944 during the Battle of the Bulge near St. Vith, Belgium, Pat was captured in hand-to-hand combat. He described the action, "You never saw such confusion. We were overwhelmed. First thing I knew we were being herded toward Germany. I felt awful. I knew that prisoner of war chow was going to be watery potato soup. We hiked two miles. More confusion and I remembered the first duty of a prisoner of war was to escape. I saw my chance and got away. When I ran across a clearing to our lines, a trigger-happy G.I. shot me in the heel and leg. The shock of the M-1 bullets was so great I didn't know what happened but I managed to crawl to safety." His wounds were serious and he was evacuated to the United States. The war was over for Pat. For his service in World War II Pat was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart for distinguishing himself in action while carrying out his assignments under heavy enemy fire. He had fought in four major campaigns and his unit was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge.

Pat was carried on the books of the Army Ground Forces in Washington, D.C., but spent most of his time in hospitals, from Kennedy General to Percy Jones and finally Walter Reed.

In 1945 Pat married Jane Robbins of Louisville, Kentucky, and they made their home in Alexandria, Virginia, where their first child, Alvin L. Mente III was born in 1946. Pat was promoted to colonel in 1946 and was retired because of wounds on 17 June 1947.

After retirement Pat went to work for Bridgeport Brass Co. as a sales trainee. Later he sold brass, copper and aluminum

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in the Cincinnati and Dayton offices. In 1948 their daughter Elizabeth was born and in 1950 another daughter, Anne. Pat rose rapidly in the company and in 1957 he was promoted to executive assistant and transferred to Washington, D.C., as government representative. It was during this time that Pat became interested in recruiting football players for Army and he spent most of his spare time in this endeavor. His son, Pat Jr., entered West Point in 1964, graduated in 1968. Pat recruited with great enthusiasm in Washington, Virginia, and Maryland and was highly successful in bringing in talent. Jane and Pat attended almost every Army football game, Jane being just as enthusiastic as Pat about this great sport.

Pat continued to be highly successful in his executive capacity and had his offices next door to the Army-Navy Town Club where he frequently entertained his friends and classmates. He certainly looked the part of a successful businessman with his handsome face, wavy white hair, tailored pinstriped suits and polished black shoes!

The coach of the Army team during this time was Tom Cahill and he and Pat struck up a close and lasting friendship. Tom wrote this about their association: "Pat was filled with the enthusiasm and dedication he always had for West Point. He was constantly in search for young athletic talent and delighted to have an opportunity to explain West Point to them. He was elated when one of his proteges joined the Long Gray Line. He took a personal interest in each of them and continually counseled them individually. Although he became aware of many of these young men through their athletic prowess, he always regarded them as potential officers in the military service. It was not unusual for Pat to discourage a young man whose attitude made him a risk as a potential cadet. Pat's feelings rose and fell with the football fortunes of West Point. He was a West Pointer all the way. He believed in the Military and the West Point experience and was enthusiastic, diligent and dedicated in his support. Pat Mente was also my friend and I shall cherish his memory."

Pat retired from business in 1969 and Jane and he moved to their beautiful country home on 30 acres of lush land in Anchorage, Kentucky. Pat loved his home and spent his time remodeling, gardening, and recruiting. The latter he did with increased vigor, driving thousands of miles each year at his own expense, visiting promising student athletes in Kentucky and Ohio. Pat felt that any West Point graduate who was worth his salt had an obligation to recruit outstanding men and athletes for our alma mater. He loved West Point and often said that everything he had he owed to West Point. He felt deep down that the least he could do for West Point was to get good men to attend.

Pat's great love for West Point was recognized by the Association of Graduates who elected him to the Board of Trustees, a position he held for some twenty years up to the time of his death. He was not a silent member of the board and strongly voiced his opinion that successful football teams were paramount in acquiring good officer material and in attaining the national prestige worthy of the Military Academy. The demise of Army as a football power was a bitter pill that Pat could not swallow and he bent his every effort and his energies in changing that trend. He beat on doors and pounded out letters to the highest authorities trying to gain support for what he thought was so vital.

During his tenure on the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates he gained the support and friendship of another member, Lieutenant General Arthur G. Trudeau ('24) who said: "Pat was a truly dedicated West Pointer. For a number of years we both served on the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates and he, perhaps more than any other single trustee, constantly pressed for policies and actions to improve the Academy's standing in intercollegiate athletics, particularly football. He not only recognized the need for more and better athletics at West Point, but appreciated as I do, the need for a higher percentage of officers imbued with the physical characteristics and attitudes developed from sports involving unrelenting physical contact."

Another member of the Board, Colonel "Trapper" Drum ('37) said of Pat: "Pat was present and helpful to countless people-classmates, friends, soldiers and aspiring football players. Somehow he gave of his strength when it was timely and needed. When I was a Plebe he recognized me when I really needed a friend and someone to talk to. Then in 1937 in Hawaii Pat sought me out with and showed me the new lieutenant way. In 1944 in Holland his division and mine were near and I saw him before going into combat. He'd been there and I hadn't. He was reassuring and gave me confidence."

Pat was indeed fortunate as a father to have the great love, admiration and respect that all of his children held for him. Pat Jr. said, "My father had two great loves: our family and West Point. There was no sacrifice he would not make for us. As a father he was always approachable with any problem or situation. I think it is pretty rare to find a man who was so totally dedicated to ideals like excellence, victory and real success who was also such a good father. His dedication to West Point was total. It would suffice to say that he put the professional recruiters to shame. There was always time for him to visit one more school, one more living room, to sit at one more kitchen table until 2 a.m. talking about West Point. In 1976 my father logged 7000 miles in his white Buick in recruiting, without a penny of support from the Athletic Association or anyone else. At my father's funeral I said to Captain John Simar who currently administers the recruiting program, 'There are not many recruiters like him.' John corrected me, 'There were never, never, any recruiters like him.' Throughout the funeral service I couldn't help wondering whether the people in attendance appreciated the love and effort my father had given to West Point."

Pat died in his beloved home in Anchorage of a heart attack on 19 June 1981. This charming Irishman was truly one of God's noblemen and he will be sorely missed by his family, West Point, the Class of 1935, and his host of friends spread throughout the country. He is survived by his wife Jane, his son Alvin III, daughters Elizabeth and Anne, three grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. R.A. Sharrer.

An old grad once said that as we grow older and our class rings become smoother, the engraving is mysteriously transferred to our hearts, and that if you could look upon the heart of a West Pointer after he died you would find deeply engraved thereon the words "Duty, Honor, Country." Certainly these words are engraved on Pat's heart deeper and clearer than most anyone else's.

Pat was buried with full military honors in the ground he loved so much at West Point.

He was my most valued friend from the time we entered West Point—a complete and trusted friend, one whom a person has the luck and honor of having only once in a lifetime.

—*J.R.R.*

David Bennett Parker

NO. 10738 CLASS OF 1937

Died 30 March 1980 at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 63 years.

Cremated ashes interred at West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

DAVID BENNETT PARKER

DAVID BENNETT PARKER was born on 16 June 1916 in Denver, Colorado. He was an "At Large" appointee to USMA from the District of Columbia, entering in July 1933 as the youngest member of the Class of 1937. He was involved in many activities as a cadet, distinguishing himself by wearing stars for four years and graduating number three in his class. In the HOWITZER Dave's roommate chose these words as applicable to Dave, "Age is not measured in years, but in experience and wisdom."

Upon graduation Dave joined the Engineers, and after a tour at Belvoir went on to Massachusetts Institute of Technology for his master's degree. In World War II he served in the South Pacific with increasing responsibilities and levels of command as the war moved northward to Tokyo, by which time Dave was both a Group Commander and Tokyo Area Engineer.

Returning to the states in 1946 as a colonel, Dave joined the Manhattan Project, starting twelve years of service in the nation's atomic energy program. It was while assigned to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) that Dave met Mette, a charming Swedish girl, at a French charity ball. A year later in February 1954 they were married and began their lives together in Paris.

Earlier Dave had graduated from the Army flying school at Fort Sill, and in 1958 he transferred to the Transportation Corps to become Director of Research and Develop-

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ment. A contemporary at that time wrote: "I gained a great respect for him as a human being and as a brilliant, articulate officer and gentleman. He did a great deal to put Army Aviation on the map with the aerospace industry and the scientific community which led to their greater understanding and support of the United States Army."

Dave served well in various assignments. He commanded the Aviation Materiel Command in St. Louis. Afterwards he was Secretary of the Staff at SHAPE and later was Commanding General of the Seventh Army Support Command. Dave's physical problems caught up with him before a medical evaluation board in 1967. He was retired as a major general. His retirement was a very tough blow for him for he loved the Army and had looked forward to a few more years of service. Dave's health problems were further aggravated by an automobile accident which left him with a leg condition which caused quite a limp. In spite of these problems, Dave always fought back with a spirit which was with him all his life. He died on 30 March 1980 and was cremated. His ashes are at West Point which he loved so much.

Dave and Mette have two fine children, Viveca and Henrik. It was Viveca, a promising young actress, who stood before an assemblage at the Fort Myer Post Chapel on 2 June 1980 at a memorial service for Dave and said:

"After several years of trial for his family, his friends, and certainly for himself, now is the time that we can celebrate my father.

"I always believed Daddy was a near-genius in intelligence, matched with creativity and flair. His mind seemed to grasp everything, and so very quickly: he helped to fashion the atomic bomb, and he wrote dog stories that made me cry. He could fly planes, he commanded troops, and he made friends. To me, he seemed superhuman as he told me of his accomplishments. I saw them for myself, and I watched him launch himself towards new ones with all the volatility and pride that he had. He was extraordinary, always expanding with generosity, humor, observation and love; also extraordinary in his need for love, his need for recognition, and his own very personal, and very strict, honor code.

"He dedicated himself to his job of serving his country, and he devoted himself to the people he loved. He gave so much, and naturally asked a lot in return. And, if he sometimes seemed to have a difficult temper, I believe he was plagued by insecurity. He wants to be remembered and loved. He strove for that.

"In looking at the pattern of illness that he faced throughout his life, I think we all have a lot to learn about incredible energy, courage, and something about humility as well.

"I remember Daddy as a larger than life figure of knowledge, creativity, temper, and generosity. And I hope you all will treasure your own memories of him, as I do, with much love and pride."

No finer tribute could any man have!

—A Friend and Classmate

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Manford Jay Wetzel

NO. 11896 CLASS OF 1940

Died 29 October 1980 in Naval Regional Medical Center, San Diego, California, aged 65 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

MANFORD JAY WETZEL

MY BROTHER, MANFORD JAY WETZEL, was born on 27 July 1915 in Billings, Montana, to Emery J. and Myrtle Scott Wetzel. He attended grammar school and high school in Riverside, California.

In 1936 he realized the culmination of a life-long ambition when he was appointed to the Academy at West Point. I received the news at Luke Field, Hawaii, and was so excited and pleased that I shot out the street lights around the officer's club—not the most proper action for an "officer and gentleman." I reported myself the next morning to one great commanding officer, Colonel Asa North Duncan. After hearing my story, he said, "I am very pleased for your brother. The lights are 'on the house'."

After graduation, Manford reported to his initial duty station in Ontario, California, for primary flight training.

During the next twenty-seven years of active military service, Manford was assigned to increasingly responsible and challenging career opportunities. Some of these included: Base Commander, Morton Air Academy, Blythe, California; in September 1943 he became commander of the 379th Bomb Squadron on detached duty with the Royal Air Force operating from Gambut, Libya; "Wetzel's Weasels," as they called themselves, made an enviable record against shipping in the Aegean Sea. In 1945 he was assigned to Operations Division, War Department General Staff, Washington, D.C.; he continued with the Air Staff, Operations and Training Division as executive officer to General Norstad, United States Air Force Headquarters; later he transferred to Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona, as Deputy Commander of the 303d Bomb Wing; then Deputy Commander Air Material Command, Wheeler Air Force Base, Hawaii; Office of Inspector General, San Bernardino, California; Assistant Chief Military Assistance Advisory Group Pakistan; and Commanding Officer, Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. His awards include eight Air Medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

During his active duty career, Manford attended Stanford University Graduate School for two years, earning his master's in Business Administration. He also attended the National War College, graduating in 1955.

Manford's early retirement in 1967 was necessitated by the first of two heart attacks; the second, in 1977, requiring open heart surgery.

Manford and Gertrude Grant "Trudie" were married 25 April 1942. Their son Robert, a graduate of West Point, Class of 1956, was killed in an aircraft accident at McDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida, in 1959. Their daughter Patricia and grandson Scott, are in San Antonio, Texas, where her husband, Major David G. Wood, is stationed with the Air Force.

Following his retirement, Manford and Trudie returned to Pakistan where they had many friends. For the next two years he managed the Embassy commissaries in Pakistan, and supplied the ones in India and Afghanistan.

Upon their return to the states, Manford and Trudie made their home in Southern California, and have lived in Coronado since 1975.

Manford was blessed with the ability to make friends easily. He was cheerful, compassionate, and made people feel good. He is mourned by the many who loved and respected him.

He is survived by wife Trudie, daughter Patricia, grandson Scott; sister, Mrs. O.B. Evans of Spokane, Washington; and his brother, Lieutenant General Emery S. Wetzel, United States Air Force Retired, Coronado, California.

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Everett Houston Ware

NO. 12041 CLASS OF 1940

Died 27 June 1980 in Tiburon, California, aged 63 years.

Cremated Ashes Scattered in San Francisco Bay Under the Golden Gate Bridge

EVERETT HOUSTON WARE

EVERETT HOUSTON WARE (ETCH) was born in Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, 11 October 1916 to a military family. His father, Samuel Houston Ware, was a captain in the Corps of

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Engineers and one of those responsible for building the indestructible fortifications at Fort DeRussy in Honolulu. His mother, Mabel McAndrews Ware, was raised in Honolulu coming from a family that had settled there in the early days.

Etch was just entering his teens when his father was ordered to the mainland and died shortly thereafter. His mother took the family to San Francisco. There, with West Point as a goal, Etch attended the Drew and Damon Schools before entering, the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Scott, California, in 1935. It was during this period that he met his future wife, Phyllis Bruce, known as Poochie. He entered West Point in 1936 and spent the next four years as "neither a goat nor an engineer." Upon graduation and marriage to Poochie, he was assigned to the 6th Coast Artillery at Fort Scott. After a year, the Air Corps beckoned and he was sent to flying training at Santa Maria, Moffett Field and Stockton Field, California. He joined the Army Air Corps on 17 March 1942 and was assigned to the 34th Bomb Group at Pendleton, Oregon, where he performed various squadron and group duties. He subsequently served as Commander 420th Squadron, 302d Bomb Group at Pueblo, Colorado, until he departed for the Southwest Pacific Theater as Deputy Group Commander, 380th Bomb Group in April 1943.

In September 1943, Etch became A3 of the 1st Air Task Force under Headquarters 5th Air Force in New Guinea where he served until his return to the United States in June 1944. He completed 39 combat missions totaling 110 combat flying hours.

In July 1944, he became Chief of the Army Air Forces Senior Officers Course, School of Applied Tactics, Orlando, Florida. He remained there until November 1945 when he was reassigned as Deputy and then Base Commander, Gowen Field, Idaho. Upon the deactivation of Gowen Field, Etch was sent to Headquarters, United States Air Force as Chief, Attaché Requirements Branch, Assistant Chief of Staff, A2 where he remained until he became Air Attaché to the Netherlands from January 1947 to February 1950. Etch attended the Army Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, and upon graduation in 1950 was assigned to Headquarters United States Air Force, Directorate of Intelligence, Policy Division, where he served until becoming Chief of the Foreign Liaison Branch in July 1953. In October he was transferred to the Strategic Air Command as Director of Operations of the 813th Air Division at Pinecastle Air Force Base, Florida. When the Division moved to Homestead Air Force Base, Florida, Etch joined the 379th Bombardment Wing (Med) as Director of Materiel.

In 1958 he was assigned to Continental Air Command, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York as Director of Plans, where he remained until his retirement on 31 July 1961.

Etch was awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and was made a Knight Rider, Order of Oranje Nassau (Netherlands). In 1955 he received the Merito Militar Award from Portugal. He was also awarded the Air Force Commendation medal. He rose through the grades to colonel in 1953.

Upon retirement, Etch, Poochie and daughter Wendy moved to Tiburon, California. They became very active in boating and in the Presidio Yacht Club, where Etch served as Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and Commodore for many years. In his own words, "Etch and Poochie spend their time yachting, travelling and visiting old pals, which is an enjoyable way to spend your old age. Good life with no regrets!"

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William Hampton Edwards

NO. 12728 CLASS OF 1942

Died 26 November 1944 while on a Combat Air Mission over Hungary, aged 27 years.

Interment: U.S. Military Cemetery near Metz, France

WILLIAM HAMPTON EDWARDS

WILLIAM HAMPTON EDWARDS was born in Ironton, Ohio, on 4 January 1917, the son of Walter and Mary (Hampton) Edwards. Bill attended grammar and high school in Ironton, earning an excellent academic record as well as winning his letter in football and participating in track and basketball. After high school, he attended Ohio State University for three years, where he was a member of the University Reserve Officers Training Corps and studied engineering. In 1938 he won an appointment to the Military Academy from Ohio's 10th Congressional District.

Entering West Point on 1 July 1938, Bill easily adapted to cadet life, becoming one of the most liked and respected members of I Company. As an upperclassman, he willingly devoted much of his time, energy, and patience acting as an academic coach to classmates and underclassmen. During his Second Class year, he made cadet corporal and, as First Classman, took on the responsible rank of company first sergeant. Academically, Bill showed growth and perseverance as a cadet, rising from a class rank of 402 at the end of Fourth Class year to a final class standing of 65. Upon graduation, 29 May 1942, he was commissioned in the Field Artillery and assigned to the Air Corps for flight training.

Less than a week after graduation, Bill reported to primary flying school at Orangeburg, South Carolina. From there he was assigned to basic school at Shaw Field, Sumter, South Carolina, and then to advanced flying school at Spence Field, Moultrie, Georgia, where he was one of the few members of Flying Class 42-K to fly P-39 pursuit planes before winning his pilot's wings. He was a member of the "Victory Class" which graduated on 7 December 1942 and was almost immediately transferred from the Field Artillery to the Air Corps, at about the same time being promoted to first lieutenant.

Shortly after being assigned to a Provisional P-40 Pursuit Squadron at Spence, Bill married Mary Woodward Pierce of East Lansing, Michigan. This Christmas eve 1942 wedding culminated a three-year courtship which began when Bill was a cadet and Mary a student at Vassar College.

In January 1943, he was transferred to the 328 Fighter Group stationed at Hamilton Field, California. As a member of this operational training unit, he was instrumental in training and developing young pilots just out of flying school into fighter pilots. In October of that year, he was promoted to captain, Army Air Corps. He received further flight training at air bases at Santa Rosa, California, and Seattle, Washington, and in August 1944, Bill left the country for overseas duty in the European Theatre of Operations. He was stationed in Italy as a member of the 49th Fighter Squadron, 14th Fighter Group, with the 15th Air Force flying from the fields in Foggia. He flew a P-38 (Lightning) and was awarded two Air Medals for combat flying before his final mission.

On 26 November 1944, while on a deck level strafing mission of an enemy airdrome near Szekesfehervar, Hungary, Bill's plane was shot down by anti-aircraft fire. A fellow pilot in his squadron who had trained with him at Santa Rosa wrote that "every officer and enlisted man in the squadron had the highest regard for Ed."

Friends and family remember Bill as a man with a sense of humor, whose dry wit was often seasoned with the folk expressions of his mid-western upbringing. His even disposition and his goodnatured approach to life were the hallmarks of a man who knew what he was about. Duty, Honor, Country, he referred to in his usual matter of fact way, but his pride in being a member of the Corps ran deep. Perhaps the best tribute to his brief life was voiced by an elderly cousin when she heard the news of his death: "I think he was the finest of his generation in our family."

Bill is survived by his wife (Mrs. Eric Kerr) and their daughter, Susan Edwards Kerr.

Mary Kerr and P.M.

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John Aloysius Ryan

NO. 12845 CLASS OF 1942

Died 14 June 1978 in Silver Spring, Maryland, aged 60 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!..."

FROM HIS YOUTH TO the untimely sunset of his life, John A. Ryan harkened to a call as clear at the end as in the beginning: military service to his country, and devotion to the ideals of West Point.

Superbly educated in secondary schools in New York and New Jersey, John, known as "Jack" to his classmates, eagerly sought an appointment to the Military Academy. It was not forthcoming for three years, during which he studied Naval Engineering and Architecture at the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology. When his appoint-

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JOHN ALOYSIUS RYAN

ment finally materialized, John heard the call loud and clear and joined the ranks of 1942.

After World War II, family imperatives obliged John to resign his commission. Within less than a year he stalked the Pentagon seeking extended active duty and eventually a new regular commission at the bottom of the promotion ladder. Within a decade, his aircraft design and engineering talents were coveted by the aerospace industry; he steadfastly spurned enticing offers in favor of his chosen calling.

At West Point Jack coped easily with academics and busied himself in a variety of activites. Many recall his flying fists in the boxing ring and between-rounds pugnacious glare at his Army opponent. Outside the ring his gentle Irish whimsy and willingness to help others over the tough spots were reciprocated by the friendship of all who knew him well. An excerpt from his HOWITZER biography sums it up: "In this jolly roly-poly little figure lurks the ambition of a Caesar, the horse sense of a Lincoln, and the fastidiousness of a Dutch housewife."

Jack successfully completed flight training after graduation, despite occasional bouts of airborne absentmindedness. These stemmed from his idea that each instructional flight was not only for mastery of stick and rudder, but a chance to analyze the arcane aspects of aerodynamics. Typically, after making a short landing approach to an auxiliary field and clearing out some brush with his landing gear, he drove back to the scene to check out the flight path. He also triumphantly returned with a shattered mesquite log as a souvenir of his near miss. Posted to a fighter group in Europe in 1944, Jack, on an early mission became separated from his wingmates, and true to character tackled a covey of German fighters. He was shot down and spent the remainder of the war in Musberg Prison Camp, Germany.

After the war John entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology to attain a Master of Science degree in Areonautical Engineering, specializing in instrumentation. His career thereafter was devoted to Research and Development, and in the late fifties he conceived of and developed the instrumentation for what later was designated as the Low Altitude Bombing System (LABS). This aroused the aforementioned interest in the aerospace industry to lure him from military duty. He settled for a Legion of Merit and stayed at what he considered to be his post of duty.

In 1963 he was selected to attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Before the intensive ten-month course was underway he had already waded through the material in the curriculum. By June 1964, when the course ended, he had also achieved a master's degree in Business Administration from George Washington University.

With his star literally in the ascendancy, in 1966 John was felled by a massive cardiac arrest. His name was stricken from the forthcoming Generals' promotion list, and for almost two years, his brilliant mind clouded by the aftermath, he languished in the hospital. He regained a semblance of health and, most importantly, the use of his mental faculties, with the help of his beloved "Annie," herself an Air Force widow, and therapist, who patiently coaxed and prodded him to restore his health. After his discharge from a Veterans' Administration Hospital, he and Ann were married and lived a quiet life of mutual devotion. During those years he regaled Ann with reminiscences of his life and friendships at West Point. In her letter to the Class of 1942, following his last fatal heart attack, Ann put it best: "For the rest of my life there is one experience that will remain forever green, and that is John's undying loyalty and devotion to West Point."

". . . Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark."

"Crossing the Bar"
Lord Alfred Tennyson

—A Classmate

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Charles Berra

NO. 12909 CLASS OF 1942

Killed in action 18 November 1944 in Rhineland, Germany, aged 27 years.

CHARLES BERRA

CHARLIE WAS BORN in St. Louis, Missouri on 8 November 1917, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Emil Berra. He attended McKinley High School, and then spent six months at United States Hall Coaching School. After that he studied for one year at Washington University, and one year at Missouri University.

Appointed to the Military Academy from the 12th Congressional District of Missouri, he easily settled down to life as a cadet. Academics were no problem for him, and as a result he had plenty of time to regale his classmates with his wit, and "tall stories." Always cheerful, active, and cooperative, he soon became a favorite companion with his many friends. He believed in living life to its fullest and encouraged others to do so.

He enjoyed sports a great deal and played on the Corps baseball team three years and on the football team for one year. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry on graduation, and a first lieutenant (Army of the United States) on 4 August 1942.

He served in the European Theater of Operations with the 2d Armored Division, which was in the original landing in Africa, and later led the drive on Palermo in the Sicilian campaign. He was promoted to the rank of captain on 19 February, 1943 while in that area.

Later, with the same Division in the Normandy landing operations, a newspaper article described some of his work as follows:

"Late yesterday afternoon a young captain, Charles Berra, of St. Louis and just out of West Point, led infantry units into this little French town (St. Denis-Le-Gast). In house-to-house fighting they cleaned out snipers while armored forces poured onward towards the sea—in a few minutes the village was bombarded with mortars and shells and it was apparent to Captain Berra that the Germans were trying to break thru. 'About two o'clock the attack came,' said Berra, who looked natty even without a shave and showing lack of sleep. 'A whole flock of tanks charged into this village, followed by infantry . . .'

"The battle raged for two hours, but the little company refused to give ground. The rest of the attackers turned with their vehicles and dashed straight down the road towards Brehal, leaving their dead all over the village, and Berra's company with 130 war-beaten prisoners."

Charlie was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart medals.

He was later Executive Officer of the 2d Battalion, 41 Armored Infantry, 2d Armored Division, and was killed in action in the Rhineland, Germany, on 18 November 1944.

Charlie served his entire military life with a full measure of enthusiasm and dedication, and his efforts brought nothing but honor to him and his country.

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Douglas Cunningham Murray

NO. 12920 CLASS OF 1942

Died 22 May 1979 at Bethesda, Maryland, aged 61 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

THE 1942 HOWITZER word-sketch of Douglas Cunningham Murray begins with the statement: "Dougal hails from Toronto and entered the Academy the hard way—from the Army." This straightforward revelation of facts concerning Doug's birthplace and the hard route which he took to win an appointment to West Point contains a hint of his heritage, a key to his character, and a prophecy about his life work. Doug's American parents, Herbert and Myra Livor Murray, lived in Toronto, Canada, because his father, a mining engineer, was prospecting there. Doug's father must have been a man

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DOUGLAS CUNNINGHAM MURRAY

with a keen sense of history and a strong sense of civic duty. When World War I broke out, he volunteered to serve in the Canadian Armed Forces and was commissioned a captain in the Canadian Army.

Doug was born on 20 September 1917. The United States had entered World War I the previous April. His father decided to resign his Canadian Army commission, bring his family back to the United States and volunteer in the United States Army. Unfortunately, he was considered too old to be commissioned and fight in his own country's Army.

When the ugly war clouds were again gathering in the thirties, Doug, as if to follow his father's example of initiative and patriotic concern, set about to prepare himself for service as an officer in the Army of his country.

Doug was made-to-order for West Point and the United States Army. That he "entered the Academy the hard way" was a sign of unswerving purpose and a test of his will to win. After graduating from Dumont High School, Dumont, New Jersey, in 1934, Doug recognized the inadequacy of his mathematics education in a West Point competition and enrolled for a year at Braden Preparatory School, Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, New York, to correct his weakness. Then in 1937 he enlisted in the Regular Army and earned the opportunity to attend the II Corps Area West Point Preparatory School and to compete in an Army-wide selection for appointment as a cadet to West Point. John R. Deane Jr., General, United States Army, Retired, a classmate at the West Point Prep and also at the Military Academy described Doug:

"Doug came to the Army Prep School at Camp Dix from the 18th Infantry, resplendent in wrap leggins, the mark of the doughboy. He was Infantry all the way and took some delight in questioning the validity of the credentials of members of the other branches. Despite his great sense of humor which manifested itself in a dry wit, he was a serious student with but one goal—West Point. That he was going to make it was obvious from his determination, his leadership qualities, and his wisdom which—along with a passage from an ancient poem—gained him the name of Socrates. He did make it, his Prep School classmates applauded it, and West Point and the Army were the better for it."

Through his cadet years and the years as an officer and beyond, Doug maintained his sense of purpose, sense of humor, a sensitive feel for the fine points of military style and craft, a reverence to duty and principles, and the will to win. These traits were hallmarks of Doug Murray's life.

Graduating on 29 May 1942—the traditional June Week festivities were cancelled in order to rush the new shavetails to their first assignments—Doug reporting for duty at The Infantry School (TIS), Fort Benning, Georgia, to attend the Basic Infantry Officers' Course. Those were the days when men entered the military service "for the duration," i.e.; until victory is won. His brother Robert recalls: "Doug may have initiated his markmanship propensity at a very tender age by shooting at street lights in our hometown with a BB gun. Apprehended by the local gendarmerie on Cabbage Night, he was asked what he thought he was doing. His response was merely 'practicing for Hallowe'en.' Our dad confined him to quarters for Hallowe'en."

Doug's military service followed a familiar career pattern of continued advancement in the Regular Army: the alternation of command and staff jobs interspersed with the appropriate schooling in preparation for higher responsibilities, but with some unique turns of his own. From TIS, Doug was assigned to the 405th Regiment, 102d (OZARK) Infantry Division, Camp Maxey, Texas, and subsequently Camp Swift, Texas. Before the Division sailed for Europe, he attended the Officer's Advanced (Battalion Commanders) Course at Benning and participated with his Regiment in a "peace and order" mission during the August 1944 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania transit strike. Upon arriving in France the following month he participated with his Regiment in running the Red Ball Express hauling supplies from Cherbourg to Paris. Upon completion of his Regiment running the Red Ball Express, he fought in the Rhineland Campaign as Commander, Cannon Company, 405th Regiment from October 1944 to March 1945, the mission for which he had trained hard and had been itching to do. In March 1945 Doug was reassigned from the 405th Regiment to the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to take a course which turned out to be designed around the planning and operations for the final assault on and occupation of Japan. Victory in Europe was clearly in sight. Priorities for the United States war effort had shifted to winning the war in the Pacific. Pete FlorCruz, a West Point classmate, taking the same Command and General Staff College course, noted that Doug made a special effort to know and befriend the foreign (allied) officers. At the end of the course, Doug was made to remain at the College two weeks longer to take a special course on rebuilding the armed forces of the Philippines. Less than two months later, Japan surrendered. Instead of being assigned to a landing force bound for Japan, Doug received orders to the Guerrilla Affairs Division, G3 Section, Headquarters Philippines-Ryukyus Command (PHILRYCOM) formerly Army Forces, Western Pacific (AFWESPAC), in Manila, Philippines. He investigated the claims of Filipinos for guerrilla status during the Japanese occupation and subsequent Philippine liberation campaign. In this work he personally knew all the guerrilla leaders, American and Filipino, to include the President-to-be, Ramon P. Magsaysay. Doug displayed a knack for developing rapport with and winning the confidence of people of a culture different from his. His guerrilla contacts served Doug well in his next three-year assignment with the United States Army Field Forces (USAFF), Fort Monroe, Virginia. At the USAFF he prepared and had accepted a detailed outline of the first Army Field Manual on Guerrilla Warfare.

Doug had three more overseas assignments: January 1952—January 1955, G3 Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Command Allied Powers (SCAP) and G3 Section, Headquarters Army Forces Far East (AFFE) in Tokyo, Japan, where he was United States Chairman of the Maneuver Area Land Subcommittee of the Joint Committee. He was responsible for acquiring adequate training and maneuver areas for United States land forces; July 1960—April 1961, G1 Section, Chief, Personnel Services Division, Eighth United States Army, Seoul, Korea. There he met, courted, won the heart of, and married Irene (René) Rauer of Plainfield, New Jersey, his sweetheart, confidant and best friend to the end. René was to be his stabilizer and reviver of hope when storms of life threatened to overwhelm him; September 1965—August 1966, a student of the 28th Course of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Defense College, Paris, France, followed by a tour as Executive Officer for the Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe.

Some high points of Doug's post war Continental United States tours were the command of 3d Battalion, 351st Regimental Combat Team, Fort Rucker, Alabama, from January 1955—February 1956, and a 3½ year assignment at West Point, where he was assigned to the Personnel & Administrative Division, Headquarters, United States Military Academy. Dealing with people, both in positions of command, staff officer, as well as in his personal life was Doug's forté.

Doug was not immune to nor daunted by strange and esoteric assignments which require pioneering or avant-garde thinking. His Korean tour was curtailed and he returned to the States and was assigned from April 1961 to August 1965 to the United States Army Strategy and Tactics Analysis Group (STAG), Bethesda, Maryland, an organization directly under the Department of the Army, which conducted analytic war games through the use of digital computers. On 23 April 1963 Doug was promoted to full colonel.

Upon returning from Paris in August 1966, Doug was assigned to be a member of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel Officer Special Review Board Department of the Army Suitability Board with station at the Pentagon. Retiring after 26½ years of active service on 31 May 1967, Doug did not "just fade away." He had numerous hobbies: he was an insatiable reader, amateur photographer, stamp-coin collector and gardener. He played tennis, was a bowler and a devoted football fan. His desire to teach American History in a Jr. high school and the state requirement for teacher certification led him to enroll at American University and the University of Maryland. Later, learning there was an overabundance of history teachers and few openings available, he instead took a position as Transportation Field Supervisor, first with Montgomery County, Maryland, Public Schools and subsequently with the German School, Potomac, Maryland. This work, however, did not deter him from his love of history. Doug continued sharing this knowl-

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edge with his family by taking them on trips to historical sites near and far. They embarked on three excursions to Europe, including Russia, as well as Canada, the Caribbean and Venezuela, with Doug always serving as family tour guide. A year prior to his death, accompanied by his brother Robert and wife, Doug once again returned to his Canadian birthplace to retrace his parents' footsteps and successfully unravel portions of his genealogy project.

In July 1975 he suffered a "mild stroke" followed in August with a left carotid endarterectomy. He proceeded to put his estate papers in final order. Doug did such a superb job according to René, she was able to execute his will through the difficult details of probate in a smooth, rapid and business-like manner. He commenced the genealogy of his family in early 1976 and from thousands of old photographs, letters and diaries, he identified, wrote and almost completed the record of his family ancestry. On the evening of 22 May 1979, while at his desk performing this labor of love, Doug suffered a cardiac arrest and passed away peacefully. Burial services were held at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Awards and decorations include: The Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with V-Device, and two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Philippine Independence Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Campaign Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and North Atlantic Treaty Organization Defense College Medal.

He is survived by his wife René and daughter Kim of Bethesda, Maryland; by his son Bruce of Glenn Dale, Maryland; by his daughter Ellen-Douglas of Greenbelt, Maryland; both from a prior marriage, and by his brother Robert of Haworth, New Jersey.

René summed up their 18-year marriage: "I was at the right place at the right time when Doug was assigned to Korea. How fortunate that I should meet and fall in love with this gentleman of the old school who proposed marriage under a full moon. He was a charming, loving, generous husband, and a devoted father. My life was blessed sharing it with him."

—His wife, brother and West Point classmates

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John Raymond Moran

NO. 12965 CLASS OF 1942

Killed in Action 17 June 1944 in France, aged 24 years.

Interment: Brittany American Cemetery, St. James, Manche, France

JOHN RAYMOND MORAN was born of Irish parents in New York City on 5 November 1919. When he was two, Cathrine and Jon Moran moved their growing family to New Hyde Park, Long Island, New York. There John attended Holy Ghost parochial school; St. Ann's Hermitage in Poughkeepsie, New York; and Sewanahka Central High School in Floral Park, New York, in 1936. He graduated 25th in a class of 400 with a state

JOHN RAYMOND MORAN

regents' average of 97% for his four years effort.

John was a man for all seasons during his high school years. He loved tennis, handball, skiing, poetry, classical music and literature. He also dabbled at writing historical short stories. Sewanahka's yearbook listed John's ambition to attend college. But that would be two years distant.

After high school John was offered a position at the First National Bank of Floral Park. He enjoyed the work and continued his education at the American Institute of Banking. During this time he decided to try to enter West Point. He devoted his energies to that goal.

On 8 February 1938 Congressman Robert L. Bacon of New York's First District selected John as the principal candidate from a group of over fifty who took the competitive examination. Bacon reported John was "the outstanding prospect" of his section. John received his appointment on 12 May 1938 and reported to West Point with the Class of 1942 on 1 July 1938.

John's years at West Point were spent in D company. He weathered Plebe and Yearling years and enjoyed furlough in the summer of 1940. He met his bride, Mary C. O'Brien of Philadelphia while teaching marksmanship at Camp Wanamaker.

His last years at the Academy were filled with the stress of academics, the rigors of life in the 16th Division of barracks, and frequent slugs from the Tactical Department. The archives of September 1941 cite one Cadet John Moran for unauthorized absence from a Cavalry hike. Accordingly he spent the greater part of his final year as a Cadet Private. His close friends Doc Field (1942) and Mark Cole (ex-June 1943) helped him to weather the isolation.

John graduated in the first war class on 29 May 1942 and was commissioned in the Infantry. But his first love was the Air Corps. After a graduation leave of minimal duration, he reported to the Ryan School of Aeronautics in San Diego. After a few intense weeks he went to Minter Field, Bakerfield, California, for initial flight training. There he married Mary C. O'Brien on 22 August 1942. He then was off to Roswell Army Air Base, New Mexico, for advanced flight training. On 25 November 1942 he received his pilot's wings and traded in his Infantry rifles.

He was promoted to first lieutenant on 30 January 1943 at Tarrant Field, Fort Worth, Texas. Subsequent training in multi-engine aircraft and photo reconnaissance took John to Laughlin Army Air Field, Del Rio, Texas, McDill Field, Tampa, Florida; Peterson Field, Colorado Springs; and finally to Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City. John's training in Mr. Martin's B-26 was a harrowing experience. After eight months only 28 pilots survived of the 47 who started training. The B-26 earned its reputation as a widow maker. In spite of the frequent moves and constant stress of preparation for combat, John and his bride were able to spend precious months together at Will Rogers Field prior to his departure for England in March 1944. He was posted as Operations Officer of the 33d Photo Reconnaissance Squadron, 10th Photo Reconnaissance Group, 9th Air Force at Chalgrove, England.

John's Squadron had the task of providing low level photography of the Normandy beaches and beach exists for the impending invasion. The assault units required detailed photographs of the beach defenses. The method to obtain these extremely low level oblique photographs required flying in the face of the beach defenses. These dicing missions became essential to pin pointing the obstacles and strong points on the Normandy invasion coast. John was in constant action in May and early June 1944 on such missions. His unit received a Distinguished Unit Citation for this effort. On D-Day itself John flew many missions in support of the fight for the beaches in an unarmed P-38.

A few days later, on his son's first birthday, John and his wingman were attacked by five ME-109 fighters over Villedieu, France. The two P-38's took evasive action but John's airplane was last seen trailing smoke into the heavy ground mist. Advancing VII Corps units overran Villedieu in late July 1944 and confirmed John had been killed in action. He now rests with his comrades in the Britanny American Cemetery, St. James, Manche, France.

John has left a legacy of hope and courage. His dedication to his mission, his humor in adversity, and his ultimate act of selflessness continue to foster affection among those who walked with him during his short twenty-four years of life.

Thirty-seven years later, a seven year old John Raymond Moran has not the pleasure of meeting the grandfather whose name he carries on. Perhaps these few lines will help him understand just a little of a brave flier who never returned from France.

—His son Michael
Class of 1964

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Ralph Kilbreth Jones

NO. 13717 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 18 May 1981 in Urbana, Illinois, aged 61 years.

Interment: Chenoa Cemetery, Chenoa, Illinois

RALPH KILBRETH JONES was born 25 November 1919 at Herrin, Illinois, a son of Ralph and Lora Kilbreth Jones. Later he moved to Pontiac, Illinois, where he graduated from high school in 1937. He entered the University of Illinois in the College of Engineering at Urbana, Illinois, and in 1939 met Evelyn Schwager, of Chenoa, Illinois; they were married on 5 June 1943.

How true the statements of Ralph (nicknamed "Red" by his classmates) from the

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RALPH KILBRETH JONES

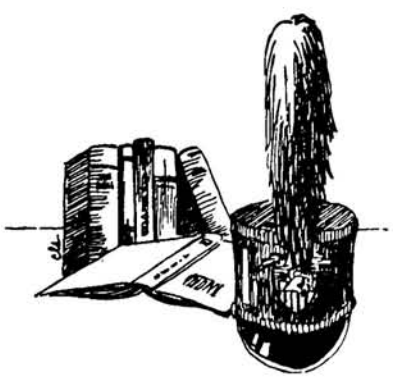
June 1943 HOWITZER: "Red was quiet, tending to his own business, and asking favors of no one. Red thrived under West Point discipline. He proved himself when during Yearling Year he took up the pistol for the first time and then made the Pistol Team. West Point and Evelyn can point with pride to this man."

Those who knew Ralph could always count on him for his leadership and direction and his every move was to serve his country and faithfully perform his every task to the fullest.

As second lieutenant, Ralph's first assignment was to the Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. From November 1944 he served as Artillery Liaison Officer with the 898th Field Artillery of the 75th Division in the Battle of the Bulge, Germany. After promotion to major, Ralph was assigned to Theater Headquarters at Frankfurt, Germany, and his wife and son were among the first shipment of dependents to arrive in April 1946. In November 1947 Ralph was assigned to Fort McPherson, Georgia, to serve in the G1 Headquarters Third Army.

After an assignment as a United Nations Observer in Kashmir, as lieutenant colonel, Ralph attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1954. From there he was assigned to G1 Headquarters of the United States Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia, and in 1958 to the G1 Headquarters of the 25th Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

He completed the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk in 1961 and was assigned to Fort Benning as G1 of the 2d Infantry Division and later Commanding Officer of Division Artillery, where he received his promotion to colonel in 1963.



After completing the Army War College Course, he was retained at Carlisle Barracks as a member of the faculty for the next three years before serving in May 1967 in Bien Hoa, Vietnam, as the Deputy Commander for the II Field Force Artillery.

From 1968 to 1973 his last assignments in the Washington area gained him two Oak Leaf clusters to his Legion of Merit before retiring.

Retirement in 1973 brought with it ill health for Ralph, so that his accomplishments for the community were a struggle. However, he complained to no one and his last contribution was the commissioning of a plaque to honor all those servicemen and women who were killed during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict. As Chairman, working with the Urbana, Champaign, and Rantoul, Illinois Exchange Clubs in this effort, he dedicated a "Veterans' Memorial Plaque" on 11 November 1980. The plaque is the only one of its kind honoring the Champaign County Deceased Veterans, and is now hanging in a permanent position within the walls of the Champaign County Courthouse in Urbana, Illinois. He finished his final report of the Veterans' Memorial Plaque Committee for the archives of the Urbana Public Library in January 1981, just as his esophagus cancer was discovered terminal.

On 25 March 1981 Ralph was awarded the "So Proudly We Hail" Award by the National Exchange Club of Urbana in recognition of his "leadership, loyalty and service to his Country, his Community, his Church, and his Profession" at his residence at 1903 Golfview Drive, Urbana. But from that moment on Ralph's health declined critically and he spoke of his being aware that his death was imminent. He planned his own memorial service with the funeral director and pastor—"every detail to honor a great Army Wife"—as found in his notes afterwards. He also wrote his own obituary notice, directed the ordering of grave markers for him and his wife, and on 7 May entered the hospital soon to be comatose. On Sunday, 17 May, his wife and three children, Patrick S. Jones, Le Vesinet, France; Michael A. Jones, Danville, California; and Nancy Lyn Bangstad, Salem, Oregon, gathered at his bedside for a prayer service and reading of poems he had previously selected.

At the memorial service with military rites held just as he had requested, the minister officiating stated: "Without a doubt, Ralph faced death as one who was in 'charge.' On more than one occasion in the last couple of months he said to me, 'Pastor, I do not fear death. I have done everything I wanted to do, gone every place I wanted to go, I have a fine family. What more could a man ask for?' Also, he had the satisfaction of knowing that he had served his country well and with distinction. Me thinks I see a twinkle in his eyes which says, 'Let us accept the past and rejoice where we can and move out confidently to meet the future.'"

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Schwager, Urbana, Illinois; two sons and a daughter; and six grandchildren.

For classmates and all who knew him well, Ralph's death brings genuine grief. In leaving them, Ralph would want them to remember a verse from the poem, "Be Strong" by Maltric Davenport Babcock as follows:

"It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong
How hard the battle goes, the day how long;
Faint not—fight on! Tomorrow comes the song!"

And for his wife a verse from "The Building of the Ship" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow:

"Sail forth into the sea of life,
O gentle, loving, trusting wife,
And safe from all adversity
Upon the bosom of that sea
Thy comings and thy goings be!
For gentleness and love and trust
Prevail o'er angry wave and gust;
And in the wreck of noble lives
Something immortal still survives!"

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Harry Lee Maynard

NO. 14587 CLASS OF 1945

Died 8 December 1981 in Knoxville, Tennessee, aged 57 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

HARRY LEE MAYNARD

ON A BEAUTIFUL warm sunny day engaged in one of his favorite activities, gardening, Harry died of a heart attack.

Harry was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, into an Army family. He grew up on a succession of Army Posts, adopting San Antonio, Texas, as his home. He was probably destined by family and training to follow a military career. His two older brothers, John B. and Charles D., and his sister Mary's husband, Murray Henley, were in the Army; all retired from their military careers as colonels.

Harry attended the Virginia Polytechnic Institute for a year and then entered the United States Military Academy graduating in 1945. After being trained in bombers, his first assignment 1946–48 was in Mustangs and Thunderbolts in Germany with the 55th, 31st and 86th Fighter Groups. Next 1948–51, he enjoyed San Francisco, California, while stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base, then Air Tactical School at Tyndol Air Force Base. Deciding there were too many fighter pilots senior to him—he turned to the research and development business.

In 1951 the Air Force sent him to the University of Michigan for a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. There in 1953 he met and married a Michigan girl, Marie Bruce, a stewardess for American Airlines.

Their first station was Patrick Air Force

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Base, Florida, where he worked on the new guided missile programs. Daughter Susan arrived in 1954 and son Harry Jr. in 1957. Then followed four years at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, where he received the Guided Missile insignia, his command pilot rating followed and another son, Richard Bruce, in 1960. A three-year tour followed in Washington at Headquarters Air Force Systems Command, Andrews Air Force Base, where he received his first Air Force Commendation Medal. Then he had a delightful year at the Air War College, Montgomery, Alabama, finishing as a Distinguished Graduate. He went back to Washington and Headquarters Air Force Systems Command. While there he was awarded the Master and Senior Missileman badge and his second Air Force Commendation Medal. The summer of 1969 found his family on the way to Tullahoma, Tennessee, and a great three years at Arnold Engineering Development Center. Harry was Vice Commander from 1971–72. In 1972 he received a special award for development of aeronautical test facilities by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and also received from the Air Force, the Legion of Merit. Upon leaving Tennessee they were once again on the way to Headquarters Air Force Systems Command, Andrews Air Force Base where Harry was a director responsible for development and acquisition of new aircraft systems for the Air Force, for which he received his second Legion of Merit.

Harry retired after 30 years with the Air Force as a colonel in April 1975. He had 23 years experience in research and development and acquisition of aircraft and missiles including experience with cost and schedule systems being used on the Clinch River Breeder Reactor.

On his retirement from the Air Force he became a special assistant for Project Control to the Director Reactor Development Division Energy Research and Development Administration. Three months later he was assigned to the Clinch River Breeder Reactor Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, as Chief of Project Control Division.

Whatever he did, he did well. He was never bored—always had a long list of "things to do." He enjoyed many activities—golf, sailing, stamps, wine, bridge, chess. He did everything—work or play—with enthusiasm.

On 12 December 1980, Harry made his fifth Permanent Change of Station move to the Washington area, and was buried on a brisk sunny day in Arlington, with full military honors, close by his parents, Brigadier General and Mrs. John Blackwell Maynard.

Harry leaves his wife, Marie; two sons, Harry Lee and Richard Bruce; a daughter, Susan Marie; two brothers and a daughter-in-law, Rhonda.

Harry would have been thankful for all the comfort and help that friends and his fellow West Pointers have extended to his family. They really enjoyed being a military family.

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William Allen Walker Jr.

NO. 14807 CLASS OF 1945

Died 23 October 1978 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, aged 54 years

Interment: Union, South Carolina

WILLIAM ALLEN WALKER JR.

WILLIAM ALLEN WALKER JR. was born in Union, South Carolina on 25 March 1924. Bill entered West Point on 1 July 1942 following a year at The Citadel. He brought with him to West Point the highest sense of principles and personal ethics, as well as a sense of purpose and dedication which he managed to conceal with his keen sense of humor, his love of fun, and his contagious friendliness. Bill, who had a rare combination of a brilliant academic mind and an uncommon measure of common sense, found the Academic Department not too formidable an adversary. He took advantage of this fact to expand his horizons by participating in every possible activity—athletic, military and social—enjoying each and developing his well-rounded personality.

Bill was commissioned in the Infantry in June 1945. After the basic course at Fort Benning, he served as a platoon leader in the 15th Infantry Regiment of the 3d Infantry Division in Italy. During his next assignment, at the Training Center at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Bill courted and married the lovely Iris Waldrep of nearby Enoree, South Carolina, beginning a most happy life together.

In 1948, Bill was selected for graduate studies in nuclear physics at The University of Virginia, where he brought his astute academic abilities out of hiding. He established a remarkable record in this most difficult course, eliciting the praises of the University's Physics Department. This course of study was to change the direction of Bill's career. It led first to an assignment in 1950 to the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project in Los Alamos and a stimulation of an even greater interest in nuclear weapons. Bill attended the Infantry Advanced Course in 1954, but while a student there, his branch transfer to Ordnance was approved—a welcome decision to the Ordnance Corps but one which was much regretted by the Infantry!

During the next few years, Bill served in exacting and challenging assignments including duty as the Operations Officer of the 71st Ordnance Group in Germany in 1955–57; an assignment with the Office of Special Weapons Development at Fort Bliss and a rewarding tour commanding the 83d Ordnance Battalion in Korea. In between two tours on the Department of the Army Staff in research and development and force development, and as the military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Bill sandwiched in an enjoyable year at the Army War College. In 1969, he assumed command of the Picatinny Arsenal during the critical period of ammunition production for troops in Vietnam. In 1971–1972, Bill served in Vietnam as the Deputy Commander of the Support Command and in the United States Army, Vietnam Headquarters as the Deputy G4. Bill's last active duty assignment was as the Deputy Commander of the White Sands Missile Range from which he retired in 1975 to El Paso, Texas.

Following his retirement, Bill kept busy in civic activities in El Paso and worked as Administrative Director of El Paso Rehabilitation Center for Crippled Children, continuing his contribution to his community and his fellowmen.

Such a stark, impersonal recitation of assignments and jobs cannot do justice to his splendid record of accomplishments and to his professional reputation, or, more especially, to the man himself. Bill was a brilliant staff officer and an outstanding commander and leader. The comments of his associates—seniors, subordinates and contemporaries alike—would speak volumes in their unstinting praise and admiration; his many friends know well his wonderful character and engaging personality.

Bill was a man who can best be described as one who lived, throughout his life, the ideals expressed so clearly and succinctly in the words of The Cadet Prayer. He was a man of honor, embued with the loftiest of Christian principles. He set for himself the highest standards—and lived up to them. He demanded high standards of performance of his subordinates—and they willingly went the "extra mile" because of his concerned leadership and example. Bill was serious and dedicated, but he found time to enjoy life to the fullest and to enrich the lives of those around him by his infectious good humor and his contagious friendliness. He brought out the very best in those who were privileged to know him. Bill loved his family, his nation and his friends. Bill was a gentleman in every sense of the word. We are all very much richer for having known him.

Well done, Bill!

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Terrance Edward Jedrziewski

NO. 35683 CLASS OF 1978

Died 19 April 1980 in Manchester, Connecticut, aged 24 years.

Interment: South Cemetery, Tolland, Connecticut

SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT on 19 April 1980 on a lonely highway in Connecticut, only a short distance from his boyhood home, a promising happy active life came to an abrupt end. Terrance Edward Jedrziewski was killed, riding as a passenger in an auto involved in a head-on collision. He was home on leave from Germany to participate in his brother's wedding when this tragedy occurred. It is difficult to accept the reality of

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TERRANCE EDWARD JEDRZIEWSKI

this ending to a young and active life. Terry never sat still; he crowded much into his short lifetime.

Terry was a member of the United States Ski Patrol, president of his ski club in Germany where he was stationed with the 82d Engineer Battalion in Bamberg. He skied at West Point, in Utah, Vermont, and Austria. He did rafting in rivers in Idaho and Wyoming. Terry held a rating of Divemaster in the Professional Association of Diving Instructors. He visited Hawaii and several countries in Europe. He took a motor trip across the United States in his sports car. He was a Medalist in Orienteering and an accomplished trout fisherman.

Terrance was born on 2 April 1956 in the small town of Tolland, Connecticut. He was one of seven children, the son of Chester and Patricia Jedrziewski. Terry had a great sense of humor and a genuine respect for the feelings of those around him.

In high school he excelled in soccer, track, band and literary pursuits. He was a member of the National Honor Society. For the yearbook he chose this passage: "tomorrow is not promised us . . . so let us take today . . . and make the very most of it . . . the once we pass this way."

After high school Terry entered West Point primarily through the encouragement of his math teacher, retired Colonel John Carusone, United States Military Academy, Class of 1938, and his uncle, Anthony Jedrziewski, who served as a major in the 82d Airborne Division in World War II.

After graduation from the Military Academy, Terry received engineering training at Fort Belvoir and ranger training at the Army Infantry School at Fort Benning before being assigned as a platoon leader in the 82d Engineer Battalion in Bamberg, Germany.

These quotes express the feelings of some people who knew Terry:

The Pastor at St. Matthews Church, Tolland, Connecticut: "As you remember Terry you will realize that people can leave behind great material monuments, but these will crumble in time. A person's love, like God, is eternal because it lives on in the lives of all those affected by that love."

Terry's buddy, Jeff Manley, in Germany wrote in the March 1981 ASSEMBLY magazine: "Let us not overburden ourselves with the grief of his death, but be thankful we knew him in our lifetime and were touched by his ever present smile, quick wit and bubbling personality. Look down from Heaven with joy dear friend, because we love you like a brother and miss you dearly."

His ski club in Bamberg, Germany, of which Terry was president: "We will always remember our 'T.J.' perched on the brink of some utterly impossible cliff, with the impish rosy-cheeked grin yelling, 'Follow me' and somehow, in spite of our fears, we always did. He will be sorely missed. Whenever any of our gang is together you can be sure we will always 'ski one for T.J.' in our thoughts and prayers."

His roommate in Germany, Lieutenant Richard Compton: "Terry didn't have a hard time making friends; it seemed they just flocked to him. Every day I turned around and Terry was talking to someone I had never seen before . . . He was hard core when it came to soldier skills, yet a pushover when the troops brought their problems to him."

His commanding officer in Germany: "As a member of this command, Terry distinguished himself as an outstanding officer who was willing and eager to accomplish any mission. He was totally devoted to the men in his platoon."

His godparents: "The only way we can reconcile his death is in knowing he was taken away for some greater work for which he was needed. Knowing Terry I'm sure he's engineering things in Heaven so it will be a better place when he greets us there."

His father quotes from something he read a short while before Terry's death:

"If all the world were mine to give,
I would give it, yes, and more,
To see the face of the one I loved,
Come smiling round the door.

"What would I give to clasp his hand,
His happy face to see,
To hear the voice, to see the smile,
That meant so much to me."

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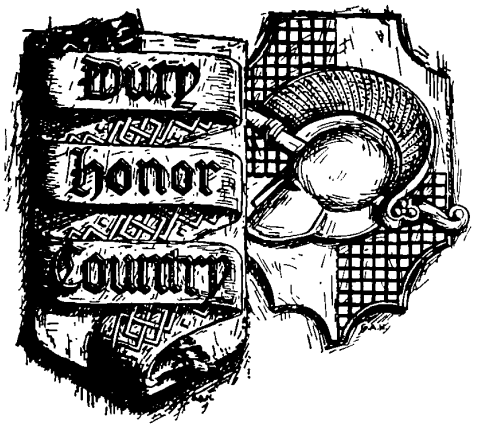

Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former Cadets received since the publication of the March 1982 ASSEMBLY.

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
Cornelius C. Jadwin	Jun 1918	3 March 1982	Warrenton, Virginia
Howard P. Richardson	Jun 1918	18 February 1982	Portland, Maine
Frank J. Cunningham	Nov 1918	18 January 1982	Livingston, New Jersey
Edward A. Dolph	Nov 1918	1 March 1982	Beacon, New York
Charles E. Hixon	Nov 1918	31 March 1982	Bethesda, Maryland
James C. Welch	Nov 1918	14 April 1982	Columbia, South Carolina
Archie W. Cooey	1919	8 February 1982	New Braunfels, Texas
Sydney W. Gould	1919	28 January 1982	New Haven, Connecticut
Nathan F. Twining	1919	29 March 1982	San Antonio, Texas
Harvey K. Greenlaw	1920	10 January 1982	Compostela Nayarit, Mexico
Willis McDonald III	1920	26 February 1982	Litchfield Park, Arizona
John S. Seybold	1920	19 April 1982	Washington, D.C.
Ray O. Welch	1920	30 December 1981	Fort Lewis, Washington
Philip H. Raymond	1922	7 January 1982	Fort Myers, Florida
Waldemar F. Breidster	1923	2 April 1982	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
John R. Burnett	1923	10 October 1980	Tallahassee, Florida
John J. Carter	Ex-1923	18 January 1982	Yeadon, Pennsylvania
Reeve D. Keiler	1924	19 March 1982	Mill Valley, California
Cary J. King Jr.	1924	3 February 1982	Sunnyvale, California
Joseph Massaro	1924	10 February 1982	San Antonio, Texas
Joseph B. Daugherty	1925	7 September 1981	Indianapolis, Indiana
George E. Bender	1927	30 March 1982	Columbus, Georgia
James A. Harron	1927	20 July 1981	Seattle, Washington
Loren D. Pegg	1927	25 January 1982	Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Delmar T. Spivey	1928	18 January 1982	Largo, Florida
Ralph C. Barrow	1930	9 March 1982	Panama City, Florida
Charles L. Heitman Jr.	1930	27 February 1982	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Gwinn U. Porter	1933	10 April 1982	Nogales, Arizona
Edward Kraus	1935	14 February 1982	El Paso, Texas
Edward A. Grove	1936	26 November 1981	Atherton, California
David McCoach III	1936	28 December 1981	Boynton Beach, Florida
Milton H. Clark	1937	10 April 1982	San Diego, California
John E. Boyt	1938	18 November 1981	Sarasota, Florida
Lawrence L. Beckedorff	1939	15 April 1982	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Stephen C. Farris	1939	13 April 1982	Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Robert L. Colligan Jr.	1940	19 March 1982	Los Altos Hills, California
Walter L. Moore Jr.	1941	1 March 1982	Fort Gordon, Georgia
James C. Bowman	1945	5 October 1981	St. Louis, Missouri
Donald R. Schwartz	1951	18 February 1982	Santa Barbara, California
Gregory L. Watson	1979	1 April 1982	Fort Irwin, California
Michael P. Scott	1981	14 April 1982	Fort Rucker, Alabama
Chris M. Trotter	1981	14 April 1982	Fort Rucker, Alabama

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