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Fellow Graduates and Friends of the Military Academy:

In a continuing effort to improve the development of leadership at the Military Academy, a comprehensive analysis of the Fourth Class System was made this past year. The objective of the study was to ascertain if the existing program was the best to achieve the goals of the System and if not, what changes should be made.

The study identified the functions of the System as: (1) military socialization of new cadets, (2) social equalization of new cadets, (3) identification of cadets who cannot function under stress and (4) furtherance of leadership opportunities for the upperclassmen. Cadets tended to view the System as a means of eliminating the inept and poorly motivated, while officers placed more emphasis on the System as a development process, although the views were a matter of emphasis. Uncodified standards of the Fourth Class System have evolved over the years and vary from year to year and among regiments, but in general, there is a strong tendency toward reliance on negative leadership practices to induce stress in order to push out the inept and poorly motivated. Suspected bad effects are the development of poor leadership habits, lowered morale, and failure to develop the proper internalized value system in new cadets.

It was concluded that there is a requirement for a challenging Fourth Class System, a component of which is stress, but the challenge should come from a demand for the Plebes to achieve their full potential. Upperclass cadets should build on the strengths of Plebes and encourage maximum development rather than concentrate on harrassment to produce stress. Specifically, such practices as exaggerated bracing, verbal abuse, personal services and withholding food should be eliminated.

A systematic program is now underway to eliminate the undesirable aspects of the System identified by the study and to develop positive leadership techniques among upperclass cadets. The program includes orientation of officers and cadets and continuous scrutiny to insure the trend is maintained.

A highly demanding Fourth Class System that will give a sense of pride and accomplishment among new cadets is to be maintained. The changes are designed to insure that this will be done in a way that avoids unnecessary indignities and is conducive to the internalization of the Military Academy's value as individual cadet values.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. W. Koster", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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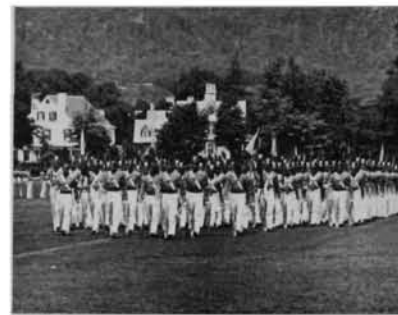
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from all graduates



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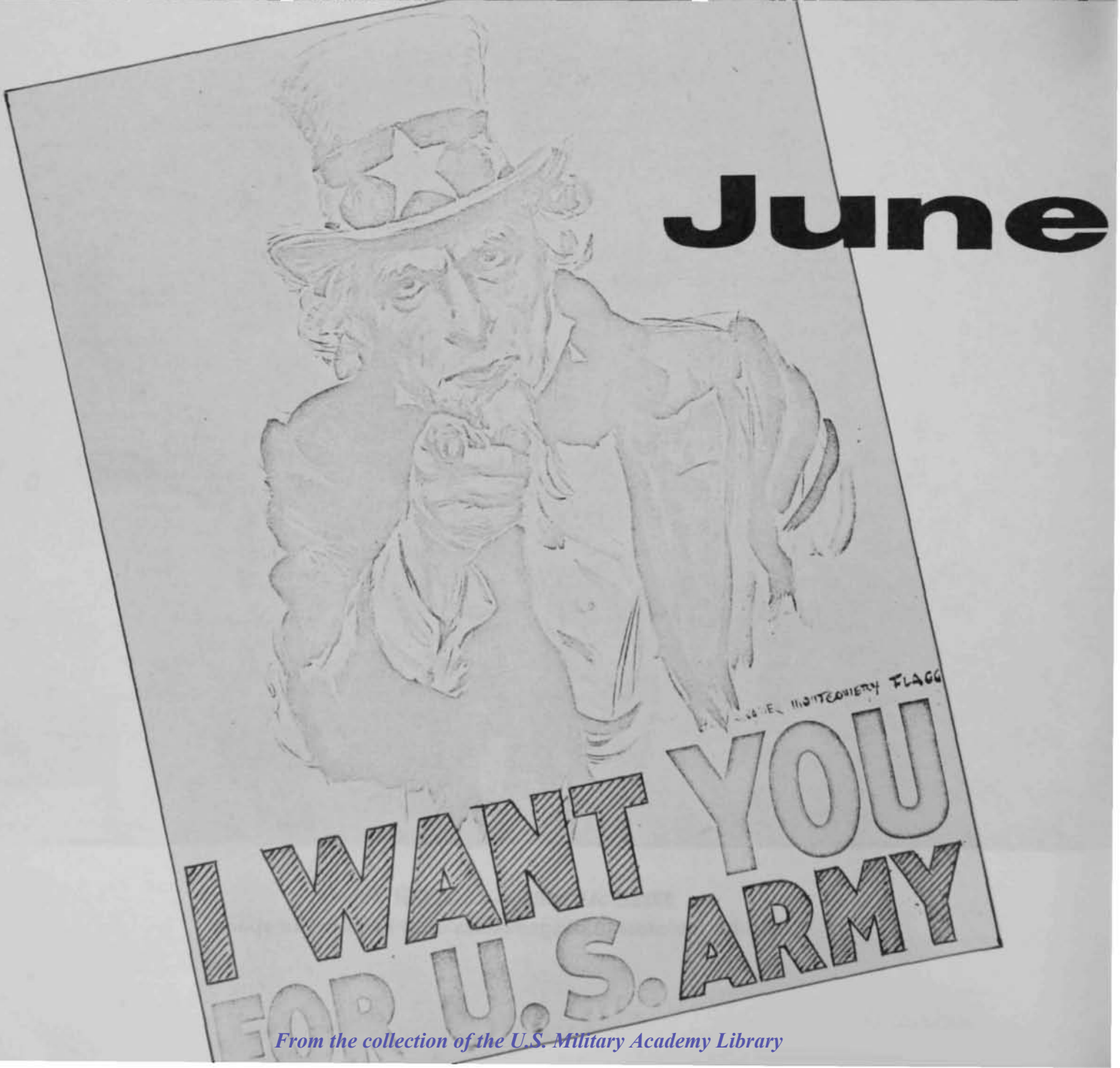
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West Pointers again
etch their names beside those
of history's great explorers - Columbus,
Balboa, Magellan, daGama, and Byrd...



BUZZ ALDRIN — Class of 1951
"may be the most intelligent man ever to travel in space"

The meeting and greeting began at signing-in on 28 May.





General Koster '42, Superintendent, greets Colonel Merry, 1899, while Colonel Kelly, 1899, looks on. Merry and Kelly set the tone and pace for June Week 1969.

Week 1969

FOR the 700 graduates of the eleven reunion classes it was June Week in May with July temperatures keyed to the surname of the oldest grad—Merry. For the graduates who returned to their Alma Mater on Wednesday, 28 May, there were also new sights and strange sounds mingled with enthusiastic greetings of classmates, many who had not seen each other since their graduation day.

It was the midway point in the Academy's expansion program, and the Washington Hall-Barracks complex immediately stood out as a visual sign of progress, while the strange sounds of a metal ball crushing parts of old Central and North Areas and the blasting for the new Academic Building across from Grant Hall lent evidence of continual development underway.

Colonel Merry from MacAllen, Texas, and Colonel Kelly of Buffalo, New York, celebrating their Seventieth Reunion, set a rapid pace for their juniors to follow. Adding a daylong tour and Academy briefings to the heavy social and official schedule, the two members of the Class of 1899 earned the admiration of graduates one and all.

Danford '04 and the Classes of 1909 and 1914 equalled the happy and quick tempo of Merry and Kelly. The Golden Anniversary Class of 1919, the largest contingent

to return, gained cohesion immediately, occupying the Thayer Hotel and threatening to take over the USMA Headquarters for five days, an idea that, at the time, must have appealed to the Superintendent.

All the five-year reunion classes, from 1899 to 1949, displayed the gayety characteristic of West Point class reunions that springs forward spontaneously at the meetings and greetings during signing-in time and gathers momentum as events progress. The cocktail, picnic, and dinner circuit reached a peak on Wednesday afternoon and evening, and generated a crescendo for subsequent days.

Thursday was the traditional Alumni Day, and after the Association's Board of Trustees' meeting, the old grads fell in and marched to the ceremonies honoring Father Thayer at the site of the old hotel. The *Alma Mater* and *The Corps* coupled with crisp commands stirred memories of the past while the ninety-seven degree heat almost matched by the humidity led an old grad to proclaim: "It's more like the first of July, the day I entered."

There were remarkably few fallouts, however, as the grads moved to the Plain to take the Corps Review. Expansion of the Corps then became evident. "When they started marching the whole Plain seemed to be covered with moving cadets—a sight to behold."



General Eddleman '24, President of the Association of Graduates (left), and Colonel Horace M. Brown Jr., Secretary of the Association (right) flank the Superintendent, General Koster, as he answers questions for the Board of Trustees.



After the Review, about seven hundred alumni entered the enlarged Washington Hall for the luncheon and the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates with five hundred ladies adjourning to the West Point Army Mess.

General Clyde D. Eddleman '24, re-elected President of the Association for a second term, reviewed the accomplishments of the past year and pledged that "the Association will continue to do its utmost to be of service to its members as well as fulfilling its primary mission of supporting the Academy in all its endeavors." On behalf of the Association he expressed appreciation "for the fine support which has been given us by the Superintendent, his staff, and the Military Academy" and thanked the

members of the Board of Trustees "who have given so generously of their time and effort." The President also complimented the Alumni for their expression of confidence and said that he looked forward to their continuing support in years ahead.

General Koster in an informative talk discussed the status of the Academy at the midway point of its expansion covering in detail steps taken to ensure continuing progress in the Admissions, Academic, and Military Training Programs. He noted that although we have progressed in all areas, there is still a long way to go in the construction program, and he closed by stating that self evaluation and improvement were the keynotes for the Military Academy.

That evening more than eleven hundred attended the Superintendent's Reception and Dinner-Dance ending a day of formal and pleasant activities. Table hopping, hand shaking, and dancing combined with avoiding water corporal and the other duties associated with a cadet-style meal climaxed a day that revived memories of an older day.

Friday, Memorial Day, provided free time and full time for class activities. Classes paid tribute at the West Point Cemetery to their members who have joined the Long Gray Line. Then, they turned to informal and formal gatherings marked by the bonds of friendship and mutual respect shared by the Academy's classmates and graduates.

On Saturday, the cadets, parents, and friends began to celebrate their June Week activities joined by the remaining, determined alumni who stayed to see part of the ARMY's success against Navy.

On Wednesday, 4 June 1969, the third largest class in the Academy's history graduated with ninety-nine per cent as members of the Association. General William C. Westmoreland, Class of 1936 and former Superintendent,

The Alumni on the march with Eddleman '24, Merry 1899, and Koster '42 leading the column.

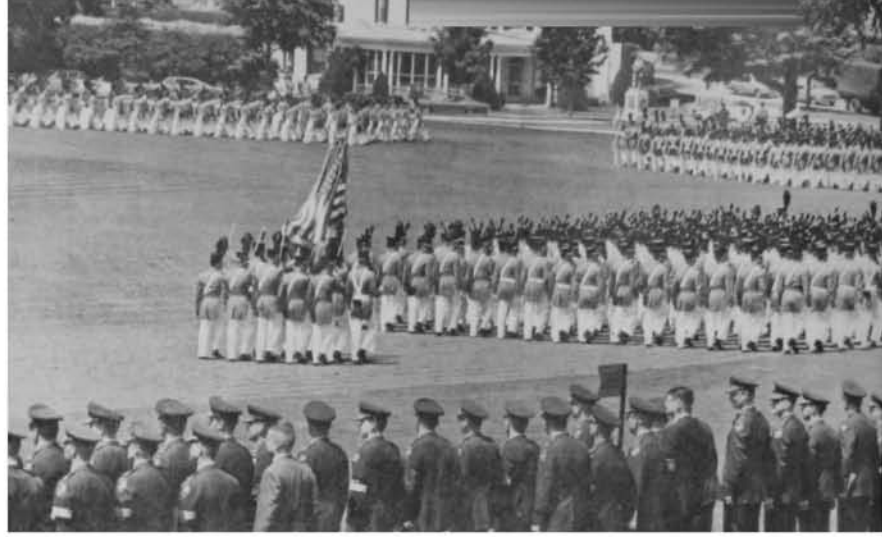


The Thayer Ceremony. The **Alma Mater** and **The Corps** mixed with crisp commands stirred memories.



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Signs of Expansion. Moving cadets filled the Plain.



spoke to the Class of 1969, the Corps, and 10,000 parents and friends. The Army's Chief of Staff at the climax of his graduation address returned General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower's ring to his beloved West Point.

General Westmoreland told the class that it faced an "enormous spectrum" of present and future challenges. But he also looked at the historic past of the Academy, to the day in 1915 that General Eisenhower graduated.

"Fifty-four years ago, General Eisenhower reversed his ring on graduation—just as you will today—so that the Academy crest was facing his heart, symbolizing his acceptance of the full heritage of West Point. He wore it proudly . . . throughout a lifetime of service to his country. Today, General Eisenhower's ring, worn by time and responsibility, returns to West Point," General Westmoreland said.

General Westmoreland used the graduation ceremonies to pay tribute to General Eisenhower and also used the life of the former President as an example to the new officers.

"His life of dedication to his country illustrates the qualities of leadership which we must have in today's world of unparalleled challenge. It demonstrates the need for leaders who can rise to a challenge," he said.

"Each of you has the capability to meet head-on the profound challenges of today and tomorrow," General Westmoreland told the graduates. "You too are destined to serve and contribute to the welfare of your country."

Cadet H. J. von Kaenel, a Rhodes Scholarship recipient, son of Colonel (Ret) and Mrs. Howard E. von Kaenel, ranked first in General Order of Merit—the second successive year that a Colonel's son achieved the highest ranking in his class. Cadet First Captain and Brigade Commander R. L. Baldwin Jr. received the Association of Graduate's Award for excelling in all fields of endeavor.



The annual luncheon and Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates.



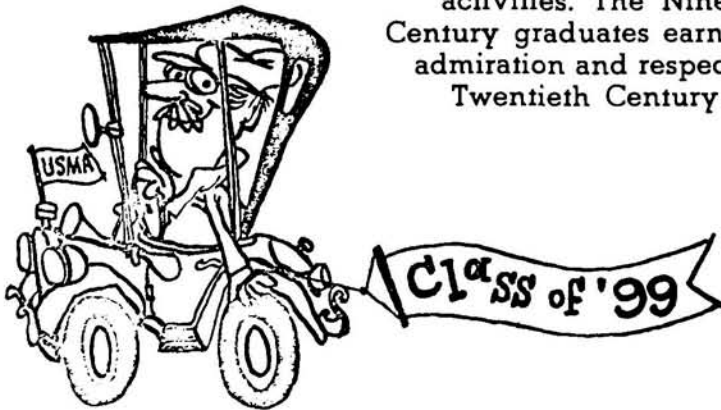
The Superintendent's Reception and Dinner, including a surprised winner.

REUNION CLASSES

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IT WAS Merry and Kelly, celebrating their Seventieth Reunion with their wives, who set the happy tone and quick pace for June Week 1969. Arriving at West Point before most returnees, they added a full day of briefings and tours to the scheduled events and led the way in all activities. The Nineteenth Century graduates earned the admiration and respect of all Twentieth Century grads.



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GENERAL DANFORD returned to his Alma Mater once again, this time as the only member of '04. "Mr. West Point," the oldest graduate to return the preceding year, followed in the footsteps of Merry and Kelly, Class of 1899. A former Commandant of Cadets, originator of the Academy's **Register of Graduates**, and President of the West Point Alumni Foundation, General Danford has contributed immeasurably to the furtherance of the Military Academy and the Association of Graduates. On behalf of all graduates, ASSEMBLY salutes General Danford on his ninetieth birthday, 7 July 1969.



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THE SIXTIETH Reunion of the Class of 1909 brought Bluemel, Catron, Devers, Farman, Gage, Harding, Plasmeyer, Simpson, Stokely, Thummel, and Van Deusen together. A group that seemed to thrive without sleep, '09 turned to nocturnal, impromptu gatherings that became the envy of the younger graduates at Cullum Hall. Early for all formations and proud of the fact that seven of the eleven attained general officer rank, they climaxed their Reunion with a formal dinner-party at the West Point Army Mess.



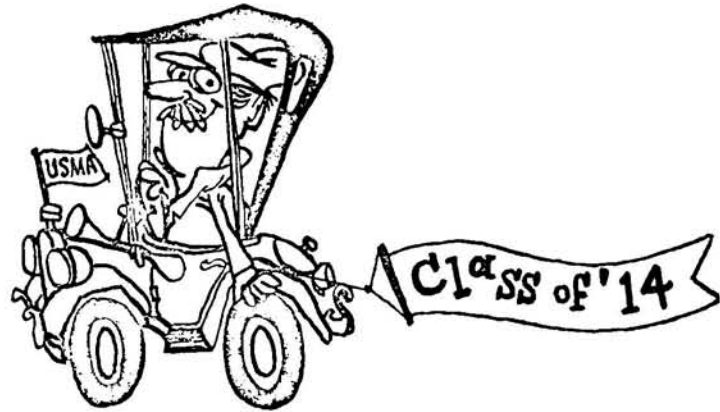
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"THE CLASS of '14 gets my congrats. They are the liveliest bunch in the world. Sharing a Division with them was an experience." The tribute to class stamina by a member of the Class of 1938 gains in stature when viewed in light of the remark that "Alumni Day was a steaming hot one, but when those who were staying in barracks returned to their rooms, the steam radiators were going full blast." The unexcelled class spirit coupled with the excellent arrangements by Charlie Gross and his hospitality made 1914's Fifty-fifth Reunion a party from beginning to end. The spirit of the Class also was displayed by nineteen of forty living grads attending, twelve with wives. And the Class elected Tooy Spatz as President to lead them in future successes.



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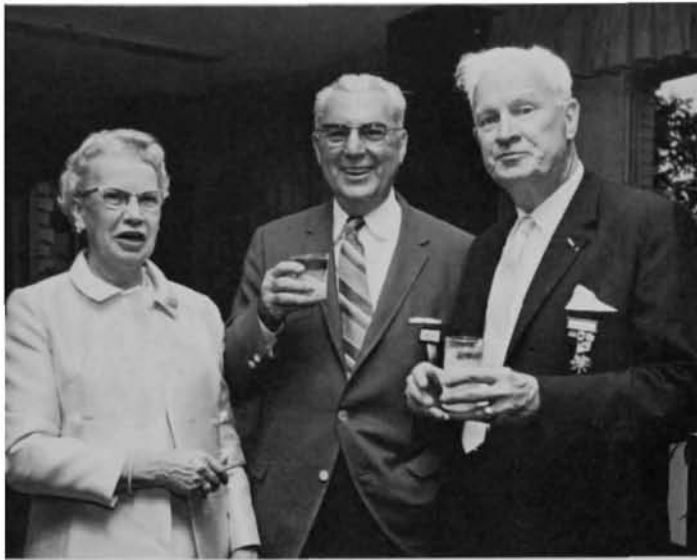




ASSEMBLY OF the largest 1969 reunion group was accomplished at the Thayer Hotel on the afternoon of 28 May. The Golden Anniversary Class seized the Thayer Hotel and threatened to take over the Academy. With a total of more than two hundred participants—graduates, wives, widows, and ex-cadets—they initiated activities with a cocktail-buffet at the Thayer, featured five full generals, displayed themselves prominently at all affairs, and climaxed their celebration with a class picnic at the Golf Club. Ted Meyer of Cornwall received a vote of thanks for arranging the smooth-running and busy reunion.



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THE THUNDERING HERD's Forty-fifth Reunion brought together one hundred and thirty-six classmates, wives, and widows plus some children. The largest group gathered at Howard Johnson's in Newburgh, but chartered bus service "made the going great." Glasgow, Tracy, and MacCloskey—roommates for all four cadet years—walked across the Plain for the first time in forty-five years, typifying the rare and pleasant experience of encountering and visiting classmates. The Herd took pride in classmate Clyde Eddleman, again being elected President of the Association of Graduates, and Jim Moore becoming a Vice-President. And they celebrated on and off post, a radical change from their cadet days.



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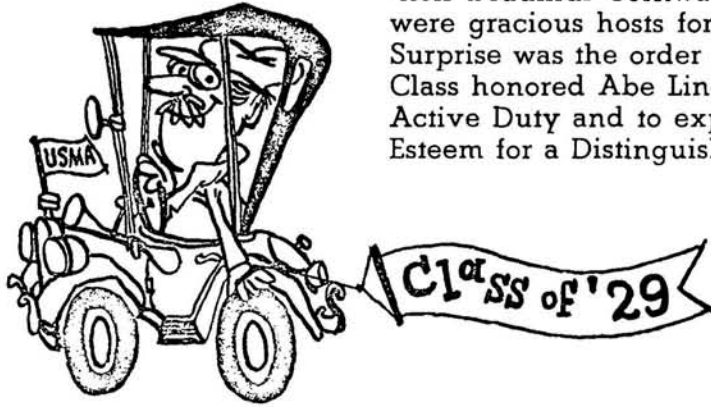
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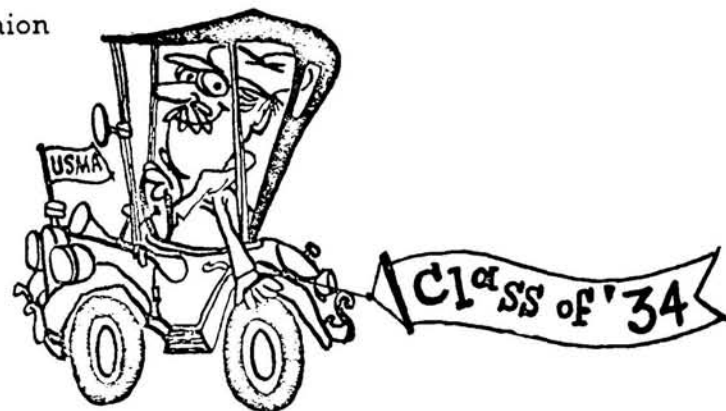
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RENATE VAN BIBBER came all the way from Germany and Myles Brewster from England to participate in 1929's Fortieth Reunion. Contingents from the West Coast, Texas, and Arizona swelled the number of returnees to almost eighty classmates, most with their wives. With Abe Lincoln's departure from West Point for his high post in Washington, Lank de Riemer filled the breach by hosting a cocktail party at the Golf Club on Wednesday night. The closeness of the Class and the generosity of its members was evident also as Tom and Renée Sands entertained at a luncheon at "Sengen," their beautiful Cornwall home, and Ed and Alice Lasher were gracious hosts for cocktails preceding the class dinner. Surprise was the order of the day at the dinner as the Class honored Abe Lincoln as "the last Classmate to serve on Active Duty and to express our Pride, Admiration, and Esteem for a Distinguished Officer and Illustrious Graduate."





THE CLASS OF 1934 extended a vote of thanks to Jack Renfro and Bob Finkenaur and an enthusiastic group of class sons acting as aides for an enjoyable reunion that moved like clockwork. A total of one hundred and six attended—including classmates, wives, children, widows, and class aides, and their wives—the majority billeted at the Holiday Inn at Newburgh. Highlights of the reunion were the cocktail party at the Renfro's with the unequalled Hudson River view and the class picnic on 30 May at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond. Cy Betts provided a special treat with a collection of historic movies of cadet days and still shots of '34 throughout the years.



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UNDER THE ABLE guidance of Frank Kobes, the fellowship of the Class of '39 was long, loud, and rather wet. The bulk of the returnees—ninety-one classmates, most accompanied by their wives—stayed at Harriman Travelers Lodge over the hill in Central Valley, an area that revived memories of the Plebe Hike, Cavalry Hike, and summer maneuvers. Wednesday night they gathered at Round Pond for renewing friendships and enjoying a steak-picnic. Thursday the scene changed to Frank Kobes' back yard for cocktails, and Friday the atmosphere again shifted to the dinner-dance at Stewart Field. "The memories of the best years that will be relived so many times by each of you this week also will be in our thoughts here in Vietnam . . .," part of the Mildren, Ewell, Bradley message capsulizes the enjoyable but fast pace set by '39.





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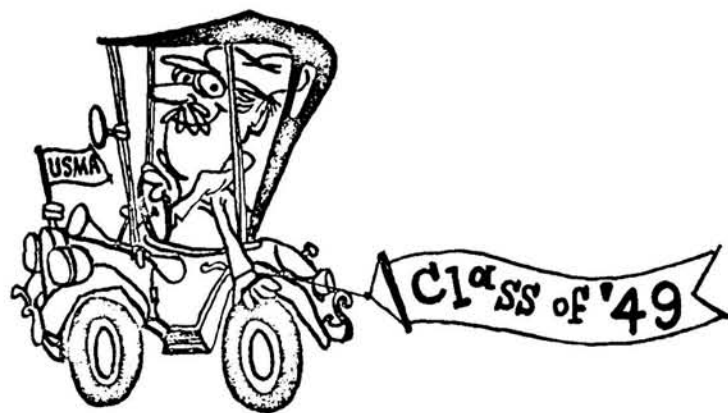


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HARD TO FIND on their own game hunt, '44 warmed up at the West Point Army Mess, headed south for their outstanding social event—a fabulous picnic given by Bill Bingham and Dick McPherson at Bill's place in West Nyack, and moved north to Stewart Field for dinner. Pinned down at West Nyack, they posed momentarily for a gay, informal picture, then proceeded with more serious activities where after awhile some did not know their fronts from their backs.





THE JUNIOR REUNION class gathered ninety-five classmates and eighty wives for an action packed four-day Twentieth. 49er events intermeshed with scheduled functions and included a picnic at Mine Lake, a garden cocktail party at Joe Steffy's, a picnic at Constitution Island and a formal class dinner. They paused only for a group shot and another at Constitution Island.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

AFTER the Alumni Luncheon in Washington Hall on 29 May, the President of the Association of Graduates, Eddleman '24, called to order the 1969 Annual Meeting. Six hundred and eighty-eight members were present.

The President introduced graduates from the older classes by class and name and had the reunion classes stand in order of priority.

In his report of the Association's business and activities last year, Eddleman said that 847 graduates and 14 ex-cadets joined the Association, including 99 per cent participation by the Class of 1969. He reported that 174 graduates were lost by death, 27 of whom died in Vietnam and that the Academy has 19,745 living graduates, over 96 per cent as Association members.

He then expressed the regrets of Colonel George Houle, Class of 1893, Williamstown, Massachusetts, who was unable to attend the meeting but sent his best wishes to all graduates and to Colonel William T. Merry who occupied his place of honor.

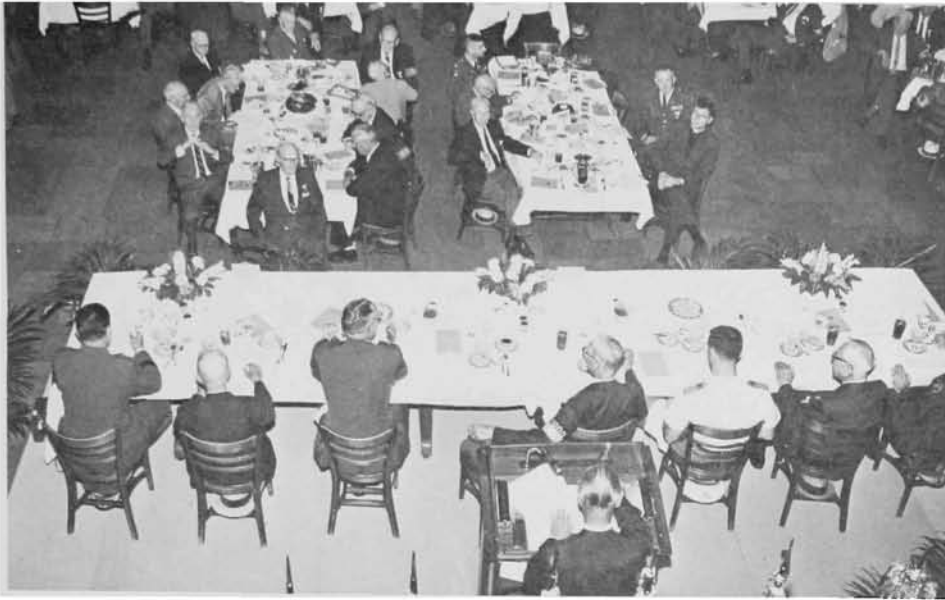
He told the graduates that during the past fiscal year 2,410 donors contributed more than \$60,200 to meet general operating expenditures and the total contributed to the Douglas MacArthur Memorial Fund was \$174,416.03 with the dedication planned for early September—a complete financial statement is included in this issue of ASSEMBLY.

In reviewing the Association's annual activities the President noted the following: the successful and enjoyable 1968 June Week; the June Week repeat during Homecoming 1968 for the junior classes including a thrilling football game in which ARMY defeated California; the 100 celebrations commemorating the 167th Birthday of our Alma Mater; an increase of one West Point Society for a total of 67; the presentation of the Thayer Award on 15 May to the Honorable Dean Rusk—scholar, soldier, statesman, and staunch supporter of the Armed Forces; the Association's award for the six best cadet essays and to the graduating cadet who excelled in all fields of endeavor; and the growth in stature and circulation of ASSEMBLY magazine.

General Eddleman pledged that "Through these and other activities, the Association will continue to do its utmost to be of service to its members as well as fulfilling its primary mission of supporting the Academy in all of

its endeavors." He expressed appreciation for the fine support by the Superintendent, his staff, and the Military Academy and to the Board of Trustees of the Association.

The President introduced the Superintendent, Koster '42, who welcomed the returning alumni. He said that he thought the 50-Year-Class USMA 1919 was going to take over his headquarters, and he humorously replied that he wished they would. He remarked that he knew that returning Alumni had noted the many physical changes at the Military Academy and stated that the Military Academy was about midway in the expansion program undertaken in 1965. On the Admissions program, he spoke of the need to continue the flow of high quality candidates; the competition from the other colleges providing scholarships to top high school graduates and the ROTC scholarships; the increase of cadet speakers to high schools this year over those of last year, from 211 cadets to 255 high schools to 615 cadets to 2,100 high schools; the increase in District Representatives the past year, to 317 from 200; the new film with improved narrative available for admissions use; the Barron's report on USMA sent to 2,600 high schools and all West Point Societies; the improved testing of candidates; and the nominations which go vacant, approximately 6,000 this year including approximately 100 each from cities such as New York, Chicago, and Detroit. On the academic program, he spoke of the progress with the changes begun ten years ago; the flexibility of the academic program with its electives; the appeal of the academic programs to young men; the good evaluation report received from the college accreditation group which evaluated USMA; and noted that changes for improvement would be continued. On training, he spoke of the basic training for the Plebe Class, the Yearling training at Camp Buckner for "hands on equipment" and small unit training; and the training of the Second and First Classmen to be leaders making special note of the Army orientation training (AOT) with all but ten per cent going to Regular Army units, that ten per cent to Training Centers, and added that 300 of the AOT trainees would be going to Europe. On the construction program, he covered the completion and moves into the Washington Hall complex; the new academic building under construction; the action on the Cadet Activities Building, presently in the Fiscal Year 1970 budget; the Michie Stadium expansion to be completed by the beginning of the football season; the access road pro-



General Eddleman '24, President of the Association of Graduates, addresses the members at the Annual Meeting on 29 May 1969.

gram; noted that although we have progressed, we still have a long way to go in the construction area. The Superintendent closed by stating that self evaluation and improvement were the keynotes for the Military Academy and by thanking the Alumni for their assistance.

The President thanked Koster for his fine talk to the Alumni.

The President recognized representatives from 1934 and 1939, who announced contributions to the Superintendent's Fund. Gifts are not closed and presently amount to \$1,744.00 (for 1934) and \$4,243.00 (for 1939). The President made mention that other classes such as his own (1924) and the 50-Year-Class (1919) had asked the Superintendent for projects to consider for their contributions.

The President called on Jannarone '38, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to present the new slate of officers and trustees and conduct the vote. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. Jannarone called for a vote, and the entire slate was unanimously approved by all members present.

The President accepted his election and expressed his aims as follows:

"I consider it a great honor to be retained by my fellow members of the Association of Graduates as President for another term. I hope to use the experience gained during my first term to more fully benefit the Association.

"A major area in which I will strive to effect improvement is the financial status of the Association.

"You have received our annual fund raising letter for operations expenses sent out in April over General Gruenther's signature. Many of you have already responded, and we hope to hear from a sufficient number of other members to meet our anticipated deficit.

"In our fund raising letter, you noted that a portion of our operating expense money comes from the dividends and interest from our Endowment Fund which presently has a book value of slightly over one million dollars. I think that the Association needs an Endowment Fund of five (5) million dollars and intends to strive toward that goal.

"When our goal of five million is achieved, from the dividends and interest, we should be able to take care of the operating needs of the Association and provide grants to assist the Superintendent in meeting his needs. At that time all contributions coming to the Association can go directly into the Endowment Fund.

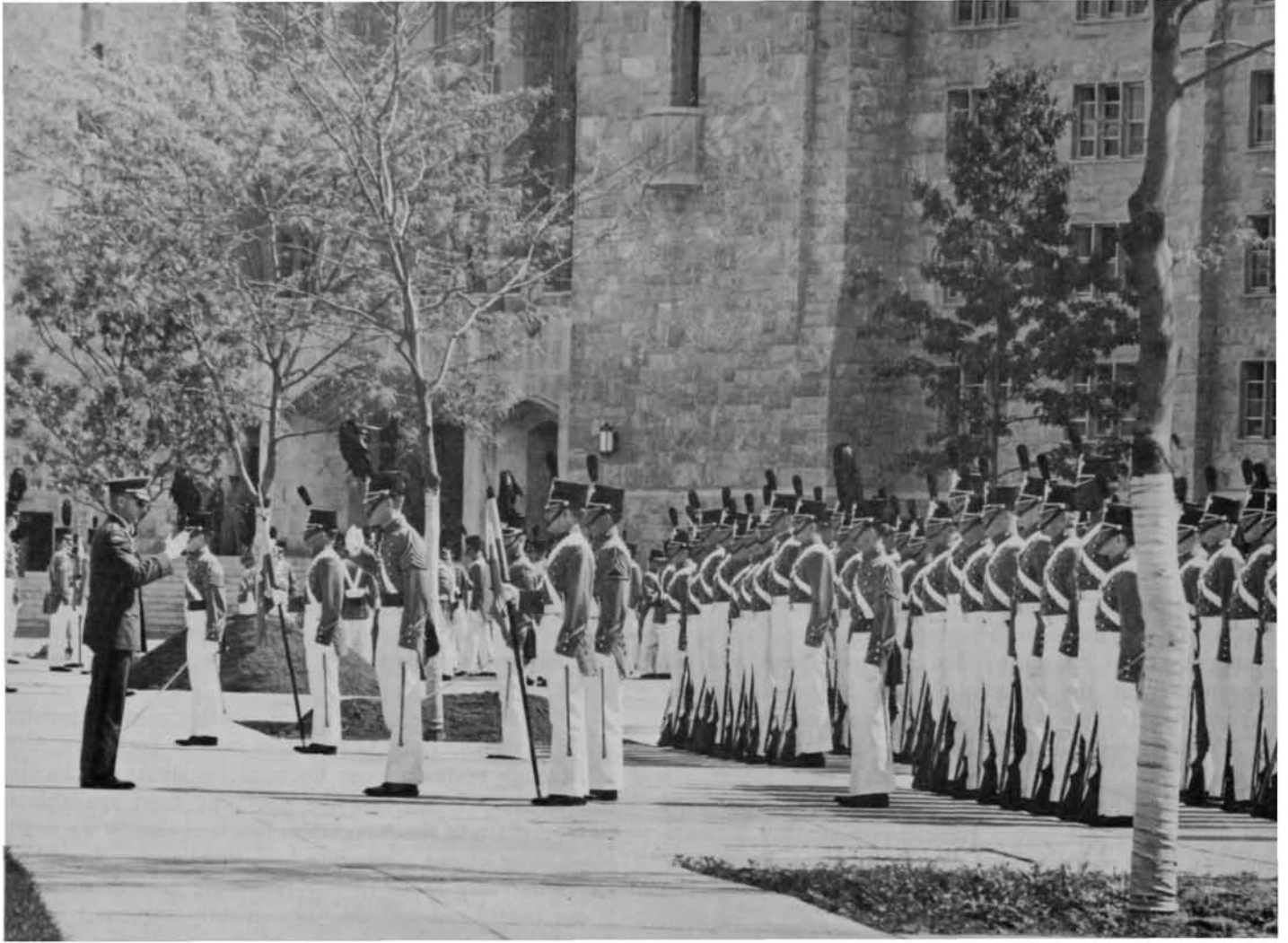
"I will be calling on many of our members and others for assistance in this project. The ultimate aim is a strong and virulent Association of Graduates in support of our Alma Mater.

"On 21 April, we had a joint meeting of the Executive and Endowment Fund Committees in New York City. After a thorough review of our financial situation, we decided that in order to increase the operating fund available to run the affairs of the Association that temporarily we would place more of our assets into high yielding bonds without sacrificing very much of our promising growth stocks. It is our considered opinion, subsequently approved by the Board of Trustees, that we should also at this time, without damage to our principal, have authority to make use of up to five per cent of our capital appreciation, if necessary, to help cover the expense of administering our Association. Under our Constitution, this change requires approval vote by two-thirds of the members of the Association present at an annual meeting. With this in view, I wish to introduce the able chairman of our Endowment Fund Committee, McDonald, Class of '20, to further explain what we have in mind."

McDonald '20 amplified the President's comments on the Endowment Fund. He stated that the income from the Endowment Fund at present time was approximately \$40,000 annually. He went over the recent suggestion that had been made to improve income by investment in high yielding bonds. He indicated the suggestion had been reviewed and that feasible action had been taken but that the general feeling was that with inflation and depreciation of the dollar we should not invest too heavily in bonds but in stocks. He stated that there should be an approved procedure for the Executive Committee to draw on the capital appreciation of the Endowment Fund for operating expenses should the need arise and offered the following resolution which was approved by voice vote:

"Resolved that the Executive Committee in their discretion be authorized to withdraw annually up to five per cent of the Endowment Fund from capital appreciation in order to cover operating expenses of the Association of Graduates, USMA, should the need arise."

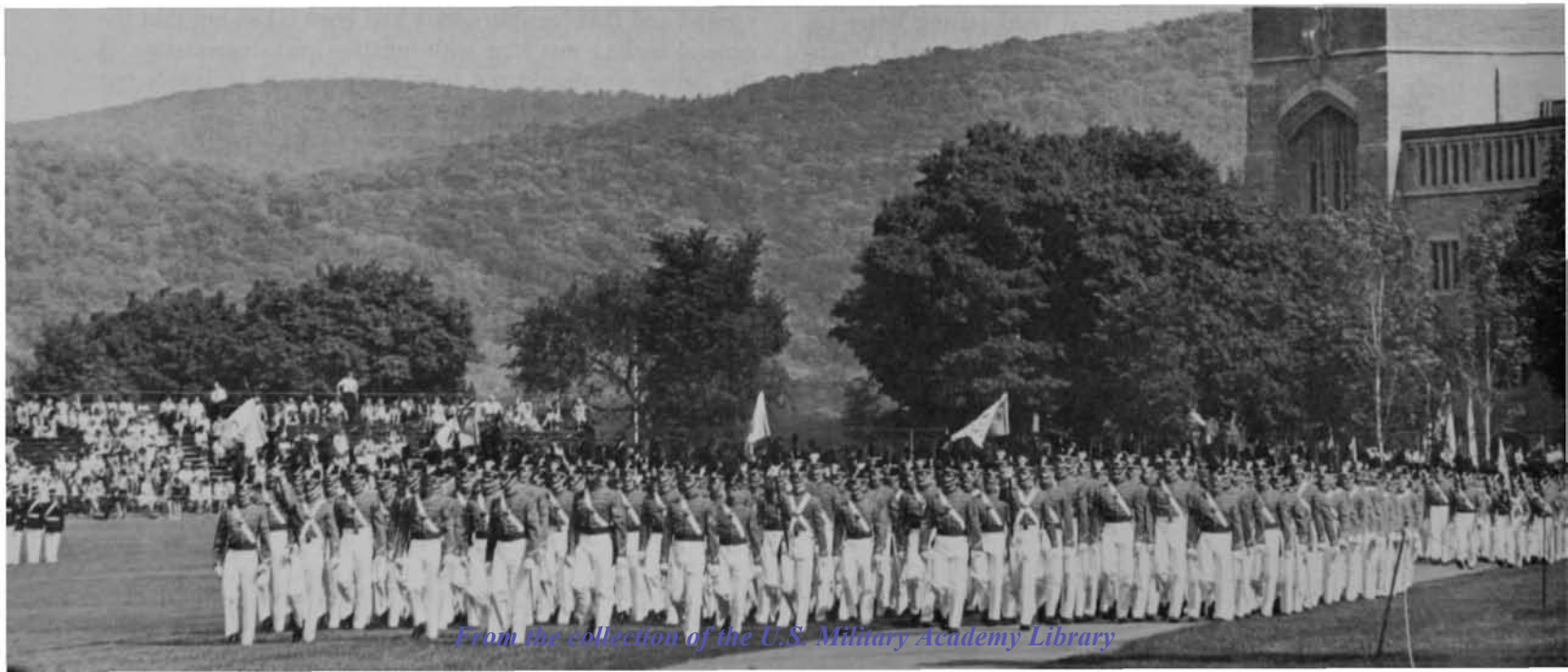
The President again thanked the Alumni for their expression of confidence and stated that he looked forward to their continued support in the years ahead.



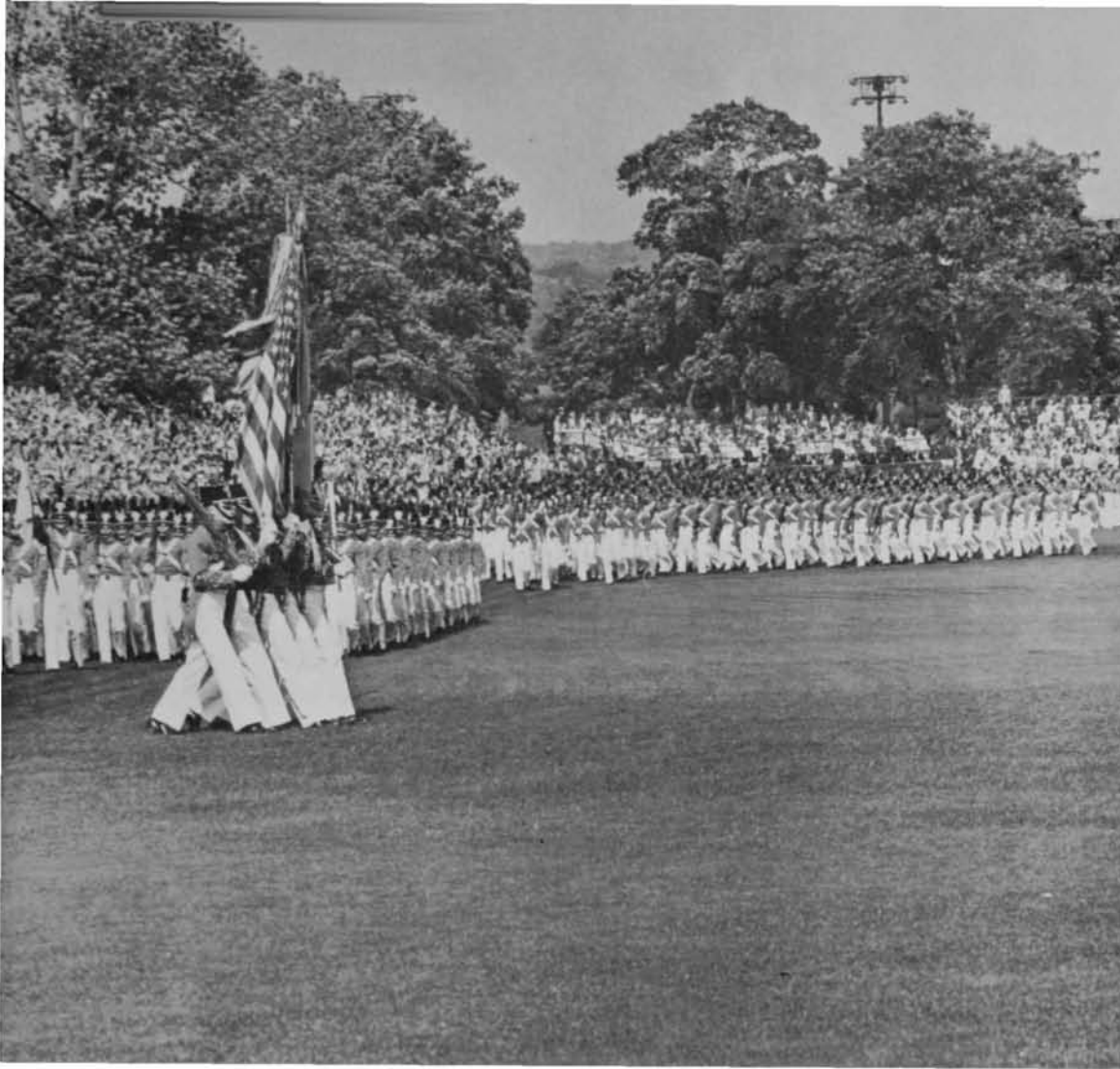
The Class of 1969 receives final instructions and congratulations.

Graduation Parade 1969

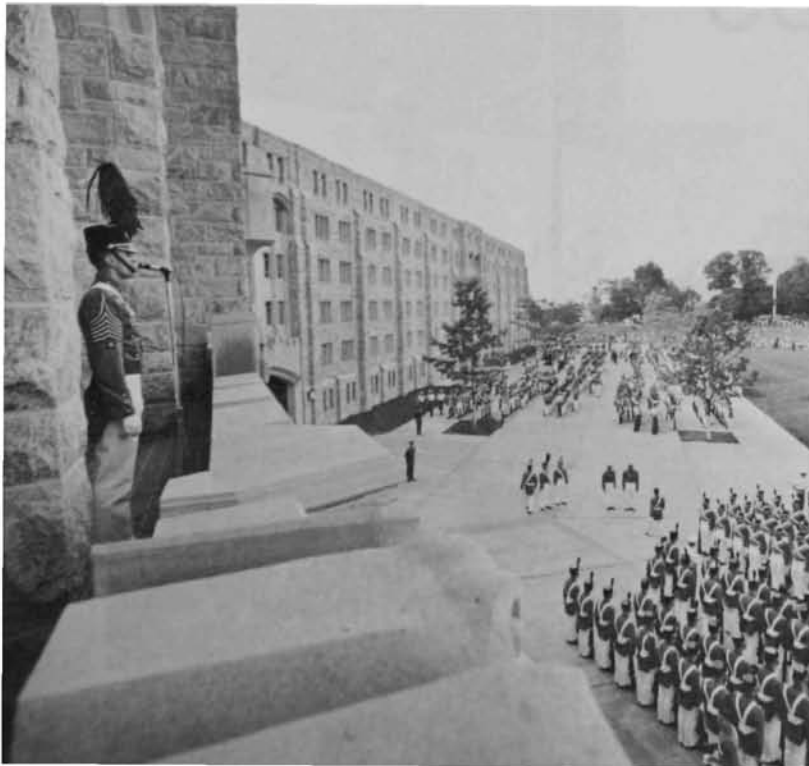
The route of march to Graduation Parade.



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The final parade in honor of the Class of 1969.



Brigade Commander Robert H. Baldwin Jr. delivers the order to recognize the Fourth Class.

General and Mrs. Bernard W. Rogers share the joy of recognition.

SUMMER 1969

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Recognition 1969



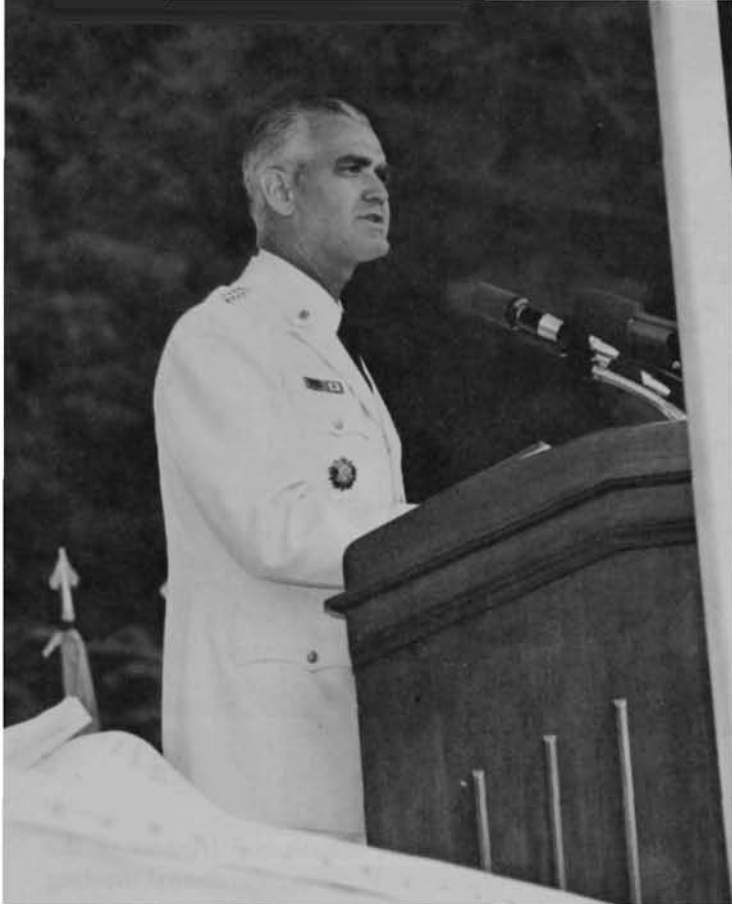


Recognition: The happiness that occurs once in a lifetime.

Graduation 1969



One of the largest crowds in history, ten thousand parents and friends attended the graduation of the third largest class to graduate, eight hundred strong.



General William C. Westmoreland, the Army's Chief of Staff and the Academy's forty-fifth Superintendent, delivered the Graduation address and brought General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower's ring back home to his Alma Mater.

Major General Samuel W. Koster, the Superintendent, presents a diploma to Howard J. von Kaenel, first in General Order of Merit and recipient of nineteen awards. Von Kaenel received a Rhodes Scholarship and will attend Oxford after a volunteer-tour in Vietnam.



Happiness. Philip Delano Brant the last in the class.



A graduate's reward.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES 1969



Clyde D. Eddleman '24



Wedemeyer '19

President

A SLATE OF EIGHTEEN graduates to serve as officers and trustees of the Association of Graduates was elected unanimously during the annual meeting of the Association at West Point on 29 May.

General Clyde D. Eddleman '24 was elected to a second term as President of the Association.

Five Vice-Presidents were elected from the five-year reunion classes returning for June Week this year—'19, '24, '29, '34, and '39.

The twelve newly elected Trustees span classes from '15 to '50.

The President and five Vice-Presidents are elected for one-year terms or until successors are elected. The Trustees serve for three years.

The Association's annual meeting was held in Washington Hall following the Alumni Luncheon.

Clyde D. Eddleman '24—General, USA Ret; G3, Sixth Army, World War II; CG, 4th Inf Div; Cndt, AWC; DCS/OPS, DA; CG, Seventh Army; CinC USAREUR; Vice C/S. Currently: Director and Consultant, UMC Industries Inc. Home: Washington, D.C.

Albert C. Wedemeyer '19—General, USA Ret; WDGS, World War II; DCS, SE Asia Cmd; CG, US Forces China; Dir, P&O Div; GSUSA; CG, Sixth Army. Currently: Writing memoirs and preparation of books on strategy and observations in the Far East. Home: Maryland.

James E. Moore '24—General, USA Ret; CG 10th Div, Ft. Riley; Cndt AWC; CG USARYIS/IX Corps and High Comm; DCS/Mil Ops DA; CS SHAPE. Currently: Consultant, Research Analysis Corp, McLean, Va. Home: Arlington, Va.

Frederic H. Smith Jr. '29—General, USAF Ret; ODOS/O; CG, EADF, Stewart AFB; Vice CG, ADC, Ent AFB; CinC, USAF in Europe; Vice C/S, USAF. Currently: Consultant, Ryan Aeronautical Company and Continental Motors Corp. Home: Washington, D.C.

Austin W. Betts '34—Lt. Gen., USA; Engr, 14th AF, China-Burma-India Theatre, World War II; R&D Sec, OACS/G4; R&D Bd, OCSA; AEC. Currently: Chief of Research and Development, DA. Home: Fort Myer, Va.

Frank J. Kobes Jr. '39—Colonel, USA; Bn XO and CO, 15th Inf 3d Div, NATO and Sicily; Ret for disability 1946, Lt. Col.; Asst Comdt Valley Forge Military Academy; Active Duty, Dept of Tactics, USMA 1951. Currently: Professor, USMA, and Director of Physical Education (Master of the Sword). Home: West Point, N.Y.

Omar N. Bradley '15—General of the Army; Cndt Inf School; CG 82d and 28th Divs; CG II Corps Mediterranean Theatre; CG First Army, 12th Army Group, European Theatre; Admr, VA, Washington, D.C.; C/S Army; Chairman JCS. Currently: Chairman of the Board of Bulova Watch Company, Inc.; President, The George C. Marshall Research Foundation. Home: Beverly Hills, Calif.

Charles E. Saltzman '25—Maj. Gen., AUS Ret; Rhodes Scholar;

NGNY; Dpty C/S 5th Army and 15th Army Group; Asst Secy of State; Under Secy of State for Admin. Currently: General Partner, Goldman, Sachs & Co.; member, Board of Managers, Seamen's Church Institute of N.Y.; Board of Trustees, Brearley School; member, English Speaking Union of the U.S. (past nation President). Home: New York City!

Emmett O'Donnell Jr. '28—General, USAF Ret; CO, 14th Bb Sq 19th Cp PI; HQ AAF; CG, 15th AF March AFB; CG, FEAF Bb Cmd, Korean War; DCS/P; CinC Pac Air Fcs, Hickam AFB, HI. Currently: President, USO, Inc.; serves on Board of Directors of several corporations, affiliated with various other companies as Consultant. Home: McLean, Va.

James Q. Brett '30—Ret for disability 1934; Dir, San Francisco Real Estate Bd; member, Board of Governors, Bay Area Council; Dir and regional Vice-President, National Society of Industrial Realtors; member, Board of Governors, West Point Society of the San Francisco Bay Area; member, US Dept of Commerce Real Estate Trade Mission to Europe. Currently: Senior Vice-President and Director, Coldwell, Banker & Company. Trustee, Association of Graduates, 1966 to date. Home: Hillsborough, Calif.

John H. Murrell '30—Ret for disability 1934; Petroleum Administration for Defense and Petroleum Administration for War, missions to Mexico and to Middle East; member, State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers; "Distinguished Lecturer," School of Petroleum Engineering, University of Texas. Trustee, Association of Graduates, 1957 to date. Currently: Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer, DeGolyer and MacNaughton, Dallas, Tex. Home: Dallas, Tex.

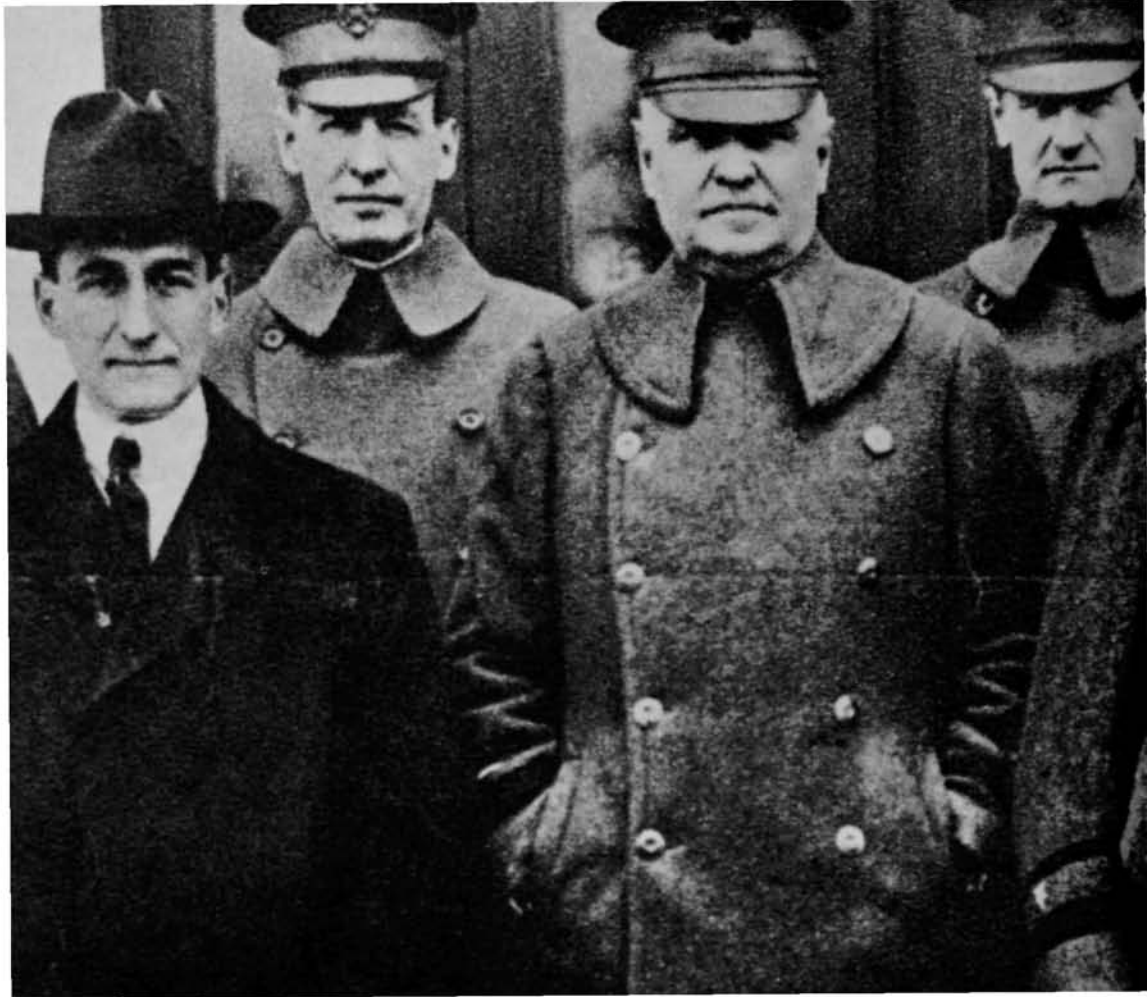
John K. Waters '31—General, USA Ret; CO, 1st Bn 1st Armd Div, European-Mediterranean Theatre; XO 1st AR 1st Armd Div, Mediterranean Theatre; Cndt/Cadets USMA; C/S I Corps, Korean War; CG 4th Armd Div; CG Fifth Army; CG CONARC; CinC ARLANT; CinC AR STRIKE; CinC US Army Pac. (Continued on page 61)

Vice Presidents:



Trustees:





Colonel Wood, an Infantry Commander in the 42d Rainbow Division, with daughters, Anne (left) and Frances, the day before he departed for overseas duty in 1917. General Robert E. Wood (right rear) after returning from duty in France in 1918 to become Acting Quartermaster General. Secretary Newton Baker, left, and General G.W. Goethals, with whom General Wood served during the construction of the Panama Canal.

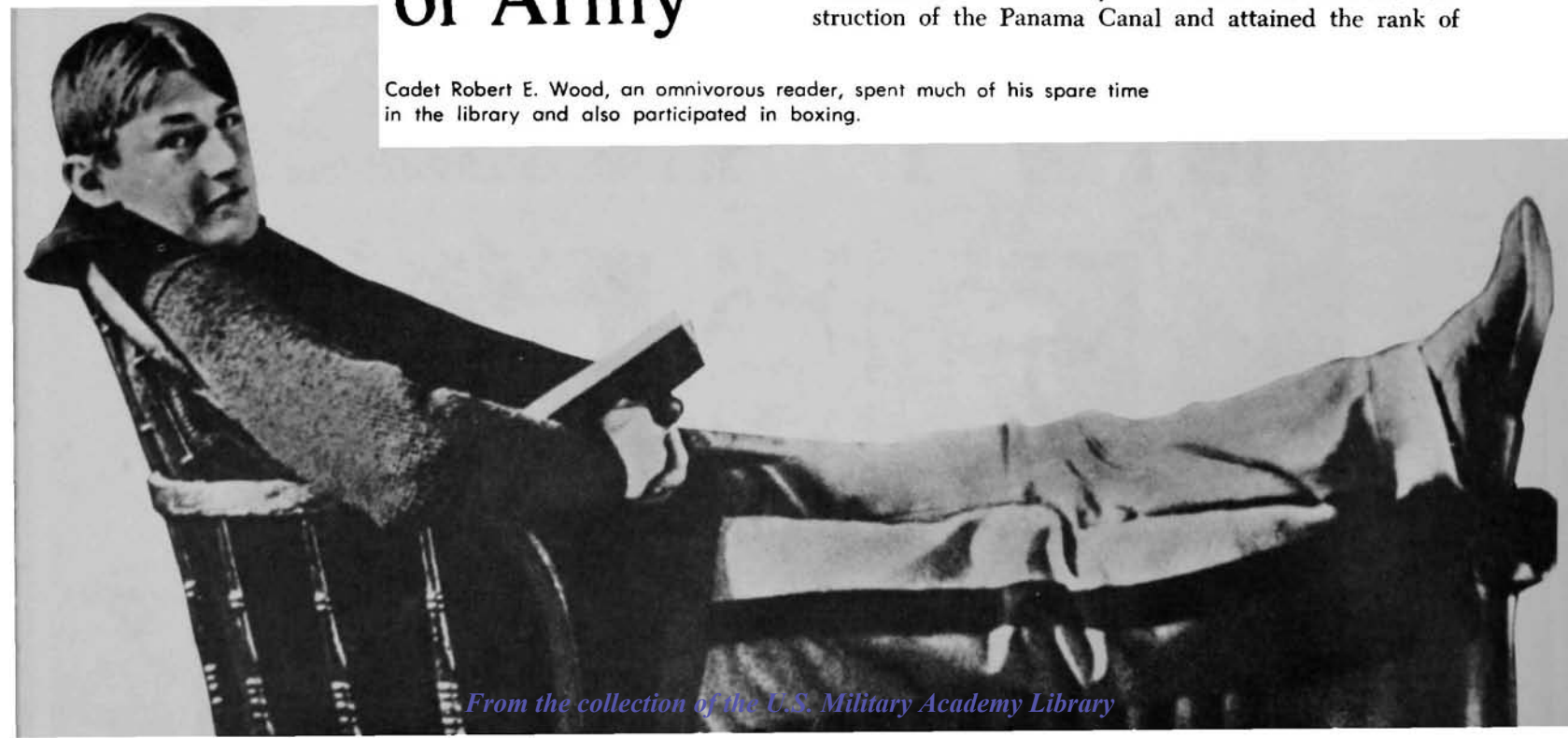
General Robert E. Wood: of Army

ILLUSTRIOUS graduate, distinguished soldier, and world-famous business leader, Robert Elkington Wood celebrated his ninetieth birthday on 13 June 1969.

Graduating from the Academy on his 21st birthday, 13 June 1900, and ranking 13th in the class of 54 cadets, Second Lieutenant Wood first served with the 3d Cavalry including two years' duty in the Philippines.

After a tour as an instructor at the Military Academy, Lieutenant Wood for ten years lent his talents to the construction of the Panama Canal and attained the rank of

Cadet Robert E. Wood, an omnivorous reader, spent much of his spare time in the library and also participated in boxing.





General Wood, Class of 1900, as Chairman of the Chicago Civic Reception Committee, joins Mayor Martin Kennelly in welcoming General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Class of 1903, to Chicago in April 1951.

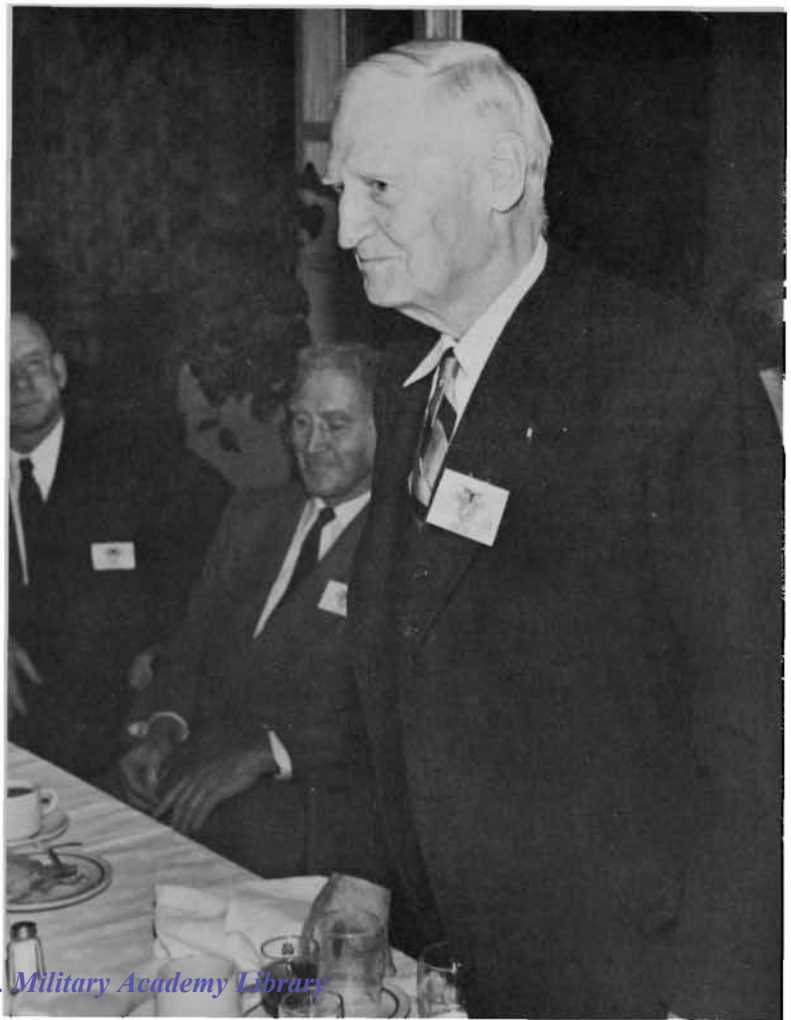
major. Working with Colonel Goethals, Wood demonstrated his remarkable capacity for organization and his almost unlimited endurance under conditions of extreme hardship.

During World War I, Colonel Wood initially served as an Infantry Commander with the 42d Rainbow Division and later as Acting Quartermaster General. He was promoted to Brigadier General at 38 and retired from active duty in 1919.

In 1924, after five years with Montgomery, Ward & Co., General Wood became Vice-President of Sears, Roebuck & Co., where he began to implement many of his brilliant and imaginative business ideas. The company expanded vastly under his leadership. He was elected President of Sears in 1928 and Chairman of the Board in 1939. Retiring from this position in 1954, at age 75, he remained a director of the company until 1968, when he was named the first Honorary Chairman of the Board.

Among General Wood's most significant achievements at Sears was his expansion of the profit-sharing program for the company's employees.

In 1955 General Wood was elected to the Merchandise Mart Hall of Fame, the first man to be so honored during his own lifetime. On behalf of all graduates, ASSEMBLY extends congratulations to an illustrious graduate.



General Wood, an active supporter of USMA affairs, addressing the West Point Society of Chicago.

Cadets rebuilding
a vacuum chamber
evaporator.



by CEDRIC J. ZABRISKIE

THE BIRTH OF A LAB

TO the old grad walking into Room 55, in the basement of Bartlett Hall, a new and different sight appears. Where once stood the bulky A.C. and D.C. electrical machinery used for the old power labs, now stands cadet-installed equipment capable of producing semiconductor diodes and transistors. There are high temperature diffusion furnaces, a vacuum chamber evaporator, a comparator or projection microscope, a complete semiconductor polishing station, and equipment for photo lithography and chemical etching.

This does not sound much like the old "juice" labs at all. In fact, it is the equipment necessary to put the Electrical Engineering Department in step with the latest trends in semiconductor solid state technology. The new lab provides the cadets taking elective courses in Electrical Engineering with the capability of not only making standard semiconductor devices, but also of performing original solid state research-type projects under the supervision of instructors holding advanced degrees in Electrical Engineering.

The equipment was procured to meet the goals of the course offered in Solid State Electronics. The course starts the cadets in studying basic semiconductor materials, Germanium, and Silicon. They initially perform laboratory work investigating the properties of these materials. After having a complete knowledge of these properties, their usefulness in electronic devices is covered in detail. The final objective is to produce, by present technological methods, useable diodes and to study the application of the properties of semiconductor material in performing

to meet the needs in electrical and communication circuits.

Far more interesting than the presence of the laboratory or the makeup of the course was the method used to build it. Early in January of 1969, Colonel Reinhart, acting Head of the Electricity Department, authorized Major Zabriskie, Assistant Professor for Solid State Electricity, to determine how to procure equipment at the least cost to the Military Academy. The basic raw materials were located at I.B.M., East Fishkill, New York, and Western Electric Corporation, Reading, Pennsylvania. Fortunately, the equipment happened to be U.S. Government property which had been declared excess to government needs and was available to any government agency for the cost of transportation only. So, for the cost of truck transportation, provided by West Point, Major Zabriskie procured the highly specialized equipment with a value of \$40,000.

When the pieces of equipment arrived in February 1969, they really looked sad—untagged, wires hanging loose, and in a general state of disrepair. A discouraging sight indeed.

The greatest problem, that truly seemed insurmountable, was to place all this equipment in operating order. There were no technical manuals present, and there was no one that had any experience with the equipment. A unique solution was presented to Colonel Reinhart. Why not allow the Cadets then enrolled in the course on Solid State Electronics the option of working on the equipment, trying to make it operational and at the same time writing the necessary technical (Continued on page 61)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Major C. J. Zabriskie, Class of 1957, has served in troop assignments with the 24th Infantry Division, commanded the 270th Signal Company at Fort Ord and holds a Master's Degree in Engineering from Georgia Tech. For the past three years he has been Assistant Professor of Solid State Electronics, Department of Electrical Engineering.

Diffusion furnace used to diffuse impurities into a semiconductor wafer.



Evaporator with Major Zabriskie, the author, and Major Herman, who will teach the course next year, and Cadet Copeland.



A Comparator used to view finished transistors has a 200-power magnification capability and projects on a screen for easy viewing.



Cadet Hull operating spin station which spreads an emulsion uniformly across a crystal wafer.



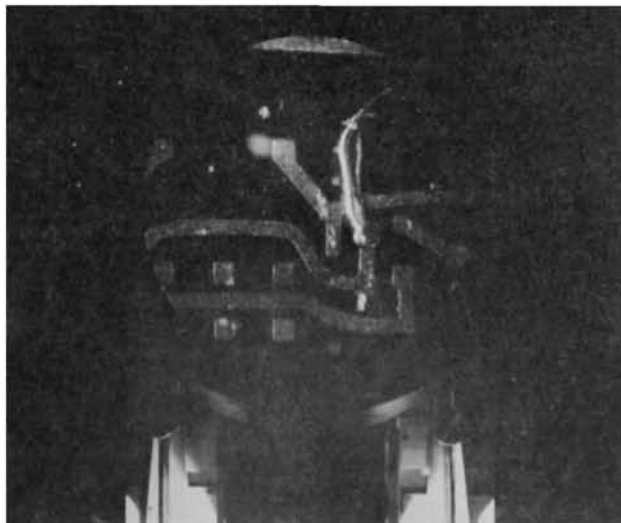
Vibrating polisher that will polish the surface of a crystal wafer to a roughness of only 10 microns.

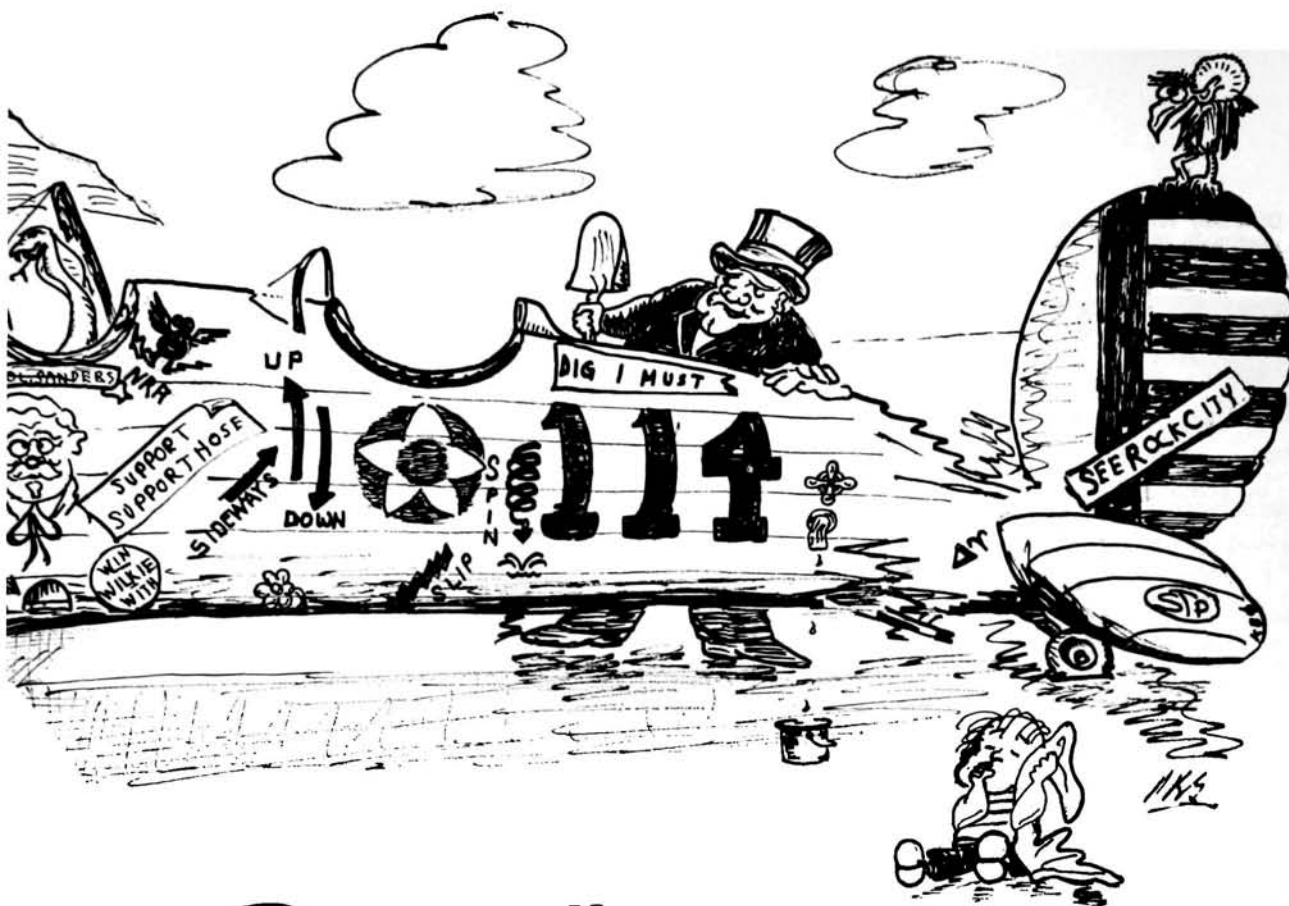


High temperature oven used to determine physical properties of a crystal wafer.



Picture of an integrated circuit as viewed on the face of the comparator. Wire, top center, is .001 inch thick.





Cowslips, Airslips, and Pinkslips

WHEN I shook, rattled and rolled through the old Army Air Corps Pilot Training Course, it was a pure and simple case of man (me) against two beasts (instructor and flying machine) a troika about as miserable as water, sand, and castor oil.

Learning to fly the military way was most discouraging; it generated sleepless hours, encouraged such childish indulgences as nail biting and night sweats, produced a gnawing gut that sounded and felt like an ulcer and left one constantly limp.

This never bothered the instructor, old De Sade. He cruised along—the jungle cat which, having leaped onto a grazing zebra's back, sits there, his claws embedded to the haft, enjoying his ride and savoring the fresh meat that keeps body and soul together.

As for the machine, it groaned and sagged from student to student; wheezing, spitting, and splashing at the clumsily inept, purring, lying down and rolling over with the clever in charge, but always containing that kinetic ability to bite hard and fast at inattention or carelessness.

Much has been written on what makes a good instructor in anything from underwater weaving to golf, to flying. The conclusions seem to flench out to such factors as: (1) knowledge of the subject (inspiring confidence); (2) gauging students and their reactions; (3) knowing when to cuss or massage the learner's psyche, all depend-

ing on the guy's id, rearing, education, and whether his name's Zeke or Marmaduke; (4) the knack of explanation and demonstration; and (5) how to smooth out a student's procedures.

Unfortunately, not all instructors in all things are loaded with ability. Some might as well wear heads stuffed full of horse feathers, for they possess about as much subject matter savvy as their corn ball charges, and put it across with an amount of enthusiasm you'd expect from Chairman Mao reading the 23d Psalm.

There's much to be said for the teacher as well as for his charge, but a student's not supposed to know much. He came to school stupid, yet he shouldn't leave that way. Knowledge, so arcane at the start, should be old stuff at the end, all from face-to-face dialogue between serf and master.

Instructors, of course, will never change: there'll be good ones and bad ones, and each one has a whole flock of students to consider. But the student had better get on frequency with his instructor as quickly as he can. He has to worry about only two people: his instructor and himself. And guess which one is more important?

Over the course of a rather sine-curve career, I've had it at both ends; as a gap-toothed pupil missing half the stuff being shoveled out, working too hard when slow and easy was the ticket, bragging after a well-done job,

by PERRY B. GRIFFITH

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blaming every man-jack (except me) when things ended in an unqualified shambles, and I've been an instructor, too.

A few instruction goods and bads are rooted in my mind, a mind full of unused trivia along with hard, rock-bottom lore. The first bruising memory comes from Primary Flying School.

In our class there was only one student commissioned officer—ME! The others were all flying cadets. This put me squarely behind a great, big eight ball, for in those days, before WW II, student officers were like guys stepping to the plate against Drysdale with two strikes, no balls, and no bat. If the student was a West Pointer (me, again), it was a rule of thumb to give him about eight hours of dual instruction, then throw him back to the walking Army and help someone who hadn't yet made it from the Reserves.

At least, that's what all student officers thought. If you entered at an odd time of year, as I did, instead of with a freshly graduated USMA class (where, at least, they all cried on collective shoulders) you were as good as dead.

This may be apocryphal. It was long ago. And now people are smart, have learned how to spell big words like *rodomontade* and *obfuscation* and know what they mean, too. They've gone dithyrambic over Indian gurus and Liverpoolian folk singers, and grown beards and long hair. So perhaps no one gives a damn about such things.

But man, I sure did then!

I started out with a civilian instructor who radiated cultural inspiration all over the place.

"Well," he would say, "We done that one OK, but we was too #%&*\$ late on our %\$#*&%\$ turn, and held the old stick too long, didn't we?"

I'm not an intellectual snob, but from someone I'd expected would combine the literate and artistic disciplines and qualities of Slim Lindbergh, Descartes, and Robert Hutchins, this all dissolved my bone marrow into gelatin. I'd come out of the Cavalry, and while horse soldier language wasn't heard much around a Harvard garden party, you expected it in the corral, and you were content to let it pile up there.

So I ground my teeth and listened through the gosport to what was about as clear as a ham station broadcasting from Diego Suarez, in the Malagasy Republic. We got along swimmingly; all one way, in the left ear and out the right.

Fortunately, our verbal intercourse was limited, since his vocabulary approximated three hundred words, most of them blue. We just went up and flew around for about an hour each time. He, rather lubriciously, explained S-turns on a road. I would slop through a couple. We would stagger into and out of what passed off as a stall. I never had tried any acrobatics, and when I essayed a takeoff the bird would sashay off to the left in a clattering swoop until his heavy hand and feet took over. I was simply a passenger.

The one thing I could do half-way decently was land, but I couldn't make a decent take-off. He never asked me to do much else, or explained anything, and the gosport sounded like he was declaiming "Down In The Lehigh Valley" in Swahili, anyway.

In the meantime, lots of cadets were spinning, looping, taking off, and landing, and here I was, larking about in a world full of cotton candy while my dual time was creeping toward eight hours.

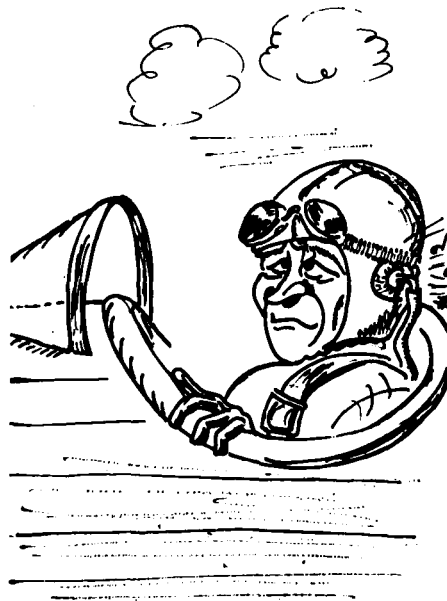
There were rumors that some of the cadets had troubles, and those who did began to polarize around me, the senior man with troubles. As we sat outside the hangar waiting our turns to fly, we resembled the mourners' bench because about ninety-five per cent of the down mouthed would shortly have red tickets tied around their necks. The cool were off on cloud nine wallowing in their abilities, while the others, we outcasts, sat, filled with melancholy, self-pity, waiting for the axe to fall.

The washing machine, Number 114, was tethered like a hearse on the flight line. Like a gas chamber or the guillotine, it existed for one purpose; to give poor students a last check ride, a formality before the whistle blew.

Then one afternoon, as I sat brooding over how I'd gotten into this fix, a shadow materialized on the ground where I was morbidly staring, and I heard a gruff but straightforward voice. It was Major Deering, the Commandant. I'd seen him when he spoke to us just once before, when I'd checked in and before fading back into the school's woodwork.

"What's the problem? You've got a bunch of pink slips. I can't get anything out of your instructor, but there are the slips. They could mean elimination, you know!"

Rather than bellyache, I shrugged and said (Continued on page 61)



A story that tells itself but one that is largely unknown summarizes a fascinating literary effort by Lieutenant Colonel Dave R. Palmer '56, *The River and The Rock*. Based on scholarly historical detail gathered from original sources, Dave Palmer produces a fast moving narrative that not only describes in detail the role of West Point during the Revolutionary War but also proves his underlying theme that the history of West Point during the war is actually a history in miniature of the entire war itself. A story told through the actions, feelings, strengths and weaknesses of the leading American and British figures involved, it also provides a deep insight into the character of individuals who struggled through the transformation of the thirteen colonies into the United States.

The story behind the story is equally significant. For Dave Palmer his book stemmed from an evolutionary process. A graduate student at Duke University in 1966, he chose "West Point: Key to the Continent?" in the Revolutionary War as his thesis topic. In his research he concluded that George Washington along with other American leaders as well as the British believed that control of the Hudson River was the key to the Revolutionary War. Dave recognized that by a freak of nature, the defense of rugged Fortress West Point could preclude British control of the Hudson River and economic isolation of New England from the other colonies, and permit American access to the western frontier toward which the colonists were oriented. In the author's words: "Significantly, the Hudson River almost perfectly bisected the population of the colonies . . . the 'granary' of the colonies was bounded generally by the Connecticut River on the northeast and the Potomac river on the south . . . Another important—though relatively little-known—reason for British interest in the river was the access it would have afforded their Indian allies on the frontier."

The seed of an idea became apparent, and Palmer visualized a fascinating story that no one had ever really written except for Boynton's pioneering effort. Consequently, the author started the research file for his book at Duke.

Assigned to the Department of Military Art and Engineering in 1967, he continued his research and uncovered many original papers including the report of the Secret Committee. Speaking on the subject before numerous organizations—the German-American Society of Pennsyl-

vania, the Constitution Island Association at West Point, the New York Revolutionary War Round Table, the New York Genealogical and Historical Society, and several county historical societies—broadened his already vast knowledge of the Revolutionary War. Finding also that no lesson on the Revolution was being taught at the Academy, he researched and established a program. Encouraged by Colonel Thomas E. Griess, Jan '43, during his first year at West Point Palmer vowed to complete his book one year before he departed, have the book in his hands before leaving the Academy, and he made the deadline two weeks before moving to the 3d Armored Division in Germany.

The River and The Rock represents a monumental feat of research. It begins with a unique prologue that sets the stage—the vivid story of the formation of the Hudson River defying nature by "slicing through a narrow, twisting gorge" with "huge mountains, rocky cliffs, and venerable forests in one confused mass." Then focusing on West Point, the story progresses from the Patriots' decision to revolt through the successful conclusion of the Revolutionary War. As the author relates his purpose: "Many of the factors that fettered the Patriots throughout the War of Independence are nowhere better illustrated than in the painfully frustrating but eventually successful exertions to protect Henry Hudson's River. Inexperienced leadership, lack of military know-how, a shortage of funds and equipment, a dearth of professional engineers, and near-ruinous political interference are only some of the difficulties faced by those responsible for the prosecution of the defenses. Not surprisingly, many of the reasons for ultimate American victory are neatly evidenced in the story of the ultimately successful defense of the Hudson: the steadfastness of George Washington; British blunders; assistance from foreign powers; the difficulty of campaigning in Eighteenth-Century America; and a smile from Lady Luck. The complications faced in the Hudson Highlands were not peculiar to that one region but were common throughout America during the war. A nation unprepared for war, with leaders untrained to command, could not have expected to avoid mistakes, defeats, frustrations, confusion. That all adversities were weathered and that most were turned to profit are the reasons the colonists won the war. The long travail and eventual success at West Point mirrored the larger struggle and the greater victory of the Thirteen Colonies. And that is justification enough for telling the tale."



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Appropriately, the story begins with Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, and the “Green Mountain Boys” seizing Ticonderoga on 10 May 1775, the day the Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia. Fifteen days later the Congress decided to wage war and chose the Hudson River as the crux of the defense.

Although George Washington’s Committee surmised that British strategy would center on the Hudson River to isolate the New England colonies, the author pictures the series of disastrous events that proved Washington’s beliefs to be correct. The painful struggle to place Washington’s plan into effect with indecision, labor and recruiting problems, the ill fated plan to stretch a chain across the Hudson at Fort Montgomery, the inept Putnam in command at Peekskill, the British sweep through Peekskill, Cornwall, New Windsor, Constitution Island (without a fight), Kingston, and finally British control of the Hudson from New York to Albany in 1777 served as catalysts to precipitate a strong West Point defense. “Henry Clinton’s legacy was to give the Americans a chance to take a fresh, clear, new look.”

The story then shifts from the blunders of Putnam to men such as Thomas Machin, the “ingenious, faithful hand,” who was charged with assembling and fixing the chain from Constitution Island. Kosciuszko, the Polish engineer, brings order from chaos and helps create “The Gibraltar of America.” And Colonel Malcolm lends his leadership talents to a defense position that became the springboard for the Revolution.

It was at this time, the beginning of the fortress that “General Washington started a tradition at West Point which has survived two centuries and exists still: academic and practical research and study. West Point became a center for experimentation and remained one throughout the Revolutionary War.”

The author portrays the vitality and knowledge of von Steuben who believed, “Let us . . . hold West Point, and the end of our campaign will be glorious.” His prediction proved to be right, and Washington’s success at Stony Point led to his establishment of a residence and his headquarters at West Point.

Fortress West Point, as described by Palmer, reached new heights with “Yankee ingenuity—abetted admittedly by Continental poverty and a Polish engineer—had devised a system of outlying forts depending upon depth, mutual support, and use of terrain to defeat a besieger.”

The treachery of Benedict Arnold—“who twice saved the Hudson and once tried to sell it”—is covered fully and interrupts temporarily the successful conclusion of the war, an anticipation foreshadowed by implementing the decision to control the Hudson from West Point.

The author’s analysis of strategy and tactics and the meaningful discussion of his own logic bring to a close a book that is more than a story of historical West Point—a book that sheds considerable light on the personalities who made history.

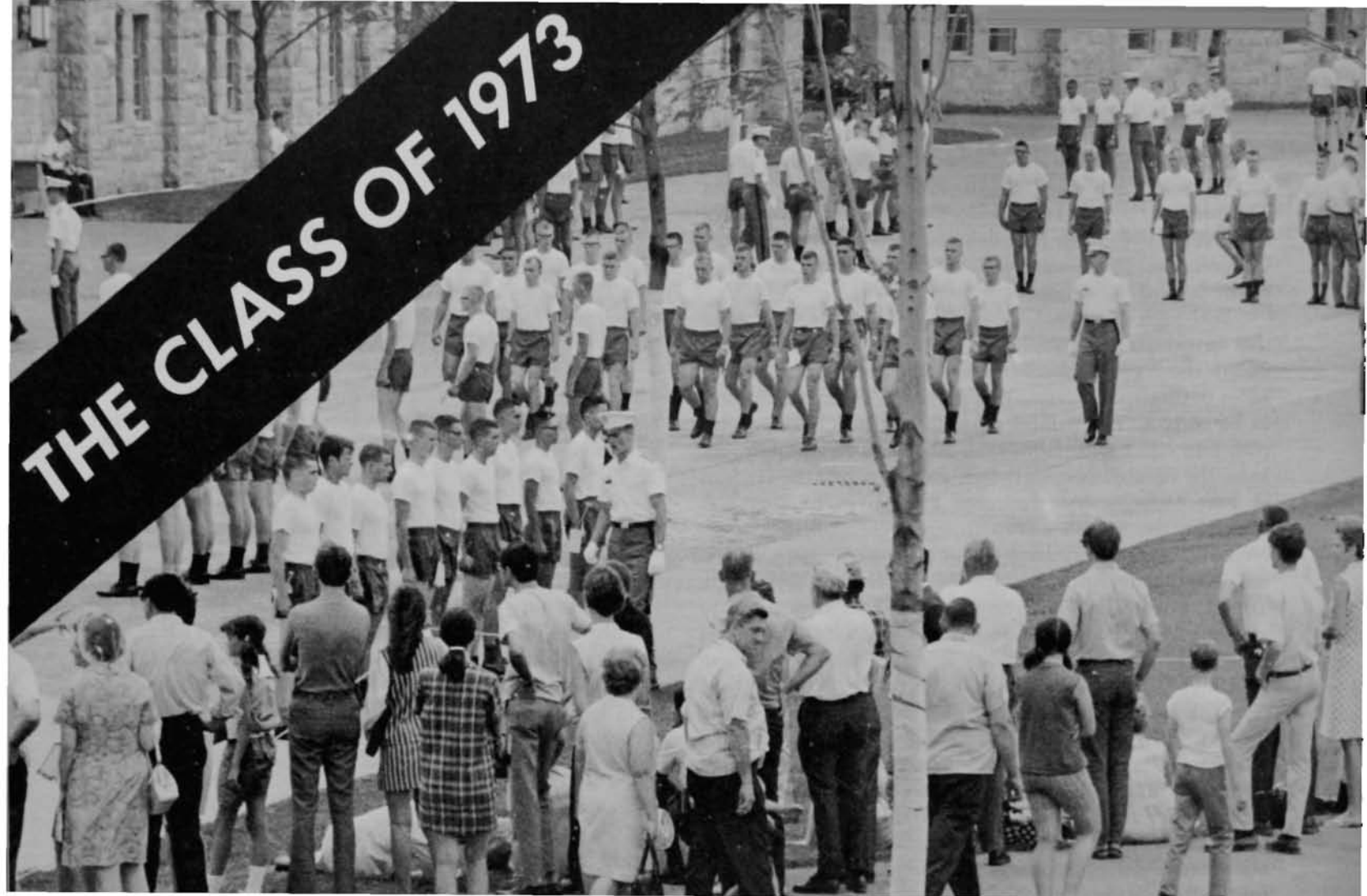
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Lieutenant Colonel Dave Palmer, Class of 1956, has joined the ranks of West Point authors in his recent publication of *The River and The Rock*. Encouraged by Colonel Thomas E. Griess, Palmer completed his literary work during his three-year tour teaching Military History at the Academy. An Armor officer, he holds a Master’s Degree in Military History from Duke University, graduated from the Command and General Staff College, and served as aide to General Westmoreland in Vietnam. He received an advanced promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and currently is serving with the 3d Armored Division in Germany.



THE RIVER AND THE ROCK

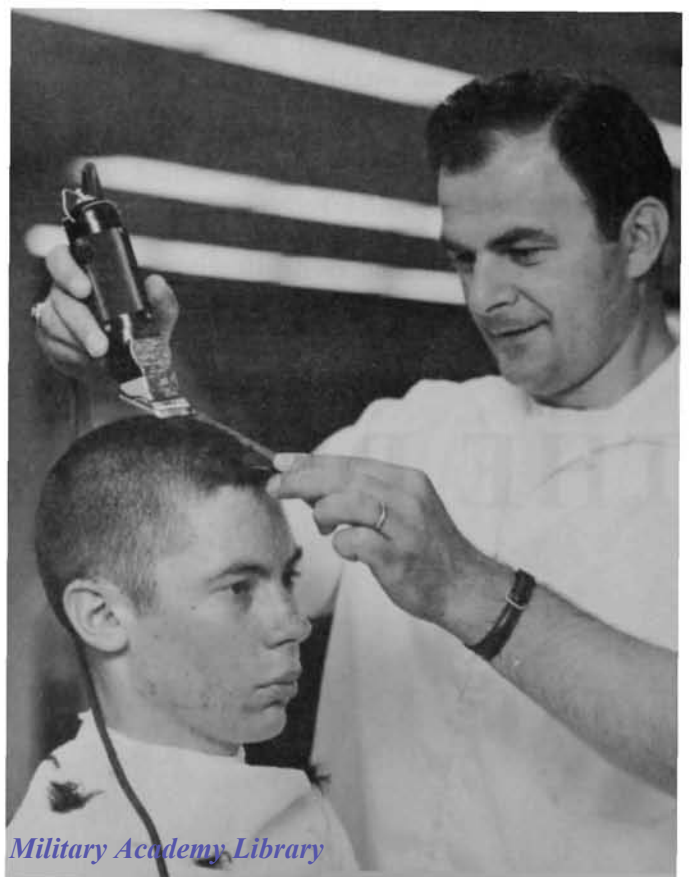
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On their longest day, 1 July, the 1,439 members of the Class of 1973 prepare for the Swearing In Ceremony. A concerted effort not to lose any man through the administrative process, encouraging late nominees by Congressmen, a ten-fold increase in Cadet Public Appearances, and a four-fold increase in informative literature all contributed to the high number of qualified candidates admitted.

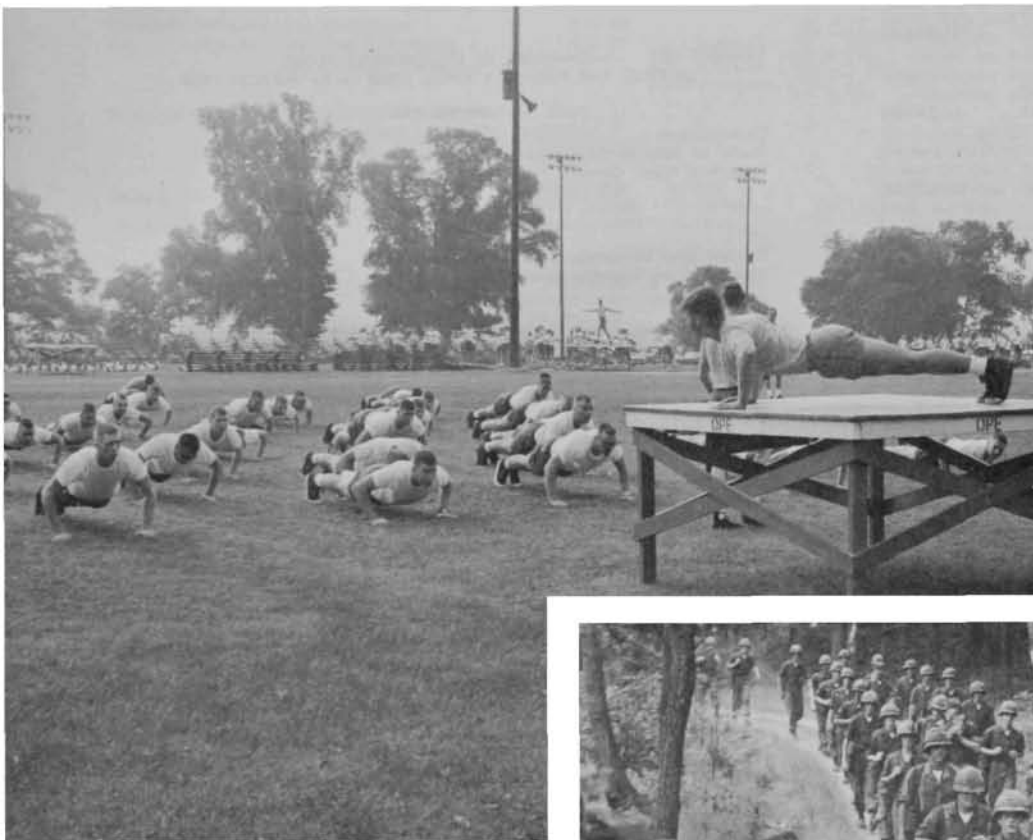
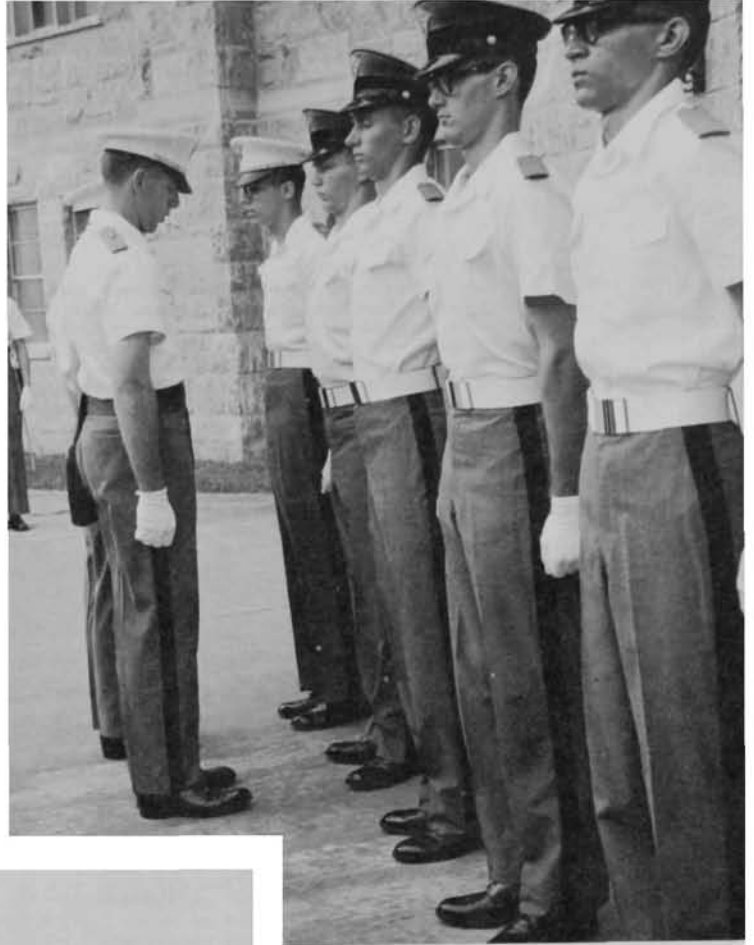
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The traditional haircut, but not skinned.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

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

31 March 1969

EXHIBIT "A" — Balance Sheet as of 31 March 1969.
 EXHIBIT "B" — Changes in General Fund during the year ended 31 March 1969.
 EXHIBIT "C" — Changes in Endowment Fund during the year ended 31 March 1969.
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 EXHIBIT "H" — Changes in MacArthur Fund during the year ended 31 March 1969.
 EXHIBIT "I" — Changes in Henry C. Hodges, Jr. Memorial Fund during the year ended 31 March 1969.
 EXHIBIT "J" — Changes in Association of Graduates Employees' Pension Fund during the year ended 31 March 1969.
 SCHEDULE I — Investments as of 31 March 1969, and income received thereon during the year ended 31 March 1969.

EXHIBIT "A" BALANCE SHEET 31 March 1969	
ASSETS	
SECURITIES—At cost or Book Value	\$1,125,485.26
(See Schedule I)	
CASH ON HAND	140.00
CASH IN BANK	212,040.08
INVENTORIES	53,184.48
FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT (contra)	46,083.71
TOTAL	\$1,436,933.53
LIABILITIES	
GENERAL FUND	
Balance—1 April 1968	\$ 59,563.75
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "B")	20,825.29
	\$ 80,389.04
ENDOWMENT FUND	
Balance—1 April 1968	\$1,004,989.21
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "C")	116,995.40
	1,121,984.61
CULLUM FUND	
Balance—1 April 1968	\$ 11,490.45
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "D")	490.64
	11,981.09
CULLUM BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER TRUST FUND	
Balance—1 April 1968	\$ 25,613.11
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "F")	1,024.81
	26,637.92
PIERCE MEMORIAL FUND	
Balance—1 April 1968	\$ 3,040.84
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "G")	123.44
	3,164.28
MacARTHUR FUND	
Balance—1 April 1968	\$ 100,508.29
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "H")	9,369.46
	109,877.75
HENRY C. HODGES, JR. MEMORIAL FUND	
Balance—1 April 1968	\$ 2,867.97
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "I")	1,750.03
	4,618.00
PENSION FUND	
Balance—1 April 1968	\$ 20,352.16
Add: Increase (See Exhibit "J")	9,924.61
	30,276.77
FEDERAL AND STATE TAXES PAYABLE	1,920.36
FURNITURE FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT (CONTRA)	46,083.71
TOTAL	\$1,436,933.53

EXHIBIT "B" CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1968 to 31 MARCH 1969	
INCOME	
Dues and Membership	\$ 12,149.00
Contributions	61,291.89
Bequests	3,873.93
Transfers from Endowment Fund	35,000.00
Founders Day	1,607.48
Homecoming	4,848.70
Reimbursements, Freight, Postage, Mailing	5,612.48
Alumni Badges, Arm Bands and Name Tags	1,516.94
Gain on Saleable Merchandise	25,212.72
June Week	15,370.79
Beat Navy Items	715.13
Thayer Awards	430.00
Other Income	891.44
	\$ 168,520.50

EXPENDITURES	
Salaries	\$ 64,871.05
Services	3,671.90
Related Payroll Expenses	2,959.46
Freight, Express and Postage	12,094.11
Cadet Awards	977.22
Dues, Travel and Conferences	642.86
Printing	2,653.33
Supplies	5,386.66
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	1,322.15
Maintenance and Repair	1,018.09
Advertising	324.00

June Week	9,921.34
Thayer Award and Ceremonies	1,774.95
Homecoming	7,291.56
Founders Day	1,001.39
Insurance	1,157.00
Gratuitous Issues (Contributions, June Week, Homecoming, etc.)	2,503.47
Telephone and Telegrams	854.76
Transfers to: Endowment Fund	\$10,356.61
Superintendent's Fund	1,040.00
Pension Fund	7,427.84
	18,824.45
Alumni Badges, Arm Bands and Name Tags	2,893.21
Beat Navy Items	649.67
Football Highlights	2,000.00
Moving Expenses	977.30
Other Expenses	1,925.28
	147,695.21
Net Change (Increase)	\$ 20,825.29

EXHIBIT "C" CHANGES IN ENDOWMENT FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1968 to 31 MARCH 1969	
PRINCIPAL	
Contributions	\$ 1,156.50
Profit of Sale on Securities	97,258.05
Transfers from: General Fund	\$10,356.61
Building Fund	2,473.66
	12,830.27
	\$ 111,244.82
INCOME	
Interest and Dividends from Securities	\$ 43,092.25
Interest from Savings Account	1,601.41
	44,693.66
	\$ 155,938.48
EXPENDITURES	
Transfers to General Fund	\$ 35,000.00
Investment Management Fees	3,527.37
Interest on Securities Purchased	415.71
	38,943.08
Net Change (Increase)	\$ 116,995.40

EXHIBIT "D" CHANGES IN CULLUM FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1968 to 31 MARCH 1969	
INCOME	
Interest from Savings Account	\$ 64.64
Interest on Securities	426.00
	\$ 490.64
Net Change (Increase)	\$ 490.64

EXHIBIT "E" CHANGES IN BUILDING FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1968 to 31 MARCH 1969	
INCOME	
Interest from Savings Account	\$ 107.65
Net Change (Increase)	\$ 107.65

Note: The above change of \$107.65 plus the balance at 1 April 1968 of \$2,366.01, a total of \$2,473.66, was transferred to the Endowment Fund 21 March 1969 as approved by the Board of Trustees.

EXHIBIT "F" CHANGES IN CULLUM BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER TRUST FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1968 to 31 MARCH 1969	
INCOME	
Interest from Savings Account	\$ 219.61
Interest on Securities	805.20
	\$ 1,024.81
Net Change (Increase)	\$ 1,024.81

EXHIBIT "G" CHANGES IN PIERCE MEMORIAL FUND DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1968 to 31 MARCH 1969	
INCOME	
Interest from Savings Account	\$ 123.44
Net Change (Increase)	\$ 123.44

EXHIBIT "H" CHANGES IN MacARTHUR FUND
DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1968 to 31 MARCH 1969

PRINCIPAL		
Contributions	\$ 25,665.83	
Contributions: Proceeds from Sale of Stocks	189.29	\$ 25,855.12
INCOME		
Interest from Savings Account	4,063.13	
		\$ 29,918.25
EXPENDITURES		
Sculptors' Fees	\$ 10,365.10	
Architects' Fees	10,183.69	20,548.79
Net Change (Increase)		\$ 9,369.46

EXHIBIT "I" CHANGES IN HENRY C. HODGES, JR.
MEMORIAL FUND
DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1968 to 31 MARCH 1969

PRINCIPAL		
Contributions: Proceeds from Sale of Stock	\$ 1,610.33	
		\$ 1,610.33
INCOME		
Interest from Savings Account	166.35	
		\$ 1,776.68
EXPENDITURES		
Oldest Graduates, Dinner & Gift	26.65	
Net Change (Increase)		\$ 1,750.03

EXHIBIT "J" CHANGES IN ASSOCIATION OF
GRADUATES EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND
DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1968 to 31 MARCH 1969

PRINCIPAL		
Transfers from General Fund		\$ 7,427.84
INCOME		
Dividends Accrued and Reinvested	\$ 559.70	
Capital Gains Accrued and Reinvested	1,937.07	2,496.77
Net Change (Increase)		\$ 9,924.61

SCHEDULE I INVESTMENTS, 31 MARCH 1969
AND INCOME RECEIVED THEREON
DURING THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1968 to 31 MARCH 1969

NAME OF SECURITY	CULLUM FUND		
	Face Value or Number of Shares	Approximate Market Value 31 March 1969	Interest & Dividends Received
US Savings Bonds, Series H	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 426.00

Note: Bequest of \$10,000 to the Association of Graduates by General George W. Cullum under the stipulation that after investment the income is to be used for current expenses of the Association but only as long as the principal remains undiminished. If a loss in the amount of the principal occurs, income is to revert to the principal until bequeathed amount is again attained.

CULLUM BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER TRUST FUND			
US Treasury Bonds, 4%, Due, 2/15/80	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 14,805.00	\$ 720.00
US Savings Bonds, Series H	2,000.00	2,000.00	85.20
		\$ 16,805.00	805.20

Note: Bequest of \$20,000 to the Cullum Committee by General George W. Cullum transferred to the Association of Graduates. The will provides that after investment the income is to be used for the decennial publication of General Cullum's Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Any losses to the funds shall be made good by the accumulations of the income of the remainder before any further expenditures shall be made.

PENSION FUND			
Guardian Mutual Fund	1107.519	\$ 31,065.91	\$ 2,496.77
Note:			
Dividends Accrued and Reinvested	\$ 559.70		
Capital Gains Reinvested	1,937.07		
		\$ 2,496.77	

Prepared by:

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Office of the Comptroller, USMA

ENDOWMENT FUND

BONDS			
US Treasury Bonds, 4%, Due 2/15/80	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,580.00	\$ 480.00
US Treasury Notes, 5 3/4%, Due 2/15/75	25,000.00	24,343.75	1,437.50
Allied Chemical, Deb. 5.2%, Due 11/1/91	50,000.00	39,500.00	2,600.00
Kerr McGee Corp., Conv Sub Deb, 3 3/4%, Due 5/1/92	35,000.00	34,103.13	1,312.50
Lakehead Pipe Line Co., Inc., S/F Deb, 7 1/8%, Due 4/15/93	50,000.00	46,125.00	1,781.26
Union Electric Co. Deb, 1st Mtge, 5 1/2%, Due 5/1/96	50,000.00	40,500.00	2,750.00
Potomac Edison Co., 1st Mtge, 7%, Due 4/1/98	50,000.00	48,500.00	1,750.00
Weyerhaeuser Co., Deb 5.2%, Due 5/1/91	50,000.00	40,000.00	2,600.00

Preferred Stocks			
Ethyl Corp., Cuml Conv 2nd	800	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 1,920.00
Pennzoil United Inc., Cuml Conv	900	61,087.50	899.97
Singer Co., Cuml Conv	300	30,675.00	525.00
Sun Oil Co., Cuml Conv	1000	49,562.50	562.50

Common Stocks			
American Electric Power Co., Inc.	677	24,287.38	1,049.36
American Machine and Foundry Co. Corp.	2000	52,500.00	
American Telephone and Telegraph Co.	670	34,714.38	1,608.00
Eastman Kodak Co.	620	44,330.00	706.80
Eaton Yale and Towne, Inc.	1000	39,250.00	350.00
First National City Bank of New York	262	19,224.25	550.20
International Business Machine Corp.	400	125,750.00	1,100.00
Itek Corp.	200	13,225.00	
Marathon Oil Co.	800	47,000.00	1,160.00
Radiore Exploration Co.	2000	200.00	
Scientific Data Systems Inc.	402	45,978.75	
Sears Roebuck and Co.	1000	69,812.50	1,300.00
Shell Oil Co.	660	44,550.00	1,534.50
Southern California Edison Co.	600	21,712.50	840.00
Tampa Electric Co.	2000	49,625.00	1,440.00
Texaco Inc.	500	43,531.25	1,450.00
Virginia Electric and Power Co.	1066	30,247.75	1,151.46
West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co.	2000	67,125.00	1,475.00
Xerox Corp.	400	102,400.00	600.00
Zenith Radio Corp.	800	40,550.00	1,160.00

INVESTMENTS SOLD, EXCHANGED AND
REDEEMED SINCE 1 APRIL 1968

US Treasury Bonds, 3 1/4%, Due 6/15/83-78	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 332.14
US Treasury Bonds, 4 1/8%, Due 11/15/73	36,000.00		1,640.88
US Treasury Notes, 5% Series A, Due 11/15/70	51,000.00		1,211.95
USA Treasury Notes, 5 3/4%, Due 2/15/75	50,000.00		1,600.23
Avon Products, Inc.	500		660.00
International Business Machine Corp.	93		
Standard Oil Company of New Jersey	300		
Sun Ray DX Oil Co.	1000		1,263.00
United Gas Corp.	600		255.00
Virginia Electric & Power Co.	.67		
Xerox Corp.	100		35.00
		\$ 1,374,990.64	\$ 43,092.25

SUMMARY			
Cullum Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 426.00	
Cullum Biographical Register Trust Fund	16,805.00	805.20	
Pension Fund	31,065.91	2,496.77	
Endowment Fund	1,374,990.64	43,092.25	
	\$ 1,432,861.55	\$ 46,820.22	

Book Value of Securities — Cost or value at time of acquisition is shown as \$1,125,485.26, with a market value of \$1,432,861.55.

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Colonel, Artillery
Secretary-Treasurer

Bulletin Board

June Week 1970

Once again the Military Academy and the Association of Graduates are planning to welcome for June Week 1970 the 5-year Reunion Classes commencing with the Class of 1895 and ending with the Class of 1945. The Class of 1950 elected to forego June Week and requested to observe its 20th Reunion during the Homecoming period. Thus '50 will be the senior class (along with '55, '60, and '65) at the Homecoming Ceremonies in 1970.

Alumni Headquarters will open at 1200 hours Wednesday 27 May and close at 1200 hours Saturday 30 May. Alumni Day will be on Thursday 28 May to allow for the declared holiday on Friday 29 May as Memorial Day falls on Saturday 30 May. Classes will thus be able to enjoy three days of alumni reunion activities.

The 1970 Alumni June Week Schedule was adopted to brook minimum interference between alumni activities and those of the rapidly expanding Cadet Corps, primarily the graduating class, whose parents and drags arrive on Saturday.

With the greatly expanded Corps and the new type barracks construction, which is not conducive to separating Alumni from cadets, use of barracks by Alumni has become increasingly difficult. A vacated portion of Central Barracks awaiting destruction was used during June Week 1969—a similar arrangement is not expected to be available during June Week 1970. However, with the approval of the new schedule, the Association of Graduates has been able to make arrangements for those Alumni desiring bachelor billets to be accommodated on two floors of the dormitory wing of the Hotel Thayer during the Alumni portion of June Week. This arrangement should prove an adequate substitute. Should those individuals returning unaccompanied prefer, they may instead be taken care of by the reunion class representatives when the representatives make class motel arrangements for joint accommodations. Ladycliff will be available for ladies.

The Class of 1970 will graduate on Wednesday 3 June.

A brief of the program as approved by the Superintendent for the Alumni portion of June Week follows:

June Week Alumni Activities Wednesday, 27 May 1970

Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall 12:00 Noon
Class Dinners (or Picnics) 5:00 P.M.

Thursday, 28 May 1970 (Alumni Day)

Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall 8:00 A.M.
Board of Trustees Meeting, WPAM 10:00 A.M.

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

the fall issue by—16 September
the winter issue by—3 January

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.

Assembly for Alumni Exercises, Cullum & Jefferson Road	11:30 A.M.
Alumni Exercises, Thayer Monument°	12:00 Noon
Alumni Review, The Plain***	12:15 P.M.
Alumni Luncheon (AOG Annual Meeting), Washington Hall**	1:15 P.M.
Alumni Ladies Luncheon, WPAM**	1:15 P.M.
Informal Dutch Treat Cocktail Parties, WPAM	6:30 P.M.
Alumni Dinner, Washington Hall**	8:30 P.M.
Superintendent's Reception for Alumni, Washington Hall	9:30 P.M.
Informal Alumni Dance, Washington Hall	10:15 P.M.

Friday, 29 May 1970

Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall	8:00 A.M.
Colonel Thayer's Office Open, Quarters 100	9:30 A.M.—12:00 Noon
Expansion Briefing, North Auditorium	9:30 A.M.
Unit Awards Review, The Plain°	11:00 A.M.
Carillon Concert, Elizabeth Phillips Irwin Carillon, Cadet Chapel	1:30 P.M.—2:00 P.M.
Army-Navy Track Meet, Shea Stadium****	1:30 P.M.
Movie, South Auditorium, Thayer Hall	2:30 P.M.
Class Dinners (or Picnics)	5:00 P.M.

Saturday, 30 May 1970 (Memorial Day Holiday)

Alumni Headquarters Opens, Cullum Hall	8:00 A.M.
Memorial Service (Holy Communion) Cadet Chapel..	10:00 A.M.
Catholic Alumni Mass, Catholic Chapel Alumni Breakfast, Cloister Room	10:00 A.M.
Memorial Day Services, Trophy Point	12:00 Noon
Alumni Headquarters Closes, Cullum Hall	12:00 Noon
(Official Alumni Portion June Week 1970 Ends)	
Parents Information Center Opens, Grant Hall	12:00 Noon
Army-Navy Lacrosse Game, Michie Stadium****	2:00 P.M.

All times are Eastern Daylight Savings Time

- ° To be conducted in South Auditorium in event of inclement weather
- ** Admission by ticket
- *** Cancelled in event of inclement weather
- **** On approval, times must be cleared with USNA

A committee has been appointed by the Superintendent to select a second Professor of Physics. All interested applicants, ages 30-40, are encouraged to apply by writing Captain Pat M. Stevens IV, Office of the Dean, USMA, West Point, N.Y. 10996 before 15 October 1969.

Kosciuszko's Garden Dedicated

Born as a retreat from the weariness of the Revolutionary War some 191 years ago, Colonel Thaddeus Kosciuszko's Garden, completely restored, was dedicated on 22 June 1969.

In 1964 Major General and Mrs. Charles G. Stevenson '24 began to probe into the background of the garden which was in a neglected state and in danger of being destroyed. Developing a keen interest in the garden, Mrs. Stevenson lent a talented hand to its initial revitalization,

planting bulbs and perennials to provide Kosciuszko's retreat with the atmosphere it deserved. Nearly a year later the bulbs blossomed forth pleasing the planters and viewers alike.



Kosciuszko Garden Restored. Perennials ensure continuous blooms from May through October.

The Stevenson's first step led to two years of concerted effort by the Massachusetts Polish-American Veterans to restore the garden on a permanent basis. With the Webster PAV, and Mr. J.J. Jakubowski as the spark plug, the Massachusetts State Polish-American Veterans in 1967 passed a resolution for the permanent restoration of the garden.

More than 1,500 PAV members traveled 200 or more miles to witness the dedication honoring the Polish patriot who contributed so heavily to Americans in the Revolutionary War. They had reason to be pleased with efforts on behalf of the distinguished gentleman from Poland. The new rock garden sets off the shrubs and trees with 23 different perennials that ensure continuous blooming from May through October—a fitting tribute to a soldier who earned prominence in American History.

In summarizing the feelings of the participants in the ceremonies, The Honorable John A. Gronouski, former U.S. Ambassador to Poland and former Postmaster General said: "Today is one more example of the Polish Veterans' efforts to honor the great men of our country." Perhaps of equal significance, Kosciuszko's Garden was reborn through the dedication and interest inculcated by Major General and Mrs. Stevenson.

Ten-Fold Increase In Cadet Public Appearances

An unprecedented effort providing 2,177 secondary schools with cadet contact resulted in responses for USMA information from over 5,000 students. Additionally many favorable letters on behalf of the cadet participants were



Mrs. Charles G. Stevenson speaking at the Kosciuszko Garden Dedication, 22 June 1969, with from her left to right: Commander Edward Moninski, State Commander, Polish American Veterans of Massachusetts; J.J. Jakubowski, Webster, Massachusetts; and Colonel Henry A. Grace '44.

received. All indicators reinforce the belief that this is the most effective admissions public relations effort.

Prospective candidates often-times learn of West Point from organizations not affiliated with the Military Academy. With this in mind, cadet participants spoke to over 400 civic groups including the Boy Scouts of America, Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, Kiwanis Clubs, Optimist Clubs, Lions Clubs, Rotary Clubs, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jaycees, Chambers of Commerce, and others.

Cadets participated in 136 radio and television interviews which were seen and heard in many parts of the country. The film "The Making of a Leader" was shown 13 times on television and reached an audience of several million. The new film proved an invaluable assist to cadet speakers, and throughout the entire year, it was shown approximately 1,800 times.

This year cadet speakers visited 359 Congressional Districts. Next year the Cadet Public Relations Council has as its goal the sponsorship of two cadet visits in each of the 435 Congressional Districts. Periods of major activity will be Thanksgiving Week 1969 (limited), 18-20 Dec '69, 17-19 Mar '70, and June Week '70 (limited). Requests for cadet speakers during these times may be forwarded c/o Admissions Office, USMA, West Point, N.Y. 10996.



Reilly's Battery

By Monro MacCloskey (Brigadier General, USAF Ret, USMA 1924). Published by Richard Rosen Press, Inc., New York, N.Y. 191 pp. \$4.00.

Three wars in about two years—Cuba, the Philippine Insurrection, and the Boxer Rebellion—reflect the feats of a legendary figure, Captain Reilly, and his battery.

The author depicts Captain Reilly, a native of Ireland, as the model officer and the first artilleryman to prove the statement that “These guns can go wherever cavalry can go.” In fact, the recklessness of Reilly’s men in driving their teams caused many an infantryman to shudder.

Commissioned from the ranks, Reilly was worshipped by his men and the other key figures in the narrative history—Lieutenants Charles P. Summerall '92, Louis Ray Burgess '92, and Manus McCloskey '98, who all later became the fathers of West Pointers and earned distinction during their military careers.

The authenticity of the book itself is worthy of note since the material stemmed from primary sources—his father’s diary, letters, and his father’s stories; the battery’s handwritten history; official dispatches between the State Department personnel and between Army and Navy commanders; and private papers of government officials and military officers.

A short sketch of the fighting in Cuba sets the pattern for the book: an analysis of the reasons for the war and the subsequent military action. “Although Spanish complicity in the sinking of the *Maine* had not been proved, the public demanded that our national honor be avenged,” was MacCloskey’s reasoning for a war that he felt America was prepared for.

With Reilly’s Light Battery F, Fifth Artillery, playing a minor role but receiving “baptism of fire for some of the new men,” the author describes vividly the rugged tropical conditions then turns to the Philippine Insurrection.

With the Filipinos desiring independence, Aguinaldo established a republic because in the author’s view, “They were not willing to trade Spanish despotism for American paternalism.” The story focuses primarily on the tasks of Reilly’s Battery in operations in the Province of Cavite, Luzon.

On the one hand the account of the operations gives the readers an accurate and almost day-by-day picture of artillery deployments against the insurgents’ tactics in seemingly impossible terrain—unbridged streams, impene-

trable bamboo, banana groves, rice paddies, canefields, and swamps. On the other hand it brings out the courage and dash of Reilly’s officers and men, constantly pushing forward with the vanguard and maintaining constant support. To the student of military techniques there are tactical lessons that remain appropriate today.

The major portion of the book centers on the Boxer Rebellion—the author explaining in minute detail the rise of the Boxers, their initial success, and the turn of the tide. “China was full of dissatisfaction caused by the growth and influence of Western powers,” and from the involvement of missionaries in Shantung disturbances arose the concentration of discontent against foreigners. With a parallel hatred of foreigners in China today, it is a sad but true experience to trace the growth of outrages from a Miss Gould, who lived in the American Board mission compound, being carried through the streets like an animal and her companion Miss Morrell walking but being led by the hair. Beheading was their doom.

The Boxers besieging legations in Peking, the valiant defenders countering the Chinese thrusts, the Seymour Relief Expedition failing to reach the legations, the Allies laboring under the disadvantage of being a polyglot army with varying systems of supply and drill, success at Tientsin and relief of Peking together portray a picture of failure turning into success.

Without doubt the exploits of Reilly’s Battery in China represents the climax of the book. With seasoned veterans Summerall, Burgess, and McCloskey leading the way the battery rolled ahead to join General Chaffee’s column with the Infantry shouting, “Make way for the guns.” It was Reilly’s Battery in the advance party spearheading the assault; it was galloping the battery from position to position, shelling concentrations that might slow the advance of the Infantry. It was “To Hell with diplomacy” as Reilly wheeled through a Russian unit reluctant to let the battery cross a bridge.

In the race with the Russians to Peking, Burgess began firing 3,200 yards from the southeast tower of Tartan City. Summerall began firing a mile from Peking then shoved Russian guns aside, silenced enemy fire, and the U.S. Infantry and Reilly’s Battery charged ahead. The American attack drew the Chinese defenders from the British front, and the British had the honor of being the first to reach the legations. But the Americans earned the honor of making the first penetration of China’s centuries-old stronghold, the Imperial City and the Forbidden City.



Lee D. Olvey '55, Permanent Associate Professor of Social Sciences, happily receives his lieutenant colonel leaves from Mrs. Olvey and Colonel Nye at his promotion ceremony.

Victory, however, brought tragedy for while Captain Reilly overwatched his battery from the wall above the Chien Mein Gate, he was wounded mortally by a Chinese bullet fired from the Imperial City.

Reilly, who fought unscathed in four wars only to lose his life near the end of a fifth one, presents a notable study of leadership. To the reader interested in West Point the formative years of Summerall, Burgess, and McCloskey under the tutelage of Captain Reilly are equally interesting.

The Story of the Second World War, Vol. I

By Colonel Russell P. ("Red") Reeder. Maps by Edward J. Krasnaborski. 242 pages. Meredith Press, N.Y.

Reviewed by Denis J. Mulligan '24.

Man's grim drama of the mid twentieth century, sequel to the first act begun twenty-five years before, is limned in this book by one who played in it a nearly fatal part. Not yet fully comprehended are the baleful effects of the titanic tragedy, so immense was its destruction of life, spiritual values and property.

Fortunately for readers and researchers our observant actor has recaptured scenes which spread across the Earth, with leading characters and events likely to echo into the next millenium. Traced in Volume One are the origins of World War II and its course from the German attack on Poland, 1 September 1939, to the arrival in London of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, 24 June 1942. It is not a detailed accounting of that period. But it is a lively refresher for the informed and a stimulating source book for those beginning to study this vital passage in modern history.

Distinctive in his commentary are relevant bits and pieces of information on the great theme which could have come only from the end of Red Reeder's pencil. Born and reared in the Army he served as a staff officer in General George C. Marshall's "Washington Command Post" and thereby had access to intelligence such as was available to few others, in or out of uniform. No deskman, he was sent as an observer to the South Pacific at the outset of the campaign against the Japanese. General Marshall had his report on that tour, "Fighting in Guadalcanal" printed in pamphlet form. Thousands of copies were distributed among our troops being trained for jungle fighting. Nor did he miss big battle action. He sustained the loss of a limb while commanding an infantry regiment

of the 4th Division a few days after going ashore on the Normandy beaches. In this work his presentation is effective, moving as it does smartly and sparingly from one military theatre of operation to another. To be sure, the writer's approach and treatment reflect the American point of view.

Controversial figures, be they Churchill, Hitler, Roosevelt, Stalin or others, actions grievously affecting millions of people and decisions of persisting consequence crowd these pages. As with all historical judgments the author will be subjected to criticism by contemporaries and successors. On a matter of very high policy former President Herbert Hoover is quoted. When Germany invaded Russia the former president urged the Allies not to help either dictator. "Let them exhaust each other," he said. "If we assist Russia we will (help) spread Communism over the whole world." A fateful comment, but who knows the final verdict? References to individual deeds of valor by the men behind the guns and to civilian suffering supply the humane touch.

A chronological table of events, an index and a generous bibliography will serve the reader seeking elaboration of the points made. As in other histories by Colonel Reeder a number of helpful maps are provided. One of them—see p. 239, "U-boats Attack"—revealing the success of German submarine warfare against allied shipping in the Atlantic from late 1941 to mid-summer 1942, is a shocker. "At the height of the Battle of the Atlantic, a ship sank every four hours."

Other highlights with their rolling impact will reward the casual scanner or serious student. The Battle of Britain, a deadly duel between the Luftwaffe and the R.A.F., marked the summer and fall of 1940. Leningrad was cut off from the rest of the USSR, 8 September 1941. On 18 January 1944 the Red Army lifted the siege—"The most unusual in history, had lasted nearly nine hundred days. Almost a million people perished." Russian capacity to absorb punishment must be recognized. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor came on 7 December 1941. Next day they bombed U.S. airfields in the Philippines and two days later in their lightning strikes in the Far East bombed and sank HMS *Prince of Wales*, a powerful battleship, and a cruiser, HMS *Repulse*. "This was a clincher in a long dispute. It was perfectly clear to almost everyone that sea power had to be protected by air power."

On 9 April 1942 the American-Philippine forces on Bataan Peninsula surrendered to the Japanese. Then com-

Colonel Stanley E. Reinhart Jr., Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, receives his "eagles" from Major General Samuel W. Koster, Superintendent, and Mrs. Reinhart as the family looks on.



menced the "Death March," a mournful incident for those who had intimate friends among the marchers and a definite measure of our country's unpreparedness for global war. A month later, however, on 7-8 May, occurred the naval Battle of the Coral Sea and shortly thereafter, on 4-6 June, the U.S. Navy decisively defeated the Japanese Navy in the Battle of Midway Island. In Chapter 22 is a clarifying explanation of how our mariners were enabled to be in the right place at the right time on both occasions. Absent the victories of Coral Sea and Midway Island, and it is doubtful that General Douglas MacArthur with his forces could have returned to Manila and eventually, on VJ-Day, receive the surrender of Japan on the deck of the U.S.S. *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.

West Point, The Men and Times of the United States Military Academy

By Thomas J. Fleming. William Morrow & Company, \$8.50.

Reviewed by Robert W. Giuliano '58.

Author Thomas J. Fleming is no stranger to the plains of West Point. It was he who, in 1964 and 1965, had the good fortune of being the first historian to make extensive use of the collected and annotated edition of the papers of Sylvanus Thayer. That he did his job well is clearly evident in his rich and rewarding book *West Point, the Men and Times of the United States Military Academy*.

Fleming's book has been published at a time when the American public is raising serious questions about the size of the military establishment, the legitimacy of its aims, and—beneath the surface—the honesty and integrity of those who are charged with its management. Its critics have a habit, if not a fault, of using carefully selected vignettes to strengthen their positions. They tend to ignore the accomplishments of the many, preferring to concentrate

on the failures of the few. Fleming has avoided such a pitfall and has chosen to write a definitive study of the Military Academy, giving praise when due, making criticisms when they are warranted. In this sense he has confirmed his position as a "first-rate military historian."

But perhaps more to the point, he has given life and warmth to an institution which is normally depicted as being cold and staid. His accounts of the mutiny of 1817, of the cadet days of the giants of the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Indian Wars and World War I make for fascinating reading. He has done equally well in relating the facts behind the so-called cribbing scandal of 1950 and in detailing the trials and tribulations of West Point's first Black cadets. In sum, he has succeeded in showing that the Military Academy is a dynamic institution, one that is well aware of its purpose while constantly striving to improve its programs.

No volume is perfect, however, and it would be well to mention that the book does contain some minor factual errors—the captions on the pictures in Part IV being the most obvious. In addition, no mention is made in the final chapter of the curriculum changes which will be implemented next year or of their probable impact on the total program. The author should probably not be criticized for this failure, however, since his work had been completed prior to their approval. Nonetheless, it is interesting to speculate on how he would view them and whether or not they would influence the flavor of his concluding paragraphs.

Writing in the "New York Times Book Review" on 4 May 1969, Mr. Charles B. Flood called this the "best book written about the United States Military Academy at West Point . . . one of the best books ever written about an American educational institution . . . one is left with the impression of an institution which is increasingly attuned to the society whose taxes maintain it." It is difficult to say more.

Colonel Edwin H. Marks Jr. (right) assumed duties as Chief of Staff, USMA, on 5 June succeeding Colonel William J. Whitener (left) who commands the 3d Brigade, 3d Infantry Division, Aschoffenburg, Germany. Colonel Marks came to the Academy from an assignment as Deputy Director J1, OJCS, Washington, D.C. His wife is the former Mildred Ashmore of San Antonio, and they have three children: Margaret Ann, 20, Edwin H. III, 19, and James, 16.



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June Week double wedding of twin sisters to USMA graduates: First Lieutenant Robert E. Keenan Jr. '67 and Mrs. (Loretta Jean Cassidy) Keenan (left) and Second Lieutenant Stephen J. Williams '68 and Mrs. (Constance Marie Cassidy) Williams (right).

Patrick Gibbs, son of Major Philip E. Gibbs, USMA '59, and Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School helping his father at the office.



After 22 years the Heiberg Cup for excellence in horsemanship was reactivated and awarded to Cadet Michael Kobbe '72, a member of the Cadet Riding Team. Making the presentation during June Week Ceremonies is Brigadier General Elvin R. Heiberg '26, recently retired Head of the Department of Mechanics. Looking on is Major William L. Heiberg '61, presently assigned to USMA as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Sciences. The Heiberg Cup is a memorial award honoring Major E. R. Heiberg '96, father of General Heiberg, who was killed in a riding accident in 1917 while serving as the U. S. Military Attache to Italy. The cup was first awarded to Cadet Hayden Sears '20 (Col. USA Ret), and later to Cadet B. Palmer '36. Other recipients of the cup include Major General R. W. Strong '40, past Commandant, USAFA; Major General E. H. de Saussure Jr. '41; Lieutenant Colonel E. R. Van Deusen '46, and Colonel Hugh F. T. Hoffman '47, former Chief of the Office of Military Instruction, USMA.



1969

ARMY - NAVY FOOTBALL *RALLY!*

WHEN:

Friday Night Before ARMY-Navy Game
8 p.m. to Midnight

WHERE:

Main Ballroom
Defense Personnel Support Center
(Formerly the Philadelphia QM Depot)
2800 South 20th Street, Philadelphia

PROGRAM: (Commencing at 8 p.m.)

Band Concert	USMA Band
Concert	Fort Dix Glee Club
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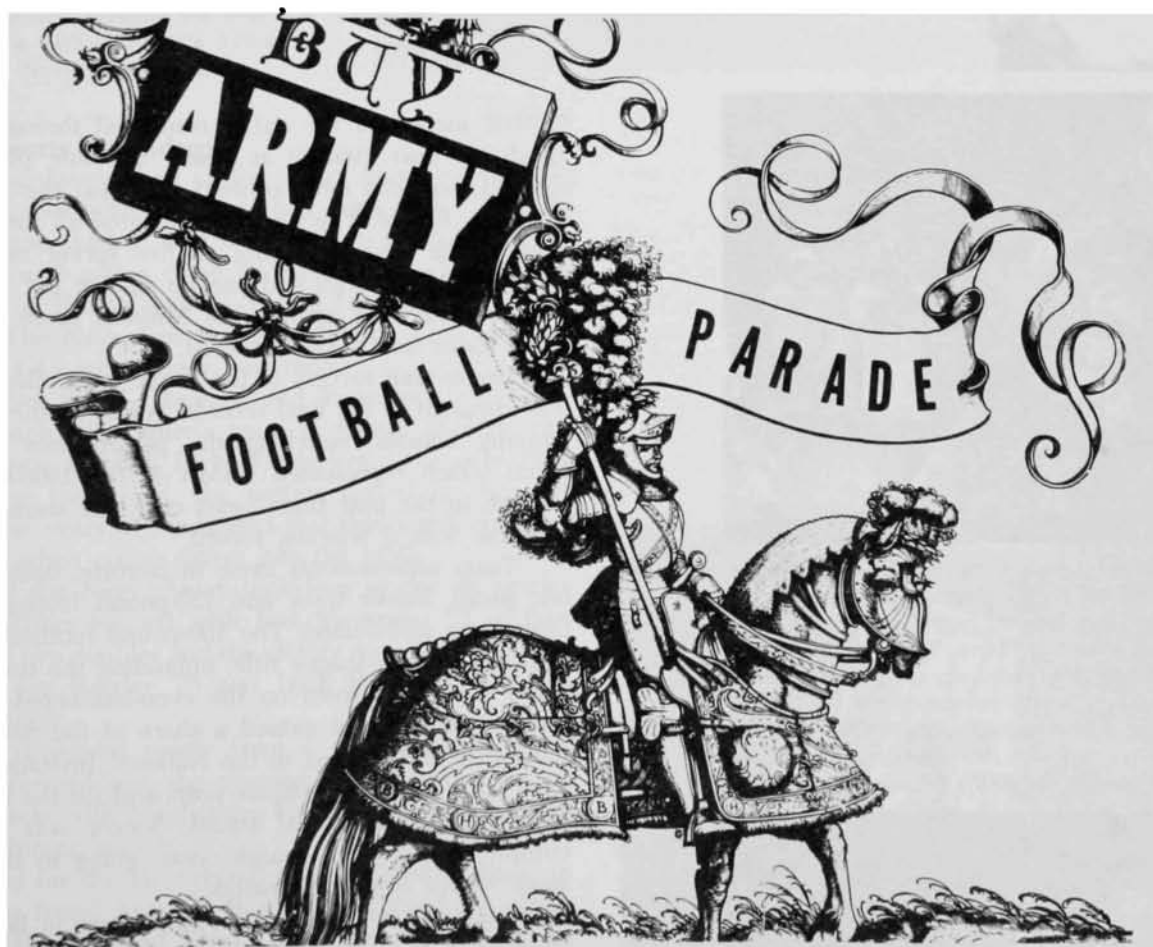
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Sir! We've received a dispatch from the West Point Society of New York which reads as follows:

FRIDAY 10 OCT. 69 — BEFORE YOU BREAK FOR THE NIGHT, BE SURE TO GATHER UP YOUR PEOPLE AND SWING BY THE 7th REGT. ARMORY ON PARK AVE. AT 66th STREET IN MANHATTAN FOR COCKTAILS & JOINT BUFFET WITH THE NOTRE DAME CROWD. DETAILS TO FOLLOW. ADAIR '45, PRES.



If I may, sir! Lifting a glass or two and breaking bread with the Irish tonight would not be half bad.



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down the field...

by FRANK WALTER



Steve Semko of Navy is out at home plate attempting to extend a triple to a home run in the third inning. ARMY catcher Larry Fettis makes the tag. ARMY won, 12 to 11. Semko had a two-run homer the first time he faced the ARMY.



ARMY's defense snaps into place against the Long Island Lacrosse Club, one of 10 the Cadets beat on their way to the national title. With Rob Stewart in the goal, others are defensemen Dick Luecke (30), Terry Young (11), Charlie Jarvis (32) and midfielder Bob Poatovsky (20). Below: ARMY Captain Rick Wilber, the only First Classman on the 1969 team, returns a shot in the ARMY-Navy match. Wilber won his singles match and then teamed with Jack Stevenson to take the only doubles win. But that insured ARMY a 5-4 win over Navy.



THE success of the sixties continued through the academic year 1968-69 as ARMY not only played more contests, but won more contests and beat the Navy more than ever before. The Cadets dominated all three seasons, capping the year by taking all five spring meetings for a total of 13 victories and one tie against but four losses. The previous best against the Middies came in 1964-65 when ARMY had a 12-4-1 record.

The overall success of the ARMY intercollegiate teams was apparent in the final records. All 20 of the teams had winning seasons, matching the performance of the 18 teams which represented USMA in the 1966-67 seasons. In fact, in the past three years only one team has failed to finish with a winning record.

Team achievements came in lacrosse, basketball, soccer, pistol, indoor track and 150-pound football, the last three were undefeated. The 150-pound football team also won the Eastern league title, upholding the tradition that ARMY wins the crown on the even-numbered years. Lacrosse lost once but gained a share of the national title. Basketball was invited to the National Invitation Tournament for the fifth time in six years and for the fourth time gained the quarter-final round. Soccer was an NCAA entrant for the sixth straight year, going to the quarter-finals before being eliminated.

Coaching honors went to Jim Adams in lacrosse who closed out 12 years at the ARMY helm by returning the Cadets to the top of the national rating, to Eric Tipton who gained another 150-pound football title, and to SGM Leonard Ross whose pistol teams have not lost a match in two years.

ASSEMBLY



Middle distance runner Jim Osman will be captain of the 1970 track team. Osman improved late in the season, winning the mile and getting second in the 880 in ARMY's 110-44 victory over Navy at Annapolis.

1968-69 ARMY Sports Results

Sport	Con- tests	W	L	T	Pct.	vs.	
						Navy	1969-70 Captain
Pistol	12	12	0	0	1.000	Won	Victor Ross
Track	9	9	0	0	1.000	Won	George Forsythe
150-lb. Football	6	6	0	0	1.000	Won	Jim Lovelace
Lacrosse	11	10	1	0	.909	Won	John Connors
Tennis	15	13	2	0	.867	Won	Phil Krieger
Squash	14	11	3	0	.786	Won	George Alcorn
Swimming	13	10	3	0	.769	Won	Jon Noll
Soccer	14	10	3	1	.769	Tied	John Veenstra
Hockey	28	20	7	1	.741	Dave Young
Fencing	14	10	4	0	.714	Lost	Nick Costantino
Football	10	7	3	0	.700	Won	Lynn Moore
Baseball	22	15	7	0	.682	Won	Pete McCall
Cross Country	9	6	3	0	.667	Lost	Jim Kee
Cymnastics	9	6	3	0	.667	Won	John Senor
Rifle	9	6	3	0	.667	Lost	Chip Leonard
Basketball	28	18	10	0	.643	Won	Jim Oxley
Golf	13	8	5	0	.615	Won	Greg Knight
Track (Outdoor)	5	3	2	0	.600	Won	Jim Osman
Wrestling	11	5	4	2	.556	Lost	Bill McBeth
Totals	252	185	63	4	.746	(13-4-1)	

(NOTE: Skiing, Army's 20th intercollegiate sport, won three Division III meets and competed in one Division II meet against multiple opposition. Captain for next winter is Charles Ennis.)

Spring Sports Roundup

Never in history had all five ARMY teams won in the June Week competition. Navy had turned the trick in 1954 but ARMY had to wait until 1969 to reach that goal.

The closest action came at West Point where tennis won (5-4) on Friday, golf (4-3) and baseball (12-11) on Saturday. The Navy fans suffered as track (110-44) and lacrosse (14-4) were ARMY runaways.

Only two teams, Harvard and Princeton, were able to beat Coach Bill Cullen's team in tennis. Staffed with underclassmen, Captain Rick Wilber being the only First Classman on the squad, the netters turned in the best record in five years and indicated that things will continue to be good when action moves into the 1970s.

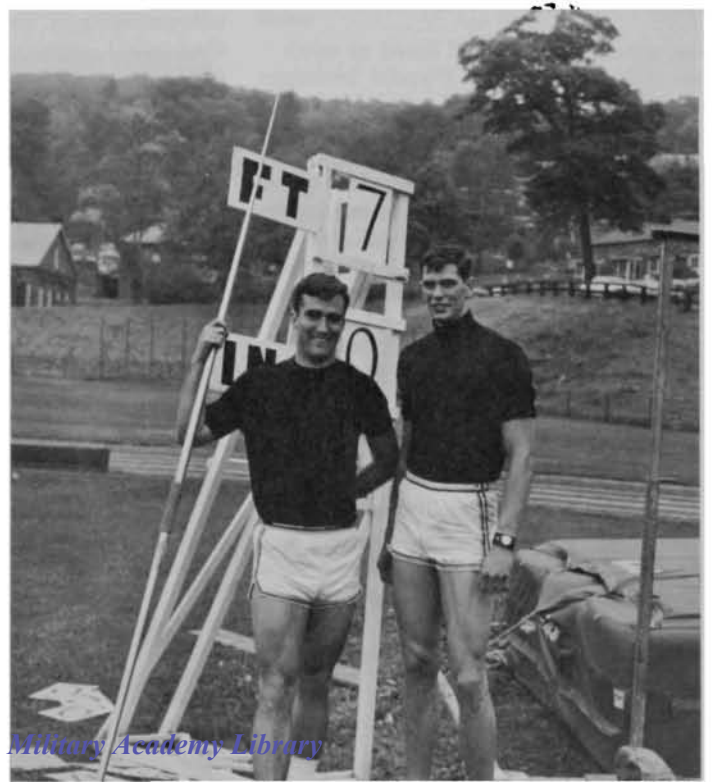
Against the Navy, ARMY took four of the six singles and then Wilber teamed with Jack Stevenson '71 to take the number two doubles and the victory over Navy. Wilber, Stevenson, Joe Reeder '70 and Dick Fate '71 were the singles winners.

Track recovered neatly from a difficult April when Yale and Harvard won the opening dual meets. Victories came in meets with Manhattan, Penn State, and Navy to assure a winning season.

The bid for the Heptagonal title at Franklin Field in Philadelphia found ARMY in third place behind the aforementioned Harvard and Yale. ARMY came up with three Hep champions, Bruce Olson '70 in the high jump, George Forsythe '70 in the 440 and Kevin James '71 in the pole vault.

Olson established Academy and Shea Stadium records when he cleared seven feet in the high jump against Penn

Record breakers Bob Wallis and Bruce Olson, both members of the Class of 1970. Wallis set an Academy javelin mark of 254-2 in the Penn Relays and the Shea Stadium record of 252-3 against Penn State. Olson's seven-foot effort in the high jump against Penn State was both an Academy and a Shea Stadium record.





It won't happen again. Captain-fullback Lynn Moore of the Black team finds his progress halted by defensive cornerback Byron Price (89) of the Gold team in the annual spring game. Defensive back Danton Steele (24) comes up to help. The Golds won, 14 to 10.

State. Bob Wallis '70, who had set an Academy mark with a javelin throw of 254-2 in the Penn Relays, came through with a toss of 252-3 against the Nittany Lions to take the Shea Stadium record.

It was ARMY all the way against Navy, the Cadets winning 14 of the 18 events. They missed by a mere four points matching the biggest victory margin ever, that 114-40 mark having come in the 1968 outdoor meet at West Point. Captain Sheridan Groves closed out his career with 12¼ points, including a record-breaking 14.2 second

performance in the 120 yard high hurdles. Kevin Flanagan '71 exploded for a 9.4 second effort in the 100-yard dash, the best in Academy history. And Olson went 6-11¼ in the high jump, a new ARMY-Navy meet record.

It was a bit later that Saturday that the results of the golf match were announced. The pattern of the home team winning by one point continued for the fifth year. Captain Rusty Casey rallied from a four-point deficit at the end of 11 holes and beat the Navy captain Eric Utegaard 1 up on the 19th hole. *(Continued on page 63)*

Coach Tom Cahill and football officer representative, Major Edward Shaw, watch the annual spring game from the Black bench.



Board of Trustees Election

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Currently: West Point Society of the District of Columbia; member, Montgomery County Civil Defense Advisory Board; Trustee, The Boys' Latin School of Baltimore, Md. Home: Potomac, Md.

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Walter J. Renfro Jr. '34—Colonel, USA; G3 35th Div, European Theatre; Asst Secy JC/S; Asst Prof Foreign Languages; Stu AFSC; Prof Foreign Languages USMA. Currently: Head of Department of Foreign Languages, USMA; Chairman, West Point Museum and Memorialization Board; Chairman, Library Committee; Scholarship Committee, USMA. Home: West Point, N.Y.

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Alvin L. Mente Jr. '35—Colonel, USA Ret; G3 Sec GHQ SWPA; Instr TARS, Ft. Knox, Ky.; G3 & XO CCA 7th Armd Div, European Theatre; Hq AGF; Ret for disability 1947. Currently: Representative, National Distillers & Chemical Corp. Home: Bethesda, Md.

Merton Singer '38—Colonel, USA Ret; Ord Sec HQ VIII Corps, European Theatre; M.S. (Petroleum Engineering) U of Pittsburgh 1947; HQ Pac Cmd Pearl Harbor; Prof Mil Sci & Tactics, U. of Pennsylvania; CO QM Petr Distribution Cmd; QM HQ First Army; CO Ft. Jay; past President, West Point Society of N.Y.; past President, N.Y. Chapter, Defense Supply Association. Currently: Exec Secy, Research & Development Associates. Home: New York, N.Y.

Frank Borman '50—Colonel, USAF; Plt Tng, Williams AFB, 44 FB Sq, Clark AFB; M.S. California Institute of Technology 1957; Instr AF Test Plt Sch, Edwards AFB. Currently: NASA Astronaut, Houston, Tex. Home: Houston, Tex.



Birth of a Lab

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manuals for the equipment? If they chose to do this, their results would be graded and treated as their Term End Exam. Colonel Reinhart approved the idea—and work began in earnest.

The first team to get anything accomplished was the one of Cadets Steven Traynor, Henry P. Russell, and Gerald R. Hayton. The cadets contacted Mr. Chappie Chiosky of I.B.M., who was a

specialist on vacuum chamber evaporators. They tore their machine down, rebuilt it, and wrote a complete operative and maintenance manual. Many long hours of work paid off as the vacuum chamber is now operating and useful for many types of metallic deposition. The machine will be used primarily to deposit aluminum contacts on the transistors and diodes made in the lab.

Soon, other teams "got the bug" and Cadets Phillip Weaver, Michael C. Bibb, James M. Taylor, Arthur L. Farris, Carlos E. Araya, and Paul M. Salazar made contact with Mr. Albert Schien also of I.B.M. With his help, these Cadets were able to unscramble the maze of wires and gauges associated with the high temperature, oxidation, and diffusion furnaces. These furnaces operate at 1050 degrees Centigrade and are the heart of the manufacturing process. They have sensitive recording devices used to record the temperatures inside the furnaces. The operating instructions written by the cadets are clear and complete so that other students will be able to use them.

One area that is critical in the construction of solid state devices is properly locating the areas on the semiconductor wafers that are to be impregnated with known impurities. To do this, precise work involving microscopic alignment of masks for photo etching on the wafers was needed. Also a means of coating the wafers with the necessary emulsion was required. Cadets John C. Yeisley and Thomas M. I. Hall were given the task of building "from scratch" these stations. These young men provided the necessary engineering drawings and sketches to the Department's machine shop, and Mr. Conrad Lautze, under the watchful eye of the cadets, constructed the machinery to their specifications. Cadets Yeisley and Hall tested their products and wrote the technical manuals for their align-and-expose station and spin station. The align station aligns the wafer with the mask, and the spin station spreads an emulsion on the wafers at 3400 rpm.

Another critical area is polishing the wafers prior to any operation. Cadet Luis B. Retana modified an existing vibrating machine to perform this task. His machine is capable of producing surfaces with a roughness of only ten microns. He also wrote the technical manual for the polishing process.

The most difficult task was assigned to Cadets John W. Harre and Rene G. Copeland. They had no equipment to build or modify, but had to investigate the method of oxidation and diffusion to be used in the diffusion furnaces. They designed a feasible method and pictured the equipment necessary for these processes.

One of the most interesting parts of the laboratory is testing and viewing the finished product. Cadets B. F. Brittenham and Dennis Nishida rejuvenated a comparator. It will magnify 200 times and project a picture on a screen for viewing by students so they can see what

their finished product looks like. They had to disassemble, repair, and reassemble their machine, which is now in working order.

As an extra item, Cadets John Champagne and Terris W. Mikelk modified an oven used to perform high temperature experiments in the study of semiconductor properties. The complexity of the equipment and the lack of any outside help led to a difficult task, but they too succeeded.

All in all, the Electrical Engineering Department now has a laboratory capable of taking a commercially available semiconductor wafer, polishing it to acceptable standards, putting an oxide layer on it, photo engraving and etching holes in the oxide, diffusing known impurities into the wafer, evaporating contacts on to the device and testing the finished product—a semiconductor diode or transistor. All the work was accomplished as a special project by 18 cadets of the Class of 1969—a fine gift to the Military Academy available for both normal classroom work and research in the ever expanding field of Solid State Electronics.



Cowslips, Airslips

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vaguely that I thought I was doing OK.

"Well, you're not. But we'll find out. Grab your chute and meet me down at 114. Go make out a clearance while I change my clothes."

After we were strapped in, the prop had been spun and we were all set, he said, "Taxi out, check the mags, and when you get a green light, take off."

I never had taxied a bird; my instructor wouldn't trust me to. But I tenderly advanced the throttle and started S-ing down the taxi way. The Commandant was a big fellow and, in his winter flying jacket, loomed up in the front seat (with his arms resting on the side cowling) like a grizzly bear. My visibility dead ahead was zero, zero.

Once or twice he took the throttle and explained where I was clumsy. After setting the brakes, he told me about wrapping my leg about the stick while checking the mags, adjusting the trim tab, etc., all things unknown to me. He was critical of errors, but once actually paid me a compliment. Thank heaven, he could use the gossport, too.

"How many times have you ever done all this?" he asked.

"Never."

"Jeez! OK, square it away and take off."

A show followed, then and there, about like the one you see at all air circuses, where the old lady falls into the cockpit, gives it the needle and lurches off without the pilot.

We went scampering away like a snake after a mouse. My throttle was loose, the engine sang and banged, depending on whether I jammed it forward, and the bird whip-sawed from side to side because

for all I knew, the rudders were in there just for looks.

After the Major had taken all the punishment one could endure, he grabbed the throttle, shook the rudders, took the stick and slammed it from side to side against my knees, turned around and yelled, "Sit back and relax. I'll raise my hands when you can have it. And listen, NEVER take your left hand off the throttle!" He thereupon flew that little airplane out of the field as though it were a cross-pollination of eagle, dove and hawk. It was beautiful.

After about five minutes he gave me the aircraft and asked for a stall (which was awful). He then explained how to come in with the ONE-TWO-THREE maneuver that, as with a spin, will bring practically anything out of a stall and had me do a couple more. Looking in the mirror, he grinned and asked me if I had ever done a spin on my own. Obviously not!

After about two minutes of explanation and demonstration, I tried one. It wasn't a perfect point spin, where you turn X times and stop precisely at the point you say you will, but my courage was up, my confidence buoyed. I hadn't known what flying was before.

We headed for an auxiliary field, where a gaggle of cadets were shooting landings, and entered the pattern. The Major told me to land it, taxi back and take off again. We made a half-way decent landing, started a ground loop which he brought out with throttle. Again he taught me something; any conventional aircraft can be brought out of a ground loop with the gun.

We taxied back, swung it around, I gunned it, and everything that had happened back at the school began again. We were all over the place like a garden hose. The stick banged my knees as he yanked back the throttle, and we returned to the head of the field.

"Look here! Don't you remember mechanics at West Point? About torque on the end of a shaft? You've got to feed in right rudder on takeoff. Don't you know that? Didn't your instructor ever tell you that when you got in trouble on takeoff?" I looked down at my seat belt. Of course he hadn't, but that didn't excuse my not having figured it out.

He taxied over to the left, next to a plowed field, and said, "Now! Take this damn thing off and keep it straight or we'll both end up on our backs, over in that farmer's potato patch."

It worked. Instructional ability, right rudder and a lot of furrows below our left wing tips kept us straight as an arrow. Well, almost!

After two more landings and takeoffs, we taxied to a little Chic Sale sort of house where a couple of instructors were sitting. My man grabbed the top wing and heaved his bulk out of the cockpit, pulled out his chute, buckled seat straps, stuck his finger under my nose and said, "Make three landings and bring it back

whole. Oh yes, just imagine I'm up there in front of you."

A new-found assurance suffused my anatomy. Looking at him, I said, "I'll be seeing you." The old cockiness I'd lost since leaving the Cavalry was back.

"The hell with that. I'LL be seeing YOU," he growled. He stomped off to join his subordinates, looked over his shoulder once more and grinned.

As I made those three landings, there he was indeed, figuratively in the front seat, doing it for me. Then, when he swung himself back in again, he simply said, "OK, take it easy. The only time I get to shine my rind is when I've earned my pay, like this." For fifteen minutes we were never over ten feet from the ground until we got about a mile from home. Up to that time, it was the happiest quarter-hour of my life.

Back on the ground, he said, "Starting now, you get a new instructor. I've taught you how to fly in a little over ninety minutes. You knew nothing about that airplane a couple of hours ago. You were just about one ride from the horses."

That night, along with a couple of cadets who had also soloed that day, I went out and got quietly sozzled. And I never had further trouble in Primary, thanks to the late Red Deering. God rest his soul.

And so, now we went to the Basic Course, and the whole damn thing started up again. My instructor was a Lieutenant who launched things off to a smashing prologue by saying, "You've gotta get up on the stick" as soon as we'd met! What stick? We'd never even seen each other before! Did the jerk possess ESP?

I was having a bit of trouble with the flight surgeons (they seemed to be in league with the instructors) who claimed my blood pressure was high because I was trying too hard. My case went to Washington, and the instructor kissed me off; back to the bagtails. Then, suddenly, orders came through from Washington returning me to the flight line, and so my instructor shoved it out as grindingly as he could because I was behind. It wasn't easy, and I had to stay one throttle notch ahead of him, but it sorted itself out.

Having smoldered all the way through the course, when it was over I called on him in the BOQ to let him have a piece of my mind. He was lying there in a big double bed, reading a magazine and with a drink in his other hand.

I gave him both barrels: his ignorance of human nature, poor leadership, arrogance and use of directed profanity (something no professional officer ever tolerates). I ranked him (a little bit) away from the flight line, and anyway, the course was over. So I took my chance.

He listened to it all. I half expected there'd be a big fight, but when my steam trickled out, he said, "Well, if it means anything to you, you're the best student I've ever had. You hadda be or I'd of washed you out the first damn day. You graduated with a B, as far as I know, the highest grade in the class."

I felt about as tall as a gopher, mumbled some sort of thanks and sneaked out. The poor rascal was killed in the war, but I never forgot, nor forgave, his abrasive approach.

At the Advanced School, the hump had been passed. My new instructor (who collected three stars later on) could have taught calculus to a second grade moron, he was that good. But half the time he was all hung up in a poker game with the other instructors and turned me loose with one of his coadjutors, guys who made up for lack of ability with over-charged enthusiasm. I would ride with one of them, then when the number one boy got back in the cockpit, he'd have to unsnarl the damage done since our last flight.

One particular problem arose during formation flying. My instructor had us flying on his wings, keeping position so that our wing tips were directly behind his wing tip, and laterally in line with his horizontal stabilizer. The assistants, all super eager kids, wanted us in so close they could see if we'd shaved. We were supposed to stay in there on takeoff, through half rolls, Cuban Eights in string, lazy eights and chandelles and at landing. You watched nothing but the leader's head and your position. It was, indeed, good to *feel* the ground again on landing. You felt it, for you never saw it.

On our last flight, our instructor, having received sudden orders, was getting packed to move and his amanuensis said to the other student and me, "All right, you take Number Two, Griffith, and you, Number Three," to the other wing man. "Keep it in tight now. No sloppy sliding all over the place. Tight, I said. We'll take off in V formation."

As we walked to the line, my fellow student said, "Griff, this nut needs a scare. Let's put our props right up where they'll damn near saw him in two." Fine with me. When we taxied out, we took the normal positions our instructor had taught us, wings in line with the elevators and wing tip back of his wing tip. But when we turned and squared away for takeoff, the cadet and I pulled ourselves in to where the leader could see hardly anything but two prop blades flashing on each side of his chowder head. He glared over at me, then at my friend, but couldn't chicken out now.

Up went his hand with the GO signal, and we poured on the coal. For an hour I never worked so hard, but there the other student and I stayed, as if we were tied to the leader with a foot of string. After a few minutes of gentle maneuvers he hadn't shaken us off, so he cut loose and we still stayed painted to his shadow. Never knowing how high we got, or how low, I saw nothing but him occasionally looking back at me with furtive glances, but most of the time with head straight to the front so that if he got chopped up, it could be sudden and merciful. Once in a while, a flash of landscape would catch my eye, but it meant nothing. I was still

airborne, whether in a vertical bank or on my back.

After landing, we walked silently to the locker room, sat down and waited for the critique to follow. It never came. The leader looked at us as if he wanted to kill us, but he'd missed his chance. This was the last flight, and we'd been out there squeezing him like a watermelon seed.

"Well, I guess you guys are through the course. Listen, when I said close I didn't mean you had to get in the cockpit and sit on my lap." His hand shook a little as he fumbled with a cigarette, then continued, "But by God, when we went under the bridge I knew you'd never hit it. If I cleared it, you sure as hell would, right there crawling in my pockets."

What bridge?

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Down the Field

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It was Chuck Swannack '71 who got the winning point, a 1 up win over Jim Walters of Navy. First Classmen John Ahlbrecht and Bruz Fellenz scored the other ARMY points.

Then the attention switched to lacrosse at Navy where a share of the national title with Johns Hopkins was at stake. Coach Adams' team had lost to the Bluejays while Navy had upset the defending champions. Along the way, ARMY had hit double figures in nine victories in 10 starts but Navy's defense was expected to blunt this powerful attack.

Following almost the same pattern as 1968, when the two battled to a 7-7 overtime tie in Michie Stadium, ARMY jumped into a commanding 6-1 lead. Navy cut it to 6-3 but all-America Pete Cramblet '70 popped in two goals in little over a minute of action to give ARMY an 8-3 halftime lead.

Then the crowd of 16,056, the largest ever to see a lacrosse contest, settled down to watch Navy produce the same type of comeback that it did a year ago. But it wasn't to be. The defense of footballers Terry Young, Charlie Jarvis, and Dick Luecke plus the great goaltending of Rob Stewart was to limit the Middies to one score in the second half. In fact, that came in the fourth period when Coach Adams was in the process of clearing his bench.

Cramblet, who was to make all-America for the second straight year, had four goals and two assists. His Third Classman running mate on attack, Tom Cafaro, had two goals and two assists.

With the results 4-0 in ARMY's favor, attention went back to West Point where the baseball was still going on. Coach Eric Tipton's 1969 team had adopted a pattern of coming from behind in the late innings, a tactic which produced victories in the last eight games of the season. The Navy game was to be that way.

Navy jumped into a 5-1 lead only to have ARMY cut that margin to 6-5 by the seventh inning. Four ARMY runs there and another in the eighth gave the Cadets what appeared to be a comfortable 10-6 lead going into the final frame.

A home run followed by three straight walks and two ARMY errors gave Navy four runs and tied the score. A Navy hit, a double by Steve Semko, produced what appeared to be the winning run. But ARMY still had its final turn at the plate.

A walk by John Pegg, who was sacrificed to second, was followed by ARMY's second out. All-East Pete McCall was walked intentionally. A wild pitch moved both runners into scoring position and then Fred Zilian, who had contributed one of the critical ARMY errors, singled up the middle to bring home the two needed runs. There was nothing but joy on The Plain for June Week 1969.

Athletes Receive Honors

Honors tendered during June Week went to footballers Charlie Jarvis and Tom Wheelock. Jarvis, who set all sorts of rushing records during his three years as a fullback on the varsity and also was a regular defenseman on the lacrosse team, received the Army Athletic Association Trophy. Wheelock, who was known as the General on the offensive unit, was given the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Merit Medal for excellence in scholarship and athletics. Wheelock had received an NCAA post-graduate scholarship last fall. He was 21st in the 800 Cadets graduating in the Class of 1969.

Along with Cramblet in the all-America lacrosse selections were defenseman Dick Luecke on the first team, attackman Tom Cafaro and midfielder John Connors on the second team, defensemen Terry Young on the third team and Jarvis and midfielder Ed Hirsch as honorable mention. Luecke, Young and Jarvis graduated. Young, Luecke, and Captain Darby Boyle, an attackman, were selected for the post-season North-South lacrosse contest.

In baseball, centerfielder Pete McCall, the 1970 captain, was named to the all-East team. Two others from the Class of 1970, second baseman Bill Lane and pitcher Eric Pedersen, made the second team.

Defense Wins Spring Game

Coach Tom Cahill sent his 1969 football candidates through their spring game with the Gold or defensive team winning, 14 to 10. Of the three quarterback prospects, only letterman Roger LeDoux was on hand. The two signal-callers from the Class of 1971, Bernie Wall and Bob Mohn, were both injured.

LeDoux, Captain-fullback Lynn Moore and halfback Hank Andrzejczak built a 10-0 lead only to have Reggie Stearns, who played for the Plebes last fall, erase that with a fourth period passing attack for two scores. Stearns' favorite target was another Plebe, end Hugh MacDonald. A 29-yard pass set up the first score and another for 57 yards with less than two minutes to play settled the issue.

The talented toe of Arden Jensen, who accounted for 64 points by kicking last fall, was worth seven in this game. Jensen booted a 22-yard field goal and a conversion for the losing Black cause and two conversions for the winning Golds.

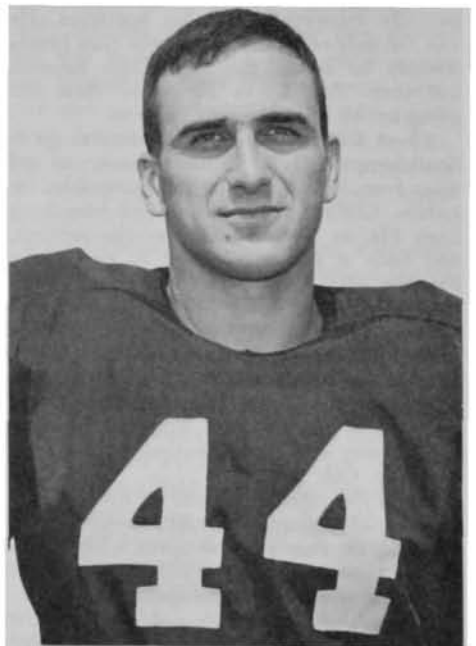
What about next fall? It will take Camp Buckner training to determine most of the answers to that question. Cahill will have about four weeks to get ready for the opener against New Mexico on September 20.

Sports Briefs

Football tickets are selling well again this year showing continued interest in ARMY football . . . Homecoming with Texas A&M on October 4 and the Air Force contest on November 1 are the most popular on the home program . . . Captain-linebacker Ken Johnson '69 and fullback Charlie Jarvis '69 played for the East in the Coaches all-Star game in Atlanta in late June . . . New member of the varsity football staff is Bob Gratz, who will work on the offense . . . Gratz played for Tennessee against ARMY in 1965 . . . He has been with the Plebes and B team the past two seasons . . . Television will offer the ARMY-Navy and the ARMY-Air Force games on the ABC-NCAA package . . . Grid coaches Tom Cahill, Dick Lyon, and Bob Mischak conducted football clinics in Germany in July . . . The best way to follow ARMY sports is to take the ARMY SPORTS-LETTER . . . The price for 18 issues in 1969-70 will again be five dollars . . . A sample copy may be obtained by writing to the Sports Information Office, USMA.



Army 1969 Football Captain



Lynn Moore, First Classman from Ponca City, Okla., will lead the ARMY football team through its 1969 campaign. Moore has been an outstanding halfback for the past two years but may end up as a fullback in Coach Cahill's plans this fall.



REPORT



... from the
classes

'03

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1903: Col. Lewis Turtle at Fort Sam Houston dinner.

Our ranks have been thinned by the death of Henning Colley, who passed away on 13 Apr at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Bremer-ton, Wash. His niece, Mrs. Meinecke, sent the news of his sudden heart attack, while apparently recovering from an operation. He was the only other member of the class beside Rodney to attend the 65th Class Reunion last year. That leaves 10 of the class still going on, all of whom sent in notes.

Albert Gilmor writes of his plans to go to Southampton, L.I., for the summer, to get away from New York City and its troubles for awhile. Clifford Jones has shifted base back from Fla. to Norcross, Ga. for the summer, and finds it just as pleasant as ever. John Franklin says life is about the same, except for leaning a bit more heavily on his cane! That Great Silurian, Lewis Turtle, is back home from a minor operation in Brooke Army Hospital, and is now enjoying life again. The accompanying picture of Turtle, as the oldest graduate at the Ft. Sam Houston Founders Day dinner, was kindly sent on by the local secretary, Col. Kail.

Max Tyler reports he's still on his feet, and at his old stamping-ground on Q St., in Washington. Puss Farnum spent a hard winter in snow-bound Me., with leg troubles, but has recovered with the spring.

Jake Wuest was much saddened by the death of his wife Helen, after a long illness. She was buried in the West Point cemetery.

Marion Howze and Clark Lynn write cheer-fully. All classmates have been most kind in sending get-well messages to Rodney, who has been laid-up since Christmas, but is at home, in capable hands, with visits from his three daughters.

Our Association membership of 19,745 represents over 96% of our living graduates.

Graduates and former cadets who are not now members of the Association are cordially invited to contact the Secretary for the appropriate appli-cation form.

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'05

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News about the Class of 1905 that ever reaches this reporter is scarce. Presumably most of us are leading the normally unexciting lives of persons of our age. In one respect time is treating us gently. Although we were all octogenarians when Tom Osborne died more than two years ago, there have been no subsequent casualties. Of our 114 grad-uates we still have 15 survivors. So far as age is concerned Dad Gibson still heads the list by reaching the age of 90 on 17 June. At the tender age of 85 Joe Barzynski is now the surviving "babe" of the Class.

Julius Peterson and Minna Ramsey are both in nursing homes. His address is: Oak-wood, 601 Summer St., Manchester, Mass. 09144. Hers is: Belmont Nursing Home, 34 Agassiz Ave., Belmont, Mass. 02178.

'07

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Dan'l Boone rides again! Dan'l represented '07 at the May-June activities at the Point. He held our banner high. May he continue to represent us for many years to come.

Inge Hayden came down from N.Y. and entertained at lunch at the A-N Club our luncheon group. It was a delightful party. Dan'l Boone came from Stamford for the oc-casion. Mrs. Hayden, Valerie, came in later and took pictures of the group. Inge sent copies of the pictures to those present. While here, Dan'l Boone entertained a small party at dinner at the A-N Club. He stayed with Enrique White. Inge has given up his home on Long Island and now lives in N.Y.C. His address is 415 East 52nd Street, Apt. 11 D-A, zip code 10022.

At our May luncheon Arthur Lane had as his guest, Joe Barynski, '05. We were de-lighted to have Joe. He looks A-1. At the spring quarterly luncheon of the West Point Society of D.C. the speaker was Mr. Austin Kiplinger, Editor of the *Kiplinger Wash-ington Letter*. His talk was excellent, after which he answered questions from the floor. More inflation ahead.

In the spring ASSEMBLY note the excel-lent article by Dan'l Boone — "To Get Ahead Requires Hard Work — but a little luck helps." As the oldest grad present at West Point's Founders Day Dinner he addressed the meeting. He had planned to introduce



1907: Seated left to right: Hayden, Brabson, Drain, Boone. Standing left to right: White, Edgerton, Sullivan, McFarland.

Inge Hayden as the only man in our Class retired for wounds in WW I, but Inge could not attend.

The Board of Directors and the National Board of Trustees announce the official name change of the American Institute for Foreign Trade to Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management. There are more than 5,000 graduates all over the world. They are international managers in all areas of business of which trade is only a part. Barton Yount had a vision, and he put it into action with remarkably successful results. You have received the annual fund-raising appeal from the Association of Graduates. As suggested earlier why not add \$5.00 or more to what you gave last year.

At one of our reunions, maybe our 25th, the Roger Alexanders entertained the Class at lunch. A negro butler met the cars as they drove up. When Spots Coleman alighted, the butler stepped on his foot and apologized. At the luncheon the butler was now the waiter. He managed to kick Spots on the shin. Later he poured a bit of liquid down Spots' neck. At that Spots sprang to his feet, furious. Enrique White sitting next to him jumped up and grabbed Spots. The waiter grabbed a napkin and rubbed some of the black off his face. He was Billy Ganoe.

Inge Hayden believes if you laugh the world laughs with you; and if you weep, you weep alone. He sends the following:

- Dentures drive me crazy,
I'm restless at night
And in the morning I sure am a sight.
- Memory's failing, head's in a spin,
I'm practically living on aspirin.
- But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
But the moral is, as I this tale unfold,
- That for you and me, we are growing old.
It's better to say "I'm fine," with a grin
- Than to tell everyone of the
"shape we are in."

'08

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John Kennedy spent a couple of weeks or so in the hospital at Ft. Jackson, which is adjacent to his home town of Columbia, S.C. The exact nature of his illness isn't clear, but he is at home in his own apartment now and is getting along very well.

George Goethals reports by telephone from Watertown, Mass., where he is living with his son, that he is very comfortable. He is not able to write, but his voice is strong, and he talks like he always has - merrily. He sent his best regards to his classmates and other friends who may read these notes.

Jimmie Burns is leading a comfortable and (relatively) carefree life in his apartment at 3901 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008. His principal obligation is to report occasionally at Walter Reed Hospital for observation and treatment of some of the several ailments to which he has had to become accustomed.

'09

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We hasten to correct a serious error in this column of the Spring issue of ASSEMBLY in which the name of E.R. and Kay

Van Deusen's son, killed by enemy action in Vietnam, was stated incorrectly. Their son who lost his life in his country's service was Frederick French Van Deusen, Class of '53. We must now announce the death of one of '09's outstanding members, Cuthbert Powell Stearns, in a Charlottesville, Va., hospital on 6 June 1969. "Tups" had been in failing health and had written that he was deeply disappointed at being unable to attend our Class Reunion. The burial was in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. He is survived by his daughter, Frances Sutton, and three grandsons.

The 60th anniversary Reunion of 1909 was held at West Point during the last week of May. The following graduates of the class were present: Bluemel, Catron, Devers, Farman, Gage, Harding, Plassmeyer, Simpson, Stokely, Thummel, Van Deusen, G.L. "Tony" Goetz was the only '09 widow present. Several close relatives and friends of the above named "grads" also attended the Class dinner at the West Point Army Mess on the evening of 30 May. E.R. and Kay Van Deusen had started for West Point but had to turn back when E.R. became painfully ill while in Washington, D.C. At last report he "is a doin' well."

Our sincere thanks are due to Major John L. Geisinger of the USMA faculty for his most helpful service as the official "aide" to our Class during the entire reunion period.

Eley Denson is seriously ill in a nursing home in Virginia. His son, Eley P. Jr. can be reached at 2532 Roswell, Falls Church, Va.

'10

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The Guy Chipmans of San Antonio report that they and the Jack Heards are all OK. Guy is still successfully growing his beautiful roses, and the Heards will spend the summer at Silver Lake, N.H., as they have done for many years. Unfortunately, Ducky Reinhardt, after two strokes several months ago, is still quite ill. He enjoys very much receiving letters and cards from all his friends - even though he is unable to answer them - please keep writing him.

Gwladys Leonard departed Washington the end of May for a grand tour through central Europe. By ship to Rotterdam followed by a short visit in Holland. A sail up the Rhine and then by bus across Germany and Austria to Vienna for a few days. Then to Venice and Florence en route through Switzerland to Geneva for a week with friends. Finally to Genoa, Italy, sailing to New York for a mid-July arrival - a wonderful vacation abroad.

Pappy Selleck continues to live comfortably at a Retirement Home in Bethesda, Md. Pappy is a good letter writer and enjoys receiving letters from his old friends and classmates.

We regret very much to report the death on 6 June 1968, of Edmund P. Duval at the age of 84, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Ned left West Point early (due to "math"); enlisted 11th U.S. Cav. in 1909; commissioned in 1913; became a Lt. Col. of Cavalry during WW I; resigned in 1922 for physical disability incident to the Service, 1918-1919. Burial was in his home town of Annapolis, Md., where his surviving sister, Mrs. Flora Sayles, still lives.

A cheery letter from Molly Dunn from her home in Quaker Hill, Conn. (where she lives next door to her son Walter) reports all well with her and extends cordial best wishes to all members of 1910.

A letter from Fred Carrithers of Colo., gives us more details of the annual Founders Dinner held at the Officers' Club, U. S. Air Force Academy last Mar. In introducing Fred, as the oldest graduate present, the Toastmaster read this telegram received from Fred's youngest son at San Diego - "The roll of the Corps, since 1802, rings loud on the clear, crisp air. And the Class of 1910, with its 83 men, is standing there. With you, tonight, is one of those men who taught Duty, Honor, Country to me. He lives by the code and goes by the name of Major Carrithers, Fred B." Signed Dick Carrithers, Lt. Col. U.S.A.F. - Proud Son. A great surprise to Fred, who quickly gathering himself together, made a fine talk to the more than 300 at the dinner.

Only nine months now until the Class of 1910 returns to West Point for its 60th Reunion. I wonder how many of our 1910 Ladies will attend? Would deeply appreciate hearing from you.

'11

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Last May, in Washington, Bill Morris and Karl Bradford had a class lunch, without Speck Wheeler, who recently had returned from a Far Eastern trip but was unable to be present. Margaret and Jimmie Crawford may be in Calif. in July, she to visit her mother in Woodland, west of Sacramento, and he to recall old times with classmates in the S.F. Bay Area.

Ivo Dickinson, widow of my Plebe days tent and roommate, is convalescing from last winter and spring surgery at the Chico, Calif., hospital and waiting for new glasses that will permit her to read easily again. Gen. Howell M. Estes Jr., son of our classmate and commander of the AF Mil Airlift Comd, last winter, at Dobbins AFB in Ga., flew the controversial CSA plane, reporting on its excellent handling and great cargo capacity.

Edna Gilbreath for the present is staying in her Austin home. In May, business affairs had been well settled, and she was occupied in preparing Fred's papers for shipment to West Point. Among them were 200 typed pages of a book, "From Farm to Brass," that he had been writing for some years. Stanford Univ. and the AWC also had asked for the records Fred had kept.

Because of a cold, John Hatch was unable to attend the San Antonio Founders Day Dinner last Mar, but was in his usual good health when he wrote in June.

Karl Bradford has completed the obituary for Hal Estes; I have sent Fred Gilbreath's to West Point and Col. David Conard is completing his father's.

Recently, your scribe had an interesting tour, at the S.F. Presidio, of the new 550-bed Letterman General Hospital, now in full operation. The splendid 10-story building, with spacious annexes from the lower floors, is planned to meet all modern medical needs.

As your class Scribe I am telling you we shall not appear in every ASSEMBLY—too difficult to get 80-year-old classmates, and the younger ladies of the class, to write of what they have been doing. We shall try for every other issue and our yearly Dec. Xmas letter from and to all.

As of 28 Jun we lost another old-timer; our much beloved Moose Ardrey. He wrote me as of 19 Jun, he was almost 100 per cent OK, after a severe hospital history; but on 29 Jun we got a telegram of his death. He was buried in California. Mildred is not too well either.

So far as I can determine Bug Oliver was the only one to go to the Jun celebration. He said ARMY won the Ball game by the "skin of their teeth." Janet and Bug are on the farm at Williamsburg with most of their children and grandchildren visiting them this summer.

Archer Dorst flew down to see Moose Ardrey and had some time with him. He also visited Mildred at same time. She was in the hospital.

Lil and Polly Lyman and Bill and Gertrude Rosevear came to Virginia Beach on 20 Jun for a visit to all the historic places and military complexes here. We all went over to see Manning and Lucile Kimball at Hampton. Everyone was in fine fettle.

Priscilla Newgarden made a 10-day trip to Georgia to see the Cal Bassettses son get married, also to visit 2 former aides-de-camp of Paul Newgarden in War II.

Carlos Brewer reported going to Red Bank, N.J., to a Brewer Clan gathering for the wedding of Carlos Brewer's 2d son. Red Bank was for years the home of John Huff Van Vliet.

Pinkey Crane has been on his farm at Leesburg but in Aug. will go to Woods Hole, R.I., for Aug.

A.B. Johnson expects to be at their retreat near Leesburgh for the summer.

Dorothy Cophorne tells me that she will stick to her comfortable place at Babson Park, Fla., this summer. Her sister lives there also.

W.C. Young of Due West, S.C., says things there are too quiet for news, and no aches or pains have caught up with him as yet.

D.O. Nelson and Wop Sadtler are lousy letter writers. Claim that outside of their "ten cent" golf game no news. Sadler's going to Mexico for the summer. I know both attended the Mar West Point dinner, but got the news from another class.

Tex Davidson is a member of the AF Academy Foundation. This Foundation acts as the Alumni of the AFA until they build one of their own. This year they turned over to the AFA the Eisenhower Golf Course—a mountain recreation site giving camping, skiing, fishing, golfing, etc. etc. This site also supplies lodging and food facilities for the cadets and their guests. Tex and Eva both report fine health.

Crittenberger has been busy. Gen. Westmoreland invited him to fly up to West Point for the Jun activities. Crit has been most active in the Sylvanus Thayer Award over the years. This year it was given to Dean Rusk.

Ernie Dupuy, an honorary member of our Class, has just written another book—telling of several of the smaller wars in which the U.S. has been involved.

Harriet Foote was up to West Point for the Jun exercises. She was to present an award for one of the societies. Harriet is to come to Virginia Beach to see her son Morris of the Navy. Morris and his wife live here.

Henrietta Gillespie made a special trip to the Point for the Jun exercises. Jim and Henrietta gave a yearly trophy so Henrietta was up to the Convocation to present this trophy. They all attended the Superintendent's lunch, Graduation Parade, a dinner at the hotel, etc. etc. The Gillespie trophy is a beautiful affair and one of the most valued by the cadets.

In Mar Joe and Dasha Viner flew to Hawaii for a month's visit to all 6 larger islands. We went via San Francisco where we had dinner with Underhill, Dorst, and Van Volkenburg. All appeared well—this is our condition too.

'14

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The big news for this letter is '14's 55th Reunion. I was unable to attend and asked Skip Brand to try to get someone else to write about it, mentioning Bill Ryan. Bill was tied up on other engagements and asked John Henry Woodberry to do the write-up. John Henry wrote it and sent it through Skimp who gave it some editorializing, and here is John Henry's account.

"Due to the unexcelled class spirit and the excellent arrangements made by Charlie Gross and to his wonderful hospitality, our 55th Reunion was a grand party from beginning to end.

"Of the 40 living 1914 graduates 19 were present. Twelve of their wives and 1 of the 4 living non-graduates also came. Of the 29 living widows of '14, 4 attended and 1 brought her daughter. That made a total of 37 attending. In alphabetical order they were: Skimp and Emily Brand, John and Irma Brooks, Helen and Louise Cowgill, Charlie and Ella Gross, Jim Haskell, Fred Herr, Benny Hoge, Dad Ingles, Ducky Jones, Tom and Elsa Lanphier, Libby Milburn, Tom and Clara Monroe, Agnes Royce, Bill and Mary Ryan, Toohey and Ruth Spaatz, Willis and Dolly Tack, Muriel Thurber, Juan Torroella, Gene Villaret, Bruz Waddell, Pink and Edith Ward, Benny and Ruth Weir, Rudy and Winnie Whitten, and John and Marguerite Woodberry. The only one expected who could not get there was Vera Waddell. The Waddells en route visited relatives in New York City. Vera had to be hospitalized and undergo an operation. Bruz telephoned her every day and reported her condition to be very good, for which we were all thankful.

"Class activities began with a bang at the Thayer Hotel on the evening of 28 May. There, an informal gathering hovered over cocktails and delicious foodstuffs. We were sorry that the Lanphiers, the Monroes, and Ducky Jones could not arrive until the next morning.

"29 May was Alumni Day. At 10:30 AM the Long Gray Line of graduates stretched out from Cullum Hall to the Library and marched to the Thayer Monument, now located on the site of the old Hotel. Two members of the Class of 1899 were in the lead, as the old gray-headed bunch limped, waddled, struggled and walked to the tune of 'Saint Patrick etait un Cadet, c'etai,

c'etai,' following the band towards the grand view up the river. It was so hot that some had to fall out.

"The wreath-laying ceremony was carried out with the traditional solemnity. Colonel Merry (Class of '99) who came from Skimp's hometown, placed the wreath, with touching accompaniments by the Cadet Glee Club singing 'Hail Alma Mater, Dear.' I could feel the presence of Paul Reinecke's spirit. (Has anyone ever thought of erecting a monument to him?) The ceremony ended with the rendition of 'The Corps,' and was followed by the Alumni Review.

"The Review was a sight to behold. It took place with the reviewers facing the Supe's Quarters and the place where the New or North Barracks once stood. At first the cadets did not seem any more impressive than those 6 companies of our day, but there were 32 companies — 4 regiments, each with 2 battalions of 4 companies. When they started marching, the whole Plain seemed to be covered with moving cadets — a sight to behold. The Review was in dress uniforms with white trousers, and extended from the corner of the old East Academic Building almost to Battle Monument. Some 3,200 cadets were in the Review. Remember our 600?

"Following the Review was the Alumni Luncheon and the meeting of the Association of Graduates in the Cadet Mess Hall (Washington Hall). In the meantime, the Class Ladies whiled away their time at the Ladies' Luncheon at the Officers Club. After the Association of Graduates meeting our Class picture was taken and then came our Class Meeting.

"At the meeting a moment of silent prayer was observed out of respect for those who had gone to greener pastures since our 50th. Those so honored included: '14 Graduates: Royce, Packard, Robertson Forbes, Byrne, Markoe, Cress, Stuart, Brannan, Harris, Potts and Jouett. Non Graduates: Febiger and Suddath. Wife: Marie Davenport. Widows: Alice Anderson, Sue Byron, Martha Gullion, Eva Lewis, Maude Stanford and Nina Thompson.

"Then followed a discussion of the Class Fund, limitation of its use, possibility of an assessment and authority to handle the fund. It was decided, in effect, to let the officers decide what to do, give each officer authority to sign checks, and authorize a majority of the officers left after the death of any one of them, to fill the vacancy.

"Reports of officers were read and Gross was called upon to report about the Reunion. He received many thanks and much praise for his work in arranging the 55th. The question of having a 60th was left up in the air. Many seemed to favor it.

"A Nominating Committee composed of Tack, Haskell and Brooks made their report nominating the following who were unanimously elected: President, Spaatz (filling the vacancy caused by the death of Cress); Vice President, Brand; Secretary, Carruth; Treasurer, Holcombe (filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Elliott).

"Before the Alumni Dinner, Reception and Dance the Class had a cocktail party at the Officers Club. Attended by 36, it was a great success. The Alumni dinner was superb. Most of the Class seemed to forget the Dance and departed after the Reception. Are we getting old?

"Alumni Day was a steaming hot one, but when those who were staying in Barracks returned to their rooms the steam radiators were going full blast.

"30 May, Decoration Day, being a National Holiday, had no program. Since the 'Hendrick Hudson' and the 'Mary Powell' no longer plied the Hudson on that day, as of old, the term 'Poncho' seems to have faded into oblivion. Charlie Gross saved the day by throwing an afternoon party at the quarters of his daughter, Lucy Dick. It was a delightful affair, climaxed by Charlie's chair sinking into the soft sod and throwing him into a bush.

"The Class Dinner was held that evening at the Officers Club with cocktails and wonderful food. The newly elected Class President, Tooley Spaatz, occupied the place of honor and made a short talk with reference to his election. Gross, Brand and Tack read or referred to letters received from widows expressing their regrets at not being able to attend. They were from Eleanor Cress, Pilar Lim, Louise Somervell, Gus Jouett, Ferne Potts and Jessie Lewis.

"There was also a letter from Johnny Caruth, who was prevented from attending because of his and Earll's health, saying that they had just received the sad news of the death of their son-in-law, Dr. Ralph Potter. The sympathy of the Class goes to them and their youngest daughter, Dorothy, who survives him with 3 children, in Mill Valley, Calif.

"On Sat., 31 May, there was the Unit Awards Review and the ARMY-Navy Baseball Game. The game was quite nerve-racking, with Navy leading all the way until the last ball - ARMY II, Navy 10.

"The final gathering of the Class came at another affair, the product of Charlie's and Ella's hospitality, a cocktail party and buffet supper at the Dicks - a rare treat.

"I cannot close this report without expressing our admiration for the way the Academy handled the affairs of June Week, what with the expansion taking place, an intervening holiday and the huge assemblage. Particularly worthy of praise were the arrangements made for transportation of the graduates and their ladies to and from every function, public or Class. As for the Class of '14, our very special thanks go to Major R. L. Bellows, who, with the greatest patience and thoughtfulness, served as our aide and trouble-shooter. He managed things for our Class perfectly and with the best of humor.

"In conclusion, the idea of not having an organized 60th Reunion was pooh-poohed; so those of us who are left for that occasion will compose an enthusiastic remnant."

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Memorial Services. Classmates from the Washington area attending services for Ike at the Washington Cathedral had ranks swelled from Calif., Tex., Fla., Carolinas, N. Y. and New England. The Class Memorial Contribution has been sent to Eisenhower College.

June Week. The Class was represented by Dora Small, Aurand, Hyde, the Ellises, Richards, and Young. (Leones were on months' visit to Rome). New construction reported as "amazing" and The Corps now has four regiments! All doings were "tops" and remember . . . next June Week comes our 55th!

Spring Sports. Congratulations to the ARMY Teams who made it "five for five."

East. The Avents visited Europe in July. The Busbees still maintain their Alexandria home but spend most time in Rocky Mount. Miss them. With Walt Hess in Calif., Evans can't find compadres for Annapolis A-N sports events. Was "loner" at our big lacrosse win. Thanks to Blister and Jack Davis for Cathedral reports. The Harrises visited Panama City in May and then survived two bad cloudbursts while "marching through Georgia" to visit in S. C. Mary Larkin is back in D.C. after an extended visit with children. The Lorches are back in Ky. where Bob is shaking off effects of bronchial pneumonia contracted in Fla., of all places! Shorty MacDonald had a mild stroke last winter but is recovering nicely. He and Elisa boost apartment living. Dick Richards is quite active speaking at Pa. gatherings. Recently awarded a CM "for his outstanding support in promoting the Image of the United States Army." Congratulations. The Tom Taylors plan on combining our 55th with a month's visit D.C. area. While in Tex. recently gave once-over to apartments. May move ere long. The Tompkins had a mess of bad luck en route to Cathedral Services. While at lunch, car was jimmied and all baggage stolen. Then on entering Cathedral Grounds, Betty tripped and fell necessitating a trip to Walter Reed for a broken arm. Missed services. Later, with Betty's arm in cast they attended wedding of grandson in N.J. and then joined Mac Wogan on visit to Arch Arnold's (1912) in Southern Pines. Mac Wogan plans to close Asheville house indefinitely and stay with son in Denver. Last winter Mason Young visited son in Brazil, hitting both coasts on trip. Then in Jan was off to Paris and Spain. Every now and then stays home in N.H. And good news. Freddy Boye has improved to point where he plans attending Class luncheons.

South & Southwest. Mike Davis reports young Mike off for Vietnam in July. Harry Pendleton says "Operation results Okay. Thinking, God willing, of Reunion in 1970." 'Twas nice to get an "All's Well" note from Cles Tenney. Woodruff is a bit frustrated. Bass won't bite but a dog did. No Purple Heart, though. Reports the Tom Taylors as looking fit and that the Leonards are off to Idaho to visit son. Woody stalling off two Texas A&M grandkids who want odds on coming Fall football hassle with ARMY.

West. Omar Bradley, Jim Van Fleet and other top brass attended Memorial Services on Omaha Beach 6 June. From a District of 4,000 members and 60 Clubs, Dad Herrick received the District Governor's "Award for Distinguished Service." For several years Dad has picked up two service men at the Naval Hospital and brought them to Rotarian Meetings where they are feted. Also arranged distribution of transistor radios to hospitalized service men. Fine work, Dad! The Burt Masons sailed 'round the world recently, with two fine weeks in England. Joe Swing is a temporary guest at Letterman Hospital. Letters from Earl M. Price convince us the "M" means "Morale." Sorry to have missed the recent party given by the Watsons at A-N Club. Everyone reported fun.

New Addresses. Frances Mills: 9423 111th Ave., Sun City, Ariz. 85351. Dora Small after 1 Sept 3032 East 6th St., Apt. R-71, Tucson, Ariz. 85716. New Class Directory come fall. Does Det Ellis have your correct address?

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Washington group news reports that Anne and Ham Maguire were hosts for their annual 1916 Class Dinner held at A-N Club on 29 Mar. The 20 classmates, wives, and widows present were Bliss, DeWitt, Gallagher, Maguire, McCullough, Prickett, Robb, Scott, Walsh, Flora Bayler, and Bobbie O'Hare. Also 14 offspring and offspring-in-law were young Baylers, young O'Hares, young Maguires, Cossetts and Kellers (Maguire offspring) and Millers and Cages (Prickett offspring). Max Kuhn sent at telegram toasting the Class.

The photograph herewith shows four Sixteeners attending Founders Day Dinner at Ft. Sam Houston. They are, just in case they do not look familiar any more: Whitson, Spence, Miller, and Newgarden.

Kay Burrows visited her brother at La Jolla, Calif., in Mar. He is Dr. Francis Shepherd, a distinguished oceanographer at Scripps Institute there.

Helen and Woody Woodward have been on an extended trip across country. They visited their daughter-in-law Petsy (Mrs. Hunter Woodward) at San Antonio. There, Boots and Bill Spence gave a cocktail-buffet for them at which Nell and Bob Whitson, Joanne and George Newgarden, Doug Page, Pet Wales, Fleurette Rinearson and Maurice Miller were present. Also present were Petsy Woodward, Lee Ann Taylor (Spence's daughter) and her husband Ben, and several other friends of the Woodwards. Helen and Woody gave a luncheon at San Antonio for Petsy Woodward, the Spences, and Maurice Miller.

From San Antonio, Helen and Woody visited friends and relatives in Miss., Fla., Ga., Va., N.Y., and Mich. In Va. they visited Helen's two brothers, Col. James A. Samouce, Ret (USMA '20) and Col. Wellington A. Samouce, Ret (USMA '24). Savilla and Brig Bliss gave a Class dinner at the A-N Club for the Woodwards on 12 May. Helen and Woody arrived home in Calif. in late May.

Laura and Dwight Johns drove to Tucson, Ariz., in Apr to attend a Society of American Military Engineers conference. Dwight is currently a Vice President-at-Large of the Society, and a past National President. While there they called to see Dolly and Tom Martin. They were delighted to find Tom much improved from his arthritic attack of 1967 and enjoying life again. The Martins report a new great-granddaughter born in 1968. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Thomas L. Martin Jr. and is No. 14 "great" for 1916. The Martins also have a new grandson born in 1968. Marion and Holland Robb report that



1916: Sixteeners at Founders Day dinner.

they plan to move to Sun City, Ariz., later in 1969. Holland had surgery in Apr at VA hospital in N.C. and made a fine recovery.

Sixteeners at San Antonio are certainly active socially! Newgardens gave a cocktail-luncheon honoring her brother, Notley Du-Hamel, who was visiting them – all classmates, wives, and widows attending. Bob Whitson arranged a surprise luncheon for Nell, celebrating their 52d wedding anniversary, with 14 classmates, wives, and widows present. Alma and Doug Page gave a cocktail-dinner at their home on 1 June for all the Class group. Boots and Bill Spence drove to West Point via Ga. recently to visit son Craig and family before they leave for a tour of duty in Europe.

See my brief reference to Harlan Mumma in Spring 1969 Class Notes. Harlan said in a later note "My award in Washington, D.C., was really something. It was a beautiful sterling silver Revere bowl, on a teakwood base, with a sterling silver two-inch band around the base where it is all engraved representing 50 years of service to West Point. We had approximately 600 West Pointers at the dinner, and I was told 74 of them were Generals." Harlan's life and vigorous energy is devoted to the admission of fine young men to our service academies, screening potential candidates for the 6, 7, and 9th Congressional Districts and for Senator Gurney, all of Fla. God bless you, Harlan, and keep up the great work!

On 9 May, Dz Britton was awarded the Distinguished American Award by the East Tenn. Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame at Knoxville, Tenn. Congratulations, Dz, from all of us! We cannot forget that you were associated with Bob Neyland and Paul Parker in coaching some of Tennessee's great football teams. What would they have done without their Sixteener coaches? Ellen and Dz Britton will sail for Europe 25 Sept on the Queen Elizabeth II and return in Nov on the Michelangelo from Algeiras, Spain.

Jean Lange reports her third great grandchild, Laura Lee Wirth, born in Oct 1968. That makes our 15th "great." Jean says she has quite well recovered from her broken hip of last year, and is able to go downtown on the bus by herself. We rejoice for you, Jean.

Marjorie and Ray Moses got caught at Hilton Farm by early snows, and had their power cut off for over 24 hours. With three fireplaces and a gas stove going, they managed to get by. But hereafter Ray says they will move to Boston by mid-Nov! They leave Montreal on 11 Sept for Liverpool. They will have an 8-week stay in England and will return to N.Y. on the Queen Elizabeth II. Incidentally, John Wills Moses retired 30 Nov 1968 and is making his start in the world of finance. Good going, John!

Dwight Johns flew to Washington in mid-May for the annual meeting of the Military Engineer Society and for the 102d Annual Engineer Dinner, held at Ft. Belvoir, Va., on 16 May (incidentally Dwight's 75th birthday). While in the Washington area he called on Dick and Marquenia Levy at their home in Chevy Chase and on Edith Cabell at Distaff Hall. Remembering that the Levy's son, Dick Jr. (USMA '41) is our Class godson, here is some information about Dick Jr's family. Richard Edmond, aged 25, is a graduate of Davidson College, AB, History major, and ROTC. He was in Vietnam as a Capt. in 1968. He is now a student at U. of Va. for his Master's degree in History and will later go for Ph.D. Kathleen, aged 22,

graduated in 1968 from U. of N.C., at Greensboro, majoring in Art. She is now teaching in the school system at Charlottesville, Va. She is married to Wm. J. Hoppe, a law student at the U. of Va. Robert Lee Levy, aged 21 years, enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1968 and has been a marine helicopter gunner in Vietnam for about a year. Ellen Mar Levy, aged 11 years, is a grade school student. Dick Jr., our godson, retired as a Lt. Col. in 1965 and is a civil service employee at Ft. Lee, Va.

Edith Cabell, living at Distaff Hall in Washington, is the same delightful person she has been since we knew her in cadet days. Although now physically handicapped, she is keenly alert and delightful to visit and talk with.

The Washington Sixteeners had their regular monthly Class luncheon at the A-N Club on 13 May. Present were Prickett, Maguire, Bliss, Walsh, DeWitt, Johns, Gallagher, Scott, and Woodward. Bill Hoge's arrival later that week was the excuse for another Class luncheon on Sat., 17 May.

En route back to California, Dwight Johns had a few hours between planes at Colorado Springs, Colo., where he telephoned Tom Finley. Tom picked him up at the airport, took him to his home, to lunch at the Broadmoor Hotel, and to see the 89 Div. monument (see Winter 1969 Class Notes). They had a pleasant visit. Tom told of Caroline and Murph Irvine having been there on a trip early in May.

Fay Prickett gloried in the fact that "ARMY clobbered Navy in all Spring sports – tennis, golf, lacrosse, track, and baseball." He, Moses, Gallagher, McCullough, and Weyand were at West Point for June Week and saw some of the ARMY victories at least.

Word from Ellis Whitehyt (USMA 1937) our Dolly Wilson's son-in-law, advises that Dolly has a new great granddaughter, Ellis Elizabeth Garretson, born 26 Apr 1969. She is the 16th great grandchild for '16. Dolly is continuing to live in her home in Beverly Hills, Calif.

A P R
'17

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Classmates and wives in the Washington area gathered on 19 Apr at the A-N Club to celebrate our 52d anniversary. Those present were Bradshaw, Cowgill, Crump, the Collins, the Eagles, Eleys, Fords, Heaveys, Irvings, Noces, Slaughters, Cowper Smiths, Vander Hydens and daughter Elizabeth, Jane Bathurst and Emily Tully. Everyone admired the basket of beautiful camellias that Birdie Eagles brought. He is the secretary of the Camellia Growers' Assn. With Dot and Bill Eley was their grandson Lt. Stuart Harrell, a fine-looking young officer who has just completed his paratroop training at Ft. Benning. He is now in Vietnam with the 82d Airborne Div. Both Cowgill and Slaughter announced that they are now great-grandfathers – Willis's great-grandson, Scott Taylor Davis, born 13 Apr 66.

A card from Jack Nygaard said that he planned to be at West Point for June Week – his 11th straight. In a note to Bill Heavey, Mac McEwan said that he and Lettie planned to leave on 7 May for Ore. and Calif. to have a last look at the vast country of our West. Mac says that he and Lettie are both well. He has been bothered by a gastric ulcer

the past seven months, but says he can live with it. They live in Peter Cooper Village, a big apartment complex in Manhattan.

Bill and Jule Heavey's granddaughter Olivia, John's daughter, has been accepted for the coming school year by St. Agnes School, Alexandria, Va., where Jackson has been teaching since 1955.

Kewp Yuill is slowly recovering after a serious operation on his aorta. He and Gay now live in Dallas, Tex., not far from their daughter, Julia, whose doctor husband is on his residency there.

On 19 June Dan and Millie Noce again had a large group of classmates, wives and widows at their farm for a get-together and picnic. Over the years the Noces have entertained us at their farm many times; and always the outings have given us a great deal of pleasure. For this occasion Dan had procured a large supply of spare ribs from a freshly butchered 300-pound hog. These he broiled to a tasty brown over an open charcoal grill in the yard, along with his own special barbecue sauce. Meanwhile Millie had prepared a large ham and all the other necessary ingredients for a delicious buffet to go with the barbecue. The day was perfect, and in all directions there was a beautiful panorama of the Blue Ridge Mts., foothills and lakes. The unusually large turnout included Solange Barroll (Morris is in the Veterans' Hospital in Martinsburg, W. Va.), Jane Bathurst, the Collins, Crumps, Eagles, Eleys, Fords, Heaveys, Fred Irving (Vivian was taking her mother to the airport), Jackson, our host and hostess, Dan and Millie Noce, Alene Olmsted, Enriette Schroeder, Emily Tully, the Slaughters, the Cowper Smiths, the Vander Hydens and daughter Betty.

In June Love Mullins, of Chamber of Commerce fame in Arizona, was in Tucson when he ran into Senator Goldwater, who invited him to ride to Washington in his private plane. During his 24-hour stay in Washington Mullins just found time to call Bradshaw and Ford. Next time, Love, give us advance notice and we'll have a class luncheon.

Gladys and Joe Collins' son Jerry, now a full colonel, has graduated from the National War College and is returning voluntarily to Vietnam, this time to command a brigade.

A U G
'17

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In the last issue of these notes there was a single item of untoward news; since then much has accumulated. Ken Moore passed away after being seized while bowling on the green in Berkeley. Pablo Cole was able to represent the Class in offering condolence and help to Wildith. Interment was at West Point. Also Pablo and Laura were present at the graveside services for Kay Barnes in Golden Gate Cemetery on 8 Apr. Kay was discovered to have a lung cancer last Nov. We offer our sincere sympathy to her sister and other members of the family.

Skippy Sharp's passing, though not unexpected, was none the less a shock. Emphysema had made life increasingly difficult for him so that the end of his suffering can scarcely be mourned. Tribute to his fine, useful life was evidenced by the host of friends, including all local able bodied classmates, who attended the services for

him. Ellanor will stay in Washington, Apartment B-901, 500 23rd St. NW, Zip 20037.

Glen Anderson has had a rough time. He had been hospitalized for two weeks after a second heart attack when Grace went to the hospital — cancer of the liver. Glen came out to be with her in her final month: the end came on 6 May. Interment was in the Ferndale Mausoleum, Scarsdale, N.Y. For the time being at least, Andy is staying put. Classmates have already been informed of Dunc McGregor's loss: his wife, Mary, died in her sleep at their home in Bradenton, Fla., on the last day of Feb.

Less doleful than the preceding is news of a promotion for Pete Purvis — on 13 June he was transferred from Intensive Care to Ward 25 at Walter Reed. Gertrude, who has won several bouts with the hospital, appears to be on top: she is scampering about to luncheons and the like.

May Heavey, too, is on the up and up. Her trouble was chlorestrol, the first of our class, so far as Your Scribe knows, to have suffered from that fashionable ailment. Three operations were required to solve her problem. Though she will not admit to being fully recovered, her voice on the phone was full and strong.

Kit Carson says, "I just came out on top, apparently, in my second bout with cancer. The first was on a vocal cord and it remains pure (Ed. Was it a chord, perchance?). This one was on the upper end of my colon. It was discovered by accident in a followup of my lung-cancer scare . . . a complete all clear report." That's foxing 'em.

Loessa Coffey has gone up for a visit with Peggy Moore in Belfast, Me. After that she plans to drop in on her kin around Boston. Inflation note: Margaret Bellinger is having real success this summer in selling her fine oil paintings. Clearly, wise folk are exchanging their depreciating currency for assets of enduring value such as works of art.

Biff and Elizabeth Jones with Anne Counts got back from a protracted cruise. Biff was full of beans: we had the first local class luncheon in three months. Then there was the annual Jones party, a social landmark. It is a wonderful affair in which Biff and Elizabeth provide a reunion for hundreds of old friends. The interesting, distinguished and amiable guests are testimony to the hosts' fine character. An idea of the hospitality may be gained from Your Scribe thinking there were but two bars whereas Dorothy Huff says there were three. Further evidence of the Jonesian energy shows in a decision to move into an apartment if they can dispose of enough trophies, mementoes, etc. After 15 Aug. The Willoughby, Apt. 1410S, 4515 Willard Ave., Chevy Chase, Md. 20015.

Hi Ely ran over to Leesburg and came away deeply impressed by Dad Riley's flourishing real estate business but even more so by Dad's continuing interest in horseflesh. Lowell has his own stable, rides daily and frequently competes with younger enthusiasts in 50-mile cross country rides. Hi and Rae have asked the Class to a heterosexual luncheon at their Charlottesville home on 20 June. Your Scribe joins Rae in hoping for a fair day.

Leo and Miriam Conner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the quarters of their son-in-law and daughter at the AWC. They deserve little credit for sticking together so long: one can't imagine nicer people to live with.

A letter from Jack Johnson in Mex. claims a very tranquil life. Picture him sitting all day long outside the hacienda with his sombrero pulled forward to shade his eyes. From

the Far North, Georgina Whitelegg reports for herself and Rudy. Clearly they have the constitutions essential to survival in the stern Vt. climate. Georgina had been to Ireland and found it somewhat less than ultra-modern. Rudy is so busy doing good, and I mean good, that he had to delegate the task of writing to Georgina.

And so goodnight, Mrs. Mumoro, wherever you are!

JUN
'18

Col. Walter E. Lorence
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It looked like the Xmas holidays at Woodley Acres, the way the letters poured in for your Scribe to get well quick. A bit of a setback the end of May when I had to have a bit more cutting and blood-letting, but now am again on the mend. The doctors said I healed too fast, and only young men were supposed to do that. Well, the compliment did help ease the pain a bit.

A cheery note from Wilma Achatz from Distaff House in Washington. Another from the Axelsons who had just returned from celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary with his sister in Idaho, and the correction of their street address to 4623 Pavlov. The same spelling as the famous Russian scientist; also a local carpenter and builder. Laddie Bellinger has moved his law office from the Island of Manhattan to Flushing. Laddie reports that after so many years of subway commuting to and from the office, this is very welcome.

The Blanchards report they are well. Charlie is still working on his golf game, at times most successfully, says Eve; and Eve is winning golf balls, a bit of spending money at bridge, and an occasional larger trophy at bowling. A quick trip to the beaches of S. Padre Island and their usual Aug trip to Colo. providing outside interests. All goes well with the Boineau's. Kitty remarked again how satisfying it was to see how well we all had fared when we were together a year ago.

The Casey's arrived in the North Country from their new Fla. home early in June and will be in Vt. until late Oct. The big event in the Casey-Clay clans was the return 4 June of Frank Clay from Vietnam where he had been since a year ago last Oct. A distinguished tour which included the DSM and a number of other decorations. Patricia had been with Dot and Pat during Frank's tour overseas and joined him at Ft. Leavenworth where he is now the Asst. Commandant.

Louise Dean called AM from Boston to check on your Scribe's health. She had attended her 50th Reunion at Wellesley and was on her way to help the P. W. Smith's celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. A good luck message from the Squire Fosters to your Scribe, and news that all goes well with them. Also good wishes from Peggy Francis and word that she has moved into an apartment at 33 West Lock Lane, Apt. 3, Richmond, Va. 23226.

With the good wishes of the Gallaghers, Phil let me in on a few details of a month in traction (back) and then pneumonia, which, plus a heart condition has slowed him down a bit. But this did not stop Leila and Phil from celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 4 June. They were married right in Columbus in 1919 about a week after Ham Kelley married Emmitt Curtis. Ham and Phil were part of a group of June '18 from

the Inf and Cav who had completed the Inf School at Ft. Benning. For their anniversary they flew to Mallorca and stayed in Palma for three weeks at the Maricel Hotel where they have stayed three times previously, then a week at London before returning home.

During the summer while there is a lull in the regular meetings of the numerous activities to which Frances George devotes so much of her time and energy, she hopes to start writing a ten-year history of her DAR chapter.

The Grenatas are busy down on the farm, plus Aline's chores with hospital work and Mike's on the Advisory Com. of Northern Va. Community College and American Legion. Mike acted as MC at the Memorial Day service sponsored by seven veteran groups of Loudoun Co. and televised by Station WRC at Wash., D.C. Mike reported on the lovely luncheon given by Peg and Connie Jadwin on their beautiful estate, Dunnottar Farm. A lovely cool day and those present were: Fran (Sturgis) Walsh, Helen Newman, Susan and Tom Kern, Louise and Bob Bishop, Mary Mason and Daddy Holt, Rita and Charlie Hoffman, Mike and Aline Grenata, and their charming hosts Peg and Connie Jadwin. All had a marvelous time, reported Mike.

Crowley Gruhn notes that the new Plebes will form the Class of '73, and that we can join them in looking forward to our 55th. He winds up his letter "You and me—Quietly —In '73" and that "you" in your Scribe's estimation takes in all of June '18, male and female.

A friendly note from Casenove Miller Helm —Jake Miller's sister, thanking all of us for the "sensitive and sympathetic" memorial about Julian. Charlie Hoffman reporting on the Jadwin luncheon: a beautiful place and wonderful host and hostess. Dunc Hodges wrote "Spike, get well quick and keep on writing!" Again, thanks a lot everyone.

A trip to the Northern Cape was on the Agenda this summer for Mary Mason and Daddy Holt. Daddy gave me only one choice, "going to" for this issue or as a "did" for the Fall issue. Daddy wrote he was indeed sorry to hear that I was in the hands of the medics but thought my cheerful letter belied the fact. Again, take your choice.

After their strenuous 11,000 mile motor trip of last summer, the Horrs spent the winter and spring at home enjoying their colorful flowers and the activities of their varied bird population in their secluded grassy patio; all this in the geographical center of San Antonio. This summer they took their sight-seeing the easy way—on a lazy North Cape cruise of Europe. Wonder whether the Holts and the Horrs happened to meet somewhere between Oslo, Stockholm, Helsinki, or Copenhagen?

A card from Birdie Hewitt again expressing her enjoyment of our 50th and its wonderful memories. Lola and Paul just returned from a two-week trip to Salisbury, Mo., where the Hurt clan has for many years had their annual reunion. This happens on the first Sun. of June each year, and many cousins and their families assemble. One of the Hurt daughters lives there.

It is with deep regret I announce the death of Mary Elizabeth, wife of Wynot Irish at Fitzsimons on 30 Apr. She had been an invalid for the past two years, but Wynot had hoped that she could recover her strength. His plans now, as he wrote, are in a fuzz, but since Betsy was a real gardener while Wynot just looked on, he is going to try his thumb on it even if he has to paint it green. "So Spike, you and your Anna Mary

can welcome a real doozy of an amateur into the field of gardening." Good luck, Wynot!

From late Jan to mid-Apr Alice Kramer and girl friend from Wichita had the fun and pleasure of taking care of Virginia and Bart Harloe's lovely home on Diamond Head, Honolulu while the Harloes paid a three-months' visit to the mainland. The tough life included the house sitters even having house guests. Then back to the Calif. groove and home folks.

Ann Kreber reports that although Leo has lost a lot of weight, he is eating well; she is able to spend 4 to 5 hrs a day with him, and he is as dear as ever. Sophia and Paul Malone send their best wishes; Paul was especially pleased to receive his birthday card from his classmates.

North to Atascadero in the Salinas Valley motored the McKees over the Decoration Day weekend to visit daughter Babs and family. Actually, believes your Scribe, to get away from the bumper-to-bumper Southern Calif. beach traffic and the cool May and June moist coast air—or should I say "fog" and into that nice, warm, dry, sunny weather of inland Calif. "Very quiet and pleasant, the Pacific Palisades" wrote Dick, but "cool is the word!"

The Mewshaws are happy to be back home again following 9 weeks of motel living while they refinished and refurbished their fire and water stained house. Alexia says it will take a year to get things back in shape even though for the first time in his life (Harry) actually did something around the house. And playing 18 holes of golf daily and getting out of the way helps too, says Alexia.

Bud Miley wrote "The class just can't afford to let you get sick, so don't get any worse." Bud says they continue to have Class luncheons once a month at the A-N Club in Wash. but the attendance is small. Daddy Holt and Connie Jadwin have the best attendance record in spite of having to come the longest distance—Daddy all the way from Richmond.

Flying to Syracuse in June, daughter Marian picked up Andy Moore and motored to Canton where Marian's older son (Andy's namesake) graduated from high school. In July, Andy sailed on the Queen Elizabeth for a couple of months in Europe. Andy recalled that he took a regiment across the Atlantic on the old Queen Elizabeth, and while quite exciting the trip was not nearly as comfortable as on the new Queen.

Mildred Pichel spent a month in the East—N. Y. and Cape Cod visiting Jim's family—all doctors, including nephew and niece. Then a quiet and relaxing at-home stay in Burlingame during its most beautiful time of the year. Aimee and Tom Nixon visited her family in Paris and the Avignon region of France, returning the end of July. Son Henry (most of you at the Reunion remember what a fine youngster he was) completed his junior year at Gettysburg College and spent a month's seminar in France. Tom, on a strict diet and taking tests at Walter Reed and Carlisle Barracks, much to his regret had to forego the Jadwin luncheon.

The Offeys have moved again, this time settling down to apartment living within a stone's throw of the Pacific of which they are so fond. New address: 1585 S. Coast Hy. Apt. 4, Laguna Beach, Calif. 92651.

Driving to Syracuse, the Robinsons saw his oldest granddaughter get married. Robbie hasn't recovered from it yet. Barbara, still getting her advanced professional education finished a two-weeks seminar at Smith College. Robbie's oldest grandson also got

married down in Texas. Being a grandpa Robbie says is quite enjoyable, but a great grandfather is hard to realize, being most complicated and confusing. Tish! and one of the babies of June '18 at that!

A fine letter from Earle Rundell who is now chirping off like his old self. He agrees with your Scribe re military hospitals, but says the indeterminate waiting in hospital waiting rooms does have its compensations since the advent of the mini skirt. One sees more sights there than you do at the supermarket. Earle says he received wonderful treatment from doctors, nurses, and ward personnel of the Winter Park Memorial Hospital. He still goes there twice a week for physical therapy. He and Bee celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary there with the Director of Nurses agreeing enthusiastically to Earle's serving champagne along with a beautiful cake that the nurses furnished. What more can your Scribe add to that which he already wrote in his last class letter.

A beautiful colored postcard posted by Sylvian Shattuck from Guadeloupe on her return from a fabulous 33-day African safari with a group from the English Speaking Union. She spent a week with son Blanny at Guadeloupe during his leave.

The Smiths have shifted from their apartment to their summer cottage just three blocks closer to the ocean on Cape Cod. And what do you know—since they have become year-round residents Carol has joined the Hingham Civic Orchestra and now attends rehearsals each Mon. night. Of course, P. W. has to go too as well as listen to violin practice for two hrs each day. Meanwhile P. W. was getting up courage to resume his daily morning plunge into the cold Atlantic.

Elsie Wells had major surgery in Apr and by June began to spend an hour or two in useful work at the gift shop. Having met so many of the folks whose names appear in our Class column at the Reunion, it makes it very interesting reading, and now that Wayne is gone she is especially happy they made the trip to WP last year.

Upon returning from their three-months' world tour, the Wards, like all of us, entered into spring house cleaning both inside and out. Bunny says N. Y. gets dirtier and more awful every day. Come up to our N. H. North Country where we are air-conditioned by nature and have the least polluted air of all the 50 states. Yes, the cleanest air in the nation with the least pollution and the lowest pollen count is at Woodley Acres. Come and visit us.

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Arch Colwell describes the cruise he and Sallie made to South Africa and South America on the Gripsholm: "Our cruise was 80 days—too long for me—but Sallie loved it. We did a Safari out of Nairobi, and at Amboselli game reserve I will never forget watching three cheetahs stalk a gazelle. The night at Tree Top was fabulous—some 100 elephants, 100 buffalo, many rhinos, water buck, wart hogs and swarms of baboons all over the place. One grabbed my camera, but a kick made him drop it; one got a woman's handbag. My cameras, both movie and still, were working overtime, and I hope to have some good pictures. The linen in Madeira, miles



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of banana trees in Tenerife, tons of peanuts in Dakar, huge piles of mahogany at Poine Noire, the most obliging clerks in Cape Town stores (we could learn from them), the Cape of Good Hope, Indians running practically every business in Nairobi; the fabulous Mt. Kenya Safari Club (of Bill Holden), the tall Masai tribe with their enormous herds of cattle, the aquamarines of Rio Janeiro, the mouth of the Amazon at Belem—a grand and interesting trip. At a cocktail party we discovered close friends of Bunny and Bob Coolidge. Biff Jones and Elizabeth were on the ship, also the widow of Jerry Counts and Mrs. Murray Nielson."

Boyd Fitzpatrick writes that he is almost recovered from a bout with shingles which left him with a bad foot which prevented him from attending our reunions at West Point and in Washington on 1 Nov. Charlie and Frankie Jewell are planning their trip to Southern Europe starting in Sept. Lev and Bette Yoder contemplate another journey following their pleasant experiences last fall on one to the South Pacific. Howard and Jimmie Peckham returned on 5 Apr from a tour of Portugal, Spain, and Morocco. Howard writes: "It was a wonderful experience. There were 42 of us; we flew from J.F.K. Airport to Lisbon and returned the same way; we traveled 2,520 miles in a big motor coach, keeping it with us on the boat trip from Malaga to Tangier and to Algeciras. American Express handled everything beautifully; we had no responsibilities except to be ready at the appointed time."

Three p.m., Tues., 6 May, was warm, clear and quiet on the runway at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. A large helicopter stood by as about 40 old friends of Gene Vidal's gathered to witness the transfer of his ashes to the 'copter for scattering. As Gene's brother, "Pick", son Gore, son Vance, and brave and always gracious Kit stood in line facing the 'copter, two AF officers received from Vance the small parcel. They about faced, walked to the 'copter, where one stepped in, the other handed the parcel up to him, saluted and the sergeant closed the door; the 'copter took off. A very fine, impressive, and yet simple ceremony, quite as Gene would have it. Very fond memories were just as intense. The Barnes, Curtises, Fellers, Groves, Holbrooks were present, and Canan, Hastings, Jewell, Peckham, Valentine and Yoder also. Gene and Kit's daughter, Valerie, was with the family and Al Wedemeyer, Art Tradeau, and others were among many prominent old friends.

During the past two years, John Moore has had five serious heart attacks which kept him in and out of the Roanoke Hospital near his home in Blacksburg, Va. The last took its toll on 6 Feb 1969. Bernice and son, John, took him to West Point Cemetery, where he was interred near the chapel. After his many years at the Point following graduation, he was "at home." Bern will stay on for the present, at least, in Blacksburg, at their home, 1301 Oak Drive, Zip 24060.

Babe and Nell Gullatt rushed to Richmond, Ky., for the services and interment of Ruth Corzelius on 22 Apr. Ruth had been quite well but on Fri., 18 Apr, she died suddenly while at home and was buried with Frank in Ky. Their daughter, Diana, Mrs. Robert Pardue, now living in Tanglewood, Houston, Tex., hopes that classmates going through Houston any time will call her.

On 26 Mar we lost Wiley Carter. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Riverside, Calif, with Gildart, Morrison and Shaler in attendance. Word has just come that Reed Yeager lost his Virginia in early May.

Jesse and Evie Graham returned in Feb from an interesting three-months around-the-world trip which took them to Honolulu, Manila, Saigon, New Delhi, Karachi, Teheran, Madrid and a few other stops. The incentive, of course, was children in Manila and Saigon. They visited Ft. McKinley where they lived across the street from the Dunkelbergs 40 years ago, to find their old quarters leveled but Dunk's looking just as they remembered it. Hong Kong flu hit them while in Madrid, causing them to shorten some South European jaunts. Jesse advises anyone making a similar trip to be sure to have visas stamped in their passports well before departure for any and all possible countries of visit. Some flights were commercial and some space available, with no particular deadlines to meet. What a nice way to travel. Bill and Laura Belle Badger are back from their usual winter in Pompano Beach, Fla. Hunk and Helen Holbrook made so many quick trips we can't keep up with them, and the ubiquitous (but not uxorious) Howie Canan is always on a fishing trip. Elmer and Dorothy Barnes will be making their usual trek to Oregon starting 1 July via Mass. Babe Gullatt is still working hard on his consulting task which takes him away a great deal. The Valentines, having recently returned from Fla., leave mid-May for their summer place at Green Lake, Me.

The ladies' luncheons held the second Wednesday of each month at noon at the A-N Club, Washington, are suspended until 8 Oct, but if any visitors are in town, the girls want to get together. There is a tremendous list of our girls for whom we've lost addresses. Surely someone knows where they are or has a clue some of us can follow up to locate them. Please let Barnes, Conrad, Hastings, Holbrook, or Peckham have any information you have on widows of Baclig, Barlow, Bonwell, Cullens, Denny, Farley, Goodin, Guenther, Hill, Leng, McGiffert, Miller (E. C.), Peck, Platte, Powers, Rhoads (J.L.) Rosendahl, Scott, Shrader, Smith (C.M.), Spring, Stansbury, Williams.

Hunk Holbrook has made available a copy of Manhattan Project for loan to any classmate who hasn't read it. This is a fine depiction of the tremendous problems which confronted Dick Groves, and shows the shrewd, forceful way in which Dick met and resolved them into a remarkable historic accomplishment.

The Bob Lovetts will leave for their N.C. summer home the end of May and return to Miami in Oct. Their summer address is Wolf

Ridge, Lake Toxaway, N.C. 33134. Jim Christiansen came through with a newsy letter. They saw Marie and Art Pulsifer in Benning last fall. Art may have to give up golf due to leg trouble. Jim also reports that they now have two great-grandchildren, one boy and one girl. Jim has a son-in-law commanding a battalion in the 25th Div in Vietnam and another commanding a battalion in the Americal Div. Carolyn and Jim play golf several times a week at Benning and, Jim states, they NEVER use a cart. The same goes for Corp and Mary. Peg (Mrs. E.W.) Smith reports a wonderful visit with her family in Honolulu. Her son-in-law, Brig. Gen. Charles W. Ryder Jr., is stationed at Ft. Shafter. The Schows are spending the summer at their new farm in Williamsville, Va. Chorpenning saw Johnnie Sherman not long ago at the Naval Hospital in Orlando. John's health is still poor, but his spirits are excellent.

We have two interesting and complimentary reports on Linson College in Macau. Our classmate Linson Dzau is founder and headmaster. First, from a U.S. missionary in Macau: "The school has a fine spirit, and I think he (Dzau) is doing a beautiful job. It is the only school in Macau with really qualified teachers." Second, from an American teaching there and working for an advanced degree in Asian Affairs: "Linson College is a thriving success. The faculty is competent, the students are well disciplined and hard working ... (it) demonstrates that education can flourish in competition with schools where training is in a particular 'ism'" Dzau is doing a wonderful job of which we are very proud.

Bill Mendenhall still sails his boat on gentle days. Other times he lawn bowls. Andree forgets her back won't take wedding without backlash but keeps at it. The Gorlinskis returned to Sacramento 11 May from a three-weeks golfing tour of the Caribbean—Grand Bahama, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico. They spent a few days in Washington on their way home to visit their son Charles and saw a number of classmates. Ericson reports Coral feeling better but still troubled by the after effects of her operation last Dec. Their trip to Japan has been put off until fall. Dick keeps busy as chief gardener. Helen Monroe has not been well; their daughter, Barbara, has been visiting them. Bixby continues playing golf but has taken up bowling in addition to his continuing work as an author. Local excavations uncovered the site of an Indian village, also many fossils from an ancient sea bed, resulting in the establishment of the Rossmore Museum. Bix is on the Board of Directors and acting as consultant. Ruby is secretary of the Ceramics Art Club and active in the Therapy Center Gift Shop.

The McReynolds just returned from a two-month trip to the Antipodes. The 25,000 mile trip involved one ship, 26 airplanes, 10 boats, 46 busses and 8 taxis, according to Mac, a very pleasant but busy schedule. They had hoped to run into some of the other class travelers but saw none. Their stop in Melbourne was too short to pay a visit to Gildart's daughter.

In April Florence Trower and her daughter, Wendy, vacationed in Scottsdale and had a pleasant visit with Lee and Charles Bathurst. Florence greatly appreciated receiving the pin which she wears at every opportunity. René and Winifred Pinto were at the Ramona Pageant at Hemet and were luncheon guests of the Gildarts. René reports he is in good shape and enjoying Rancho Bernardo. Dickey moved in recently so they now have five

West Pointers in residence. Paul Kendall is looking better and says he feels better. Fred Butler reports he is fit and busy. Marion Stokes plans to continue in her home in Menlo Park. Bathurst writes they have put an addition on the house and keep busy with the garden. Al Miller writes to please disregard reports that Calif. had slid into the sea. "We are still here along with SDS etc., Berkeley and Stanford, and are in good health." Ruth still puts up with him, so all is well.

Chuck Gildart has been awarded the George Washington Honor Medal by The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for his article: "Land of the Pilgrim's Pride." Nancy McCone acknowledged our Mar letter from Guadalajara, Mex., where she was vacationing.

Mark Boatner is keeping himself busy on his plantation at Jackson, La. Howell and Barbara Cocks are looking forward to 1 June when they and the Hunk Holbrooks, Howard Canan and Gen. Robinett plan to go to Ark. for some fishing on the White River. It will be Barbara's first experience. She plans to take her knitting. Duke Dunkelberg got the artificial lens for his right eye and is getting along fine with it. He will soon have the other eye operated on. John Fonville's sons are students at Tex. U. The older one is taking graduate work and will do a short hitch in the Navy the end of this semester.

The McAllen newspapers recently carried an AP notice: "Awarded the Air Medal for services in Vietnam, Robert Freeman." Robert is '52 and the son of our "Jake." Joe Glasgow informs us he has made an excellent recovery from his operation and is getting along fine. At the Founders Day Meeting at Ft. Leonard Wood, George Keyser was the senior present and gave a short talk. Both he and Elsie have made excellent recoveries from their operations. Harry Krieger spends his time painting and working with boys in the Chicago area.

Pearson says: "Charley Moore whizzed by me at the Commissary recently. I asked, 'Hey, what's the hurry?' he replied, 'My grandkids are visiting me and I'm in a hurry to get back home to be with them.' I haven't seen Charley moving so fast since he was a plebe." Julius Piland and family moved to 7707 Broadway, San Antonio, Tex. 78209. The Mike Quinns recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. Present were six sons and daughters, 27 grandchildren, five in-laws and friends from Manila. They received remembrances from China, South America, Manila, and all over the U.S. Mike says they are slowly recovering from the celebration. One son is expecting further duty in Vietnam in Aug. Jim Styron recently got back from a trip to Europe. James C. Styron III has been notified that he has been accepted by the USMA and will enter with the Class of 1973. Jim and his eldest grandsons are going on a trip to the Grand Canyon, Salt Lake City, and Yellowstone in May.

Marie Hillard is suffering from emphysema and from many pollen allergies. She is thinking of selling her home and moving into an apartment. Because of a mixup in address Margaret Hinton didn't get her pin until recently but has it now and is very proud of it. Jodie Pearson is making excellent progress on her recovery after her operation. Their daughter, Ann, spent Mother's Day with them and six days later their son, Jack, got back from TDY on Okinawa. He now goes to Fla. for a survival course, then to the Carolinas, to Bertstrom AFB at Austin to school and to Vietnam.

On Sun. 13 Apr, Bryan Hunter Conrad was confirmed by Bishop Gibson at Christ Church, Millwood, Va. His sponsor (parents and Godparents were not eligible) was Col. B. B. (Barney) McMahon, Inf. Ret. His Godfather, Dick Groves, was on hand in a front pew to supervise the rites as was Budha Groves and Jimmie and Howard Peckham. After an additional hour of theology from the Bishop we withdrew to Sunnybrook for lunch after the usual preliminaries. The accompanying photograph is of Godfather Groves and Bryan H. He is the one with the hair. Those are the Blue Ridge Mountains in the background. Father has been ordered by the doctors to lose forty pounds. So far he has lost only 17, but he is still working at it.

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The event of this period which overshadows all others is our 50th Reunion. It seemed to be a tremendous success. Preparations commenced with the appointment by Class president Mike Brannon of Al Wedemeyer to be chairman of the Reunion Committee. The event furnishes ample evidence that the work of Al and the helpers whom he selected was thorough and complete. Assembly at the Thayer Hotel was accomplished largely in the afternoon of Wed., 28 May; a few came a day or two earlier, and those who came by air from the West Coast, unfortunately, were delayed and didn't reach the hotel until about 4:00 A.M., Thur. 106 of us who had graduated 50 years ago came, 78 bringing their wives. Five who departed from our ranks before graduation also came, three with their wives. Thirteen widows of our classmates joined us, and Dave and Marjorie McLean brought their charming daughter. In all, there were 206 of us, and all stayed at the Thayer except Jack Burns and Fuzzy Fasnacht, who stayed in Cullum Hall, and the Roy Greens and Ted Meyers, who slept at home in Cornwall.

Events commenced with a cocktail party and buffet supper at the Thayer Wed. evening. We assembled at 10:30 Thur. morning to march to the Thayer monument (which had been moved from the front of Washington Hall to the site of the old West Point Hotel) for the customary ceremony. This was followed by the Alumni review of the Corps and luncheon and annual meeting of the Association of Graduates in Washington Hall; the ladies had luncheon at the West Point Army Mess (Officers Club).

At 4:00 P.M. the classmates assembled in the Thayer Hotel for a business meeting, with Mike Brannon presiding. He voiced appreciation to those who had been especially helpful in preparation for the Reunion, and cited Ted Meyer for his efficient work with the authorities at West Point. After reading a telegram from Jim White, Mike reported briefly on progress with the 50-Year Book, and called on Herb Jones, treasurer, for report on the state of our Class fund and memorial fund. He then announced appointment of a Memorial Committee consisting of Buddy Ferenbaugh, chairman, Herb Jones, Ike Lawrence, Bob Springer, Tom Waters, Al Wedemeyer, and Count Wilson. The Class later authorized the committee to determine what the gift to the Academy would be. Tony McAuliffe moved that the Class organization would be a president, a treasurer, and a secretary; that the order of succession in the event of vacan-

cy in the presidency would be treasurer and secretary, in that order, and that the president would fill vacancies in the offices of treasurer and secretary. After some discussion, the motion was unanimously adopted. Tony then nominated Al Wedemeyer for president, Herb Jones for treasurer, and Dick Ovenshine for secretary. Al Wedemeyer stated that, not having been aware of Tony's intention, he had planned to urge that the Class confirm and retain the present slate of officers. There was discussion of the two proposals, and a consensus developed that an election of officers should be held each five years, at the time of the reunion. Tony's nominations were then unanimously elected, and Mike Brannon was designated president emeritus. The Class directed that a Class pin be presented and a telegram be sent to Mrs. Hill, Al Wedemeyer's secretary, in appreciation of her most valuable services in preparation for the Reunion. The meeting adjourned, having lasted about a half hour.

Thur. evening, dinner and the Superintendent's reception were held in Washington Hall. Fri. was Memorial Day; no events were scheduled in the morning and individuals were free to attend church services or visit the cemetery. In the afternoon, a very interesting sightseeing tour of West Point was conducted, and the expansion program was explained. Fri. evening, the Class picnic was held at the Golf Club; this was a delightful affair in a beautiful setting. After dark, Syd Gould set up a screen in one of the club's rooms and showed pictures of the Cadetti Americani and their exploits overseas in 1919.

Those who attended the Reunion were: Stu and Helen Barden, Liz Barlow, Harry and Pearl Barrick, Helen Bartlett, Ralph and Mary Bassett, Bunker and Jeanne Bean, Merritt and Carolyn Booth, Sue Bradley, Sam and Edna Bradshaw, Mike and Marjorie Brannon, Gus and Bobbie Broberg, Brownie and Margaret Brown, Wallace Bruner, Ray and Jeanne Marie Burgess, Bunny and Dene Burnell, Jack Burns, Moe Chadwick, Charlie Chapline, Bob and Dott Child, Betty Cole, Pewee and Lib Collier, Ruth Cookson, Dick and Billie Coursey, Joe and Maxine Cranston, Bob Crichlow, Tom and Arelynn Dameron, Duke Daniel, Linc and Elsie Dillaway, Bill and Buzz Dunham, Pat and Nancy Echols, George Elms, Louis and Gladys Ely, Dick and Jewel Emery, Skag and Billie Faine, Fuzzy Fasnacht, Bud and Dorothy Ferenbaugh, Les Flory, Gladys Foss, Clarence and Helen Frank, Lil and Toots Frederick, Bob and Whitey Gard, Syd and Bea Gould, Roy and Sonia Green, Al Gruenther, David Hale, Adna and Viv Hamilton, Elton and Georgina Hammond, Don Hardin, John and Bert Hardin, Harlan and Mamie Hartness, Hei and Ann Heiberg, Wini Hoffman, Ed and Mary Hopkins, Barry and Vere de Vere Hutchins, Bill and Effe May Isaacs, Jake and Inez Jacoby, Herb and Anabel Jones.

Also attending were: Andy and Helen Kanaga, Rosa Kerr, Kaydet Kilroy, Alex Kirby, Ivan and Margie Lawrence, Doc and Opie Loper, Dean and Amelia Luce, Mike and Vi Makinney, Fred and Lynn Marlow, Tony and Helen McAuliffe, Packy and Elaine McFarland, Dave and Marjorie McLean and their daughter, Roly McNamee, Ted and Rita Meyer, Nonie Morgan, Si and Babe Morgan, Francille Moroney, Jack Murphy, Don Nelson, Kay Niblo, Nick and Deborah Nichols, Chic and Elsie Noble, Joe and Margaret Odell, Dick and Emma Ovenshine, Willie Palmer, Joe and Marion Phelps, Jim and Mary Phillips, Ken and Marie Pierce, Fred Porter, Alex Raaen, Harry and Mary Rex, Bob

and Thel Rice, Ed and Alice Riley, Rollin and Loraine Risen, Ike and Charlotte Ritchie, Jim Rivers, George and Hope Rogers, Harold and Dorothy Ross, Babe and Ruth Ruth, Bob and Erma Faye Samsey, Harris and Gretchen Scherer, Virgil and Helen Shaw, Marion Sheehy, Ben and Ev Sheets, Logan Shutt, Skelly Skelton, Lofty and Flossie Snodgrass, Stone and Conchita Sorley, Bob and Rhoda Springer, Eddie and Barbara Starr, Eddie Strohbehn, Lee Syme, Joe Tate, Rooney and Gertrude Taylor, Nate and Maude Twining, Jack and Betty Vance, Bully and Pat VandeGraaff, Tom Waters, Al and Dade Wedemeyer, Jack and Emmie Whitelaw, Phil Whitney, Count Wilson, Walt and Marjorie Winn, Ote and Nina Wood, Joe Yeary, Ham Young, Wayne and Ruby Zimmerman.

Ralph and Mary Bassett stayed after the Reunion to see their son graduate, and Joe and Marion Phelps stayed to see their grandson graduate. Every one else departed, a bit weary, in the morning of 31 May. Their only regret seemed to be that there hadn't been enough time to talk with all of their old friends.

Buddy Ferenbaugh reports that the Memorial Committee, after two meetings at West Point, is still considering three possible gifts to the Academy.

It is my sad duty to report that Bill Wyman died on 29 Mar, and Dan Buckland on 20 Apr. Clarkson McNary's widow, Dorothy, was buried in Arlington 31 Mar, and Alex Kirby's wife, Mary Frances, died in Apr. Our hearts go out to Ethel Wyman, Norvell Buckland, and Alex.

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Col. Joseph R. Rousseau Jr. died suddenly of a massive heart attack at Miami Shores, Fla. last 29 Mar. He was buried next to a young son in Brunswick, Me. His only survivor, his wife, Anne, is maintaining their home at Miami Shores. Russ Eastman, reporting the death, told of Joe's many interests and activities in his community, particularly the Chamber of Commerce, which published a fine tribute to Joe in a recent Newsletter. He was also an active member of the South Fla. West Point Society.

Russ has been quite active in publicizing the USMA among potential candidates and high school principals and guidance counselors. He reports that he is still "100% active" in his real estate business; that Fatima Lastayo is seemingly well, but makes infrequent appearances; and that Charlie Ivins has left the Miami area, probably to relocate near Ft. Lauderdale.

More sad news from Florida: Isabel McNulty died 16 May in St. Petersburg, one day short of her 45th wedding anniversary. Requiem Mass was at Bayonne, N.J., in the church in which she and John were married. Besides John, she leaves children John A. Jr., Joseph P., William J., Mrs. Mary Maher and Mrs. Isabel Connelly. Chet and Ruth Chitterling, Duke Lanahan and Bugs and Mildred Raymond attended the services.

Bill Nye's ninth book, "Plains Indian Raiders," has just been published by the U. of Okla. Press. Bill was recently the subject of a two-column article in a Harrisburg paper, telling of his Army and post-retirement career. Bill is now editor of "Civil War Times



1920: Founders Day in Tampa. Seated left to right: Katie Daniel, Priscilla Van Sickler, Anne Lowry, Ruth Chitterling, Myra Smith, Norma Smith. Standing: Sturman, Daniel, McNulty, Henning, Van Sickler, McQuarrie, West, Travis, Lowry, Connie Sturman, Chitterling, Madeline Travis, Leland Smith, Lanahan, Tully, and Smith, C.W.

Illustrated" and "American History Illustrated" and is otherwise busy with civic affairs.

Another classmate historian Clarence Clendenen, has a book in the process of publication by Macmillan: "Blood on the Border: The United States Army and the Mexican Irregulars." Clarence contributes the information that Bill Nye was made an honorary medicine man of the Kiowa tribe a year or so ago, and may now be properly addressed as "Doctor."

Rhu and Cecile Taylor were visiting Alaska for the first time in June. Rhu says that he plans to be at the 50th.

Eddie Plank writes that the '20 group in the SF area don't get together often, but when they do they have one really good time. In Apr, while Jim and Ross Cullum were in the area visiting their daughter, Sid Hinds and Eddie got the gang together for dinner. John and Helena Culleton, the Cullums, Sid and Gina Hinds, Eddie and Dottie Plank and Alex and Valerie Sand, were on hand. The Amazeens and Taylors couldn't make it.

Leland Smith wrote of the Founders Day Dinner in Tampa. The photograph will attest to a grand turnout by '20.

Bill Bessell and Frank Farrell attended the Thayer Award Ceremony 15 May. Frank says that the new Mess Hall has attributes which can be appreciated only by viewing.

Bessell, Byers, McDonald and Sturman attended alumni ceremonies June Week. Sand A.C. attended the Alumni dinner. Marie Byers was the only distaff representative of '20 at the dinner. Johnny Johnston was detained by yearend duties at NYMA (grading papers).

The June luncheon of the Washington group had 14 members present and was noteworthy on two counts. Duke Samouce was on hand after a long absence. He explained that since retiring from teaching a few months ago, he had been encumbered with problems of "household engineering." Wilmer Merritt made his last appearance before moving to Hampton, Va., about 1 July. Wilmer had likely not missed as many as 5 luncheons during the 15 years he has served as secretary-treasurer of the group. Charles Holle has taken over his secretarial duties, and Terry Tully is the money man. Out of town classmates remember: Luncheons are at the A-N Town Club on 2d Monday each month. If in the area, call Holle or any other classmate, or come unannounced, and be welcome.

As these notes are closed, Charles and Anne Holle were preparing to leave for Paris, where Charles will attend the XXII'd Congress of Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses 15 to 21 June. Having been the Secretary-General of the XXth Congress in Baltimore in 1961, which was the second ever held in the U.S., he is a Permanent Member of the International Commission which is the governing body of the Association. The U.S. has been a member of P.I.A.N.C. since 1902.

... See you at '20's 50th, in '70!

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The fund raising campaign for class memorial is on the move. More about this below.

George Taylor's wife came to Fla. to visit her friend and relations. Bob Murphy gave a dinner party for her at the swank Pier 66 Restaurant at Ft. Lauderdale. Those present in addition to Helen Taylor, Bob and May Murphy were Dorothy Spalding, Beverly Kane, Hank and Mona Tyler and Granger and Lucile Anderson. Needless to say it was a most enjoyable party, and all the South Floridians were happy to have Helen aboard. Unfortunately George's illness prevented him from making the trip with Helen.

Bob Murphy recently sent me a copy of the letter he wrote to Mr. Darryl Zanuck taking him to task for not giving credit to George Taylor's activities in the invasion of Omaha Beach in the movie "The Longest Day" and the TV Special "D-Day Revisited." George commanded a unit that made the original landing at Omaha Beach, and it was he who said, "There are only two kinds of men on this beach—the dead and those who are going to be dead." Unfortunately Mr. Zanuck did not attribute these classic words to George in his production.

Morris Marcus writes that everything was running along smoothly until the latter part of last year when his wife Connie had to undergo a serious operation. Fortunately the operation was most successful, and Connie is now well on the way to being herself again. Then in Feb Morris suffered a severe burn on his right hand and had to have skin grafts at Letterman Hospital. Daily hydro-therapy treatments are showing good results. The Marcuses have a great-grandchild. That makes two that we now know of.

Last year Slater and Alexa Miller took a trip around the world. They left Hawaii in June and sailed through the Panama Canal to Southhampton, England. From there they covered everywhere from Spitzbergen and a point 613 miles from the North Pole to Johannesburg, South Africa. Continuing on their journey, they stopped to visit their son, Slater Jr. at a place 240 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq, where, as a member of a team, he is developing a sugar operation. The trip then took them on to Java, Singapore, Saigon, the Philippines, and they arrived home in time for Christmas.

The Millers bought a second house in the Carmel, Calif., area and plan to spend four or five months a year there and the rest of the time at their home in Honolulu which will remain their permanent address. That is what sugar will do for you.

Along about the middle of May, Dot Spalding and Bev Kane stopped by to spend a couple days with the Haases on their way north. Dot planned to visit John (the class godson) welcome her daughter and her family upon their return from a tour of duty in Germany and in her spare time get to West Point for June Week. Bev was doing a lot of visiting too. She was particularly pleased to be able to spend some time with her grand-



1921-22: Those at the table in a clockwise direction are Dorothy Spalding, Helen Taylor, Granger Anderson, Mona Tyler, May Murphy, Hank Tyler, Lucile Anderson, Beverly Kane, Robert Murphy.

son who is a member of the Class of '72 at USMA. It once again seemed like old home week for Dot and Bev.

While Dot and Bev were visiting us, I told them about our Class Memorial Project. They both expressed a willingness to make a contribution to the fund in memory of their husbands and suggested that I tell all the widows of our departed classmates about the project. This I have done to those whose addresses I have. Unfortunately we have the addresses of only 14 widows. These "gals" are as much a part of the Class as we are ourselves, so if anyone knows where they are, please drop me a note.

Len Leonard retired from teaching at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., in June 1968. He intended to find a part time job, but it was found that he had to undergo a serious operation from which he has now completely recovered. Len and Marion will spend the summer at their cottage on Lake Sunapee, N.H. The good old New England States seems to be very popular with our classmates for a summer resort. And by the way, if anyone knows of a nice soft part time job in or near Williamsburg, Va., or as a matter of fact anywhere else, contact Len. Have job, will travel!

The Leonard's son, Douglass, returned from Vietnam after completing his tour of duty with the Air Force. He is presently employed by Colonial Williamsburg. If you are ever anywhere near Williamsburg, don't fail to spend some time there. It is most worthwhile, and drop in on the Leonards or Carpenters. They would love to see you.

We have learned indirectly that Harry Stout retired from Phelps Dodge Co. over a year ago. Aside from a stint in the Army during World War II commanding an Ordnance Battalion Harry has been with Phelps Dodge ever since graduation, a period of over 45 years. And now he is retired. He should have known when he took the job it was not permanent. As a matter of fact while he is supposed to be retired, Maxine reports that he is working just as hard as ever as a consultant.

In Wes Yale's recent communique he stated that it seemed strange that there were so few of 1922 in the Carmel area of Calif. He writes that "Corp" Hisgen is reputed to be there somewhere, but has no phone and apparently desires to be a recluse. Sorry, Wes, but the only info we have about the "Corp" is a P.O. Box number: 2516 Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif. 93921. As stated above you might try to look up the Slater Millers. If the local "yocals" don't come around, others do. Johnny and Edna Johnson visited the Yales and enjoyed a couple days of golf at the golf course of all golf courses, Pebble Beach. No report on who came out on the long end of the you know what.

Wes has about laid up everything. He retired from Stanford Research Inst. as a Senior Analyst in 1965, but continued on in a consultant status. He did a stint with the German Ministry of Defense and made some friends of members of the old German General Staff. Wes' son John ('53), is presently at the Pentagon and will probably return to Vietnam before the end of the year.

Oscar Beal and his wife are enjoying good health and living a quiet life. They would enjoy having classmates stop by when in the area of St. Louis, Mo., and pay them a visit.

Either Pat Wardlaw is a collector of magazines and books or he has a friend who is. He is looking for a copy of the 1924 ARMY-Navy football game program and the "Black Knights of West Point." Anyone having a

copy of these publications or knowing where they may be available please contact Pat.

I agree with Milo Cary who says that if I had stood number 1 in English in the Class, I would not have been selected for this job of editing these Class notes. This is my third one, and so far so good at least it has not gotten to be a chore YET.

Aside from their activities in the Carolina Pigeon Club, the John Cooleys are enjoying a quiet life in Mountville, S.C. John says the Pigeon Club has many members throughout the southern states, but they hold most of their meetings in Greenville, S.C., only 50 miles from Mountville. Not to be facetious but this sounds to me to be strictly for the birds.

Marriages in the Lem Mathewson's family seem to interfere with his Class activities. Matty and Rosie missed our 40th Reunion at West Point because of the marriage of their No. 2 daughter and then their No. 3 daughter got hitched last Mar at the time of the Winter Reunion in Fla. Except for Al Kastner's second brood Matty thinks his youngest daughter is the youngest in the Class. Sorry, Matty, Toy Gregory has a youngster even younger than Al's.

The Mark McClures have lived in the same house in Washington, D.C., since 1957, and they are enjoying the many activities that the Nation's Capitol affords such as golf at the A-N Country Club, food at the City Club, cocktail and dinner parties galore. Their daughter married a Professor of Philosophy at Ohio U. They have two girls and a boy who, of course, are Gramma's and Grampa's main interest.

In early Feb upon returning from one of the parties Mark and Evelyn found that their home had been ransacked and robbed. As Mark says, while the loss was not great he would be thankful that it did not happen again. I know just how you feel Mark, we experienced the thing both in Heidelberg, Germany, and Buffalo, N. Y.

The 1921-1922 Memorial Fund has started rolling again. As of this writing it has reached \$3,627. The range of contributions so far has been as follows: 5 donations of \$200.00 or more; 7 donations of between \$100.00 and \$200.00; 19 donations of between \$50.00 and \$100.00; 19 donations of less than \$50.00. I have not yet had a response from 32 classmates including Gibson, McClenaghan, McLallen, and Thorpe whose letters have been returned to me. If anyone knows their present addresses please write me. In the meantime send in your pledges and checks.

'23

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At our Apr Class luncheon we heard reports from some of our locals who had been on extended travels. Wendell Johnson gave us his outline plan for the 47½ Reunion. Essentially, the idea is to convene on the Baylor game weekend in late September (to avoid the Homecoming Game) with an informal get-together on Friday and a dinner on Saturday. Several of the cottages which many of us enjoyed at Bear Mountain at the 42½, are to be reserved. During the Reunion we hope to dedicate a swimming plaque which Breidster has presented to the Academy. Our Class luncheons will be resumed here on the third Wednesday in Sept.

Taps. On 13 Apr the Class lost Charley Woodruff. Carraway and two sisters of Paul



1923: June Week, Howard Serig and Chas Blomme.

Mahoney represented the Class at the funeral in the Fort Logan National Cemetery. Some of you are aware that Woodruff's wife died some years ago, and Charley raised their five sons.

On 21 May Pete Leone died suddenly at his home in Cornwall. The Class was represented by Howard Serig and the Bruce Kings at the funeral at West Point. We will long remember, especially, Pete's dedicated and effective support of Class interests over the many years he and Caroline lived at Cornwall. In his report on the funeral Serig noted that Pete was buried just a few feet from Christie and Savini.

It was only when we received the Spring 1969 ASSEMBLY that we learned that Longwell had died at Lawrence, Mass. on 17 Feb. Breidster, as he always does, has sent warmly expressive letters to the next-of-kin. Flowers were sent to the funerals of Woodruff and Leone and a contribution to the Association of Graduates is being made in memory of Bill Longwell.

Coed Party. Our buffet supper at Ft. McNair on 14 May, thanks to effective planning by Timberman, was a success. We had a chance to see some of the gang who had recovered from assorted illnesses or had been away on visits. The out-of-towners were: Harry Scheetz, the Sweanys and Dorothy Torrence's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cook of Erie, Pa. The locals in attendance were: Elsie and Forstal Adams, Madelin and Bill Biddle, Sarita and Shef Edwards, Don and Dorothy Galloway, Bill and Kay D'Espinosa, Carmen and Santiago Guevara, Helen and Damon Gunn, Ruth and Wendell Johnson, Harold Kehm and drag, Dorothy Olds, Fran and J. C. King, Mildred Mahoney, Esther and Lee Shafer, Anna Pearl and Joe Smith, Jim Torrence and Virginia and Tim Timberman.

We sent best wishes to Ted Osborne who had been in Walter Reed for over a month and Dorothy Torrence who was there with an infection in a foot which followed a case of poison ivy. She is now home but her mobility is still limited. Fritz sent greetings to the party and to the whole Class including windows, wives, and drags. He urged us all to start planning for the 47½ in the Fall of '70.



1923: Coed Party, left to right: Adams, Fran King, Sweany, Laura Sweany, Anna Pearl Smith, Smith, Scheetz, Gunn, Dorothy Olds, Madelin Biddle, Biddle.



1923: Coed Party, standing left to right: Elsie Adams, Sweany, Virginia Timberman, Salsman, Fran King, King, Carmen Guevarra, Helen Gunn, Laura Sweany, Kehm, Guevarra, Adams, Gunn, Scheetz, Johnson. Seated left to right: Edna Salsman, Mildred Mahoney, Ruth Johnson, Dorothy Olds, Timberman, Esther Shafer, Shafer.



1923: Coed Party, left to right: Edna Salsman, Salsman, Helen Cook, Torrence, King, Adams, Fran King, Sweany, Laura Sweany.

Who, What and Where? Taking a leaf from the lambs who gambol in May, several of our lambs, (Old Goats?) gambolled to Washington. Shorty Keane was in for a brief visit to children and grandchildren here and at Fayetteville, Ark. He sounded fine and a bit proud when he told me that he had a son at Yale doing math—not dissent. Duke Albrecht was here on business for the Georgia Power Co. where he says he is on his last enlistment. The Schlatters were visitors here to their son and his family. En route home they visited their daughter at Ft. Bragg where her husband (a son of Cook '22) is stationed and went on to see Dave's brother after that. Dave's operation has left him with a bit of a problem with his voice but, he says, there is no problem with his willingness to use it. Deke Stone was also here off-spring-visiting. He passed on some comments on classmates which I am including elsewhere in this column. The Weikerts came through to and from West Point. More about their stay here appears somewhere below.

Jazz Harmony, section marcher of our San Francisco contingent, reports: A visit to the Gurleys revealed them happily settled at Roomoor Leisure World after an extended search for a place to live when they returned from their last visit to Europe. Gene Ridings gets up so early to play golf that he is on his way home by the time Jazz arrives at the course. Chance meetings at the Presidio PX and Letterman Hospital show the Pierces, Mergens and Louis Rutte in good shape. Virginia Post is well enough over the injury to her hip to get around on her own steam, drive her car and sharpen up on bridge. The Palmers report that their trip to Europe was a huge success. From Jazz's own comments and other generally corroboratory reports, he, Mike Buckley, and O.C. Stewart were involved in a number of golf matches. In the course of three encounters, Mike claims that an 82 to 87 was his first victory over Jazz. On another occasion O.C., after spending two weeks getting in shape for the match and with the aid of a stroke a hole, was ahead of both Mike and Jazz at the end of the first nine so decided he'd had enough golf. At the 19th hole there was conversation about handicap readjustments. Spectators at another match involving our heroes awarded Harmony a compass and headlight after he lost a ball and Mike a sand pail and shovel for most visits to traps.

The Harmonys made a visit to the Endertons to see their cherry blossoms in bloom. However, the weather prevented the blossoms from doing their thing. They report that Herb's book on the family tree is a masterful job. It looks truly professional and yet is so arranged that most anyone can understand it, says Jazz. J.H. White tells Jazz that he is planning to knock off working soon. Harmony says he is learning lessons from his grandchild. The latest? Do not leave the Johnny lid up!

Santiago and Carmen Guevara used their spare time while visiting their doctor son in San Jose to get in touch with some 16 classmates, wives, and widows in the Bay Area. They seem to have had a ball. They saw the Endertons at San Jose. Later the Prices took them to Menlo Park where they visited the McGehees, Lucile Tudor and Ruth Johnson. Ruth continues to be busy with fine book binding at Stanford, and Lucile is thinking about giving up her townhouse. The McGehees are enjoying their Spanish type home and a large swimming pool. The Pierces took the Guevaras on a tour of the Oakmont Adult Community where they live. At Santa Clara

they visited Polly Barton who they first met when she and Dave were stationed at Ft. McKinley, P.I. Polly has given up managing a group of apartments but still lives in one of them. At Los Altos they saw the Peseks. Mark is still with the city Engineering Department. At San Francisco they had dinner with the Harmonys and, after despedida drinks with the Prices and Jeff Binns at the Presidio, they took off for Washington arriving here just in time for the Coed Party.

Before his visit here Deke Stone sent me a clipping showing that our one-and-only Mayor, Dave Dunne of Carlsbad, Calif., is seeing "Rainbow Hues Glisten Over Carlsbad" because, as the San Diego Union puts it, the town "—proceeds cautiously down the road of progress" while preserving its identity and culture as it attracts new economic enterprises. Deke also reported seeing Rosenberg, Fowler, Carter, and Short.

Jimmy Hicks reports from Ore. that while he is doing well enough, he could use some new parts. Get behind a lot of us in that line, Jim! As this is written, Larry Barroll is busy fixing up his summer place at Cotuit, Me. Remember he invited us to stop by! Al Crawford informs us that though he still lives in the same house, the address has been changed to: 4 Bonnie Drive, Northport, N.Y. 11768.

In response to my request, Paul Laning tells me his wife's name is Claire. He adds that his house number is 1114 instead of 114 and that they had a good trip to New Orleans and Biloxi early this Spring. Bob Dulaney is leaving his farm in Purcellville and moving to Charlottesville, Va., in June. Fostine Hardin is expecting to be in Washington this Summer.

Opie Newman's report that George Howell, Frank Cothran and he represented the Class at the Founders Day celebration at Ft. Jackson, reached me just after the poop for the last ASSEMBLY had gone in. After 30 June 1969, Arlene Phillips' address will be: The Lexington Apts. No. 201, 405 Linden Lane, Media, Pa. 19063.

Harry Scheetz sent in a letter from Krueger telling that he had taken his wife, Jean, to play in a bridge tournament in Spartansburg, S.C., in Apr. On the way back they stopped to see the George Stewarts and the S.L. Cowles. George is reported as an avid trout fisherman, and Jean shows improvement in her health. Krueger has been President of the West Point Society of Hampton, Va., for several years but notes, regretfully, that Ringsdorf, who is within sight and hearing has not appeared at any of their events. How come, Paschal? The Roths, also in a letter to Harry, said they had a lively visit from the Weikerts, the Dan Chandlers and the Chambers at Marco Island, Fla. They added that the B.S. was thick and constant. That's what happens when you're with the pros, Dud! Harry also told of attending a surprise anniversary party for some 60 guests given 26 Apr for the P. Roy Dwyers by their son and daughter. In late May Harry went to Norfolk and Hampton, Va., to visit with Nancy (Mrs. G.F.) Williams and the Bob Kruegers. He found them all active and in fine spirit. He assures us that the MacArthur Memorial is impressive and merits a long visit.

Cecil Nist informs us that he sees the Hortons, Burnsides, and Sally Shea from time to time. He still keeps his golf score in the 80s despite the fact that his mother, aged 90, comments that his hair is turning white but gave him no credit for still having it. He says his son, Cecil Jr., a veteran of three wars, is now at Hq. Allied Forces, North, Oslo,



1923: Coed Party, left to right: Sarita Edwards, Kehm, D'Espihosa, Dorothy Olds, Virginia Timberman, Edwards, Fran King.

Norway, with his wife and four children. The other son, Allan, lives in Bernardsville, N.J., with his wife and three children.

Gettys has nominated A.D. Raymond as our champion grandpa with 23 grandchildren. Any competitors? The Gettys daughter is about to return from Hong Kong where her husband, Col. J. E. Coon, has been heading the U.S. Military Mission. Bob Hallock says he has quit his job with a San Antonio wholesale grocery company and re-retired. Two granddaughters stayed with the Hallocks last year while their parents were in Seoul, both are now in college and things are more peaceful chez Lillie and Bob. Bob sees the Schaffers and Lawrences occasionally, and all seem well.

Lucille Tudor designated Mr. Bert Lavigne, whose son entered the Academy this year, to make the Ralph Tudor Award to a civilian member of the American Society of Engineers at the annual dinner of the American Society of Military Engineers at Ft. McNair on 12 May. She reports that her son-in-law has become a Lt. Commander in the Navy.

June Week 1969. Our representatives this year were, Bloome, Scheetz, Serig, the Wendell Johnsons and the Weikerts. P.D. and Mary were decked out in new wardrobes they had to acquire after thieves broke into their locked car, took their suitcases and locked the car up again while the Weikerts were



1923: Hampton, Va., Nancy Williams, Bob, with new pup, and Jean Krueger.

hosting a dinner party for some of the '23 locals at the A-N Club in Washington. But, it says here, Washington is not a crime capitol!

Wendell was designated to present the Class Memorial Award to the outstanding member of the swimming team in the graduating class. Wendell says, the winner, Cadet Peter Heesch Jr. is a fine looking and fine mannered person. Right after graduation, he and the team captain were due to go to Annapolis to prepare for participation in NATO (Olympic-type) Games at Rome. The Johnsons were delighted with Heesch's parents, sister and femme. They said the management of the presentations—there were 86—was done with dignified efficiency. Our award is a ten-inch silver plate with four "Fried Eggs" equally spaced around the outer border and appropriately engraved in the center. Heesch is to go to Ft. Bragg in the Infantry after the NATO Games. The Johnsons went on to their summer home in Maine after the ceremony.

Help Please! You will recall that this column has urged you to let us know when you hear of the death of a classmate. You probably suspect that there is some form of automatic information to us on this matter. Unfortunately, this is not so. The long time it took before we learned of the passing of Bill Longwell raises this matter again. It is sad that this occurred after three cases in which we were most promptly informed by classmates from outside Washington, and what is more, they were cases in which classmates took prompt action to insure that the Class concern was made manifest. While O'Reilly, Adams and I are Washington Group officials, you may be sure that your word to anyone here will be sufficient.

'24

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Thanks to the excellent planning and hard work of Charlie Van Way, Jerry Sullivan, Pat Pasolli, Peyton McLamb, and Major Jim Willis of the Academy staff, our 45th Reunion was an outstanding success. A total of 136 classmates, wives, and widows, plus a few children, attended. The largest concentration of the Thundering Herd was at Howard Johnson's where 50 rooms had been reserved, and at the Holiday Inn immediately

across the highway where 20 rooms were taken. The overflow was accommodated at the Imperial Motel in Newburgh, in barracks, and elsewhere. Most of the participants arrived on the 28th. Alumni Headquarters opened in Cullum Hall at noon where, after checking in for tickets and assorted items, there was the rare and pleasant experience of encountering and visiting with classmates, some of whom had not seen one another in 45 years.

Thurs. the 29th was Alumni Day. Immediately after the Alumni Exercises at Thayer Monument and the Alumni Review, the Class assembled for the Reunion photograph. Then, while the ladies adjourned to the West Point Army Mess for their luncheon, the men went to Washington Hall for the Association of Graduates luncheon and annual meeting. Clyde Eddleman, who has performed his duties as president so well, was elected for another year and Jim Moore was elected a vice-president. In the afternoon there was a Class cocktail party at the Army Mess which cannot be described better than "a good time was had by all." An Alumni Dinner followed at Washington Hall, then came the Superintendent's Reception, and an informal Alumni Dance. Chartered bus service "made the going great." Very informal bull sessions closed out the day for the night people.

Fri., Memorial Day, was also a busy one, beginning with the Class Brunch from 1100 to 1300 hours at the Holiday Inn. It was rumored that the motel was almost sold out of Bloody Marys. A Special Class Meeting was held in the conference room at Howard Johnson's at 1330.

That evening the gala Class Dinner, preceded by cocktails, took place at the Holiday Inn. It was a swinging affair that upheld our reputation for good times together, and all the Class ladies looked beautiful. This was the final event of the Reunion for most, and after a Dutch treat breakfast the next morning, old friends and classmates parted, promising to be back for our 50th, now unbelievably only five years away.

At the Alumni Luncheon Ralph Glasgow took the seat befitting a former captain of "A" Co. at the head of 1924 table, but he was slightly chagrined when the waiter plunked down a large platter of broiled chicken, etc., for him to serve to his 9 classmates. Ralph was a gunner again after 48 years. Bill Halligan performed the duties of both water and coffee corporal — that's progress!

Dutch Rothgeb was accompanied to the Reunion by his daughter Edwina Smith, and a granddaughter, Catherine Smith — and on 1 June Dutch christened his great-granddaughter, Dona Smith. Jim Moore went solo to the Reunion while Mildred was in Columbus, Ga., for the birth of their 15th grandchild, John F. Sloan Jr., to daughter Mary and her husband, Maj. John F. Sloan.

The Reunion was a sentimental occasion for many, including Glasgow, Tracy, and MacCloskey — roommates for all four years — when they walked across the Plain together for the first time in 45 years.

It was noted that six Herdsmen (three with wives) came all the way from Calif. No one from San Antonio showed up, but there were three from El Paso and Zero and Betty Wilson from Houston. The Wilsons, Bertschs, and Strothers did some renewing of "auld lang syne" in Washington en route.

Ray Beurket admits it's "horn blowing," but wants it known that "A" Co. led in attendance with 11 members present. "Only

fitting," says he modestly "since we always led the P-rades." The weather was almost perfect the whole time except that a few complained that it was a little warm when the thermometer reached 97 degrees during the Alumni Review.

Hmmm — wonder if Peyton McLamb has found Esther yet?

Kuniholm and his lovely wife Tamara gave us all a lift with an authentic Class baby — Mai-Lisa, aged 22 months! Their son Eric, aged 10, is one to be proud of, too.

At the dinner Kuniholm gave an interesting talk on Poland, the country of origin of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko. On 22 June Charlie Stevenson will dedicate the Kosciuszko Garden along the southern end of Flirtation Walk. The garden was established by Kosciuszko when he was stationed at West Point from 1778 to 1780. The Polish-American Veterans of Mass. have restored it, including the fountain, originally built over a spring, and installed benches and a bronze plaque relating its history. Charlie has asked the Class to make a contribution to an endowment fund to be set up by the Alumni Ass'n for the perpetual maintenance of the garden.

The door prize at the Class dinner was a most interesting candelabrum created and donated by Nye Elward. Kitty Smith, an artist herself, was the lucky winner. Max and Betty Tracy drove home via Bolling Springs, Pa., to see their daughter Lisa perform with the Allenberry Players, a well-known summer stock company.

In a post-Reunion note Dan Hundley says what a wonderful time they had at the Reunion. It was Virginia's debut at W.P., and she loved every minute. Dan remarked on the Class widows, seven of whom were present, and is still chuckling over Dick Prather's dry sense of humor and Sandy Goodman's drollery. He thinks honorable mention is also due for Art Trudeau's expertise on the banjo, Kuniholm's talent with the mouth harp, and the group singing on the buses.

Dan summed up our 45th well: "Our Class has always been close and had a good spirit, but it seemed that we, like old whisky, have improved with age. If anything there was a closer feeling of togetherness in this gathering than I have ever felt before. We just wish that we could have seen more of the Class and hope that everyone starts a little budget for 1974 as we have."

The following certainly agree with him: Duke & Lib Arnold, Clark Bailey, Mary Helen Baughman, Harry & Jenny Bertsch, Ray & Betty Beurket, Onto & Maxine Bragan, J. Windsor & Marie Davis, Ken Decker, Bob & Florence Dewey, George & Mary Duerr, Pat & Dotty Dugan, Clyde and Lorraine Eddleman, Val & Rita Evans, Bob & Oralee Finlay, George & Kitty Finnegan, Sam & Emo Fisher, Bill & Zoe Forbes, Helen France, Ralph & Ginny Glasgow, Sandy Goodman, Art Grimm, Pete & Ada Hains, Bill & Kate Halligan, Bob & Peggie Harper, Gerry Hulley, Dan & Virginia Hundley, Cary & Neppy Hutchinson, Howard & Agnes John, F. W. Johnson, Howie & Henrietta Ker, Steve Koszewski, Frank & Muggs Kreidel, Eric & Tamara Kuniholm, Pete & Bobbie Lee, George Lightcap, Weary & Lorna Linn, Monroe MacCloskey, D.D. & Gay Martin, Marie Matthews, Peyton & Esther McLamb.

Wally & Dot Merrill, George and Tally Millener, Marion Mitchell, Jake & Winnie Moon, Elizabeth (Mrs. D. H.) Moore, Jim Moore, John G. Moore, Joe Morris, Denis &

Betsy Mulligan, Bill O'Connor, Pat & Marion Pasolli, George Van Pope, Dick & Betty Prather, Ray & Peg Raymond, Bill & Martha Renn, Dutch Rothgeb, Charlie & Daisy Royce, Sammy & Erica Samouce, Jean & Hank Scott, Pete & Mabel Shunk, Doug & Kitty Smith, George Smith, Mark & Lilla Smith, Bob & Margaret Smith, Vern & Rose Stevens, Charlie & Mair Stevenson, Don & Winifred Storck, Jimmy Stowell, Ken & Melba Strother, Jerry Sullivan, Tad & Margaret Tasker, Max & Betty Tracy, Art & Rosalie Trudeau, Charlie & Hazel Van Way, Harry & Betty Van Wyk, Hash & Lo Vogel, Gus Watson, Jesse & Helene Wells, Jim & Kathleen Willis, Zero & Betty Wilson.

It is with great regret that we report the death of Mary Gapen Lanham (Mrs. Charles T.) from cancer at Walter Reed Hospital on 27 Apr. Services were held at the Fort Myer Chapel on 30 Apr with interment in Arlington. Many classmates and their wives, as well as a host of other friends, attended the ceremonies. The Class extends its deepest sympathy to Buck and to their daughter, Mrs. Earl C. McCrary, of Ft. Benning.

'25

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Now that June week is past we have been busy quizzing '24 about their reunion arrangements and have been encouraged by their reports. Our regular first Thursday luncheons are holding up well, and again we remind outlanders to plan D.C. visits for our luncheon dates 12 months out of the year.

Zed Emerson, who is in and out of this area quite often, finally made our May luncheon, looking almost just like he had stepped out of his picture in the '25 HOWITZER. He brought news of his family — three daughters each of whom has three little ones making nine (9) grandchildren in all. Zed has been very occupied handling financial matters for colleges and Universities in addition to working with the AF Group re their new Distaff Home in Tex. He enjoys marlin fishing in Baja, Calif., and had visited the Roger Gardner's returning to report that Audrey and Duke successfully negotiated a trip through Mex. with their mobile home but later (while in the Carolinas) Duke suffered an illness which prevented them from completing their planned tour throughout the U.S.

Wiley Moore finally checked in with a home base having been established in the Rossmoor development in Laguna Hills, Calif. Dave Tulley here for our June luncheon said his brother Tom (the movie actor) is also happily located in the same Rossmoor establishment. The Tulleys thrilled to have daughter and family (Mrs. Grayeb) on the way back from Europe with Shiek Jr. slated for the NWC.

The Tulleys and the Carl Meyers encountered Gus West in the Guadalajara area. Dave reported Gus greatly enjoyed the good life in a fine home near a lake some 30 miles from Guadalajara — beautiful beaches, lovely homes and plenty of servants. No trouble with emphysema there and a whole colony of Americans. Clar and Ed Jones down at Greenbriar for a Bankers Convention and Walter Bryte spent some time up at Albany, N.Y., at a meeting of Military Historians (of which Harry Larter was once President and Pat Noyes a member).

Harry Crandall has been doing very nicely since his eye correction and Don Bailey also back on a full time work status. Sorry to report that Claude Black suffered a stroke and is in Walter Reed. Marie Dunn radiant at the arrival of a granddaughter (the 1st Grandchild) who arrived Mother's Day (at Anchorage, Alaska!). Son, Russ, very happy in his law firm there and has even bought a home there indicating a permanent residency. We are plugging for him to make Senator there someday (and then, perhaps, the Supreme Court - why not go all the way?)

Hopkins volunteered to search for Johnny Haskell via Johnny's brother, Joe, but hasn't come up with an address yet. The change in the French Political arena may have curtailed the proposed coverage of DeGaulle and the French situation. Bernice and Ed Garbisch at the National Gallery of Art on 12 June with their Exhibition will be at the West Point Library 22 Jan-15 Feb 1970. Ed has been attending Exhibitions of Paintings in Paris, Berlin, and London. He has also survived two sessions in the hospital the last two years.

Sam Lansing wrote news of some of our old Navy friends (from Joint Staff Duty) and inquired about the NAUS (which subject we will report by letter to you direct). Russ Finn mentioned a Colby Meyer birthday party for Dave Tulley with the Carl Meyers also present. Russ likes the Fleming book on West Point but we are, at present, engrossed with "Grant Takes Command" recommended by Earl Barnes. Diz saw Pat Finn a few days ago and was happy to report she appeared quite recovered from her severe illness. We are so sorry to report the passing of Jerry Kelley which news came too late for our last letter.

Dorothy and Link Linkswiler planning a trip to Hawaii - driving to the West Coast to visit daughter and family then to the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu by charter flight from Oakland. From Col. S. C. Kail, Sec'y of the Ft. Sam Houston WP Society, we rec'd a snapshot of Bradford, McCormick and Peplow taken at the Founders Day Dinner there. At Founders Day in Tampa: Linkswiler, Robert, Wood, Grayeb and Kerns, E.W.

Palmer, J.C. (Ex) in for a short weekend at the local Kenwood Club member-guest championship. The Monday paper listed Cam and his partner as placing second - only one stroke off the winners! We were glad they did so well as Cam has to use transportation to play. A very nice letter from Helen Geraghty who keeps busy with her nice home on the Eastern Shore. Helen still works two days per week at the convalescent center and reports that daughter, Joan, is not only very busy but seems to thrive on her heavy school schedule.

Pete Hurd in DC from time to time, and we greatly enjoyed a dinner and evening with him. Pete certainly loves the ranch life in N. Mex. and carries a handicap in Polo. Bruce Clarke gave a fine talk on the ROTC situation at the May USRC meeting. Bruce has authored a number of fine articles on current problems some of which we hope to reproduce (at least, in part) for distribution. The Red Longs scheduled for Europe or Alaska - then S. America in the fall. They greatly enjoyed the Christmas Holidays (3 wks) with daughter, Myra, and the five grandchildren (had a guest house at Hdqts there).

Evelyn & Jockey Sears were looking forward to a visit from the Bragans ('24) who were en route to the 24th reunion at the Point. Ralph no longer to hoe his own soy

beans but has rented their fields to some professionals and (we presume) will concentrate on the brokerage business plus a little time in the rocking chair on the back porch. Their daughter and family (Nottingham) returning from Stuttgart to a third (3rd) tour at Ft. Sill - which assignment a delight for the granddaughters. The Nicholases have been jumping around quite a bit but consider their Louisville address as the home pad.

With some 27 changes since our last batch of addresses was printed we had a bit of difficulty each time we made a quarterly (or more frequent) direct mailing. Most of you were quite patient but a few caustic and critical returns caused us to lump all the gripes into one contest, and we are still evaluating the evidence. At the moment it appears that Freddie Bartz (like Arts & Letters) won "going away" with Westphalinger and Kay (W) Burns very close for place and show. The final decision in our next letter.

The Cole's very happy with their two grandchildren (both families) here or within easy commuting distance. Robertson reported he failed to contact Gus Farwick (as promised) on his last Chicago trip. If someone doesn't turn up news of Gus, we'll try wiring him collect! A late card from Portugal - Jeannie and Walter Bryte by boat to Paris Air Show - then to Portugal for a week and now Germany (total elapsed time about six weeks). Marcelle and Bud Hankins now down at Cannes - But still selling books three days a week and spending the other four days looking for a better job (so he says). Actually we guess they spend quite a bit of time going from their various owned-and-rented-out apartments to the bank.

Versa and Swede Underwood thrilled to have daughter and family back from England with plans to locate in Providence, R.I. The family arrived in two echelons - the first arrival being the giant sized family retriever! This animal terrified at the strange country, strange car, and strange everything - it took three people to lift and push him into their car at the air port! Arriving home at midnight, it was a contest to get him out of the car and into their basement. Every half hour Swede went down to comfort the dog which cried continually! This went on all night interspersed by one or two runs on the beach (the dog running and Swede being propelled). Came daylight came an easing of the situation but for days of whose taking charge of whom until the family arrived and effected a merger among friends. Then, within the month arrived the third (3d) grandchild. This later event apparently brought the silver lining and from then on nothing but blue skies.

Don't for a minute forget the coming reunion and let us get our reservations as soon as the proper info reaches all concerned.

'26

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As these notes are being written (13 June), I am glad to compliment the Eds of ASSEMBLY for getting the Spring issue in our hands about a week ago; in other words, the previous confusion of having 2 consecutive sets of Notes unpublished at the same time has apparently been solved, and the next issue to reach you will contain these very notes. Thanks, Eds.

President "Admiral" Sims' letter of mid-May to us all has produced a fine dividend for me already - a number of unsolicited reports from some individuals not recently covered. Perhaps this result will continue, and we can get around to everyone on a periodic basis! The 1st comes from Marion, Ala., where Oker and Jessie Wade are living in their "retirement" home on the edge of the local golf course, but Oker is anything but retired, being Dean of the Service-Academies Prep School Dept. of Marion Inst. They extend to any classmates passing thru the area "a cordial invitation to stay in our home a few days, play golf or just sit and reminisce about the good old days etc." Their daughter Ellen's husband is a Navy Cmdr. and they have Mark, 13, and Karen, 1½ to show off. Daughter Janie and husband live in Knoxville, where he is a prof. at the U. of Tenn. This family has 2 preschool boys. Oker and Jessie drove to USMA for this year's graduation and swing "Up-East" seeing relatives and friends. Thanks, Oker, for the news.

Dick McMaster sent me a fascinating account from El Paso, written by Dick and published in the local Sunday Times (16 Mar) of his and Jane's trip thru the Pacific on board the SS President Cleveland this spring. Places visited included Tahiti, Fiji, Auckland, Sydney, New Guinea, Java, Singapore, Hong Kong, Manila, Guam and Hawaii. What a trip - one that I am sure we all can envy - and do! While en route to Guam from Manila, their ship took part in a thrilling rescue, in heavy seas, of the 11 crewmen of the downed Navy Neptune aircraft, a story I remember well, as it was fully covered in the national press at the time. By the way, Dick reports that Frank Miter is no longer lost and never has been! He lives in Tucson, Ariz., 85711, address 4326 Cooper Circle. So there!

A most welcome report came to me from Cleveland and Horace Maynard Daniels and wife Timmy. Dan is business mgr of METL-FAX magazine put out by Huebner Publications, and took over that job some 13 years ago as the key to its launching. It features information for the metal working industry and is the leader in its field. I have a copy of the latest issue here, and it is most interesting! An excerpt from his letter is worth repeating - "To fill in the blank re HMD, our one son, Dr. Jack, is a Prof. of chemistry at Union College, Schenectady, following 2 yrs. with the Bureau of Standards in D.C., and has gladdened our hearts with 3 lovely grandchildren. . . . The last time Timmy and I saw you (me, Ank) was in 1930, when in a Model A Ford we passed you walking down the hill from the Power House to the West Point RR station and stopped to chat. 39 years is really a long time ago! Timmy and I are looking forward to a visit soon from Herb Ehr Gott, etc." - He also sent me a copy of a recent issue of HANDLING AND SHIPPING, the physical distribution management magazine, also published in Cleveland and servicing all of the shipping industries thru the Transport Assn of America. This issue features our own Trooper Doyle, who holds the MacDonald Chair of Transportation at Texas A & M, and who was director of the study group that wrote the "National Transportation Policy Report," now referred to as "The Doyle Report." The issue contains exclusive comments by Trooper on the 5 basic modes of transportation - can you name them? They are Air, Highway, Pipeline, Rail and Water, and each is covered in detail by him. - It

seems that not everyone is retired as yet, and for the 3 individuals, so far covered, they seem to be busier and more productive than ever!

A new element has recently been added to Class annals — a great-grandson — how about that?! A fine report received from Skin and Wave Ringler in Cherry Hill, N.J., tells of the birth on 8 Nov 1967 (of all things) of Steven Zega in nearby Haddonfield, son of Julie Ann and Paul Zega. Julie Ann is the daughter of Lois Jean Ringler White of New Egypt, N.J., who is the Ringler's oldest child. See the new one's picture herewith. The Ringlers' other child is Maj. Bill, USAF, USMA '57, a B-52 Aircraft Cmdr stationed at Carswell AFB, Tex., married but no children as yet, with 2 hitches in SEA already, and expecting a 3d soon. Skin, who just returned from 2 weeks at the Ft. Dix hospital after some "extensive repair work," sez he is now completely retired and doing a bit of patio sitting and yard work to keep occupied and avoid the many household chores that Wave tries to get him working on! Wave, on the side reports that he is now down to his Cadet weight of 140 pounds, that he is fully recovered from all his ailments and "has never been better in his life." That is really good news for us all. They had as overnight guests recently — Al and Lou Heidner (they are still living in Newport, N.H.) who helped them celebrate their 43d wedding anniversary on 12 June. Congratulations!

Freddie Munson supplied some Washington, D.C. area news of interest. It seems that Bill House underwent surgery at Walter Reed not long ago, and has now been given a clean bill of health. He and Ev have now returned to their home in Largo, Fla. While Bill was in the hospital, Ev stayed with Marine Corps son, Maj. Bill Jr. and family in nearby Springfield, Va. — Also reported was the visit for a few days of Alex and Ruth Sewall from San Francisco, who made the rounds plenty while in the area. They travelled back to the West Coast by the very scenic Canadian Pacific RR route. Alex attended the regular Class Luncheon in Apr, with a good turnout present including Barney, deShazo, Ehrigott, Ennis, Furman, Heiberg, Munson, Nelson, Purcell, Sims, CR Smith and Stanton. Another item is quoted verbatim: "For many years, Sparky Baird has been Gen. Mgr. of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Assn and Editor of its SIGNAL magazine. In early June, he was Master of Ceremony at the annual dinner of AFCEA in the grand ballroom of the Sheraton-Park Hotel, and before an overflow crowd of more than 1800 guests, did his usual masterful job. Classmates in attendance were the Collins, Ennises, Sims and Munsons. Last item — a real needle to me from Admiral Sims as follows: "Admiral wonders why you have not answered his letters and sent him the 30 bucks for the Heiberg award! He says he has gotten about 65 answers so far and hopes the rest respond shortly." Note: — I have since written him so you don't need to worry any more, explaining that I no longer have a secretary to handle my correspondence and must slug it out longhand now, that it takes a bit of doing to collect all the loose odds and ends while in Fla., pack them carefully in the car, then unpack them at this end, and finally get sorted out and ready for business again, which I have just now done, seeing as how we only arrived back in Villanova the end of May! Oh yes, I also sent him my check!" — A small bit of DC news is that Dottie Carter has moved from her 1st Apt



1926: Steven Zega, great-grandson of E.L. Ringler, Class of 1926.

in the Watergate Hotel, to a new one as follows: Apt 1201, Watergate West, 2700 Virginia Ave., NW, Wash., D.C., 20037 and that she is spending the summer again up in Chatham, Mass., out on the Cape.

An excellent report came to me from Charleston, S.C., and the Pinky Burns. Lucy was the actual reporter, telling of the recent visit of Betty James (widow of Jimmie James) from Haddonfield, N.J., where she sees the Ringlers in nearby Cherry Hill frequently. Betty flew down first to visit her daughter Carol Stanley, whose husband is a prof. at U. of S.C.; then on down to Charleston for her reunion with the Burns. Now that she is back in circulation, Lucy says "I hope Wave Ringler and I can persuade her to rejoin the class festivities at West Point in the future. She looks just fine and everyone would love seeing her again!" — Pinky is still active as President of Acme Moving and Storage Co. and "getting up too early, home too late, but doing a fine job and thinking (?) of retiring." Also described in some detail were the recent troubles of the city, the marches and speeches, the riots and tensions and the near armed-confrontations. Sounds as though the old residents of the city lived in fear and trepidation in an armed camp and with curfews the order of the day! Finally, the Burns were getting ready to take a vacation trip to Ireland in late May, their first to Europe, and planning to include Glendolough, the birthplace of Pinky's paternal grandfather. We'll get a report of the actual trip later.

I will save most of Red Reeder's report of his trip to the Normandy beaches until the next issue, when I should have a full report. However, he and Dort did travel over for the 25th anniversary of the landings which were well covered in the newspapers, magazines and TV and really were memorable. General Omar Bradley was the top American there, and Red was the speaker at the dedication of the 4th Inf Div monument at Utah Beach on 6 June. I have a copy of the speech, and it is excellent. As I'm sure everyone knows, Red commanded a Regiment of the 4th at the landings and became a casualty

in the first week, which ended his military career—but was just the start of his coaching and writing careers!

Spud Murphy's report is short but to the point.—The Nourses had a wonderful week in Hawaii in early June to attend the convention there of Rotary International. Bob is executive secretary of the local Rotarians in the North Bay area.—Teddy, wife of Eddie Watson, up Portland way, went back to the U. of Iowa for her class reunion, and then on to visit their daughter Happy, now stationed at Chaumborg, Ill.—Finally, the Murphys found their house and beautiful gardens (Connie and I have been there) in Greenbrae took more care than they wished to give and have sold it. They are now living in a beautiful brand new apartment nearby, and are very happy in it. The new address is 50, Via Belardo, Apt 3, Greenbrae, Calif. 94904. On the last day of May they had an "apartment warming," which heated up the place very nicely!

Connie and "ye Scribe" had a good winter in Florida, although as I reported before, the weather in the middle part wasn't all that good. We are now back in Villanova, and have our usual travel plans from here brewing, which I hope will cross at least some of your trails. We hope to see a football game or two at West Point, incl of course Homecoming, when I'm sure we'll see a number of you. The next deadline is 15 Sept, and this issue should be in your hands by late Aug we are promised. So—that's all for now.

NECROLOGY

Samuel Russ Harris Jr, Classmate, Maj. Gen. USAF (Ret.), died of pneumonia 26 Mar 1969 in Tuscon, Ariz. Distinguished record as pilot and commander of USAF units, incl 499th Bomb Gp (B-29) in Marianas during Air Assault on Japan, 1944-45. Survived by wife Nancy, son Sam, 2 grandchildren.

Wilma B. Laidlaw, wife of classmate Waldo E. Laidlaw, Maj. Gen. USA (Ret), died of a stroke at Fort Wainwright Alaska, 9 Jun 1969, while on a vacation trip from their home in Oklawaha, Fla. She is survived by her husband, daughter Mrs. Lois Mackintosh, son Maj. Stephen Laidlaw, 3 grandchildren, and a sister. Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery on 12 Jun. Classmates present were Baird, Barbour, Halversen, Heiberg, Johnson L.W., Munson, Smith, C.R., and Esther Andersen (widow). Services were at graveside.

'27

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The 42d has come and gone. Formal participation of '27 in the activities of June Week was that of Ray Bell, who presented at the Awards Convocation the Class Watch to Cadet Captain Jack B. Gafford, commanding 3d Regiment, USCC. Ray commented, "He is a very fine young man, coming from an Army family. His father was a Finance Officer, now retired, and father and mother are now living in San Jose, Calif." Ray also included some additional horticultural news to the effect that "the newly planted Class Tree is located in front of Cullum Hall, as originally planned." All can join in Ray's expressed hope that this new tree for '27 will grow and prosper into one of the best and biggest on the Plain.

In an earlier letter Ray sent along some information on his winter activities, mentioning some four pleasant weeks in Calif., where



1927: Left to right. Top row: Pachynski, McManus, Berrigan, Davidson, Roth. Front row: Verone Davidson, Margaret McLamb, Mary Berrigan, Jane Peirce, Betty Pachynski, Ruth Roth, Janet Douglas.

he had seen several classmates, citing **McManus, Davidson, Roth, Berrigan, and Hocker**. As he reviewed the events, "I spent the night with the **McManii**, attended a dinner given by Gar and Verone in their beautiful new home overlooking San Francisco Bay, did some sightseeing with **Woody and Betty Hocker**, spent an afternoon aboard **Paul Berrigan's** **Chriscraft** in the company of **Chubby Roth** and respective wives. I talked by phone to **Milt Towner** and **Roy Axup**, and saw **Janet Douglas**." As to the "**Bell** clan, all goes well. **Ray Jr.**, is still in Vietnam with one of my sons-in-law and the second one returns in July." Ray is currently a volunteer Executive Director for a Boys' Camp at New Windsor and is getting "a very good insight into the problems inherent in organized charity. It is not a pretty picture. Thank goodness I had the good fortune to serve with honest and intelligent people in the Army."

Paul and Mary Berrigan planned for the celebration of the 42d with a Bay Cruise on 14 June aboard the new **Merry Fey II**, a "42' **Chriscraft** Commander (fiberglass)." He rushed back some grand pictures by **Art Roth**, to one of which attention is invited, although it regretfully fails to include sailor **Marg McManus**. Thirteen of '27 attended, but Paul said that one reason or another had kept some of the large San Francisco group from coming aboard. Those unable to sail were the **Sinclairs, Whittles, Towners, Axups, and Carlocks**. "We had a nice, smooth trip visiting the waterfronts of Sausalito, San Rafael, and Richmond, with only some 15 minutes of waves as we passed Alcatraz on our way back. By that time all aboard were classified as able-bodied seamen!" Thus Paul, now best known as our Captain Bligh, summarized the enjoyable Celebration Sailing.

Jack West, just in time for deadline, sent in news from "rural Ohio." He has retired for the second time, from teaching, but still continues to think of a "third career as a CPA, and am currently taking a correspondence course from LaSalle in Chicago." But Jack then pondered, "I think that they have something when they designate 65 as the time to retire. I just don't have the pep and vinegar

now that I used to have. Do you?" Ah! To that closing question the Scribe must admit to a negative answer. Jack has few of '27 around his town of Morrow: "Marty Morin is closest in Columbus—and he's talking about retiring for the second time, too." As to current West activities, the marriage of the elder daughter, **Winkie (Ethel Avery)**, is planned for 4 Oct. Joan is apparently keeping Jack busy, "with wedding plans and thinking up things for me to do. Isn't there some kind of Retiree's Protective Association a fellow can join?" Doubtless it is time for such an organization.

The **McKinneys, Helen and Mac**, are always loyal reporters. Mac, just a bit too late for the Spring ASSEMBLY, sent along comment that son **Bud** had come down from Alaska for 20 days of leave—the first in several years—and is "looking forward to a 2d tour in VN." Bud and Marge have enjoyed Alaska, and are both expert skiers, Mac stated, Marge being a "qualified Pro instructor." Daughter **Nancy**, while husband **Bernie** teaches this summer, planned to bring the two grandchildren, **Larry and Chris**, to Fla. for a July visit. **Helen** herself sent along a June letter which included report of a reunion weekend at **Hal and Mona Jordan's** house on the East Coast of Fla., from which she had seen "Moon-shot from their terrace." They had also seen the **Albert Dickersons**, "who were on the verge of leaving for Tex.



1927: Left to right: Kunesh, Lepping, Nelson, Griffith, and Kaylor.

and Calif.—to be gone 'til July." The **Dickersons** and the **McKinneys** had both dropped in on **Chuck and Mary Ewing**, completing what seems to have been a most pleasant visiting.

Mac also contributed a brief of the grad-and-spouse Founders Day Dinner which he attended at Tampa, in a "Top of the Mark" setting of the University Club. Present from '27 were: **Spike Webb** and wife; **Scoon Gardner** and wife; **Mac and Helen**, and **Red Day**. Particularly striking were the attractive place mats: facsimiles of that Act of Congress, of 16 March 1802, establishing "a military academy . . . of ten cadets, with the pay of sixteen dollars per month, and two rations per day."

Propos of Founders Day dinners—although it may seem somewhat late in presentation—attention is invited to a picture from Fort Sam Houston recording those of '27 present thereat, received through the courtesy of **Col. Samuel G. Kail, '39**, Secretary of the local West Point Society. A distinguished group!

By no means last of items of interest is that concerning the second retirement of **John Holst**, this time from math instruction at **Purdue U.** and subsequent removal of the family to 1379 **Hymettus Ave., Leucadia, Calif. 92024**. **Felix** commented that they are now roughly 100 miles from son **Tony** in **Los Angeles**. Having seen no classmates in his long **Indiana** stay, he is anticipating better luck in **Calif.**

Making this June deadline is always somewhat of a struggle for this teaching Scribe, what with winding up administratively an arduous high school year and participating extensively in graduation exercises, from prom to commencement. Not be overlooked was the movement up of daughter **Susan** to senior high and of son **Tommy** into the 8th grade. In important addition, July is to see the 2d return from Vietnam of son-in-law **Lt. Col. Richard A. Miller, Armor, '53**, and his contemplated assignment to the Tactical Dept. at the Point, thus moving daughter **Jane** and the four graddaughters from the **Potomac** to the **Hudson**. So for these diversions, plus art shows for **Lucile**, this has been a busy time.

This is a somewhat short column, for not much grist came to the mill. Solicited are all sorts of news—hopefully with a clear, engaging snapshot! Since we are always out of phase, when you read this in Sept, sit down and give an after-action report of your doings so that we can disseminate in the next ASSEMBLY. We all want to hear from you!

'28

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Not much news to report in this issue. It seems that 1928 has not been very active, or if they have, they have failed to let us know about it.

Tom Sherburne reports from **Calif.** as follows: "We went to **Jack and Mins (Hinrichs)** new beautiful, **Carmel Valley Ranch** House recently for a most interesting occasion, a party on their wedding anniversary, with all of their bridesmaids attending, together with their husbands! This was quite an accomplishment, representing so nicely the warm friendships they have maintained. I believe that most of the girls were from the wedding site, **Pasadena**, but by now from all over the **West Coast**. Incidentally, we also saw there, recently arrived, another good classmate and wife, **Sarge and Sis Johns**.

Talked to Tommy VanNatta, easing up gradually on his hours with GE in Santa Barbara."

Note from The Retired Officer that Sam Myers has been elected president of the Cavalry-Armor Foundation, Inc., in Louisville, Ky. Bill and Myrtle Billingsley visited West Point in early May, their first since Bill's retirement. They also took in the ARMY-Navy Lacrosse game at Annapolis with ARMY taking all the marbles.

Carl Sturies called our attention to the fact that Paul Peery made the May issue of the Readers Digest with the question "What word has eight letters and only one vowel?"

The Skip Seemans tripped to Europe in May—concentrating on Portugal, Spain, and England.

'29

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The Great 40th Reunion was just that—great. But it was much more. It was a warm and happy time of reminiscing, of seeing classmates one hadn't seen for 40 years, of renewing old friendships, checking on children, grandchildren, and possible great-grandchildren. Bill and Ruth Hamlin had just seen a grandchild married—the first in the Class to be reported to this office—and are thus perhaps our first prospective great-grandparents, and both look barely qualified to be even grandparents.

Many long journeys were made for the Reunion. The farthest were Renate Van Bibber, Ed's widow, from Miltenberg-on-Main, Germany, and Myles Brewster from Suffolk, England, who brought wife Jimmie for her first meeting with many of the Class. The Brewsters live at Stone Cross Farm, Bury St. Edmunds, just 20 miles from Mildenhall in U.K., where most space-available planes put down. They urge visiting classmates to drop in on them there.

The planned Hawaiian contingent, Chan and Jo Chandler, was eliminated by illness in the family, but Chan and Jo came to the mainland later in June to visit Nell and me here in D.C., son Hap in Calif., and Chan's brothers in N. Mex. and Ind. The Chandlers are hale and hearty, and Chan is even putting on some weight—after five years of not teaching and has finally relaxed.

The next most distant attendees were the West Coast group. From California came Larry and Shon Brownlee, George and Gerry Coolidge, Chick and Polly Cooper (Polly to meet many of the Class for the first time, and the Coopers to visit Chick's son, Cooper JB, '57, stationed at WP), Mac McKenzie (Pat stayed in Boston with a new grandbaby), Bob and Lee Meyer, and Whitside and Maxine Miller. Jim and Marge Sladen made the long trip from Tacoma, Wash. The Tex. contingent comprised Lou and Marilu Hammack, Jim and Doris Hannigan (who took off immediately after Reunion for a trip around the world), Jack and Virginia Horton, and Tiny and Caroline Miller Jark, Whit's sister, who was also meeting many of the Class for the first time as a Class wife. From nearby Ariz. came John and Mary Lee Hammond and Hugh and Mabel Stevenson, the former still with that imposing beard and the latter with a daughter and son-in-law stationed at WP, the Samuel L. Myers, '58.

From Ariz. also came our first host for a Class affair—Lank de Riemer. When Lank read of the Lincolns' departure from WP he hastened by telephone to the D.C. Comte



1929: SF Bay Area Group. Left to right. Seated: C. Samuels, G. Theimer, P. Cooper. Standing: Brownlee, Geary, K. Geary, M. Hail, (behind M. Hail, Mrs. Perkins, Glen Williamson's date, obscured), Dwyre, G. Coolidge (back view), Williamson, Coolidge, E. Dwyre, M. Brownlee, Theimer, D. Heidland, Hail, P. McKenzie, Heidland, Cooper, McKenzie, Freeman, L. Carey, Carey, A. Viney.

with a most generous offer to fill in the breach and host a class cocktail party. Thus the cocktail hour before the Class picnic Wed. night at the WP Golf Club became the de Riemer cocktail party and a great occasion it was. Almost everyone coming to the Reunion made this opening event, and there were some few for whom this was the only part of Reunion they could make. Bud and Kathryn Sprague were among the latter, and it was wonderful to have them even so briefly. Bud looks like he'd still be a menace in any football line. Jimmy and Jean Gavin were able to make the picnic too, but after Alumni Day Jimmy had to depart for Europe to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the D Day invasion. (Nelly and Trude Lynde had to forego Reunion attendance for the same celebration.) Paul Thompson made the picnic from his Chappaqua, N.Y. "Readers Digest" base, but Friedel was in Europe.

Lank de Riemer had as his hostess for the cocktail party Thelma Taylor Russell, Tom Taylor's widow, an old and close friend of Lank and Babe, his deceased wife, and now again a widow (Russell RE, '23). Thelma lives at Hilton Head, S.C., where Jim and Lou Quill, who chaperoned Lank and Thelma at the Reunion, will live on Jim's second retirement from Syracuse U. this fall.

The massive turnout for the picnic was a wonderful send-off for the rest of the festivities. Among the major pleasures of ten-year reunions is seeing classmates one hasn't happened to encounter for years, perhaps not since graduation, and enjoying the memories they bring up. Among such for me were Ed and Noreen Cruise, Everett and Martyne Hayden, Joe and Betsy Ladd, Andy McKeefe, Hank Royall ('30, x'29), and Ken and Louise Woodbury.

The second day of Reunion was Alumni Day. Nothing has changed in the traditional Alumni Exercises except the location of Father Thayer, now temporarily placed at the old WP Hotel site, pending his return to his accustomed stance in front of new Washington Hall, the expanded Cadet Mess. The Alumni parade, with the main reviewing

stand near Trophy Point and the Washington statue, was for most of us the first opportunity to appraise what time and progress have wrought on the Plain. We pronounced it good. The new cadet barracks, built at the same angle to new Washington Hall as old South Barracks and old North Barracks, are massive and imposing, with tremendous dignity. They extend west and north the same distance as the old barracks and are joined directly to the new part of Washington Hall. The Supe's quarters, that lovely 19th century house, is untouched and retains its beautiful gardens and its serene charm. The powers-that-be could have done no better in expanding cadet barracks and still retaining the essence of the Plain and the central core of WP life.

We sat by class at the Alumni luncheon and annual meeting in Washington Hall (details elsewhere in this issue) while the ladies went to the vastly expanded and magnificent WP Army Mess for their own luncheon held in the new Red Room, two floors down, overlooking the river. There Maj. and Mrs. W.L. Heiberg '61, (he's the son of Vald Heiberg '26, and she's the former Louisa O'Meara, daughter of Andy '30) and Maj. L.D. Budge '61, the '29 Class Aides, saw that nothing was lacking for the '29 ladies' comfort and pleasure.

In the evening came the Alumni Dinner Dance and the Supe's Reception in Washington Hall. This gave the ladies their first view of the doubled Cadet Mess and the men their first opportunity to appraise the structure at night. It is indeed magnificent. Wisely the architect has left the old entrance, with its castle-like stone walls, as the central internal element of the mess hall, and the O.C.'s poop deck thus is now situated in the center of the doubled building from which the six great wings fan out like spokes of a wheel.

Fri. we were back on a schedule of Class activities. The morning was fine, and for the many staying at the Holiday Inn in Newburgh it was a pleasant time of sitting around the swimming pool there, visiting and chat-

ting. Many of the Florida contingent were out in force—Fred and Lynn Dent, Larry and Billie Guyer (Billie was meeting many of the class for the first time at this Reunion), Bill and Dot McCulla, Tom and Marion McDonald, Kai Rasmussen (Emma hadn't felt well and had stopped off in Washington), and Bob and Midge Ward. Also coming from Fla. were Jack Callery, Bob and Mary Cook, Phil Draper, Kirk and Edie Wee Kirkpatrick (with Kirk staying in barracks and Edie Wee with son and daughter-in-law, instructor Kirkpatrick WT, '61), and Jim and Lois Stephenson.

At noon came the big event of this day, Tom and Renée Sands' luncheon for the Class at their Cornwall place, "Sengen," high in the hills overlooking the great valley to the north and west of Storm King Mountain. This spacious and beautiful old house with its great windows and terraces looking out over the valley, and with its charming surrounding gardens, absorbed the some 150 guests with the same ease and grace showed by Tom and Renée as hosts. This was truly a highlight of the Reunion and the thanks of all attendees go to the Sands for their hospitality. Additional and welcome faces showed up: Jack Hornor with daughter Lou; Jim and Molly Winn with daughter Ellen; Jeff Seitz, but lacking actress wife Jessie Royce Landis, detained in Hollywood by the filming of the novel "Airport"; George and Miriam Keeler, whose son Emmett Brown Keeler, Ph.D. Harvard, was recently married to Miss Corinne Vreni Merriam, daughter of Ret. Brig. Gen. and Mrs. W.G. Merriam. Tom and Renée Sands were also most thoughtful house hosts to Class widows for the duration of the Reunion—Alice Nesbitt, Carol Arnett, and Renate Van Bibber.

By this time, too, the roster of attendees was complete. From the NY.-N.J. area: Roger and Betty Browne, George and Connie McAneny, Pinky and Sunny Wetzel, and Rennie and Eileen Renshaw. Eddie and Lib Murphy from Philadelphia. From the D.C.-Va.-Md. area: Bill and Kitty Bowyer, Paul and Della Caraway, Tom Conley, Pinky Conner, Bill and Marge Ghormley, Don and Maggie Graul, Bo Hubbard, Jupe and Judy Lindsey, Abe and Freddie Lincoln, Hugh and Bonnie Mackintosh, Herb and Ida Milwit, Nick and Jackie Nichols, Freddie and Martha Smith, Marshall and Harriet Stubbs, Fen and Linda Sykes, Merle and Ella Thompson, Bill and Nell Thompson, Herb and Dot Vander-Heide, Vic and Tillie Vickrey, Slim and Muriel Vittrup, and Dick and Isabel Wentworth. John and Sara Phillips from Raleigh, N.C. Bill and Missy Bullock from Atlanta. Weary and Jeanne Wilson from Mobile (their son Fred, Lt., USA, was to be married on 7 June to Miss Linda Ann Albert of Mobile). George and Helen Bush from Ohio. Doby and Marty Kraft from Indianapolis. Mish and Martha Roth and Paul and Jo Steinbeck from Ill. Eric Swede Svensson from Colo.

The last official event of the 40th was the Class Dinner Fri. night at the WP Army Mess. Prior to this event Ed and Alice Lasher were gracious and bountiful hosts for cocktails in the lounge of the beautiful old building, just adjacent to the main ball room where our dinner was held. This room, new since our last ten-year Reunion, is semi-circular with the half-moon portion all two-story windows looking out over the Hudson and across to the hills. Your Comte provided a full moon to rise at the proper time and shine on '29's Class Dinner, and a combo to play old dance tunes from the 20's and 30's—and people really danced. During the course

of the evening, presided over by Class Veep Jupe Lindsey, greetings were read from Class Pres. Don Zimmerman and gifts of WP crystal were presented to Maj. and Mrs. Heiberg and to Maj. Budge in appreciation of their assistance at reunion activities.

The main formal event of the dinner was the presentation to Abe Lincoln, in the name of the entire Class, of a handsome brass plaque on a polished walnut base, with the following engraving: "Presented to George Arthur Lincoln, Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Retired, Rhodes Scholar, Strategic Planner for World War II, Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences, U.S.M.A., Eminent Author and Educator, Adviser to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Performer of Special Missions of Major Importance to the United States, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness in the Administration of President Richard M. Nixon, by the Class of 1929, U.S.M.A., at the 40th Reunion, May 1969, to Honor with Affectionate Regard the Last Classmate to serve on Active Duty and to Express our Pride, Admiration, and Esteem for a Distinguished Officer and Illustrious Graduate."

This project of the Reunion Comte had been a well-kept secret, revealed in general terms only to Freddie Lincoln in order to insure that Abe would certainly be available for the presentation. It came as a real surprise to Abe, who, for the first time in recorded history, was at a loss for words—but only briefly. He responded with a graceful and thoughtful speech which stressed his acceptance of the tribute as one for the entire class' contribution to West Point and to the Nation. And thus, on a note of devotion—to the Class, to our Alma Mater, and to our Country—the official 40th Reunion of the Class of 1929 came to a close.

We were honored by having several ex '29ers present at the 40th, some of whom have not yet been noted: Carson JF, ex '29 and wife Eleanore; Devery JP, ex '29 and wife Margaret; Weber FR, '30 ex '29 and wife Kate, both well known to most of us during 30 years of service, who brought a young lady granddaughter; and Kirkpatrick JE, ex '29, brother of our own Kirk, who graduated from Annapolis and is a retired R Adm.

A delightful dividend was the presence of class children at many of the Reunion activities. In addition to those already noted we had Army and Dee Dee Armstrong's son Alan, '61, and his wife, now stationed at WP; the Hannigan sons Skeet (James R., '63) and his wife, also stationed at WP, and Cadet Tom, '70. Tom and Renée Sands' son Richard, a Wall Street banker, and his wife were at the Sands' luncheon, as was, by some skillful legerdemain on the Sands' part, Cadet Thomas Mc Nerney, Allen's and Gladys' son.

Almost all who signed up for Reunion made it—we had just under 80 classmates and almost as many wives. Among the few who had to fall out at the last minute were Jack and Nina Stone. Nina had major and very serious surgery, but is now making fine progress, which we sincerely trust will continue.

Jupe Lindsey wishes to announce—always forward looking and keeping in touch—that the same Comte that functioned for the 40th will function for the 45th in 1974. The entire Comte wishes to thank the many who expressed their appreciation for the arrangements at the 40th and to solicit all views for improvements at the 45th.

Sadly we have one death to report, the news of which was delayed in reaching us. John Dury Cone died at Pine Bluff, Ark., on 10 Mar 1969. The Class extends its sympathy and condolences to the Cone children and to Laura Cone, whose address is 1119 W. 2d Ave., Pine Bluff 71601.

The S.F. Bay Gp. had their planned boat cruise and picnic. See photo, courtesy of Johnny Theimer. Present at picnic but missing from photo were Andy Samuels and Harriet Kearney. The Theimers had a fine tour of the Western Pacific in May and June.

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Local (Washington) note: The Mar bulletin of the Metropolitan Club, one of the most conservative and elegant clubs in the country, listed the name of Gen. Lauris Norstad as coming up for (non-resident) membership. Coincidentally, in the same bulletin, for resident membership, appeared one Lt. Gen. Clovis E. Byers, who was Master of the Sword when we were cadets.

The 40th Reunion memo that your committee sent out in Mar brought responses from some 60% of the mailing list. The committee was especially pleased at the considerable number who expect to be on hand next June; as nearly as we can calculate from your first response, we'll have somewhere around 150 men, women, and children present for the big event. We were also much pleased (not to say flattered) at the general acceptance of the program that we offered for your consideration. And there were a number of useful "comments and suggestions" that will help us refine the schedule. Based on the initial go-round, the overwhelming majority favor the notion of making a local hostelry our base of operations, so we will plan on that. The schedule of events also received general approval; with minor modifications, of which you will be timely apprised, it will be adopted as the basis for our further planning. Expect another memo some time this winter.

As a "fringe benefit," responses also produced a number of corrections to the address list, as follows: Beals, 33 Ellsworth St., Springvale, Maine 04083; Bradley, 30327 Oceanaire Dr., Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif. 90274; Edgar, 1906 Rustic Rd., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601; Howze, 2209 Canterbury Dr., Fort Worth, Tex. 76107; Pauley, 8 Munich 22, Robert-Koch Str. 3, West Germany; Pospisil, 411 West 4th St., Wilber, Neb. 68465; Rothchild, 2323 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. 85004; Ruestow, Hamilton House, 1255 New Hampshire Ave., Washington, D.C. 20036; Sampson, 777 NE 11th St., Homestead, Fla. 33030; Thiede, 123 North 24th Ave., Hollywood, Fla. 33020; and Townes, 173 Timberlane Dr., Mashpee, Mass. 02649.

The Reunion memo also inspired a few souls to pass on bits of news of themselves or others. Dana Alexander, explaining that his job will probably prevent his attending our 40th, went on to say that he nonetheless fully intends to be there for the 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th and 70th! Such dauntless optimism speaks well for the stamina of The Gang. JoJo Carrithers, in a typically breezy letter, reported his continuing and happy involvement in all manner of horse activities. Not content with just organizing and participating in horse shows, trail rides, and

mounted gymkhanas, and acting as President of the California State Horseman's Assoc., he is now engaged in writing a book on how to do all these things. Inasmuch as few people can match his personal experience in this field, it's my bet that it will be a highly useful and authoritative publication.

Dan Cooper speaks of the pleasure he continues to derive from owning a small cruiser, "small enough to handle by myself, but big enough to take a few old friends like the Ganeyns and Hutchinsons out for a few days cruise whenever I feel like it." Jim Darrah has turned reporter and fills in a lot of his spare time writing sports items for a local weekly. Seafood Garton, still making military analyses for General Motors, wants me to remind one and all that he and Mary have a very roomy house in Cleveland and will always welcome wayfarers who may transit that area. Chuck Heitman, essaying to keep up with the younger generation on skis, managed to break a hip, but reports favorable progress with no apparent complications. Charley Odenweller, still running his little inn in Maine, took time off during the winter for an extensive trip that put him in touch with a number of classmates in various places. Jim Richardson sent me an excellent picture of Jim Brett and J.O. Curtis that was taken at a function honoring the former's installation as a Regent of the U. of Calif. Larry Talcott wrote to me that Red Timothy retired from his job with Sears last Jan and it is rumored that he's casting a speculative eye on Fla. as the spot for their permanent home. Joe Twyman has come up with an interesting suggestion as a sort of corollary to the Reunion: He proposes that we consider publishing a booklet containing brief biographies of the deceased members of the Class. While it is true that such material has already appeared in ASSEMBLY for all but a few of our deceased, the idea of combining it in one publication is not without merit. I'd be glad to have comment, pro or con, on this suggestion.

And speaking of deceased members, it is with sincere regret that I report the death of Art Peterson in Germany in Apr. Sorry to say that I have no details; Tom Stoughton simply got a formal announcement card from Pete's widow and passed the word on to me. Also in Apr I had a visit from Eddie Risheberger, who told me of Ora's death in Feb. The Class, I know, extends sincere sympathy to Eddie in his bereavement. He continues to hold his Civil Service job with the Army at Rock Island Arsenal. Finally, just before these notes went to press I had word from Jim Luckett that his eldest son, Jim Jr., was killed in action in Vietnam near the Cambodian border. In Jim's words: "He was a fine Platoon Commander. He gave the last full measure of devotion to his men, his unit and his country. No man can do more."

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There isn't too much news this time, but I will see if I can dig some out from the old questionnaires.

I received word from Cecil Spann and from Jo-jo Brady that W. Howard Allen died from a heart attack on 31 May. Howard was with the class only a short time, being forced to leave the Academy early by injuries. He had, however, always retained his interest in the



1931: Left to right: Clemson President R.C. Edwards, Hugh Harris, Clemson Vice-President Victor Hurst.

Academy and in the Class. I have had a very pleasant continuing correspondence with him over the past few years. Jo-jo represented the Class at the services. Mrs. Rose McNair, mother of Chuck McNair, and I am sure known by many of you, died in Feb. Several members of the Class attended the services at Arlington.

Hugh Harris, president of The Citadel, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Clemson U. this month. To quote from Clemson, "Gen. Harris was among five outstanding men awarded honorary degrees during the ceremony. In addition to his other duties, Hugh is currently President of the South Carolina College Presidents' Assoc." Betty and I were dining out on the local scene the other evening when we had a most pleasant surprise, being joined at dinner by Ted Parker. Ted and Nina are currently in Washington still looking for a place to settle down and for Ted to find some easy kind of employment. You might say that Ted is foot-loose, but that Nina isn't. When Ted joined us the other evening, he had just left Nina in Walter Reed for a minor foot operation. Also present in the hospital at the same time was Sammy Smellow. At least, that was the rumor I heard from Trick Troxel, who did see Sammy at the hospital, so it must be true. He is out now and back home.

Bill Train and Deke Roller both sent me copies of the local Saigon trade paper telling about Bill Cassidy's visit to the engineer units in VN. Also included, naturally, was a picture of Bill and Deke. If it can be reproduced, I'll ask the ed to put it in this column. Deke is still looking for a boat, and since he is now the manager of one of the departments of PA&E, he can probably afford a good one. The last one he talked about was a forty-five footer, that he had gone to Hong Kong to look at.

I forgot to mention that Ted Parker told us some stories about their trip across country over the past two or three months. They made a rather leisurely trip visiting friends along the way. They saw Andy Adams at White Sands and had dinner with Herb and Vesta Mansfield and Chet and Gin Diestel. Ted told a story about a golf game which I won't repeat here. All I can say is that the moral of the story is, if you play golf with citizens of Menlo Park, "caveat golfer with the high handicap."

Percy Lash sent a note along about browsing through Hudson's Manual and finding

a list of a section of engineers in it with such sterling names as Brown, J.M.; Johnston, R.D.; Lawson; Waters; Carter, R.S.; Tyler; Candler, R.W. I wonder which side that group was on at the goat-engineer game. O.Z. Tyler is teaching at Fla. Jr. College in Jacksonville and finding the experience very rewarding, especially since he is engaged in an experimental course for some 60 specially selected students. OZ mentioned that he had seen Bob Johnston stopping by from one of his round-the-world trips. And on almost the same day I received a card from Bob mailed in Hong Kong. Bob was going on to the Philippines and then back to Hong Kong and somewhere else from there. Roy Kauffman also mentioned the peripatetic Bob and his travels.

Paul Mayo sent along a page from the Ft. Bliss paper telling about the dedication of the Ft. Bliss theater in honor of Tom Stayton. It was a well deserved honor for Tom, who served three tours at that station and did a lot to make it what it is. Paul and Grace decided that people haven't been moving around enough, so they have now supplied us with a new address: 8033 North Braunfels, 400-B, San Antonio, Tex. 78209. A Washington paper had a column on Orion (sic) C. Krueger and his connection with Vince Lombardi. In case I haven't mentioned it before, Ockie and Doris are in Washington now where Ockie is hoping to do the same thing for the Redskins that he did for the Packers, with some assistance from Vince on the playing field. By the way, anybody know where Jim Maloney is. My letter to him in Boise, Ida. was returned—Adresse unbekannt.

The following may be old news, but it is the best that I have at the moment. Gordon Singles, who has a from time-to-time address in Denver reports seeing Gerry Flaherty occasionally when Gerry and Ann are there from their winter home in Phoenix. Sounds rather complicated doesn't it? Grov and Florence Powell are doing a bit of traveling around in connection with their art interests. They are going somewhere in June, I can't read his writing, and to Mex. in Aug. In between these tours, they will be moving around visiting children and grandchildren. Elmo and Ginger Mitchell see the Bill Woodwards and the Roy Kauffmans every once in a while in Atlanta. Mitch was the maitre d' for the punch for Peggy Wagner's daughter's wedding. Having heard of no epidemics in Atlanta, one must assume the punch was

OK or the Atlantans are a hardy bunch. Champ and Chickie Buck spent five weeks cruising around the Bahamas on the Sea Chic. For exercise, they are doing a bit of bicycle riding, around the deck of their yacht, I presume. Benny Krueger plans to be at the Reunion in '71, but at the moment is too busy with his two-year-old grandson to write any other news. Warren and Margot Hoover spent a month in N.Y., the fun city, and in Apr Margot was going to South America for eight weeks, leaving Warren at home to mind the store. Larry and Brig Ayers' son, Brian, is attending U. of Calif. at Berkeley and is in the ROTC. What a combination that is. Seriously, Brian is trying to get a regular commission that way.

Pat Carter, our perennial president, since we haven't had an election for the past two years, is still at Ft. Meade and heading up the NSA. As Pat put it, after Lt. Gen. Hershey and Lt. Gen. Heaton, he, Pat, is number 3 on the best seller list of Lt. Gens. Eh bien, continuez. I have to show off my erudition once in awhile.

I apologize for the brevity of this column, but plead no news, the end of the school year and preparations for our trip. I hope to have more news next time after having seen a few of you during the summer.

P.S. Late Flash. Betty and I were just over to Walter Reed and called on Nina Parker (11 Jun). She was doing fine and looked positively scintillating in her Puccini percale white pants suit. She will be out of the hospital this weekend and will remove her cast in about a month. While snooping around Ward 8, I noticed that Tick Bonesteel was there, so went and called on him. He is there just to take his retirement physical and expects to return to Korea with Alice later this week. Tick looked well and said he felt the same way. He said that the past three years had been rugged, but at the same time it had been one of the most interesting times they had ever spent.

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Charlie and Essie Baer planned and directed our annual mixed party at Ft. McNair on 10 May. As expected, it was a whizzbang, largely because Frank Besson had us (for what he called) cocktails before retiring to the club. By the time we had devoured his hors d'oeuvres and imbibed of his liquid refreshments, we had lost most of our respective appetites. Fifty-four of us attended. The list is too long to register in the column, but I must mention that Dort and Harvey Fischer came up from Raleigh, and the Morris invited Verner and Lis Morch, relatives who were visiting them from Copenhagen. Mr. and Mrs. Morch were a delightful addition, and both Dort and Harvey looked especially well and seem very happy in their new location.

Among those at our table—Baers, Mary Cain, Grahams, D'Orsas, and Marvin Iseley there was much chatter and a happy atmosphere. From all accounts it was the same at all the other tables.

Ken Zitzman is covering Johnny and Fran Pugh's class reunion, but I'd like to make a few comments. Joslin and Luke picked us up around noon, and we had a pleasant drive through all that rolling countryside. Luke is an expert at maneuvering a big Lincoln on those narrow roads. As the saying goes,

"termites come out of the walls,"—Munoz, Sinclair, Williams, and Frack to mention a few. Guests were met by "car parkers" posted at the front door. The cathedral ceilings were truly cathedral, and the tables were heavily laden with tempting and delicious foodstuffs of all descriptions. It was quite a deal!

As for the "young fry," a recent edition of the Washington POST carried a picture of the handsome son of Joslin and Luke—Jay Morris with accompanying article describing his activities as president of the Md. Federation of Young Republicans.

From Ken Zitzman. It is with considerable regret that we report the sudden passing of Larry Babcock on 22 Apr. Frank Besson got the news first, put it into our newly established Washington "hot line" network, and the 42 classmates in the area were all notified within 24 hours. Interment was at West Point, and on short notice Frank set up a plane from Washington to West Point, returning the same day, for classmates and others. Representing '32 at West Point were Frank, Charlie Baer and Dick Hunt. With Larry's widow, Gretchen, at the ceremonies, were Larry Jr. and his wife; daughter Gail and her husband, Maj. George R. Robertson, USMA '58, M.Sc. in C.E. and M.E. at the U. of Ill.; and Larry's youngest daughter, Lynn. Their minister from Arlington and the USMA Protestant Chaplain officiated at the services which USMA Superintendent, Gen. Koster attended. The Class sent a large basket of flowers for the funeral and received a most appreciative note from Gretchen. During 41 years as a cadet, officer, and civilian executive after retiring from active military service, Larry gave a lot to the Army, and we'll miss him.

We also extend sympathy to Freddie Young whose father was buried in Arlington on 7 Apr. That was the first time we used the new hot line which proved itself when a goodly group of classmates, including Freddie's ex-roommate, Bill Powers, were there to meet him when he flew in from Coral Gables.

If any of you outside the Washington area have a class item important enough to notify the Washington contingent on short notice, phone me collect, or in fact, any member of the Washington area, and they will know what to do to get the word around within 24 hours.

On the brighter side, we're happy to report that Bill Smith, after a rocky session with gastroenteritis in a Ft. Lauderdale hospital, is now home again and doing well. He lost 35 pounds from an already spare frame, and by all accounts it was a near miss. I don't know whether his recovery was spurred more by the lengthy buck-up telegram that Charlie Baer sent on behalf of the Class or the fact that the hospital is named the Holy Ghost, but in either case, Bill had plenty of incentive. Bill Powers saw him and Marelle while the Powers were at their alternate home in Palm Beach, and they said the only thing that had kept Bill Smith alive was his sense of humor. He might have been the guy who coined the phrase, "it only hurts when I laugh."

Because of some fundamental differences of opinion regarding the principles of mathematics, and you must admit that P. Echols could be a formidable opponent, Ed Frack did not run the full course as a Cadet with our Class, but there is no more loyal and contributing member of USMA and '32. With the foremost collection of military

books in the U.S., the USMA library did not have a copy of the Notebook for the General Staff Officer by the General Staff College of the Army AEF, World War I, until Ed offered one that had been in his possession for years, on behalf of '32. In a personal letter to Ed, Gen. Koster, the Supe, stated they would rehabilitate the volume and acknowledge the generosity of the Class of 1932 on the bookplate.

It seems that the news of the Juniors is always good. Miss Mildred L. Culp, daughter of Bill and Winnie, now a student at Knox College, will fly to England in the fall to attend the Bournemouth Regional Colleges as part of the program of the American Institute for foreign study. At Bournemouth she will carry the full schedule of college-level liberal arts courses with credits for her year there at the university.

Attractive Mary Cain, who is now in the Pentagon as a highly placed civilian with the Asst. Sec. of the AF for Installations and Logistics, was at the picnic noted below and gave us the news on son James A. III. He is in charge of his area for one of the largest manufacturers of light bulbs in the country and going up. He also has a son James A. IV, to carry on the line from our Jim Jr. Daughter Pat is also happily married with more grandchildren to make Mary happy.

And some time ago we reported that when Stan Stewart's son died, the next in line for the Class godson is Maj. H.J. Skidmore Jr., USMA '56, born June 1933. At the other end of the spectrum, Bill Spurgin claims the youngest son, now about 7, who we hope will be USMA '83.

In closing, the real heroes of this issue are John and Fran Pugh. Everyone agrees that 5 years is too long a period between class reunions, but the Pughs did something about it. They generously invited everyone in the Washington area, going as far afield as Philadelphia and Ft. Monroe, plus any visiting outlanders, for a reunion the first week in Jun. Their lovely farm is in Loudoun County, where Va. shakes hands with W. Va. and Md., some 50 miles from downtown Washington. With six buildings on 410 rolling acres, some wooded, some for grazing, the setting was ideal. The weather was perfect, sunny and cool, but had there been a typhoon they could easily have handled the whole party in their main house, the old part of which was built in 1760. What with remodeling and additions, it features 8 bathrooms, 4 staircases, and other niceties considered essential for graceful country living.

About 45 gathered at 1 o'clock of a Sun. afternoon; and when we left at 7 P.M., there was still a quorum. We were glad to see our one and only bachelor boy, Jim Churchill. He lives in San Antonio, but is spending a couple of months making the rounds of Washington.

One who wanted to come very much, but couldn't, was Gil Adams. Gil is overcoming a stroke by sheer courage and willpower and is making good progress, but the 200-mile round trip from Richmond, plus the long hectic afternoon, would have been too much.

Another who couldn't make it was Bus Wheeler who was in Midway participating in the talks between Presidents Nixon and Thieu. For a modest, unassuming guy, Bus seems to participate in a fair share of history making.

Everyone voted this off-year reunion a huge success; and after it was over, the "Thank You" notes showered the Pughs like confetti.

Our only Service Academy sons presently students are Gabe Disosway's John and Red White's Larry; both are First Classmen.

After a long bout with diabetes, Dick Park died on 12 Jan, in Atlanta. Dick had been teaching high school students the art of drawing, which he knew and did so well. We'll always remember his Cadet characters. Many of his pupils showed their reverence and esteem for Dick at his funeral. Rosie (4616 Roswell Road, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30305) writes: "Just (6 June) returned from England and Greece. Four days after Dick's death, our Susan, whose husband is an Englishman with BOAC, presented us with a lovely grandson, Richard Park Ward. I attended his christening at Stoke Poge's church, of which his father, Barry, is a member and which is the site of Gray's 'Elegy'. I visited Dick's father (USMA '07) in Athens, where he has been living for ten years."

Kaesser says that he and Charlotte are "improving on our home all the time, hoping to welcome any classmates who come this way. Our Sally is a captain stationed at Vandenberg AFB, and her husband is the same rank! We are coming to Washington this summer and will stay with Jim and Elinore O'Hara (USMA '34 — who gave a cocktail party with the Gees, Kaisers, Quinns, Whipples, Harry Kings, and the Vice President Agnews in attendance)." Ann Hill reports that Fran is establishing an anti-bird cage in her vegetable garden; also that Bob Meals was there from Istanbul "looking for a place where he and his new wife might come to live next fall. Connie Huntsberry was here while touring Calif." Ann sent a clipping telling of the flight of McClelland's Tobie to Hawaii for a visit with her husband during his R&R, and the consequent visit of their baby with Mac and Dodie. Bob and Dorothy Arnette's son, Dick, married Suzanne Derden in Dallas on 27 Mar. Tex and Louis Hetherington's Mary Carolyn married Capt. R. E. Lee Jr, 5 Apr at the Randolph Officers' Club. Honeycutt couldn't be at the Founders Day dinner because of an official trip to Puerto Rico, where he talked with Spic Gandia. This spring he flew to Washington for a final physical and "found myself on the same plane with Sam and Dottie Donnelly." John will retire 1 Nov and stay in Albuquerque "primarily because there is no place I would rather be and because Mary is happy here in the U. of N. Mex." Al Welling says "As usual, when school is out Nancy and the boys will vacation in the Adirondacks — I'll have 3 weeks there for sailing and fishing."

Tripp says "Effie has progressed from the wheel chair to getting around on my arm or with a cane." Bobby reports on classmates he saw at the Founders Day dinner in San Francisco. "Ed Herb has 6 grandchildren, is still with Bechtel, plays golf, and takes my money at dominoes. Ray Sellers also has 6 grandchildren. Pete Clainos is coordinator for West Point Bay Area District representatives. Mo Edwards continues with the Stanford Research Institute. He and Ruth will visit their son, Richard (USMA '57), in France this summer. Carl Darnell, still on active duty, keeps the Reserve in shape. Tom Kilday was still having trouble with the knee dislocated last Aug. Steve Mack's youngest son quit school 2 months before graduation

and is now in Vietnam; his 2d son is working toward a Ph.D. at the U. of Va.; and his other son is flying for the USAF. Hoy Davis wasn't present; he was undoubtedly standing guard, with rifle on knee; since they have been robbed 3 times this year. Stan Lonning says he's 'living it up on the top of a hill in Marvelous Marin!' Jim and Pat Boswell recently spent some time behind the Iron Curtain."

Herb Plapp is again in Walter Reed — a flare up of throat and voice box trouble, but he was gaily moving about Ward 2 recently. The husband of Jean and Lessie Engler's Frances returned from Vietnam in May; son Jean, still with Ryan Industries, has moved to San Diego; and Michael, 15, lives at home.

On 7 June, Steve Fuqua married Frances Spakman, of Haverford, Pa. They will live at 146 East Kirke St., Chevy Chase, Md. with 2 of her 4 and 4 of his 6. Trudy Giffin says that she and Sid will soon occupy 2 Market Quay in Annapolis. Maj. Thomas Francis McMorrow (USMA '59) finished Leavenworth and joined the Army's Legislative Liaison Div. Tom says that his mother, Kay, is now living at 150 Oxford St., Hartford, Conn. 06105. Hoebeke writes: "Pop and Alma Ridsen attended our Tom's wedding at Benning — they are looking around in Fla. Saw the Parris and Fairchilds at the Founders Day dinner (in Dallas). Understand Gabe Disosway is back on the job after his heart attack." Hadley and Hester Richardson visit England and France this summer — "I'll tell you how France is getting along without Le Grand Charles in my next report." Billy Harris's new address is: Apt. 35-C, 7711 Broadway, San Antonio, Tex. 78209.

On 29 May, 60 of us gathered at Ft. Myer's Patton Hall for a real swinging '33 cocktail party. Libby Elliot, who drove down with Bob and Jane Douglas, had to leave Cowboy at home; he has been discharged from Valley Forge but is not quite up to gadding about. Doug Gilbert teaches no more; he has retired completely. He and Mische are building a home on 30 acres near Cassanova, Va., 7 miles from Warrenton. Bimby Downing is troubled with diabetes, but that didn't stop her from taking a 3-day cruise recently with Bing. Ten of us were at the West Point Society of DC luncheon on 6 May and heard a fine talk by the editor of the Kiplinger Letter, Mr. Austin Kiplinger.

Dick (RJ) Meyer wrote from his home (5378 Camino Esplendor, Tucson, Ariz. 85718) that after retiring, he took Marney on her 2d trip around the world. They sold their Annapolis home and headed west. "After living at Ft. Huachuca for a year, we were sold on Ariz. and bought the best house we've ever lived in, with a pool which we use year-round. Ted Schull and I played golf with the Supe before the Founders Day dinner."

Bob Turner, Dean of Students at George Mason College of the U. of Va., says his school expects to increase its enrollment from the present 1,450 to 15,000 by 1985. Bill Baumer reports that Alice has had a very rough time but is now definitely on the upswing. Blanche Bellican plans to meet Pete, who is still wheeling and dealing in Vietnam, in Australia for a month together down under. She'll be back in her office here before Labor Day. Charlie Thayer writes: "We summer in Bavaria (Laubau bei Ruhpolding) — and will probably not return until Oct. I am working on a new book — but spend most of the time, I fear, just trout fishing."

Chuck and Dana Dunn sold their Salt Lake City home and "— will be moving East, taking a month for vacation and exploration. I'm looking for a job somewhere between Washington and Tidewater." He recently had minor surgery but the medics "ruled me free of the liver problem."

President White was one of 10 chosen by the National Civil Service League for an "Outstanding Service" award, which includes a \$1,000 check and a gold watch. Red is Executive Director-Comptroller of the CIA. Tom Beck's daughter, Brenda, and her husband are still in Alaska, raising collies. Summerfelt tells of 25 of our bunch being hosted by a group of Navy '33 for luncheon at Annapolis before the lacrosse game which ARMY won 14-4. The Cadets scored after only 40 seconds of play! Bill and Thalia Frentzel saw their son, William Y. Frentzel II (USNA '69) presented with a '33 martini pitcher by Phil Pope and Red White. Austin Miller writes: "I intend to take it easy for several months. I've been using a hospital bed and a breathing machine —." Sweeting describes the beauties of fishing in Seneca Lake, in western N.Y., where the depth reaches 1,000 feet.

Lt. Michael C. Parr (USMA '67) was killed in combat in Vietnam. During his short Army career, Mike served as a true son of '33; he was awarded the Silver Star for leading his troops during an enemy attack. Broshous and Guiney were with Ivan and Mary when he was laid to rest at West Point.

Posie Neely, on her way to join Bob in Sun Valley, kindly proofread this edition and told of the house they are building there. She expects to arrive in Aug and, hopefully, move in about Thanksgiving. Bob now gets mail addressed to Box 776, Sun Valley, Idaho 83353. She saw Bebe and Bill Fuller at a recent horse show. Before visiting us here, she spent a few days at Hilton Head, S.C. with Peg and Sim Whipple and with Louise and Eddie Bastion; then she visited Dorothy and Johnny Johnson in McLean, and Fannie and Ham Hamlett in Vermont; and she was with us in Maine before the trek to Idaho. That gal really gets around. Soapy Watters is taking a trip to Ireland in Sept. Evelyn Starbird tells of Susie's marriage in May to George Selfridge and the honeymoon in their own plane in the Caribbean. Harpo Chase got his M.A. in Business Administration, with 5 A's, from GWU. Doris Wallace tells of the marriage of Neil's daughter, Carol Anne, to James J. Hurin, who gets a Ph.D. from William and Mary U. this Aug. Johnson has taken the position of President, Herbert Hoover Library Assn. Johnny is vitally concerned with the growth of the ideals for which Pres. Hoover stood and worked during his lifetime. Son Bobby, an honor graduate from Dickinson U. with an RA commission, has just reported to the 101st Airborne in Vietnam. Kaiser won another rifle match, at Meade. Mo reports that Gordon Bartlett is making fine progress with his speech and uses a phone with little difficulty. While Sparrow was bike riding with daughter Cathy (who goes this summer to Vietnam as a Red Cross volunteer), they visited the Marine Iwo Jima Monument ceremony, and Bert admitted that the Marines were almost as good ceremony soldiers as the 3d Inf. Dunn sent \$52.60 for our treasury, the profit on cook book sales; and says: "I have more than enough recipes left to do a volume, but don't tempt me." Cubbison reports that Conway will retire 31 July and plans to live in the Tampa-MacDill AFB

area. Ted, Strike Commander, represented the US in the '69 Kermit Roosevelt Lecture Program in British Service schools. Don closes with, "Tonight I'm taking Molly out to celebrate 35 years of happy wedlock."

'34

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For this time only the notes are submitted by Jim O'Hara, new President, for PeeWee Fellenz, new Secretary-Historian, since Pee-Wee did not attend the Reunion. Other new officers are Bob Kyser, First Vice President; George Gerhart, Second Vice President; and Bill Kern, Treasurer.

We are sad to announce the death of Bill Bunker of a heart attack 5 June 1969 at Fort Myer, Virginia. Bill was Deputy Commanding General of Army Materiel Command and had expected to retire in Aug. It was only recently that he was honored by the American Helicopter Society with its highest award, the Alexander Klemin trophy. Bill was one of the Army's early proponents of expansive use of heavy helicopters for troops as well as cargo. Seventeen classmates and several class wives attended the funeral. Bob Fuller was an honorary pallbearer. Flowers were sent on behalf of the class. Burial was in Arlington. Our sympathy goes to Bill's widow Crystle, their son Paul, his sister Priscilla Maury, and others in the family.

The 35th Reunion at West Point was most enjoyable and everything went like clockwork, thanks to Jack Renfro, Bob Finkenaur, and an enthusiastic group of class sons assigned as Class Aides. Senior Aide was Maj. Bob Finkenaur Jr., Class of '58, who deserves our special thanks for keeping things running smoothly. Assistant Aides were Ace Brookhart's son-in-law, Maj. Karl Oelke, Class of '58, Maj. Bill Mullen III, Class of '59, and Capt. Pat Tate, Class of '63. Our thanks also to Ruth Renfro, Jeanne Finkenaur, Carol Finkenaur, Sue (Brookhart) Oelke, Norma Mullen and Juanita Tate, who were a great contribution to the Reunion and an inspiration to their husbands.

A total of 106 persons attended the reunion including classmates, wives, children, widows, and class aides and their wives. Since the vast majority were billeted at the Holiday Inn in Newburgh, the first gathering was held there on 28 May where everyone met for cocktails followed by dinner. Joining us was Elinore O'Hara's father, Maj. Gen. E. F. Harding '09, who came to West Point for his 60th Reunion. Gen. Harding was happy to meet the son of one of his



1934: Class party, El Paso Group 10 May 69 at Joe Pirams house. Back row, left to right: Min Stuart, Dick Moorman, Dottie Waugh, Axel Waugh. Front row, left to right: Alec Stuart, Susie Waugh, Betty Moorman, Barbara Piram, Evelyn Piram, Joe Piram.

classmates, Bob Erlenkotter. The party was a huge success and continued well into the night.

The highlight of the program on 29 May was the lovely cocktail party arranged by Jack and Ruth Renfro and held in the garden to the rear of their quarters. Their quarters, by the way, are beautiful and worthy of the Renfroes and all their seniority at West Point. From their front porch one gets a commanding view of the Hudson River. Everyone had a most enjoyable time during the cocktail hour and then proceeded to Washington Hall for the alumni dinner, Superintendent's reception and dance.

On 30 May, Memorial Day, a class memorial service was held at the Post cemetery in memory of deceased classmates, wives, and children. Tom Foote conducted the brief service at the grave of 1st Lt. Charles E. Brown, Class of '65, who died in Vietnam. The service terminated with all present reciting the Cadet Prayer. Designated classmates then placed flowers on the graves of the classmates, wives, and children buried there, 13 in all.

At 1:00 p.m. the class held a luncheon with wives and children in the Red Room at the Officers Club. During the luncheon silver trays were presented to two graduating sons, Cadets L. E. Fellenz and J. D. Mullen, Class of '69. A silver tray was also presented to our senior class aide Major Bob Finkenaur and decanters with West Point insignia etched thereon to assistant class aides, Major Oelke, Major Bill Mullen, and Captain Tate. Following the luncheon, the annual business meeting was held. Besides the announcement of new class officers, named earlier in this report, the most important business was the decision to apply class contributions to the Superintendent's Fund for a picnic facility to be constructed on Constitution Island in the name of the class. It is hoped that additional generous contributions will be forthcoming from the Class so that a truly permanent and worthy facility can be constructed.

As in the past, the highlight of the reunion was the picnic which was held on the evening of 30 May at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond. The refreshments were plentiful and the chicken delicious. During the evening we were treated to Cy Betts collec-

tion of historic movies of cadet days and still shots of '34 through the years. Music was furnished by tape recording of tunes of "our time" with Jack Donoghue accompanying at the piano. We are indebted to Karl and Sue (Brookhart) Oelke for the decorations and music.

Classmates attending the reunion, most with wives, were Benner, Betts, Blair, J.E., Brookhart, Brown, S.L., Bruce, Bucknam, Buehler, Cheston, Davis, E.O., Diefendorf, Donoghue, Edson, Erlenkotter, Finkenaur, Fogg, Foote, Franklin, Fuller, Gerhart, Gilman, Hillyard, Jablonsky, Johnson, C.E., Kern, Kyser, Lawlor, Lipscomb, Martin, McCrary, Mossman, Mullen, Northam, O'Connell, O'Hara, Peca, Renfro, Richardson, Seaman, Stevens, Tyson, Ward, Waugh, Wells, White, C.H., Wilmeth, Wood, C.H.; Also present were Diane Fajardo, and Tammy (Weber, E. EB) Purcell.

On 31 May, there being no more class functions, most departed for home to await the call of our 40th in '74. Thank you for coming.

Edmundo Valdez planned to come to the Reunion but found his son's graduation at Valley Forge Military Academy conflicted.

Bob Miller, Bill Neal, Bill Penn, Bill Sievers, Dale Smith, Alex Stuart, Bill Tank, and Ferdie Tate could not attend the Reunion because the schools in which they are teaching had not completed graduation exercises.

Paul Turner, Lou Walsh, John Anderson, Charlie Brown, Paul Hanley, Tony Hills, Jim Winn and Edie Kenerick had to cancel their plans to attend the Reunion at the last minute.

Bill Cunningham, a native Georgian, has been named director of the Lake Lanier Islands Development Authority and will live in Gainesville, Ga.

Val Pothier is a registered civil engineer with an engineering firm in San Diego, Calif.

Jud Reeves will retire in July and move to Anchorage, Alaska, where he will be President, Chief Executive Officer, and Member of the Board of Directors of Alaska Pipeline Company, 3000 Spennard Road, Anchorage, Alaska, 99503.

Lee and Julie Miller are on an extended 6-month trip to Europe.



1934: Left to right. Front row: Savage, Cunin, Winkle, Wood T.E. Back row: White C.H. and Cook.



1935: At Pentagon luncheon, left to right: Patterson, Ferris, Thayer, Breakefield, Simpson, Rumsey, Hill, Lemley, Alger, and Glass.

'35

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Kaiser Foreign Management Department in Taiwan to take a position as assistant vice-president of Con Edison in N.Y. No home address as yet received, but the office is at 4 Irving Place, N.Y., N.Y. 10003.

Mary and Ray Firehock are, as this is written planning to move from Arlington, Va., to North Palm Beach, Fla., where they bought an apartment last year. The address is 28 Yacht Club Drive (Ray and youngest son Peter are avid sailors). Elder son Bud with assist from his wife Heather presented Ray and Mary with a third grandchild on 9 June 1969, 8 pound 4 ounce Benjamin Lawrence Firehock. Other children of Bud and Heather are Gregory 2, and Karen 5. Second son Robert, USMA '68, is halfway through an Army post-grad, 2-year course at Stanford. The Firehocks also report having received an invitation to the wedding of Mari-belle Bryde on 28 June 1969, to Dr. Stephen Leavitt in Howie-in-the-Hills, Fla.

The '35 sons entering West Point 1 Jul 1969 are John Greenlee (reported in last issue) and Mike Williamson, John's and Alice's youngest. Iron Man and Dottie Russell have a son entering the USAFA, too, so congratulations to all. As mentioned in last winter's issue, the new class son grads from USMA are Jack Gloriod, Bill Rynearson, and Pete Skells.

Don and Sis Bernier's boys, Barre, USMA '65, has returned from Vietnam and entered an Army training program to become a doctor, a 4-year course at Syracuse. Their

We were all shocked to learn of the death of our classmate Harry Hale in Crescent City, Fla., on 20 Apr. Our hearts are with the family in sympathy. Another blow was the death of Mary Ella Smith, wife of Russell B. Smith, at Valley Forge Hospital on 14 Apr. She had been ill for some time with lung complications. Russ may have had some consolation in the fact that their son David got back from his second tour in Vietnam to see his mother a few days before the end. Sieb and Jo Bassitt, long-standing friends of the Smiths, drove with Russ to the funeral at West Point, and Somers and Lucy Dick were present there. David Smith is a 1963 graduate of Rutgers, and a captain on extended active duty with the TC. He will next attend the ALS at Monterey, studying Greek, followed by an assignment in Greece.

We have one promotion to report. John Throckmorton is leaving Third Army and taking over HQ Strike Command at MacDill with a 4th star. Congratulations to all the Throckmortons.

George Eckhardt, returning from Vietnam with Meg by way of Europe to visit son Chip and his wife in Germany, is going to Carlisle where he will be the Commandant, AWC.

Bob Glass and Stumpy Haug both have retirement orders for 1 Aug 1969. Bob and Phyllis plan to enjoy life at their home in Me., at least for the rest of this summer, sailing their Albacore. Stumpy is taking Carolyn to East Pakistan where, for a two-year contract he is joining a Canadian firm of consulting engineers who are assisting the East Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority in Dacca. Their daughter Lou Ann is now in Minneapolis with her lawyer husband, their daughter Cathy is a "career girl, not married" with Liberty Mutual in San Francisco, and son Bob works in Los Angeles with a reproduction firm. Stumpy fears his new job will cause them to miss the reunion next year.

There are a number of other moves to report. Downs Ingram moved from Arlington, Va., to 123 Brackenridge Avenue, #341, San Antonio, Tex. 78209. Kelso Clow moved from Corte Madera to 357 Mount Shasta Drive, San Rafael, Calif. 94903. Hettie and Bud Pickard moved from Annandale, Va., to 244 Inverness Lane Tantallon, Md. 20022. Bill Lapsey returned from his two years with

younger son, Bruce, has returned from Korea and will attend Notre Dame pursuing courses toward a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Bud Russ, who went to Vietnam in Apr as Deputy CG I Field Force, now has older son Joe in Vietnam also, and expects younger son Bill to arrive there after he finishes Special Forces training. Joe is an Engineer, and Bill is Infantry. That will put the Russ family in a position, numerically, with Somers and Lucy Dick who have 3 captains there.

Floyd Pratt reports his boy Dick, USNA '68, is in Vietnam flying a Navy fighter-bomber out of Vung Tuy in support of combat in the Delta area. Dick's only complaint is not enough missions.

Henry and Helen van Ormer have son Chuck in U of Ariz., class of '72. Van says Huachuca is not the best place they have been, but that it is far from the worst.

Jim Donohue wrote a nice letter from 129 Whitcomb Ave., Littleton, Mass. 01460. He plans to attend the Reunion and to make up for those he missed. Jim is teaching math in Groton High School and says that in 3 more years he can retire again, if he wishes. He extolls the virtues of the golf course at Ft. Devens and says they would love to see any classmates who have time to stop by. The telephone number is 486-4116, 45 minutes from Boston.

Jack Sherden wrote a nice letter to report that the last luncheon (to which he was late) of the Monterey contingent elected him to write the report. They meet once a month and add up to four; Dan Daly and Stan Johnson both teach at the Santa Catalina School (a select private school in Monterey). Deke Moore is with Del Monte Corp., one of the earliest and most successful real estate developers in the area; and Jack himself works for a "slave-driver named Sherden" in Investment Management, the major part of which is a beautiful motel named "The Willkie's" on Monterey Bay. John Cole writes from 2910 Sagamore Way, Los Angeles, Calif. 90065 to say he is looking forward to the Reunion if his boss doesn't send him off on a trip somewhere, or the "domestic pressures" of two teen-age daughters don't divert him.

The last several luncheons of the Washington contingent have been very poorly attended, but with the help of proxies we were able to accede to Hank Thayer's request and elect a new Chairman for the



1935: At CONARC Commanders Conference, left to right: Mock, Throckmorton, Critz, Gibson, Symroski, and Rich.

Class. Don Breakefield now heads the Executive Council which otherwise remains the same. Our profound gratitude is due Hank who piloted us through 2 years with fund raising, including 3 periods of hospitalization of the Secretary-Treasurer during which Hank carried most of the administrative load. You will all be happy to know that our class financial goal will be met without any special contribution for next year, so that each one's outlay will be for personal expenses only.

A very fine class dinner party, BYOL and "covered dish" type, was held at the lovely home of Fred and Alice Cummings on 18 Apr. Fifty-one of the faithful turned out; and everyone had a wonderful time except Don Bernier who, in trying to park, had the misfortune to slide 1 wheel into a ditch and consequently was about 1 hour late to the party. They were close enough so that Sis arrived on time.

The accompanying photograph of 6 handsome general officers (CONARC Commanders Conference, 21 May 1969) was sent in by Chuck Symroski who observes that "probably never again" will there be a gathering of this many of the class still on active duty. He also points out that in accordance with the traditions of our time the flankers are on the flanks with the center "anchored closer to the ground." Chuck carefully avoids use of any 4 letter nouns. Since there were only 22 of the class on active duty at that time, and at least 2 have orders for retirement this summer, it certainly seems that Chuck's observation may prove to be correct. This photograph was exhibited at the class luncheon in the Pentagon on 12 June, our 34th anniversary, and it inspired that gathering to round up a photographer and record the occasion. However there was neither attempt nor hope to excel the historic one.

Jack Rhoades had been commuting 400 miles from his job in Santa Fe, N. Mex., to be with Lucie in Roswell for "a day and a half each weekend." He decided money wasn't that important. Rick Rhoades, USMA '68, finished Ranger and Airborne and is now at Ft. Hood with orders to Vietnam 22 July 1969. Jack and Lucie are expecting him to present them with their first grandchild in Aug. Sudi, their daughter, is in Hawaii awaiting her Naval Officer husband who is out on a 6-month tour with a guided missile destroyer. Stan, the youngest, is just 16 and halfway through high school. Lucie broke her leg in the spring of 1968 (just before the 2 older children were married and Rick finished USMA), and she twisted it again last spring, spending some time in a cast. I suspect Jack gave up his job in Santa Fe so he can stay home and keep Lucie from breaking anything else. Jack reports that as a result of his work in Santa Fe there have been certain fringe benefits. He is now a member of the San Felipe Pueblo (as of May 1969). He says that after long debate between titles "Squatting Turkey" and "Sitting Duck" the Chief finally ruled in favor of "Sitting Duck." Jack is a no-feather buck til the end of the 6-month probationary period, after which he becomes eligible for one-feather rank.

'36

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This June week not being a "reunion year," my presence at the Academy was for other reasons. I went with PSG Sr., to his 60th



1936: Betty Illig, Jim, Liz Gage.

and had a very fine time with the 11 great men who appeared from naughty-nine. Their spryness and alert minds give me wonder as to our potential to come close when we are in our mid eighties. I next had the opportunity to again visit our most valuable allies in keeping 1936 cemented together; the attached pic is of l to r: Horace Brown, Editor; Jean Hoey, "do-all" Secretary; and Dan Halpin, Ass't Editor of ASSEMBLY. The next pic you all know much better: Johnny, Howell, Westy, and Ben; these are the "others" who make 1936 the famous Class that we are. This latter group were taken in Belgium in May. Another reason for being at the Academy was to see the new place and congratulate our only class son, Roy McCarty, who graduated. He was very happy with the Class gift of silver ice bucket and crusher. The last and most important reason for going back was to see old friends who are permanently stationed at the Point, and of whom these comments--In diluvian time with movement slow, a giant glacial crunch made vale from rill to grow. At a renowned spot met the massive crust a knot. God spared none His talents to transform this kink in Hudson's river to magic beauty and great splendor which so appalls each viewer. As the world's center was presumed to be at Parnassus' core, so beneath Crows Nest for glory and peace rest, most names of fame the earth retains evermore. Also there, remains of soldiers' souls the silent soil confines where those of courage, duty, honor have their shrines. Here also, men of '36, their warriors sons, their daughters I revisited. Under brilliant sun and air draped thick and hot on sword and stone, a hurt in throat and eye and lung somehow persisted. How grateful to me was it to be again with them alone!



1936: Horace Brown, Jean Hoey, Dan Halpin.

Jane and Bill Bennett wrote from a sea voyage holiday to the South Pacific. Edna Bess wrote from Ft. Myers, Fla., where she is near the Wildricks and Catos. Ray Cato and Bernie Bess were each other's best man years ago. Bernie is an electronic director in local school operations. Son Tony is at Syracuse while two daughters are married. Dottie Cato writes that Wildricks, Faiks, and Besses made it to Founders Day at Clearwater. Two Cato sons are WP graduates and both daughters are married to men in the service. Ray is still working at MacDill with Data Dynamics. Chappellears wrote that Dorlands went out in Apr, and the foursome visited Las Vegas. Hap Dalton has had his second leg removed and is back home trying to get ready for peg legs. Dick Carmichael has been a continuous caller on our plucky Classmate with the busted landing gear. Jack Daly II is entering the Academy in July. Congratulations! Late in May, Gil Dorland wrote without explanation that he was no longer with Nashville Bridge Co. where he'd been president and worked for past 13 years. He said this was first time he'd been unemployed since high school. He also wrote that son, Ricky, had sent home his 3d thru 35th Air Medals. Gil said he "knew he was busy!" George Champion was buried in Mar at Cookeville, Tenn. He had been living in Sacramento with a very poor heart. He was a great guy, good old "Champ". Rumored several places at this time is that Howell Estes is retiring; no details available, but head of the world's greatest airline would still be a big demotion for Howell who it's said is in a class with the top 25 businessmen in the Nation.

Ben and Midge Evans are coming to Atlanta to be Dep Army CG in Aug. It will be fun being with them again. Betty and Rudy Ganns wrote from San Mateo. She'd had surgery in Mar but has recovered. Bob Ferguson was on hand when Nixon visited in Mar, and there was some East German tension in the air. Johnny Heintges sent me the picture of the multi-starred Classmates from SHAPEX 69. Hesses are coming to Atlanta for Phil Gage III's 4th of July Ordination to the Priesthood. Helen's last visit here was in 1939. Daughter Bess is going into Navy nurse program at Georgetown. She said T. Willie Morris earned his Master's in Math from Villanova. Illigs came to Atlanta with the big Red Cross hoe-down in May. They were greatly impressed with the facilities of this li'l ol' suthern town. Received a long letter from Bill Jordan in Mar and shortly after a phone call which I thought was from here in Atlanta, but couldn't make contact. Roy McCarty arrived at West Point after I left and presented '36 gift to son Richard. Sandy McCorkle's son Matthew married General Morales's daughter in Washington 14 Jun. She is from Nicaragua.

From the desks of Kline, Shuler and Co.: George Childs went to Neb. for several months in Mar. Bill cooked up the idea of the memorial color photo together with Johnny Geist's assistance. I sent the idea over to Charleston, and it received immediate and enthusiastic approval from Bill Connor and Ben Turnage. And by now, I hope you have "long since" received your copy. The end of May Washington party at the Spenser's was a very fine outing. Present were Austins, Dawalts, Dicksons, Evanses, Johnny Geist, Dutch Hartman, Hiesters, Illigs, Kimballs, Kinards, Lynchs, O'Briens, Packs, Ike Smiths, Ridge Smith, Twaddells, Yosts, and Shulers. Bill Ryder was supposed to be in Washington in June. Tommy and Jean Hayes left Atlanta



1936: Heintges, Estes, Westy, Davis.

—for good, unfortunately—7 June. They went on an European vacation to be followed by his retirement at Belvoir 17 Jul. He assumes the presidency of an engineering firm in San Francisco thereafter. The name of the firm was not made public before he left. A lot of us are going to really miss the Hayes and their beautiful and charming women. Steve Smith wrote about Champ's passing in Sacramento in Mar. The 25th D-Day Reunion was pleasantly celebrated with Howie Snyder who happened to be in town, and we lunched. Chuck and Betty Waters wrote from Taylorville, Ill. and said that it wasn't long till the 35th Reunion and hoped many of us could be together again. I think on this note I'll heartily agree and say goodbye for now!

'37

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The major class event in the Washington area was the Spring Party, held at the Ft. McNair Officers' Club on 18 May. Some 55 members and their ladies signed up, and nearly all attended. Unfortunately, most of the Engineers were missing, because the only date on which we could get the Club coincided with the Engineer banquet at Ft. Belvoir. Reports of the affair have been unanimously favorable: good food, plenty of drinks, and of course the best of company. Those who came were the Byroades, Chabots, Dotty Dorney, Drums, Duncans, Fraziers, Gildarts, Dave Griffins, Hallocks (down from Camp Hill, Pa.), Hipples, Luteses, Majors, Maliszewskis, Mercados, O'Malleys, Dave Parkers, Pearsalls, Gus Prentiss, Reaveses, Robbinses, Shives, Betty Spengler, Stumpfs, Teeters, Williamses and Zehners.

There are now 62 classmates on the latest Washington area roster, which was brought up to date with the best information available in Apr. Anyone who should be on the list who has not received a copy is requested to advise your Scribe; by the end of the year, we should have a completely accurate roster.

Phil Brant has written a most helpful letter from his ranch 40 miles west of San Antonio, where he says his door is always open (address: Col. P.D. Brant, Medina Ranch, Mico, Texas 78056). He writes:

"You'd think with all the academicians here in San Antonio that one of them would sharpen his quill to report on this area but it's left to this camposino. The local professors include George Holcomb (Trinity University), who looks young enough to be one of his students; Ed Spaulding (Texas Military Institute), loquacious as always; Render Denson (SA Public High School), with a niblick in his hand; and Frankie Harrison, who qualified to teach, then decided on a

life of indolence. Founders Day Dinner at Fort Sam (we're still at the foot of the table) was consumed by Holcomb, Harrison, Spaulding, Brant, and Ray Cheal who is a big (?) time apartment operator. Bill Chenoweth (a Fourth Army civilian G4'er) signed up but failed to show. I frequently hear of John Browning (investment) but never see him.

"Edie and I went up to see Eph Graham and his lovely wife Dotty near Ft. Hood in March. Eph's a fat banker with his finger in all local activities including the Sheriff's Mounted Posse. Most impressive is his spectacular hilltop home with hillside swimming pool and ebony bathroom with sunken bath and gold faucets. I had trouble keeping my mind on my business.

"Philip Junior graduates from Wee Pee U this June — goes Doughboy (not much choice as anchorman of the class) and opted for Vietnam. After Edie and I attend his liberation and wedding, we'll be at home at Lake Medina and always have the door open. Sailboating, water skiing, horseshoes, and lying in a hammock are our principal competitive sports."

Some time ago, George Ruhlen, '35, kindly called Fred Diercks to report that he, Billy West, '39, Andy Guest of Yale, and our incomparable Harry Wilson had just returned from Pakistan where they won the Pakistan national polo championship. At their ages (or any age), against the crack Pak army teams, that's quite a feat. Harry lives at Free Union, Charlottesville, Va., with his family and Argentine ponies. He is obviously the fittest member of the class.

Duke (Wilbur) Davis sent along a clipping that his wife found in the business section of the Paris Herald Tribune while on a trip to Europe. It reports that Woody Stromberg has been named director of Industrial Expansion Associates, coordinator of the activities of Plant Location International, Paris, and OREE, the industrial construction firm of La Celle Saint Cloud. I know from very pleasurable experience that Woody is a marvelous contact to have, for any classmate visiting Paris.

Another who has profited from this contact is Chief Evans, who made a trip to Europe with Claudine last fall and reports that one of their most cultural experiences was a visit to the Lido in company with Woody and Jackie and George and Sherry Minor. Giles and Claudine covered England, where he visited an airdrome he started in 1942, Holland, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and France. The Chief sent along a facsimile of a page from a new publication "American Album," by American Heritage, which shows a rogues gallery collected by Wells Fargo Bank between 1864 and 1887; one of the photos is of a Dick Fellows, "sent to Folsom State Prison, April 1882, for life," who sported a virulent moustache and beard. Chief says he remembers how well our Dick's moustache disguised him at the Christmas party in Manduria, Italy, in 1943. Chief hopes he can explain this one.

The Chief also reports that he played golf with Solly Sollohub in January: ". . . got skunked, just as by Bull (Oden) last October. Can't even catch a fish when visiting Bob and Jean Palmer on Big Bear Lake at Apopka. Bob now with Howard, Needles, et al., in Orlando office. Happily, I wound up my tenure as President of the North Florida West Point Society last month. Gil Bell up in Waycross is on our list, but we have not as yet run into him. Jacunski still down at the U. of Fla." The Chief is man-

ager of the Canal Authority of the State of Fla., in Jacksonville.

Those of you who don't read the Bangkok World (newspaper) regularly may have missed a recent photo of interest to the Class. The caption reads: "Air Marshal Manob Suriya is congratulated by American Ambassador Leonard Unger after receiving the American Legion of Merit at the Ambassador's residence yesterday. This high Department of Defense honor came to Air Marshal Manob Suriya for 'his dedication to the joint Thai-American military research and development program. He was personally responsible for the solution of many complex problems.' Photo shows Ambassador Unger congratulating Air Marshal Manob."

Of the last 4 luncheons, all 4 were attended by Bruce Bissell, Choppy Brett, Dave Parker, and Don Shive. Three were attended by Fred Diercks, Trapper Drum, John Frazier, George Maliszewski, Gus Prentiss, Willie Williams, and Bud Zehner. Joe Chabot, Jim Duncan, Bob Gildart, Scott Hall, Bob Stumpf, and Paul Whittemore made two; and Bill Bailey, Bill Black, John Eriksen (in from Seattle), Dave Griffin, Pete Hyzer, Bud Major, Gashouse Martin, Stu O'Malley, Kelsie Reaves, and Bob Taylor were able to make one. That makes an average of about 15 per luncheon.

The next luncheon, in June, promises to be a great occasion, with Swede Ohman host aboard some sort of yacht (with bar) at Bolling AFB.

Please send me all the news you can.

'38

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Jack Ryan's appointment by the President as Chief of Staff of the USAF 1 Aug was announced as this quarterly rendition was being put into the typewriter. I am sure that all of his classmates are exceedingly proud of him and confident that he will turn in a great job in that difficult and demanding position. Best of luck, Jack.

Evelyn and I just returned from Alaska. We both felt that hearing what our classmates were doing wasn't enough—that we should do some first-hand checking. Our specific targets were Jim and Ginny Isbell and Bob and Stevie Breitweiser. Our timing for a visit was perfect as we arrived in Anchorage just as the city and the entire state were warming up for the summer, but before many tourists from the "lower 48" had arrived.

We found the Breitweisers busily packing up for their final move to Stevie's hometown, New Bern, N.C., where they will eagerly start building a beautiful retirement home on the Trent River. Bob who is currently CINC of the Alaskan Command retires on 31 Jul. He and Stevie both appeared to be in great shape to take on the rigors of fishing and golf in the wilds of N.C. After Alaska, though, they aren't so sure that they will have enough room to stretch on the East Coast. After all, the inhabitants of our 49th state define "claustrophobia" as "the way an Alaskan feels when he's in the heart of Texas."

Jim and Ginny Isbell are by now well-established and respected members of the Anchorage community. Having served in Alaska during the late 1950s when Jim was Vice-Commander of the Alaskan Air Command, the Isbells have had little difficulty in making the transition to life as civilians.

They have a delightful home in a fast-growing Anchorage suburb which they say cost them more than a little. Alaska isn't cheap but is very exciting for them. Jim with his job as Director of Disaster Control for the state finds his work not unlike that of active military service. Whenever there is an earth tremor or a plume of smoke on the horizon, be it day or night, the Isbell phone starts jingling. Fortunately, Jim has been able to recruit a few able retired officers to supplement his civilian staff.

Anyone who has served in Alaska is well acquainted with its wonderful hunting and fishing. The Isbells and Bob Breitweiser left during our visit for the opening of the salmon season. Stevie prefers her wildlife on the Ft. Richardson golf course where she recently had to shoo a half dozen moose off of the 8th green. Evelyn and I had ample opportunity to see a potpourri of Alaskan wildlife in Mt. McKinley National Park—moose, caribou, grizzlies, porcupines, etc., etc.—we saw them all. And most of the wildlife makes good eating, too. Any of you city folk that haven't sampled smoked caribou sausage just haven't lived.

We missed Jack and Joe Ryan who had passed through Elmendorf AFB several days earlier. They were en route to the Far East where Jack was to be busy giving the USAF the once over. Art Collins was in the area at the same time, and he and Jack crisscrossed but never got together. In Vietnam Art looked in on Dick Stilwell who was commanding the 24th Corps. Dick looked in top shape and stated that he would be moving back to Washington, D.C., at the end of June. In passing through Hawaii Art also saw Ben Sternberg (G3 in Hq USARPAC) and Claire Hutchin. Claire is due for a transfer, but he didn't know his new post.

Sam Eaton sends word from far-off Greece that his immediate plans after retiring on 31 July have pretty well jelled. He and Patsy "will spend about a month mooching on friends in central Europe, hoping to catch the United States from Bremerhaven on 4 Sept." The Eaton's son graduated from Middlebury in June. He and his newly acquired fiancée spent several weeks in Athens with his parents prior to his joining the Army as a 2d Lt.

Elsewhere on the active duty front, 1938's youngest member Bev Beverley left his command of the Army's Training Center at Ft. Lewis in May to become the Chief of Staff of the 8th Army in Korea. Margaret accompanied him. Crossing the Pacific at the same time but in the opposite direction, were Bud and Betty Mearns. Bud was on the hot seat in Saigon as the CG of the Capital Military Area Command while Betty resided in Bangkok. The Mearns spent only a short time in the USA before catching the United States en route to Germany where Bud was to be the head of the U.S. Army Element of the MAAG.

Our '38 retirees are still busily engaged in trying their hands as civilians. George Bixby moved his place of business to Ft. Belvoir in April where he became Director of Academics at the USMA Prep School. George who now guides the efforts of 14 mathematics and English instructors replaced Raymond Coolidge who had held the position since 1946. A similar tenure for George may not be in the cards, but for however long he may stay, we can all be sure that the prep school will send well-prepared young men to West Point.

Max Murray, another summer 1968 retiree, has settled down in Red Lion, Pa., after try-



1938: Founders Day dinner at Fort Sam Houston.

ing his hand at building up the Air Cushion Vehicle Program for Aero-Jet General. Because of the cloudy future of the program on which he was working, Max opted for the position of city manager of Red Lion. He states that he "went from a relatively easy job that paid a lot to a real tough job that doesn't pay very much. Being a city manager in a small town is sort of like being a one-armed paper hanger in the wind. Everything is going at once, and it's hard to get a handle on anything." The Murrays' oldest boy is a JG in the Navy flying jets off the Enterprise, and their second boy is in college in Calif.

For those of you who are planning to trip down South America way plan for a week to go on safari with sportsman Sam Hogan. After Ruth's untimely death while Sam was Defense Attaché in Ecuador, he decided that a post-retirement future in that country appealed to him. He was particularly intrigued with the extraordinarily good hunting and fishing; so he decided to make some money while doing what he enjoys most. The result was the founding of Safaris Equatorianos. Under Sam's expert guidance, sportsmen, principally from the United States, are taken on package trips which include fishing for dozens of fresh and saltwater species, hunting for deer, tapir, wild pig, bear, jaguar—you name it. No part of Ecuador is too remote for Sam. Claiming to be the southernmost member of 1938 in the Western Hemisphere, our sportsman classmate extends a hearty welcome to any seekers of the Southern Cross, hunters, fishermen, or just plain classmates. Incidentally for those who do head toward South America, don't forget Art and Mary Maloney who still hold down a swank set of quarters at Ft. Amador in the C.Z.

Littleton Pardue has been tracked down in his old home town of Hopkinsville, Ky., where he returned after retiring. "Broker" Pardue is his title now. Down Ark. way, Bob and Macy Sisco are long-time residents of Fayetteville.

Received too late to be included in the last issue of ASSEMBLY were several reports on Founders Day activities of 1938. Frank Hartman, George Artman, Merrick Bayer and Ted Sawyer heard guest speaker USMA's Johnny Jannarone at Ft. Sam Houston. In Calif. Harv Barnard wrote that in addition to himself, Dick Bromiley, Bob Kasper, and Bob Sherman had their Founders Day dinner in San Francisco. Harv, incidentally, is Vice-President and General Manager of Saturn Airways in Oakland, and he states that others in the area include Matt Altenhofen, Tug Hallinger, Nev Howell, Hal Kelley and Mel Russell. Founders Day activities found only G. G.

O'Connor and Ed Bailey at Ft. Monroe. Ed and Jean have since taken up residence in Sequim, Wash. Latest word had Ed checking crab pots, digging clams, and looking for salmon. He is also "thinking" of dabbling in real estate if it won't interfere with his fishing.

Locally, here in Wash. D.C., Frank and Peggy Miller are busily involved in arranging the wedding of their daughter Maile at the end of June. Her fiancé is Lt. William T. Doyle who is serving in Germany; so the couple will head that way after the ceremony. Three other '38 off-spring are busy trying to clean up the Vietnam affair. Captains Bill O'Connor and Jim Harvey command artillery batteries in the same battalion of the 25th Infantry Division, and Captain John Tillson commands a troop in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

I'm still waiting to hear from some of you who haven't checked in lately. Your classmates are interested in knowing the whats and the wheres, so drop me a note, even a short one.

'39

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The big topic at this time is, of course, our 30th Reunion which was held at the beginning of June Week this year. Actually the Reunion covered May 28, 29 and 30th; so it really wasn't in June at all this year. We had a real fine turnout of 91 classmates, most of whom were accompanied by their wives. The weather was delightful throughout, although it was quite warm and humid on Thursday which was Alumni Day. This was in keeping with the "good old days" and reminded us of the many hot days we spent out on the parade field over 30 years ago.

On Wed. night we held our first gathering which was a picnic and steak dinner at Round Pond. This was a very happy affair highlighted by renewing of friendships. There were many of us who had not seen each other since cadet days; and, although many years have passed, there seemed to be little difficulty in recognizing each other.

At the last minute there were several classmates who were not able to get here as planned; and a few others found, at the last minute, that they were able to break away and spend at least part of the time with us. Some traveled considerable distances to get back to West Point. Mike Krisman, Andy Goodpaster and Dossie, and Carl Buechner came from Europe. Dick and Nena White were here from Hawaii, and Eloy Alfaro flew up from Panama. Walt and Ann Higgins came in from Korea, but they will be staying in this area as Higgy takes over his new duties at Ft. Hamilton, N.Y.

The bulk of the Class stayed at the Harriman Travelers Lodge which is located just over the hill from West Point in Central Valley. I am sure we all remember Central Valley from our experiences—particularly after taps during the Plebe Hike and Cavalry Hike and other summer maneuvers during our cadet years. From all reports, the fellowship was long, loud, and rather wet; but no official complaints have reached this headquarters as of this date.

On Thurs., we lined up in front of Cullum Hall and marched over to Thayer Monument for the Alumni Ceremonies which were followed by the review of the Corps of Cadets on the Parade Ground. Then we went into

Washington Hall, which is now, of course, expanded and twice as large as it used to be when we were here, for the annual luncheon meeting of the Association of Graduates. At this time, Carl Buechner, our Vice President, announced that the Class of '39 had contributed over \$4,100 to the Superintendent's Fund on the occasion of the 30th Reunion. At that time, we had 123 classmates who had contributed to the Class of '39 Fund; and since that time, we have had some additional contributions. On Thursday evening, we gathered in Frank Kobes's backyard for cocktails and then attended the Alumni dinner-dance in Washington Hall. On Fri. morning many of us gathered at the cemetery to place the Class of '39 memorial markers on the graves of classmates and family members who rest there. There are 29 graves in all upon which we place these markers each Memorial Day. Fri. evening we attended a dinner-dance at Stewart Field Officers' Club. This was a very fine buffet dinner followed by dancing to music most of which was "geared to the '30's."

Immediately after the Alumni Review on Thurs., we presented silver trays appropriately engraved to George Lasche and Brooks Boye, sons of '39 who graduated this year. Bud Lasche was there to present the gift to his son; and Preacher Williams, Fred Boye's roommate in cadet days, presented the gift to Brooks. Fred was unable to get up here in time for the Reunion activities but did make it, of course, to take part in the graduation of his son. Jack Samuel presented the class gift to his son, Tom, who graduated from the USAFA this year. The line of '39 has still not given out as we have sons in all classes at the present time. Also, young Champ Hull, son of Speedy and Dottie will be entering the Corps this July; and there may well be two or three other class sons along with him.

All in all, the general reaction was that the Reunion was most enjoyable, and we were only sorry that many of those who had planned to attend could not be with us. We received this telegram from Frank Mildren and the '39ers in Vietnam:

"The Vietnam segment of '39's long gray line: Mildren, Ewell and Bradley sends warm and heartfelt wishes for a most enjoyable reunion. The memories of the best years that will be relived so many times by each of you this week also, will be in our thoughts here in Vietnam. Our warmest regards to each of you and your gracious ladies."

We were indeed happy to receive this, and all of the '39ers over there were certainly in our thoughts and conversations very frequently during the Reunion period.

The Class Book, referred to as the 25-30 Year Book, came into being in time for the Reunion; and Carl Buechner, with the most able assistance of Joe Dickman up at Stewart Field, had all copies delivered to West Point where they were distributed at the picnic on Wed. night to all those who had contracted for them some years ago and to all others who desired a copy. Carl received a very loud and long ovation for the work accomplished in preparing this volume. All of us '39ers are unanimous in our praise for the work he did on it. Carl certainly had his problems in getting this book published, and he persevered through it all. It is an exceptionally fine book; and if you do not have one, I am sure that you will want to get a copy soon. They are \$15.00 each, which is a bargain. They are stacked in my office here at West Point at the present time. Carl will probably be getting out some informa-

tion on this in the future; but, for the time being, if you have not paid for your book and want a copy, please write directly to me here at West Point enclosing a check for \$15.00 plus \$.50 for mailing, and I will get a copy to you. The book contains many pictures of classmates and families as they are today as well as pictures of class sons who have graduated and write-ups of experiences that are of tremendous interest to all of us.

Frank J. Kobes Jr.

At the Washington area May luncheon, a new slate of class officers was elected in the usual democratic fashion. They are George Pickett, President; Ed Hamilton, Entertainment Chairman; and Gene Trahan, Scribe. Norm Farrell was enthusiastically reelected as Secretary-Treasurer. Charlie Kepple relinquished the Scribe's post with great reluctance, after an extended two-year stint. Our thanks and appreciation to him and the others of the outgoing slate.

Those in attendance at Reunion included: Eloy Alfaro, the Atwells, Batsons, Biers, Brinkers, Buechner, Buster, Carpenters, Chaplas, Chapmans, Cleverlys, Coffey, Coleman, Collinses, Crandalls, Curtins (Bob), Danne-millers, Dobson, Dukes, Dziubans, Eaton, Evans (J.C.), Foerster, Goodpasters, Greers, Haffas, Hamiltons, Hanchin, Herstads, Herzbergs, Hickoks, Higgins, Hoisington, Hoopeses, Hulls, Kails, Kellers, Kerwins, Kobes, Kouns, Krisman, Kunzigs, Kurths, Laitmans, Lasches, Latoszewskies, Legler, Lennhoffs, Lillys, Longs (PJ), Martin (WK), Matheson, McChristians, McClellans, McConnells (Ed), McCoy, McCutchens, McDavids, McGowan, Megicas, Merrells, Myers, Minahan, Morrisons, Muirs, Newcombs, Newcomers (Frank), Nickerson, Olsons, Pattersons, Plogers, Richardsons, Rogers (D.J.), Rogers (Bob), Romigs, Scholls, Shepards (Ace), Showalters, Simons, Smiths (WT), Stubbs, Suttons, Whites (Dick), Williams (RM) Wintons, Voegtlys' (guests) and Yarnalls. My apologies to anyone I missed. The only class that had a greater turnout was 1919. Think that over for your 50th. John and Mary Scholl (Ex '39) and John Voegtly (Guest '39), all MDs, were available to cover any medical emergencies.

This is tentative but to wait would miss the fall issue of ASSEMBLY. Chesty Evans is working on a schedule for an ARMY-Vanderbilt weekend Sept 27-28 in Nashville. When arrangements are firmed, the '39 D.C. contingent will be sounded out on a charter flight. Further information to all when available. And for those in the West Ed Hamilton is laying on arrangements for an ARMY-Oregon weekend 7, 8, and 9 Nov, Ore. being his home state. He will forward a schedule soon. Anyone elsewhere who is interested contact Ed at 7016 Marguerite Court, Annandale, Va., 22003.

Higgins reports from Korea that Lt. Gen. Michaelis, '36, hosted a dinner at his Eighth Army Headquarters in Apr for Mike Davison, on a visit from his post as Deputy CG, USARPAC. In addition to Walt, those in attendance were Eddie Smith, Livy Taylor and Jim Knapp.

From Ft. Sam, Sammy Kail reports the Founders Day dinner a great success, with Sterling Johnson, Ed Schmid, Matt Bristol, Danny Nolan, Jim Rogers and George Winton present and accounted for. Don Miller and Sailor Byrne were also supposed to be there, but one forgot, and the other had a legitimate excuse.

With retirement hard upon many of us, there will be many moves this summer. Take a minute to drop me a note and let me know

where you are and what you'll be doing, along with any poop you have on other classmates. I promise to do my best to get it all in ASSEMBLY.

'40

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We are in the horse latitudes again when not much happens. Especially the summer after our 29th year. I could have held the 29th Reunion in a phone booth, for I was the only person in the alumni line for 1940. Note to cynics: Surgery in USMA hospital (which has not changed any since 1940) has made it possible for me to get into a phone booth with ease and also to get out.

Now for this and that: Harmon Rimmer visited me last week from his home in India Atlantic, Fla. Much involved with the APOLLO program as is Ed Wynn. Dick Cassidy had lunch with me and found that the place I had selected had been the site of his wedding reception. There will probably be some stragglers during the summer. At least I hope so. I am just 6 miles up the road from USMA over Storm King Highway. Anyone is invited to sit in my Puerto Rican rattan, imbibe, and tell me about their grandchildren. However, since this column probably will not be out for quite a long time, let me know if you are coming to the Homecoming Game; and I'll look forward to seeing you. Good word from the USMA Supe. . . . our tickets are based on seniority this year, so try some other games too.

Other things to note: Don Baumer writes from Germany that there are more classmates in the area than usual. Mike Bavaro is still in Heidelberg; Pete Clapsaddle is Comptroller USAREUR; Sam Goodwin remains CG of Berlin Bde; Freddie Schmaltz is CO Baden-Wertenberg support district at Stuttgart; Bob Delaney is ACS DISTINT USAREUR (whatever that is); Del Munson J1 USEUCOM at Stuttgart; Chuck Noble is CG Eng. Cmd. USAREUR; Howard Penney CG 7th Army Special Troops; Woody Vaughan CG TASCOC; Ross Milton, Vice Director Int. Military Staff NATO; and Don Bennett CG 7th Corps at Stuttgart.

Deepest condolences to Audrey Baumer whose father, Ray Marchand, whom we all knew, passed away in the spring.

Frank Devlin, no hot-shot in ordnance is shown in a recent picture examining the M-16 rifle with the Mayor of Worcester and the President of Harrington and Richardson, Inc. It is instinctive in Frank to be careful, for as His Honor the Mayor has his finger on the trigger, Frank can be seen pointing the barrel away from his middle. Frank is Dpty CO at Ft. Devens.

Dick Abbey presented a class present to Burt McKenzie's son. Interesting to note that Burt McKenzie Jr., completed 1,000 parachute jumps before graduation. This is a record. Dick had a coffee for the presentation, and classmates in the area were invited. See picture if Dan Halpin is kind enough to print it. Similar awards were made at West Point by me to M.F. Colaccico (a star man) and Bidwell D. Moore. Sadly no pictures.

A casual reader of the 21 June issue of the Montgomery Advertiser cannot miss the full page picture of Aquilla Hughes being pushed into a swimming pool by his lovely wife. For those seeking the "Fountain of



1940: Left to right: Bob Raleigh, Page Smith, Helen Smith, Bill McKenzie, Walt McKenzie, Mrs. McKenzie, Bonnie McKenzie, Ray Shoemaker, Cadet Walt McKenzie Jr., Dick Abbey, Eleanor Abbey.

Youth," I would suggest an exploratory letter to A.B. and wife.

Oz Leahy is CG of Institute of Land Combat at CDC. Alison Symroski married David A. Weir in May, and couple plans to serve in the Peace Corps for 2 years. Mike Krisman retired. Dick Free becomes Div. Engr. Satlantic Div CE, Atlanta.

Ed Black from Thailand to USARV. Podu-faly from Engr Div Pacific to USA Topo Comd. Frank Meszar from Ft. Stewart to USARV. Feather-belly Woodward back in the Pentagon attempting to get Rick Ferrill to take him to lunch. Soon after the Wintons left Colorado Springs, Billy, a dyed-in-the-wool Army gal, passed away. The Class rallied round.

Hamelin back in the United States and acted as escort for Gen. Kabede, Ethiopian

Defense Minister for an inspection of NASA Headquarters at Cape Kennedy. The NASA escort is the svelte Harmon Rimmer. See picture.

Wally Clement complains at being tagged as in Europe when he is in USARV. Other classmates about are Black, Meszar, Dave Parker, Jack Wright, and Junior Renwanz.

Bob Warren has been assigned Dpty. Asst. Secy. of Defense, Military Assistance and Sales. The Donnells announce marriage of their daughter Anne to Herbert Kithcart, Lt. USA. in South Salem, N.Y. Kermit Dyke and the rest of the Washington contingent of Class of 1940 went boating "up the canal" in June. Results or conduct of individuals not reported as yet. Jack Wright made honorary member of Auburn U. at function before departing for USARV.

Frank Meszar's son, Captain Frank Meszar, a recent graduate, killed in combat in Vietnam leading his outfit in a fire fight in the jungle.

Bob Williams to OFC Asst. C of S Force Dev. Aside from wearing stars, Michael Colaccico, graduate of Class of 1960, married Mary C. McNaught in the Old Cadet Chapel on 15 June. Jack East retires, his last job being Director of Academic Instruction at Maxwell AFB. Delaney now in Europe soon to go to Meade. Bill Francisco back from Nicaragua to MacDill AFB. Mac Lemley back from Canada to DIA in Washington. Wetzels' new address, P.O. Box 64, Lawrenceville, N.J., a long way from Pakistan.

And now about the 30th. Since all of you are not too faithful in sending in addresses, I am attempting to get your present addresses from Assoc. of Graduates and send all information to you. Kobes '39 is giving me his poop sheets, and since that class had a very successful reunion, I will pay attention to them. Note: I may not get your right address, so please let me have it. The 30th Reunion should be the best.

'41

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For those who are uneasy about the state of our Nation, I recommend a 3-year hiatus followed by a drive from coast to coast. Having done just this, let me testify that we were impressed. Things look healthy, very healthy indeed. American flags in car windows—lots of them; fresh-looking, well-scrubbed, polite kids vastly outnumbering the hipoids. And it's great to be back, particularly great to see the guys and gals of '41 again. And what better way to collect class news that to see the people who make it?

During our last month, we were delighted to welcome our class visitors to our beautiful home, Marchligen. Chuck and Martha Schilling and Jack Christensen dropped by and gave us an opportunity to show them off to some of our favorite Swiss friends. Chuck, finishing his sabbatical in Stuttgart, was looking forward to getting back to USMAY. Jack was on TDY for SRI and stopped in Zurich between Stockholm and Paris. He reinforced the conclusion I had come to: namely that the Military-Industrial Complex Ghost is at large again, and the witch-hunters in full cry; this is not a good time for old soldiers to be seeking an opportunity to remain in the main stream of defending our Nation.

We landed at JFK and spent a day at Ft. Hamilton before pressing on to Colorado Springs. Talked to Judy Seawell on the phone to learn that Bill is extremely busy with the big job he has taken over as President of Rolls-Royce Aero Engines, Inc. Son Brook has just completed Stanford wearing a Phi Beta Kappa key.

At Colorado Springs we found the '41 colony of central Colo. still growing. Before we knew it, we were in the "House and Garden" home of Dottie and John Henschke where Dottie had rallied the Lintons and Kramers on zero notice. All looked extremely well, attesting to the durability of '41. Bill Linton is heading up the NG business and operating from a commodious office at Fitzsimons. Bob Kramer is leaving for the cracker country of Atlanta where he can turn to concrete and trusses instead of protests and cusses of the School of Mines. John



1940: Left to right: Col. Ronald Hamelin USMA '40; Col. Mannier, AFETR; Gen. Kabede, Ethiopia Def. Minister; Lt. Col. Harmon Rimmer USA Ret; Aide.



1941: The empty chair for the "late" Scribe, Burt Andrus, and clockwise: the Les Hardings Jan '43, Sam Hays '42, Genevieve Cutler, Betty Hays, Ec Cutler '42, and the Horace Browns '41.

Henschke of Martin Denver remains one of Colorado's staunchest cheerleaders.

Next day, back in Colorado Springs, we found Bill and Lil Mitchell toasted to a beautiful tan as they participated in a local golf tournament just prior to launching on a short vacation trip. Bill is Asst. Chief of Staff, NORAD.

By now, June Week was in full orbit, and the weather man was on our side. Robin Olds presided at the presentation of class gifts, and, I might say, compared to the "other Class" represented, the '41 gifts were most appropriate. Curt finished his cadet days at Mach one: a Cadet Squadron CO, Lt. Col. and Dean's list member. He most appreciated the beautiful, framed picture of his Alma Mater plus the handsome sterling julep cup, both adorned with inscriptions that will make them treasured trophies.

At West Point, at the same time, Clare Armstrong III, and Roy Hendrickson II, with families marshalled at the class tree, were presented their framed pictures and julep cups by Charlie Schilling, Bob Samz, and Horace Brown. June Week was many cheers and not a few tears; and for those of us fortunate enough to have had the experience of administering the oath of office to a son, it was a very, very special event.

We were all grateful for the splendid remarks in behalf of our profession made in Falcon Stadium by our Commander-in-Chief. After the Thunderbirds' dazzling show, we chugged our way out of the stadium crowd and assembled at General Agan's quarters where Bob Kramer, Al Hayduk, and Bill Linton fell in beside me as my father read my retirement order and presented my certificate, authenticated by Bill Mitchell.

The next evening there was a wonderful party at Al and Vivian Hayduk's lovely home where the whole Colo. Chapter assembled—the Henschkes, Kramers, and Lintons (less Bill on TDY) were joined by Harrie and Ben Spiller (Ben IXOing for Ft. Carson), David and Mary Gauvreau (recently from Bliss now with ARADCOM), Alma and Mal Troup (both in the real estate business and very pleased with the partnership they have formed with two of the top real estate people in the area). Al Hayduk has quit the brokerage outfit he was with and is striking out on his own in the booming securities business.

The Coloradans are looking forward to the arrival of a new member family. Betty and George McIntyre will leave Carlisle Barracks for the ski country. George will go with a real estate outfit in Monument. Betty's letter said that Becky Greene's wedding was beautiful and indicated it was quite recent.

She added, "Just had the Millikins, Greenes, Cliffords, Fletchers, Jean Moody and kids over for brunch—Eileen was completely relaxed and had her first meal in 3 days. It was fun having them all together. George is in Walter Reed. May have to stay another couple of weeks—he thought he was 20 years old and jogged the cartilage loose in his knee. The operation lasted 4 hours. He's fine but will be on crutches for quite a while —That'll teach him."

The great news to tell is that John Easton is out of the hospital and well enough to resume working at a gradual pace. He promises to take it easy, and we surely wish him all the best in a full recovery from his ordeal.

After another elegant party in the Springs given by the Troups in what Mal calls Alma's Mud Hut (their lovely Adobe home), we were off to the East Coast and Curt's wedding.

During my 3 days of debriefing, Kay and the kids stayed in cool Colorado. I had dinner with Molly Brown and family. All were elated that young Dunc is back from VN with all systems go; he is a captain and assigned to Belvoir. Mary Ann is working now after finishing college with top honors; Nancy is looking forward to her next year in college; and Bill will join the class of '73 USMA to follow in the footsteps of his father and brother. Molly, looking as young as she did Yearling summer, said Dunc is unchanged as he continues his difficult battle.

Thula and Pete Crow had a state dinner in which they included me. Skip Brown, the gal who would be hard to beat for the fountain-of-youth award, was there with the news (disquieting for her and the kids) that George had been extended as CO, 7th AF. As all of you know, George has spent more time than any other airman in the class eyeball to eyeball with the bad guys in 3 wars.

Sat., 14 Jun, was Curt's wedding, and lucky we are to have such a charmer as Joan. We were delighted beyond words to find that Marie and Bill Clifford had been able to drive down from Carlisle for the occasion. They both looked very well and reported that Jane was now on active duty with the Army Nurse Corps, that Paul was doing extremely well with the new, privately owned Postal Service in Seattle, and that Mark was continuing to make slow improvement. The faith and the courage of Marie and Bill should serve as an inspiration to all of us.

On Sun., 15 Jun, we jumped in our new Nova and headed West. Second stop was St. Louis where we found Lib and Arnie Phillips. Arn continues to run his very exciting job as program manager of the McDonald F-4 series of aircraft. They laid on a wonderful dinner for the tribe Andrus and added 2 of the top charmers of '42, Hancel and Bob Evans. We were all hoping that Cheyney and Jack Norton would be back from the Paris Air Show in time to join us—but they missed by 24 hours. Arn and Lib have a scrumptious new house, and Lunsford, Patience, Jeannette, and Dexter, along with a zoo that includes a monkey, are enjoying it to the fullest.

After stops at Dallas and our old favorite AFB, Dyess, we pressed on to cactus country. We hoped to see Sally and George Welles in Roswell, but they were away. Our next stop was Albuquerque where Ted de-Saussure commands JTF-8. Frances and Ted had us out to their elegant quarters for a grand dinner complete with kids. Their Eleanor and our Wendy and Anita and Marnie talked girl talk while Ted Jr., our Bobby, and Maggie talked about Batman. Lovely Eleanor will be a bride in Sept.

Talked to Heister Drum on the phone. He and Ruth are well and savoring their desert homeland where Heister has been an attorney since the war. Their daughter Barbara is to be married in late summer.



1941: June Week presentations to class sons at West Point. Rear row: Hank Armstrong, Ned Armstrong, Chuck Schilling, Babe Hendrickson, Tom Hendrickson, Gerry Armstrong, Clare Armstrong, Bob Samz, Horace Brown. Seated row: Chick Brown, Hende Armstrong, Demaree Ingram, Margie Hendrickson, Nancy Armstrong, Linda Behrens.

Also phoned Mickey Weidner who said all was well and that she had one out of college, Joe Jr., 2 in college, and 4 to go. She sounded great and clearly deserved a cheer from the class for carrying such a load of responsibility so gallantly.

After enjoying the beauties of Grand Canyon, we put the last leg on our auto journey to March AFB. Jerry and Bill Brier dropped over to say that Bill had landed his retirement job at Yuma, Ariz., where he will run the Air Force ROTC program at the High School. They gave the following rundown on their 5 bouncing sons: Bill Jr., is teaching high school in S. Dak.; John is a very happy First-Classman at USAFA; Bob is at the U. of Riverside and scouting the U. of Hi. this summer; David reported to his brother John as a Doolie, class of '73; and Tom, an 8th grader, is the only one left to help Dad keep the lawn mowed.

In LA before our flight to Hawaii, we spent the night with Bill and Ruth Gurnee who spoiled us with a gourmet dinner. They both look great, having just returned from an R&R trip to Acapulco complete with sunburns and traces of Montezuma's revenge. They report that they have recovered fully from the effects of the wedding—(Bill tells of narrowly missing tying up the whole affair as he tried to find his way out of the labyrinth in the basement of the church). Andree is fine and very happy.

We phoned Jack and Muriel and found them fine; and we phoned Edee Durr who reported that both daughters, Susan, the Peace Corps veteran, and Lee will wed the end of this summer. Edee had seen the Mullanes the end of May—all well.

After a very comfortable flight to Honolulu, we joined Kay's parents at Koko Head where the Fauses 4th of Jul party included Terry and Curt Chapman. Curt runs the Pacific Division Army CE and travels quite a bit. Terry, trim as a model, leaves with Cindy and Bruce for the summer in N.H.

Ginger and Biggie Seamans reached us by telephone and have invited us to sail with them next Sun. They leave for Fla. and retirement in mid Jul. Curt said the Hutsons and Delaneys are in Honolulu, and they have as a guest, Linda Barney whose parents have just moved to Japan.

In Washington I phoned Charlie Schilling to learn that during his absence his department was reorganized. He now is head of the Dept. of Engineering. Bob Samz is his Dpty bringing Ord into the Engineering Dept. And next year the Military History course will go to the History Dept. Carolyn Schilling graduated from the U. of R.I. and donned the Army Blue of the Army Nurse Corps. She will report this summer to Brooke Med Center. Chuck said he saw Ed Rowny, Joe McCulloch, and Rog Lawson just before departing Stuttgart and that Rowny was headed for a CONUS assignment.

A letter from Tom Fisher said he was enjoying his most interesting job and looking forward to taking the family on a tour of Europe this summer.

In Albuquerque we learned that Beth Corbin's wedding had taken place on 14 Jun and that it was a beautiful one according to Frances deSaussure. The Corbins came back from Norway looking very happy and well.

By the time you read this it will be time to start planning your Beat Navy sheet design. This year let's crush them in the manner to which they have become accustomed.

Cheers!

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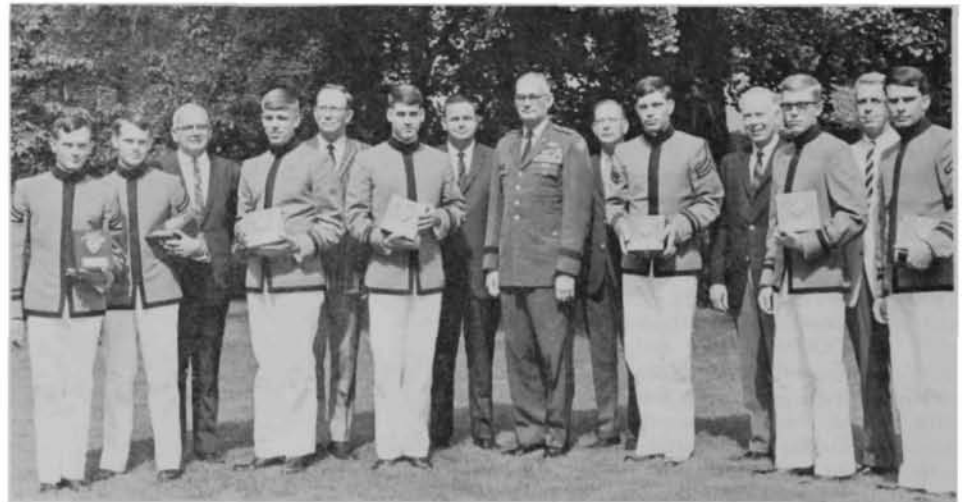
The Class has really been riding the tide, with the Supe's PIO doing such a superb job. Even the *Congressional Record* has made note of '42 in connection with Super Sam's return to West Liberty, Ia., to give the graduation address at his alma mater. And perhaps no less gratifying are the pictures of Sam in the Washington (Navy) press in connection with June Week activities. We old baskers are basking in the reflected glory, Sam. Hank Ivey also made it big, thanks to a national columnist who in his usual fine form pirated Hank's confidential memo regarding civilian conduct in Vietnam, and who shall remain nameless despite his good judgment in source material. On the sexier side comes Pat Gates and her appointment as assistant to Mrs. Nixon's press secretary. All requests for invitations to White House functions should be directed to Pat who is on leave from her Voice of America Breakfast Program. Her husband, what's his name, has seen the end of his world's record commuting with his assignment from Huntsville to AMC as of 1 July. (Forgive me, Ink!) Also, on the glamorous side is word that Barbara Burris is to serve as chairman of the Washington Symphony Ball, set for 5 Dec. This year's theme is German, and Mrs. Burris is quoted as saying, "We're looking for exciting Germans," which no doubt forecasts invitations for such ilk as Eisenschmidt, Fritz, Hanst, Kraft, Krueger, et al! As a final touch, we made the *American Legion Magazine* thanks to Paul Cerar and his Edgewood Arsenal involvement in the Legion's Golden Anniversary Year.

Status reports: George Allin assiduously absorbed the knowledge necessary to get in the financial advisory business and thereupon affiliated himself with the Trans-National Export-Import Corp. as Executive Vice President — so send him all your white elephants for profitable resale! Jack Barnes will be back Researching and Developing at the Pentagon in Sept. Ed Farrington has set 1 Aug for retirement. Future plans depend on the flood of responses to his resumé. Jim Hottenroth picked 31 Jul to join us old



1942: Maj. Gen. Ralph G. (Zack) Taylor, Cmdr USAF Tactical Fighter Weapons Center with Col. and Mrs. Hal Ogden after presentation of Legion of Merit for service in Vietnam.

fuds. Daughter Theresa won herself an Army Merit Scholarship, so I presume that Jim's post-retirement needs will be somewhat less pressing than others. Al Hunter found time to stop off at the Cannons' household in Calif. on his way to Vietnam. The Colladays heard the commotion and joined in the bon voyage festivities. Joe Morey is on the same time table but has not advised of his intentions. Danny Raymond has been named Director of Military Construction. George Rehkopf was here briefly prior to going to NYC to indulge in Merrill Lynch's training course for budding financiers. Hal Rice trades the local headaches for the pleasure of PROJECT MALLARD at Ft. Monmouth. Bud Roecker retires 31 July — to what, Bud? I believe I saw orders for Bob Short to Langley AFB. Jerry Snow has left us to dig holes in N.Y.C. streets under the auspices of Con Ed. Bob Spilman is assigned to the U.S. Army Management School at Belvoir. Rollin Steinmetz also retires 31 Jul, future unknown to your scribe — and what else is new? Fred Uhler moves to the Army Council of Review Boards, with his sights set on a Decemberish retirement if those responses to the need for a fiscal expert will just start coming in. Carl Ulsaker caught Jim Josendale after his second Bloody Mary at a class luncheon and has since retired to be Director of the Washington Post Office Region. There is some



1942: After receiving '42 class gifts from the Supe at Quarters 100, the largest number of class sons to graduate in any year pose with their fathers—left to right: The Ivey twins with Hank, the Harmerlings, the Rehkopfs, our Supe, the Fosters, the Hoziers, and the Newmans. In addition to the West Point representatives (including Ted Marks), Bob Rawls and Dick Miles were at hand, Dick, of course, for the wedding of daughter Julia and new Lt. Richard Ashley.



1942: At the Supe's reception and dinner, clockwise: Millie and Ted Marks, Ree and Dan Halpin, John Hughes the guest of Jackie and Dopey Stephens.



1942: Wives in the limelight. Genevieve Cutler, President of the Army Relief Society, and Cherie Koster, chat with Jack Cushman '44 after his address at the annual meeting at West Point.

thought that Jim caught Carl, in view of Post Office problems! Hank Urrutia had a spell at Walter Reed, bounced back, and has left us for Third Army. Just before his departure his father died, and we all extend Hank and his sister our deepest sympathy. Bill Watkin leaves us to be the North Central Division Engineer in Chicago. No date is at hand, but John Sheffey reports having seen Jack Crowley and learned that Fat Jack retires to be the Director of Operations for the San Francisco Department of Public Utilities — and if you think that ain't better pay than the going rate for senior soldiers, you don't know San Francisco OR Jack Crowley!

Noted that 2nd Lt. R.P. Bonasso went back to the hills of W. Va. to claim a bride and then took off for duty in Nuremberg. In the *Journal's* story about the AF Missile Development Center, George Buck received a hunk of favorable publicity. Lu Clay had an extensive official trip to Europe, and Betty managed to do the tourist bit at the same time. The Reinbolds provided a base of operations, but Dick was smart enough to coordinate a trip back here in the interest of health and welfare — his! Lu saw Al Ward in his travels. Again thanks to the *Journal* came word that Jack Deane has "LET his paratroopers out of the door of the First C-141 over the drop zone" in Operation Focus Retina in Korea. I would have LET my paratroopers out, but I'm sure that Jack LED them! Of course he landed in the middle of a river, and any goat would have

known better than to do that! Jeff Davis touched base while back for NATO meetings as did Pappy Garvin while here for a convention. Jane Grimshaw called while here to survey repair needs at the old homestead and reported herself very "tacky" and also much in need of maintenance, and Duke very busy educating and training the poor for the Detroit Chamber of Commerce. Our other Detroit representative, Joe Schmidt, called the same day to report all well at their house and at Chrysler but that no USMA candidates were turning up in that area, and he's after the Supe to buck up the program! The Plotts were in our town to attend Pam Hamilton's wedding — and so were Bill and Glor! Lovely bride, beautiful wedding, good looking mother-of-the — and ole Bill just kept shouldering us away from the bar!

Notes have come in from Rube Rubenstein (a check, too!) saying they're surviving and had a visit with the Cooperhouses at Monmouth. Rube — waste some money on a phone call before you come to D.C. and try to hit a class lunch. From Andy Anderson

advising that they can be reached at P.O. Box 124, Islesboro, Maine 04848, where they are renting while the house is abuilding and that the ferry boat leaves from Lincolnville between Camden and Belfast! From Wyley Baxter (also w/check) saying that their new home is a jewel and that teaching high school math can indeed be rewarding. From our ex-42'er Paul Donato who had gotten in touch with Ed Munns, came to us with a small contribution and is hopefully on Al Wilder's roster by now. From Bill Harrell answering a question regarding the joys of "space available" and giving the first news that Bill has had a siege with the doctors, that they've done their all, and that he's more than willing to give up the boondoggle for duty status. From Hal Ogden advising that Lee and Helen Marshall had been to see them, that they'd dined with the Gernerts, Hennessees, and Doyles, had had a visit with Grant and Bert Jones, had seen Ted Michel and were expecting — the McAdams in June! Hal was presented the Legion of Merit, his fourth DFC and 4th through 11th Air Medals as a result of his Vietnam tour. From Fred Rosell with news of the fine Founders Day attendance, a Southern California roster, and word that Jean Smith plans to stay at San Pedro while their gals are in college. Hope the doc's put everything back in the right place, Fred, and that we've gotten you and Charlie Coleman together. And from Tom Rienzi enclosing some delightful pictures of an Apr reunion prompted by Bud Ryder's visit from the big G1 in Hawaii and attended by Mark Terrel, Jim Newman (now in the D.C. contingent), the big communicator, Hank Ivey (de Judge), Bill Shedd, 1st Cavalry, and Jack Barnes of the 173rd Bde. Bill Kraft and Pat Timothy let duty divert them from the occasion — which doesn't sound like them — and Dan Raymond visited his son while on a trip — which shows why Dan survives and progresses. John Sheffey reports a trip to Panama with Al Wilder, Frank Koisch, and spice. John Baker had been in Maine getting the family settled for the summer so they took him back to Panama, a sit-down Panamanian dinner with the Alfaros among the 20 in attendance being the only



1942: Now do you give up, Ho?

charge made of John for the transportation and the company!

The official news advises that Wally Frank and Ruth have arrived at Hamilton AFB, California, where he is Vice Commander of the 78th Interceptor Wing after a tour in Korea.

It's frustrating to see the lack of response to Project 72. Some have done far more than their share, which is not right. I again urge a quarterly check-off. Less than \$10 to Box 42 each time you read this column between now and the '72 Reunion will enable you to do YOUR share. If all else fails, follow the Foster-Clagett script. They made a bet; Garrard was the sandbagger, Bobo the sandbagger. Bobo paid, and the proceeds are now in the pot! Let's all get with it right now so J. Reid will have some dollars to work with — and then enjoy the summer with a clear conscience.

Please note that Box 42 has been changed to Box 1142, Ft. Meyer, Arlington, Va. 22211. Probably one of Carl's new efficiencies!

JAN
'43

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By now, all of those who subscribed to our 25-year book should have received their copies. The final product is a lasting tribute to the editorial talents of Pete Grimm and the invaluable support provided by Jack Shaffer, the new Administrator of the FAA. A few additional copies of the yearbook are available through our Class Treasurer, Elm Prince.

Members of the Washington contingent who were present for our last class luncheon in the Secretary of the Army's Mess on 15 April were as follows: Bob Baden (Secretary), Johnnie Baer (President), Jim Bestervelt, Frank Camm, Jim M. Cobb, Clarence Davenport, Jack Daye, T.Q. Donaldson, Ed Faust, Flip Fenili, Jim Frankosky, Bill Fritz, Pete Grimm, Bill Hahn, Gregg Henry, Sam Karrick, Bill Knowlton (host), Stew Meyer, Rex Minckler, Jim Moore, Johnnie Norris, Bill Pietsch, Em Prince (Treasurer), Em Reynolds, Kilburn Roach, Jack Russell, Snuffy Smith, Fred Spann, Bill Talbott, and Jack Wood. During the course of the lunch-



Jan '43: Bob McDermott presents a silver class dish to graduating class son (now Lt.) Henry (Pete) F. Grimm III.



Jan '43: On hand for the graduation of class sons, Dave McDermott and Pete Grimm, were Bob and Alice McDermott (flanking Dave on the left) and Mary and Pete Grimm (flanking young Pete on the right). The file closers in the rear are none other than Buck Harding (left) and Tom Griess (right), members of the staff and faculty.

eon, Johnnie Baer announced the formation of the following committees: (1) a committee consisting of Bill Knowlton (Chairman), T.Q. Donaldson, Jack Daye, and Em Prince to establish guidelines for the management of the class fund and (2) a committee consisting of Rex Minckler (Chairman), Stew Meyer,



Jan '43: Ben Edwards is awarded his second LM by Gen. Joseph Holzapple, CINC, USAF, Europe.

and Chet Butcher to review and revise the original class constitution and by-laws. Bob Baden (Secretary) also read acknowledgements from Mrs. Mildred Yount (Bart's mother) and the Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management for the class donation to the School in memory of Bart Yount and from Jesse and Jean Hollis for the flowers sent to the funeral of their daughter. The next get-together of the Washington contingent is planned for 15 June at Ft. Belvoir under the sponsorship of Bill Starnes, Bill Pitts, Brad Lundberg, and Jim Moore.

Ralph Cadwallader, whose impressive letterhead indicates that he is Counselor at Law for Patent, Trademark, and Causes at Number One Raymond Road in Concord, Massachusetts, visited Washington recently and communicated his enthusiasm for forming a USMA Patent Law Association. There appears to be a number of USMA graduates who are also members of the Bar. The Cadwalladers' son, Jay, who is in the Air Force, recently escaped permanent injury in an air accident on Okinawa by a narrow margin.

Pat Richards reports that Darrie Richards is on his way home from Vietnam to assume command of the Western Area Headquarters of the Military Traffic Management and

Terminal Service at Oakland, Calif., but they'll reside at that San Francisco garden spot, Ft. Mason.

From Bill Knowlton's Washington command post comes word that Tom Flatley has been reassigned from the Pacific to the Staff & Faculty of the AWC. Bill also noted that the Army Times carried news that highly decorated Fred Ladd has been selected to play the role of General Marshall in the forthcoming 20th Century-Fox movie, "Tora! Tora! Tora!," dealing with the attack on Pearl Harbor. Fred knew General Marshall and resembles him sufficiently in facial detail to have been selected for the role. On Senator Proxmire's list of senior retired military personnel who have taken positions with the 100 top Defense contractors were the names of Jim Schofield and Dimitri Kellogg, thereby qualifying them as members of the great military-industrial complex. Bill Knowlton also reported Snuffy Smith en route to the STRATCOM Brigade in Korea and the DeWitt Armstrongs en route from Ft. Hood to D.C. to join Flip Fenili, Pete Grimm, and Bill Pietsch in ACSI, DA.

Dana Stewart, who is regularly assigned to the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment (National Guard) in Cleveland, Ohio, recently completed Phase X of a special C&GSC course. Meanwhile, Jack Wood has published an article on the "Future of Infantry Wea-



Jan '43: Graduating class son (now Lt.) Dave McDermott receives a class dish from Tom Griess, Professor of MA&E.

pons" in the "Ordnance magazine." Jack also reported that Tim Brown is enjoying his assignment as CO of the CDC Infantry Agency at Ft. Benning. Charlie Wirt recently took a Saturday off to witness the ARMY's landslide victory over the Navy in lacrosse, 14-4, the first victory over Navy since 1963. The game was reported to have drawn the largest crowd in collegiate lacrosse history.

The Washington Star and the Commanders Digest carried articles on Ted Seith's appointment as Commander of the 50,000 U.S. troops in Thailand. Ted was cited as one of the architects of the air war against North Vietnam. Also from Thailand comes news that the José Bensons are at long last returning to the U.S. — José's new assignment with Philco-Ford is presently unknown.

It was a shock to learn that Joe Conny (CO, 3rd Bde, 101st Abn) was wounded in the early morning hours of June 14th during an enemy attack on a fire base overlooking the A Shau Valley. The report from Arch Hamblen (June '43) in General Westmoreland's office was to the effect that two VC managed to enter the fire base throwing satchel charges, and one charge was thrown inside Joe's command bunker. Fortunately, his wounds were superficial in nature so that after a short sojourn on the hospital ship, SANCTUARY, Joe returned to his brigade to participate in his own change-of-command ceremony. At this point, it is reported that Joe's new assignment will be that of the Chief of Staff of USARSO in the Panama Canal Zone.

We regretted to see Skip and Danny Moore leave Washington for Florida and wish them the best of good fortune in their new environment. Danny is taking a position as a college administrator.

Meanwhile, among our younger generations, Larry Faust was awarded a Silver Star and Bronze Star with "V" for action with his battery in defense of the 1st Cavalry Division fire base against hostile ground assault in Vietnam. Here in the U.S., blue-ribbon congratulations are in order for Dave McDermott and Pete Grimm III, our class sons who graduated from USMA in June. Bob McDermott of USAA and Tom Griess presented trays to the two class sons at the class tree. Dave Knowlton, safely returned from Vietnam, is a Drill Sergeant at Ft. Knox until his ETS in 1970 when he will return to college. Bouquets and rice are in the offing for Joanne Benson who will marry Paul Carr in Arlington, Virginia on 12 July.

Let us hear from you wherever you are with news of yourself and family for our next column.

JUN
'43

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As they say, this quarter has been a rather slow news quarter. So that this doesn't happen again, please write any news of the Class to me so it may be included in ASSEMBLY.

Joe Weyrick continues to keep me informed on the Army moves. Jim Betts retired, and I haven't heard his new civilian occupation. Bill McKenzie has moved from Omaha to Hq USAREUR in Europe at Stuttgart. Roger Conarty has moved from Albuquerque to Iran. Nick Parker has returned from London and has been assigned to the Standardization Board at Ft. Bliss; Nick's retirement is scheduled for July '69, and he plans to teach at St. Agnes here in Washington. Bob Sonsteli also



Jun '43: Bob Hancock receives the Vietnamese Armed Forces Honor Medal First Class at Nha Trang AB.

plans retirement in July and will reside with the family in Miami, Fla.; I talked to Bob at some length during the last Class get-together, but I've forgotten the name of the corporation he is joining.

Tommy Tomlinson was recently married to the former Mrs. Rodney Howe Smith, and they are making their home at 6834 Pacific Lane, Annandale, Va. Don Spiece recently had a bout with the medics but is now back in Korea with the 2d Division Artillery. Wally Magathan is still in Korea and was due to return this summer; Peggy and the children had stayed here in Washington, and she reports everything is going well with Wally: will pass on his State-side assignment in the next issue.

The Classmates here in Washington had their quarterly get-together at Bethesda Naval Station. I must say the Navy treated us royally, and the party was a great success. This party was hosted by Norma and Joe Weyrick and Barbara and Ralph Young. The following attended: June and George Alexander, Barbara and Bruce Arnold, Anne and Bill Brake, Marge and John Bowley, Marie and Bill Calnan, Rip and Ginny Collins, Cecil and Bill Cover, Jane and Clare Farley, Edith and Steve Gordy, Dickie and Bill Greenwalt, Georgene and Dale Hagen, Betty Hardy, Harry Heintzelman, Shirley and Arch Hill, Cobe Hurley, Lynn and Alan Jones, Evelyn and Ralph Jones, Ruth and Bernie Lewis, Virginia and Dick McAdam, Helen and Dale McGee, Peggy Magathan, Jack McGregor, Nancy and Bill Malone, Marilyn and Stan Ott, Beenie and Bill Peak, Del Perkins, Helen and Jim Phillips, Elsie and Sam Pinnell, Judy and Snuffy Rhea, Ginny and Ned Schramm, Nita and Dave Schwartz, Val and Bob Sonsteli (plus parents), Lee Spiece, Elizabeth



Jun '43: Hank Schroeder awarded the 2d OLC to the LM and the 23d Palm to the AM during the change-of-command ceremony upon his departure from Vietnam.

and Craig Teller, Norma and Joe Weyrick, Barbara and Ralph Young, and yours truly.

Had a note from Dutch Umlauf who reported the following: On the 23 Apr Norm Frisbie, Ralph Hallenbeck and Dutch were invited by the Philippine Attaché to a luncheon in Washington in honor of Rocky Iletto. Rocky is the Deputy Chief of the Philippine Armed Forces and J2 of the General Staff. Rocky reports that Ed Suatengco is operating a plantation in the Philippines, and Hank Lockwood is located in Manila. Rocky advised that while he sees Ed frequently, he doesn't see Hank as often as he would like to. Shortly after the luncheon, the Philippine Ambassador invited the Scotts, Farleys and Childs to dinner at the Philippine Embassy honoring Rocky. While I didn't get an opportunity to talk to Rocky long, he seemed to be enjoying his stay here in the States while going to the Pittsburgh University Advanced Management Course.

Duane Tenny passed away in late May and was interred at Arlington Cemetery on 2 Jun. Many of the Classmates here in Washington attended the funeral ceremony, and we all express our deepest sympathy to Harriett and the children. Roger Kullman's mother, Katie,



Jun '43: Ralph Hallenbeck dons new star with assistance of his wife at promotion ceremony, Scott AFB.

passed away and was interred at West Point also on 2 Jun. Our deepest sympathy to Roger and Anne.

Hank Schroeder was awarded the second oak leaf cluster to the Legion of Merit and the 23d Palm to the Air Medal during the change-of-command ceremony upon his departure from Vietnam. See photo. Hank is at Ft. Bliss, and Read Wilkinson leaves Ft. Bliss for Vietnam. Ruth is staying in El Paso. Thanks for the dope, Hank.

I recently heard from Lorry Thomas who is now with Hallicrafters Co. in Chicago. Betty and he live at 4310 N. Walnut Ave., Arlington Heights, Ill. 60004. Lorry attended the Founders Day dinner in Chicago where he saw Ed and Rosanne Kreml who are living at 5404 West Thomas Street, Chicago, Ill. Hi Fuller, who is with the North Central Division Engineers, was unable to attend; and Lorry reports that these are the only three classmates in the Chicago area that he is aware of.

Had a letter from Bernie Rogers in Mar, and he reports he saw Charlie Pence, Ed Blount, Dutch Ingwersen, Art Rasper, and Bill Langstaff at one of the Founders Day dinners he attended. In Stuttgart he ran into Clarke Baldwin, Howie Coffman, and Bill Falck. Bernie reports they are all fine and are enjoying their stay in Europe. Our thanks to Bernie and Robin for presenting the Class trays to young Cantlay and Schroeder,

to Keck and Hallenbeck, at USMA and USAFA, respectively.

Cab Brannon has returned from Europe and is now DCS/Operations Eastern NORAD Region, Stewart AFB, N.Y. Let me hear from you, Cab. Bob Hancock leaves Vietnam for Maxwell AFB, Ala. Before leaving Vietnam Bob was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal and with the Vietnamese Armed Forces Honor Medal, First Class. See Photo. As I reported last issue, a number of the Classmates in the AF were promoted to general officer grades. Here is a picture of Tody Hallenbeck pinning on Ralph's stars. See Photo.

I had fully intended to give you some AF statistics on the Class in this issue, but my "information getters" could not hack the deadline. I will pass this on to you in the next issue. BEAT NAVY!!!

'44

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From all reports, '44/25 was the most! Your Scribe fell out at the last moment and spent June Week in Walter Reed. I am indebted to Fred Smith, Mac MacWilliams, and Scotty Scott who jotted down notes and sent me memorabilia of the festivities. George and Beth Blanchard, Randy and Becky Cary, and Fred and Harriet Black stopped by upon their return and gave me a "blow-by-blow" account. Mary Grace Cutrona called to say it was "The greatest love-in of all time!" The consensus was that we should not wait 5 years for another get-together; but when 1974 does come, I am told that Nick Fuller has invited us all down to Antigua—as his guests.

The list of those who were able to make it would include, in addition to their brides where appropriate, Rojo Aldrich, Ted Altier, Carl Anderson, E. P. Anderson, Bill Armstrong, Les Babcock, Roy Bahls, Ted Bartz, Al Bethel, Bill Bingham, Dave Blake, George Blanchard, Fred Black, Buck Boyles, George Brown, Bob Brundin, Randy Cary, John Calhoun, Grif Callahan, Larry Ciske, Dunc Clore, Jack Cushman, Joe Cutrona, Bob Day, Tank DeArment, Jim Dunham, John Elliott, Hi Ely, Bob Flynn, Nick Fuller, Gil Gilson, Bob Ginsburgh, Johnnie Glab, Wally Guild, Jerry Hall, Bass Hanley, George Hayman, Jack Howland, Don Ingram, Dal Knoll, Liz Lisenby, Hedy LaMarre, Mac McElvey, Mac MacWilliams, Alex Maish, Bill McGlothlin, Mac McKeever, Dick McPherson, Buck Melton, Ed Millington, Molly Molloy, Frank Moore, Mo Moulis, Bill Murray, Bill Nelson, Al Norton, Jim O'Brien, Ed O'Donnell, Bud Partridge, Bill Peugh, Tom Phillips, Jack Pollin, Harry Rogers, Charlie Sampson, Bob Schardt, Ralph Sciolla, Scotty Scott, Dave Silver, Lee Smith, Rock Staser, Tom Tarpley, Johnny Tkacik, Phil Toon, Tony Vitullo, Al Wald, Bob Wessels, Wolf Wolfinger, and Jim Young. Seventy-eight, by my count—and a fine turnout!

Even so, as Scotty observed: "There are even greater ones ahead; for every 5-year class ahead of us all the way to 1919 had more in attendance than we did. Scotty, who took time out from his demanding and interesting assignment as Tri-Service Project Manager for the 2.75-Inch Rocket System (he spends over \$300 million annually in procurement and overseas about 140 prime and major sub-contractors), managed to line up his old roommates. He believes he is the



1944: Gordy Burrell receives the USAF Commendation Medal from Brig. Gen. L.L. Wilson.

only one who was able to corral all of them: Bill Murray who is Vice-President of North American Atomic International Division and Frank Moore who is with the AEC in Germantown. John Hazen, who was their other roommate, and who was the first of our Class to be killed in combat in World War II, has the distinction of being the only 2d lieutenant graduate killed in combat in that war.

Everyone commented favorably on the new construction, the taste in which it is being constructed, and the preservation of such old, familiar landmarks as the main entrance to the mess hall and the poop deck. Apparently there is a population explosion going on which demands this expansion. There were 13,960 cadets graduated from 1802 until June 1943; by 1969, 13,960 have been graduated since we left. Hence in the 25 years just elapsed, as many have graduated as had before we entered.

It may not have been fear that the western part of Calif. was about to drop off into the sea that prompted the big turnout from Los Angeles, but the showing made by the contingent from there was impressive: Gilson—an Industrial Designer; Wald and Bartz—with Hughes; Murray—with Atomic International; and Bethel—with Westinghouse.

For several of us it was difficult enough becoming an alumnus of one college in 1944; Bob Ginsburgh somehow managed two. He was in somewhat of a rush to get away from USMA to attend another reunion with his



1944: John Donaldson receives the SS, DFC, Soldiers Medal, BSM with "V," and AM with 19 clusters from Maj. Gen. Gettys in Mar.

classmates at Harvard '44. Dave Silver was reported as experiencing difficulty in distinguishing between Johnnie Glab, who was hiding behind a beard, and Jack Gushman. What'll you do in '74, Dave, if they both have beards? The vote on the fattest man there was inconclusive, with Bob Day and Hi Ely being the finalists.

The most outstanding social event was undoubtedly the fabulous picnic given by Bill Bingham and Dick McPherson at Bill's place in West Nyack on Memorial Day. The class photo was taken at this gathering. The Dinner at Stewart Field the following evening ran it a close second.

Messages were received from Steve Farris in USAFE; Jim Scoggin at The Citadel; Nels Parson, Bob Mummy and Tommy Moore in Vietnam; Doug Kinnard at CONARC; Harry Grace at the Pentagon; Bill Bell in St. Paul; Kern Pitts in South Africa; Pete Tisdale at Wheelus AFB; Frank Greenhill on Okinawa; Dean Bressler—the world's his playground; and Jerry Capka in Oakland, Calif.

The Class presented the traditional silver tray to Bill Nelson's son Jim, our only son in 1969. He leaves behind him in '70: William R. Wessels (son of Bob and Jerry) Joseph Aldrich (one of two sons Rojo and Sugar have in the Corps), John Hennessey (Jack and Mary's son), A. R. Marshall (Roy and Pat's son), and Mason J. Young (Jim and Helen's son). Members of the Class of '71 are William R. Brown (son of George and Barbara), Joseph R. Capka (Jerry and Mary's son), Philip S. Grant (son of Phil and Grace), and Stephen Cooch (Fran and Elizabeth's son). The Class of '72 includes Mike M. Aldrich (Rojo and Sugar's second son in the Corps), Mark S. Cutrona (Joe and Mary Grace's son), Bruce K. Scott (Scotty and Ruthy's son), Jeffrey Staser (Rock and Betty Jo's son), and John Sullivan (John and Annette's son).

On Thurs and Fri nights, phone calls were completed to some of those unable to attend. Jack Hennessey was reached in Puerto Rico where he was on an exercise; Jim Giles was at home in Houston, and Jerry Mickle was at home in Santa Barbara, Calif. Jerry advises that the Class godson, Mike and his wife, are still stationed in Kodiak on USCGC CONFIDENCE, expecting reassignment this Aug. The rest of the family is going up there to visit in July.

Coots and Hildegard Mitchell are still living it up in San Salvador. They sent the Class "Mucho Salado—and best to all" on the occasion of the Reunion and regretted they were unable to attend. Vincente Lim was reported as doing very well in Nairobi where he is running a Del Monte plantation.

Jack and Nancy Cushman's daughter Cecilia graduated from Manhattanville in June, picking up the award for the highest scholastic achievement. She announced her engagement the same day to an Army captain. Eleanor and I gave away our eldest, Beth, to Ensign Clifford T. Rock Jr., USMA '69, on 21 June. Jim and Beattie Dunham's daughter K.C. was married to Jerome Ginsburg on the 29 June. Harry and Ginnie Rogers have joined the ranks of grandparents with the arrival of a son to Lt. Jeffrey C. Rogers (USMA '68) and Mrs. Rogers. Congrats to you all!

Doug Kinnard moved out from Hq CONARC in May to his new assignment as CG, II FFV Artillery. For the duration, Wade and Kip have ambitious plans as Wade returns to U. of Mass. to complete work on her Master's, and, after a summer trip to Lawton, they set sail for Europe. Kip has a scholarship in the Institute for European Affairs in Lugano, Switzerland; Wade will teach school



1944: Geoff Cheadle, Bill Fullilove and Lee Smith at the USAF Charm School in Apr.

while he attends. Next year, Kip returns to Deerfield for his senior year.

Jim Connell writes from Saigon where he's hard at work in CORDS, MACV that in mid-Aug he moves to be C/S, 25th Div. He'll be leaving the CORDS shop in the able hands of Nels Parson; while George Brown and Bill Harper keep the J3 organization running. Dave Fitton is in the AF Advisory Group. Meanwhile, up north, John Donaldson is having a tremendous year with the Americal Division. He reports a kill ratio of 17 to 1 during his tenure as CO, 11th Light Infantry Brigade and attributes much of his success to the very fine orientation he received from George Wear, who heads up the Bde and Bn Opns Dept at Benning. John moved up in Apr to be C/S, Americal Division and garnered an impressive collection of decorations and awards at his change of command.

Lee Smith, while out on a trip to Midway Island in June reported a pleasant evening spent with John and Kay Susott at Hickam AFB. Bill Fairbrother and Johnnie Werner and their brides were also in attendance. John and Johnnie are in PACAF DCS Plans, and Fairby is still at CINPAC Hq, but is scheduled to go to Vietnam as a Wing Vice Commander, 314th Special Operations Wing in the fall. Kay is practicing medicine part time.

Dean Bressler has embarked upon a new career. He is with World Wide Adventures of Winchester-Western. He is the Hunting Director, engaged in organizing, packaging, and selling big-game hunting and fishing trips in some 25 areas on 5 continents. At the time of the Reunion, Dean was at an annual conference in Houston, and planned to be soon thereafter in Western Quebec for a few days—just checking out a new wilderness fishing trip. Reportedly, for about \$150 per day, plus travel, Dean can arrange for you to hunt or fish most anywhere in the world.

Ug Reeves, who's assigned to Hq USAF was reported as attending the Air U. Academic Instructor course in May—this being a part of the AU Academic Instructor and Allied Officer School, the teacher's college of the USAF.

Howie Metzler has taken command of the US Army Aberdeen Research and Development Center. Gordy Burrell, who is now Deputy Director for Development, AF Satellite Control Facility at Los Angeles was awarded the AFCM for meritorious service while assigned to the Data Services Center, Hq USAF.

Frank Greenhill was awarded the DFC for extraordinary achievement in bringing his C-123 in to deliver reinforcements to Khe Sanh last year. The citation credited Frank, who was vice commander of the 315th

Special Operations Wing, based at Phan Rang AFB, with circling the area even as fighter pilots hit the enemy within 50 yards of the cratered runway and then courageously landing his lumbering transport. Frank is now vice commander of the 374th Tactical Airlift Wing at Naha AFB, Okinawa.

Joe and Anne Phillips and Tom and Marge McGuire in Heidelberg and Jack and Bea Peterson in Zweibrucken are living it up in Germany. They write glowing reports of duty there. Young Charlotte Phillips paid a visit there from U. of Conn. where she's going into her junior year studying nursing; Joe is hard at work computerizing USAR-EUR. Bea and Jack visited with Bob and Margaret Samuel in Stuttgart; Bea reports young Woody ran in the 3,200 (2-mile) track race in Berlin in the regionals and came in first, at the finals for all Europe in Stuttgart he came in 3d with a bum knee and a broken finger. Woody was the only freshman to win a varsity letter in track in his class.

At the time the class presented the D-Day mural to the Academy, there remained in the class account in the Superintendent's Fund \$195 which represented the balance from monies subscribed for the mural after the bill was paid. This \$195 was not earmarked for any particular purpose and could not be returned to class funds; hence, on the occasion of General Eisenhower's death, our treasurer, Fred Black took action to have this amount earmarked to help fund an Eisenhower Memorial if and when such is decided.

It is with deep regret that I report that Mouse Burnett died at Vet Hospital, San Francisco, 4 Apr and was buried 8 Apr in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, near Colma, Calif. Chapel services were held at the Presidio. Mouse and his wife Peggy would have had their 1st anniversary on 7 Apr. Bob Conant, Dick Erlenkotter and Al McCorkle either attended services or stopped in to pay respects.

Many thanks to those who have been good enough to write, call, and visit with news for this department. Plan now to report your fall doings and send photos.

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'45

Approximately 2 years ago, George Withey approached me in a dimly lit, smoke filled room; and while I sipped a "mickey," he convinced me that I was destined to become his successor as the '45 Scribe. Remembering this devious but effective approach, your



1945: Picnic. Roommates George Hoge, George Wallace, and Bill Walker "sheller-brate." Mac McDaniel in background.



1945: Picnic. Nancy Mackinnon, Mac McDaniel (again!), and Ed Saxby with wife Shirl and Janice Jones.

Scribe didn't ponder very long before concluding that similar tactics were appropriate to enlist our next, VOLUNTEER reporter. Accordingly, midway through a recent protest party (details later) at Les Ayer's pad, the trap was sprung. The result . . . Aus Yerks, bubbling with enthusiasm, accepted the challenge without reservation and will begin reporting class movements beginning with the next ASSEMBLY. Your present Scribe will reluctantly (Hal) leave the Pentagon and the Washington D.C. area in late Aug and become the Dpty CO, 38th AD Bde in Korea on or about 3 Oct. Sugar and the kids will await my return in Carlisle, Pa.

Annual Clan Picnic. This year's annual '45 picnic was another winner. Held at Cameron Station, Alexandria, Va., on 31 May, the affair attracted a total of 245 bodies, ranging in generations from Monica Benson, a young beauty at the ripe age of 18 months and a recent addition to the George Benson household, to Skip Hoge's parents, Col. and Mrs. Bishop, who were visiting from Ft. Benning, Ga. Acknowledgements - Ed Saxby did the early planning and legwork for this year's picnic but defaulted his chairmanship to Arch Arnold when he departed in Feb for Ft. Jackson and the 1st Bde. Bill Wolfe, George Hoge, Walt Root, and Bill Ochs complete with their wives and offspring headed and manned committees and do-it-yourself-or-else-forget-it crews to implement Arch's ingenious and most carefully laid plans.

This year's highlights . . . Arch added a new innovation when startled early arrivers were organized into a police detail before the picnic had begun! As mentioned, George and Barbara Benson introduced their latest addition, an adopted daughter who answers to the name of Monica. Armed with a rule book and determined to amend for last year's debacle in which neither side could get the ball over the net, the mothers displayed patience and style (or should I say form?) in defeating their daughters 15-8 in volleyball. As usual, the sons continued their mastery over the Dads in softball (lost count of the score, but it wasn't even close!) but fell before the brainy and talented Dads' volleyball team, losing 2 or 3 straight! In other competition, Arch and daughter, Laura Arnold won the egg throwing contest (a scandal may be involved here . . . there are some who suspect a hard-boiled egg was involved!!); Sugar and daughter Joan Hayden walked to victory in the egg on the spoon bit; and Bob and Bob Ives Jr. captured the piggyback title. And while all this was going on, ARMY was trouncing Navy in all contests at West Point and Annapolis!!



1945: Founders Day at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Back row left to right: Bill Daugherty, Clair Whitney, Tom Devlin, Bill Zook, Don Lunney. Front row left to right: Mrs. Daugherty, Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Patchell, Mrs. Zook, Jim Patchell.

Present with an assortment of kids and guests and appropriate comment: Peg Amos (Harry is in VN); Hap and Jane Argo; Arch and Barb Arnold; Les and Audrey Ayers; George and Barbara Benson; Paul and Brookes Braucher; Pat and Vera Callahan; Tom and Peggy Curtis; Marilyn Day (Steve on boondoggle to STRIKE Comd in Fla.); George and Katy Dexter; Paddy and Marg Driscoll (understand that Paddy has submitted retirement papers); Jim and Lillian Elkey; John and Patricia Fitzpatrick; Art and Dodie Greene; Barbara Guthrie; (Bob in Korea; reports to Ft. Benning in Aug); Rich and Peggy Haley (on 1 June, Rich moved from NASA to OCRD, Army Staff, to become the Scientific Advisor for missiles and space); Buster and Sugar Hayden; Rusty and Nancy Hielbrunner; George and Skip Hoge; Ann Holcomb (Jim at Ft. Benning processing for return to active duty and assignment this summer to VN); Hank Hughes; Bob and Gene Ives; Walt and Leslie Jagiello; Larry and Janis Jones; Hap and Mary Jane Macintire; Bob and Nancy Mackinnon (visiting from Ft. Benning); Bob and Grace Marben; Mac and Marty McAllister; Tom and Nina McCuniff; Mac and Rachel McDaniel; Russ and Nancy McGovern (headed for Germany and a Bde CO assignment in Baumholder with the 8th Inf Div); Homer and Carleen Minckler; Hal and Julie Moore (headed concurrently for Korea where Hal will be 8th Army G3); Lee Morris (visiting and looking for a house in the Washington area while Jim works at Ft. Benning); Bill and Betty Ochs; Fran Post (Orv in VN); John and Kitty Powers; Walt and Dot Root; Al and Lynn Roth; Ed and Shirl Saxby (visiting from Ft. Jackson, S.C.); Harry and Nancy Shaw; George and Dody Smith; Hose Nose and Louise Smith; Jim Summer; Bob and Mary Velie; Iris Walker; (Bill working?); George and Bev Wallace; Bob and Lois Webster; Dick and June West; Wally and Ginger Wittwer (headed for Ft. Gordon and an MP command); and Bill and Sally Wolfe.

ODDS AND ENDS. On 7 June, Palmer McGee announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination in 1970 for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Sen. Thomas J. Dodd. A former Conn. state representative, Palmer is currently a partner in the Hartford

Law Firm of Day, Berry, and Howard. We wish you luck!

Phoebe Nerdahl has announced the birth of a grandson—7 lb. 10 oz. Carter Lance Rogers—to her daughter Carlie and Lt. Jeff Rogers (USMA '68) at Ft. Carson, Colo. Carlie and the baby will stay with the grandparents while Jeff, due in country on 5 Jul, serves a tour in VN. Granddad Carl will return from VN on 12 Jul for station at Ft. Monroe, Va.

More on Ed Saxby (NOTE '45 picnic picture) . . . he is apparently doing well at Ft. Jackson. While Shirl was busy closing things out here in the pulse of the nation, Ed in his capacity as Bde CO was entertaining the Fla. Citrus Queen (see other picture). From the grin on his face, I'd say that the "Lochinvar from the West" is now Lochinvaring in the South!! (NOTE: Shirl and family moved to Ft. Jackson soon after this picture was taken!)

The Apr issue of the monthly OCRD magazine pictured Bill Taylor as one of the principals at a recent AMC meeting of chief scientists, engineers, and technical directors. Bill is the Technical Director, Mobility Equipment R & D Center, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

A note from Betty Ruth Wakefield . . . Bill is active in military affairs functions in El Paso. At one of these, he enjoyed the company of Chris Christiansen and Tom Fitzpatrick and reports that the Class has the women's clubs in the area pretty well locked up. Martha Christiansen is President of the White Sand Woman's Club; Gabe Fitzpatrick heads the Fort Bliss operation!!

Jack Broughton has received excellent reviews for his book, "Thud Ridge." According to those reviews, Jack relates the air war over North Vietnam using conversations taped during his 102 missions there as a basis. One reviewer stated that the book "is easily the best first hand commentary on the War in VN since Bernard Fall's career was ended there by a land mine." I also understand that the book says things as they should be said!!

Jim Alfonte has been found!! In a reply to the Class Memorial Fund letter which had bounded from post office to post office before reaching him, Jim made it clear that he has moved to the Southwest. You can find him along with John Boyce in Amarillo,

Tex., where Jim is the manager of that city's Symphony!!

Dick Carnes writes that he and Joan are well and are living in Ann Arbor, Mich. Joan works full time in the Univ. of Mich. hospital as a nurse; Dick is whiling away his retired life as manager of engineering physicists in Earth Resources Remote Sensing (Whew!! whatever that is?) Thanx Dick for your kind words on the column.

Bob Dingeman left in Apr for VN where he'll take Chuck Curtis's place as Depy G3, USARV. If all goes well, he'll be getting his command this summer. Gaye will remain at least initially with daughter Susan in Washington. Son Robert married last Dec and is now in his first year of medical school at the U. of Fla.

As promised, here's a brief on the protest meeting hosted by Les and Audrey Ayers on 25 May. A good many of the local 45'er, non-student parent types attended to protest the high cost of supporting teen-agers, the financial difficulty of supporting "the college of their choice," and any other worthwhile protest subject in between while protesting, they enjoyed cooling libations and fattening food, of which there was plenty! Bart and Bryan Kerr looked the hippest of many who arrived in "protest meeting" clothes. The affair was a perfect setting for my "let's get Aus Yerks to take the Scribe job" caper!

Helped to celebrate Bev and George Wallace's 22nd wedding anniversary and George and Skip Hoge's 22nd anniversary of their engagement at the Wallace hacienda, with Col. and Mrs. Bishop (Skip's folks), the Bill Walkers and the Dick Cranes. The more I hear of the now famous LURALINE trip of 1945 and of the contingent that ended up in Korea, the more I'm convinced that we need to explore that era more fully. Based on conversations at this get-together, I pose these questions: Was it necessary and/or appropriate to put those poor nurses on the S.S. LURALINE with the '45 contingent? If it weren't for the fact that Bev's family had the only bath tub in the area, would George and the lovely Beverly Bender have gotten together? If George had not shown up at the wedding, who would have taken his place? And what went on in Korea during that period anyway?

And bits and pieces from here and there. . . . Jim Patchell forwarded the picture of 45'ers assembled for Founders Day Dinner. Link Landis received his Ph.D. from Georgetown U. George Benson is moving to the S & F USAWC, Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Likewise Rolfe Hillman from Ft. Hood, Tex. Loch Caffey leaves Huntsville, Ala., for MACV. John Nacy departs the Pentagon for Hq USASTRATCOM in Huachuca, Ariz. Ed Gudgel is destined for the 4th Inf Div Arty in VN. Bill Nichols travels from Berlin to Fairfax, Va. — don't know his job in the Washington area. Rock Brett is our first AF General!! Also promoted in the AF to Colonel. . . . Randy Heard at Luke AFB, Ariz., and Ed Kellum with the Aerospace Research (OAR) Hq in Washington. Larry Jones cancelled out on his move to S & F USAWC and is over in the office of the Dpty Under-Secy of Army for International Affairs. Cliff White is planning on departing Carlisle Barracks for an Arty Gp in VN in Dec. Frank Kane departs same location for Ft. Bragg and command of Special Forces Gp stationed there. Dale Hall has joined Doug Hanna and Fugua Industries. Dale and Faye can now be found in Dunwoody, Ga. Ted Wagner continues at Union Carbide at Oak Ridge,



1945: Ed Saxby with friend.

Tenn. where he is involved in college recruitment of technical personnel for his company. John Geer (Hq USARPAC, Ft. Shafter), Larry Heimerl (Hq PACOM, Cp Smith), Buz Sawyer (Hy USASTRATCOM-PAC, Schofield Barracks) and Lucian Tresscott (Hq PACOM, Cp Smith) attended Founders Day dinner in Honolulu, Haw. Later word indicates that Lucian is moving back to Ft. Leavenworth—confirmation anyone? Dick West leaves VN to become District Eng, Albuquerque, N. Mex. Hoot and all the Van Houts move to Washington in Jun. After a course in Vietnamese, Hoot will return to VN as an advisor; Joy and the non-college contingent of kids will move to the Philippines. Ray Dietsche has retired and is living in Lewisburg, W. Va.

AND SOME NOTES ON THE KIDS. The Army "Times" carried a list of the 74 Army dependent students who received Army Merit Scholarships in the 1969 National Merit Scholarship's Corporation testing program. The scholarships range from \$100-\$1,500 per year based upon financial need as determined by NMSC and are for attendance at college or university of students' choice. Judith Bennett (the John Bennetts at Ft. Wainwright, Alas.) and Joseph Hadzima (the Joe Hadzimas at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.) were among those receiving scholarships. An interesting note. . . . John Bennett (#14649) and Joe Hadzima (#14650) sat side by side at the '45 graduation.

Ann Holcomb proudly reported that young Jim made the Dean's list as a plebe at West Point. Further the Holcomb's #2 son enters this Jull! Duncan Hoge and Bob Ives will add further dignity to this year's plebe class. There could be others, but we'll have to await the computer processes at West Point or a letter from you, our readers, before we can complete the list. After watching ARMY trounce Navy in lacrosse, Duncan Hoge committed this year's plebe class to assisting in giving Navy more of the same over the next 4 years! I'll buy that!! And lest I forget . . . young Tim Curtis will enter the Army and this year's USMA prep at Ft. Belvoir with hope of entering the Academy in 1970! Any others?

AWARDS. Bob Zeidner, associate professor of military science at the U. of Okla., received the Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious service during the period Sept '66—Jun '68 when he served as staff planning

officer to the US representative to the Permanent Military Deputies Group, Central Treaty Orgn (CENTRO), at the American Embassy in Ankara, Turkey.

Marshall Pulliam received the BSM for meritorious service as the director of operations at Pleiku and Air Base and Vice CO at Bien Hoa Air Base, VN. Triple rated as a command pilot, navigator, and radar bombardier, he has logged more than 7,000 hours, including 300 combat hours in VN. Marshall is now serving as chief of the simulation division at the Advanced Logistics Systems Center at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio.

ANNUAL CLASS MEETING. The annual business meeting was held at Patton Hall, Ft. Myer, Va., on 5 Jun 1969. At the meeting . . . Ward Protsman commented on the idea of a class job reference bureau. He stated that this idea would be held in abeyance since only a few responses (less than a dozen and all favorable) had been received. Further efforts to gain your support in this worthwhile and TIMELY project could be made, subject to increased class interest. So let's hear from you!

Officers and Board Members were elected as follows: Ward Protsman, Pres.; Bob Ives, Vice Pres.; Les Ayers, Secy.; Nick Manitas, Treas.; Don Fowler, Ln Secy.; Buster Hayden, Historian; and Board Members—Chuck Avery, George Benson, Hank Hughes, Bill Lilley, Dan Nelson, Fred Parker, and John Powers. Fred Parker will chair an ad hoc committee for social activities for the year.

It was reported that the Class Reunion Committee was active and closely followed USMA '44 activities this year to determine options and plans for our own 25th reunion in 1970. Ted Adair and Don Fowler are the principals on the committee at present. There will be information sent to the class in the fall.

Bill Taylor reported on the Medallion Ceremony at West Point for the 6 sons of the Class in USMA '69. Don Fowler hosted the ceremony at his quarters.

IN CONCLUSION. Count your blessings, not your problems. And start those letters and pictures coming in—Keep Smiling!!

'46

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No. 91. Progress, as you will see, is being made by the Class toward two major goals: One — our 25th Reunion plans and book; the other — the Class Memorial. As reported in the Spring issue, our fund drive had reached something over \$4,600. It now, I am happy to report, is a little over \$11,000.

We have a new class committee in Washington, which met for the first time early in June. The new slate: President Lew Tixier; Vice President Kent Berge; Members Tom Jones and Ed Roxbury; Secretary Jesse Fields (succeeding himself); Past President Joe McKinney; Local Chapter President Blan Shattuck. At this time, on behalf of the class, Jess and I would like to express our deep appreciation to the outgoing slate for their tireless efforts to get things going and their excellent accomplishments during the past two years. Past officers: President Andy Lamar; Vice President McKinney, who served the last year as President; Members Jack Burney, Bob Stewart and Dick Kenney; Local Chapter President Lea Parnly.

During the past two years the class committee has been quite involved with the 25th



1946: Jack Hoefling, Tom McMinn, and Dick Bresnahan with 101st AB Div, Camp Eagle, Vietnam.

Reunion, an up-to-date address list, studying various suggestions for a Class Memorial, raising funds for same and getting the reunion book started. See the Spring issue for more specific details on the book and address list. The Memorial will be presented during June Week 1971, and the committee is fast getting near a decision. They meet every six weeks in Washington.

The class officers feel a definite need to encourage communication within our ranks to the maximum extent. They very much encourage suggestions from the Class on how they can best carry out the class wishes for the future. Letters or notes to this effect should be sent to: Jesse Fields, 5012 Richenbacher Ave, Alexandria, Va., or you may include same in your notes to me.

Over the signature of Tom McNeil '45, I have received from the West Point Society of North Texas a copy of a news clipping from the Dallas Morning News dated May 5, 1969. The Headline — "4 Persons Die In Plane Crash Near Evadale". Four persons were killed when a private jet crashed late Sat. night (May 3) near Evadale in Jasper County, searchers disclosed upon reaching the wreckage late Sunday night. Authorities identified one of the victims as Wade H. Pitts, Jr. of Dallas, president of Pitts Industries. Residents of the area told of seeing the burning plane fall from the skies in the vicinity of State Highway 105 south of Evadale. The jet crashed after take off from the East Texas Paper Mill airstrip. The wreckage was found a mile south of the field. The weather in the area was bad at the time, and it was felt the plane hit the top of a tree at the end of the runway. On behalf of the class, may I express our heartfelt sympathy for Wade's family.

Last April, Frank Blazey, Col. USA, sent a little poop about his activities as well as Bill Kenney, Bank of New York; Earl Van Sickle, Col. USAF; and Roy Thurman, Col. USA. They were attending the 55th Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School along with one other Pointer, Bill "Gus" Gustafson '49, an executive with US Steel. Frank stated that having five West Pointers in the same group of business executives from all over the world is rather unique, but to have four from one class is astonishing. I can remember talk of the black sheep of '46 in the late forties and early fifties. By now, we certainly need not feel that way. We have generals, scholars, a governor, men in many high positions in business; and regardless of what I've been reading lately, we still are the largest class to graduate. I know it



1946: Lou Creveling, Jim Chatfield, and Earl Van Sickle at Jim's retirement 10 Jun 69, Norton AFB.

won't last for long with the expanding size of the Corps; but, as of right now, our 875 graduates is still tops.

Frank states that the Advanced Program, conceived in '43, has graduated some 6,000 business and government leaders; and a majority of those found the program interesting, challenging, and stimulating. The purpose is to provide orientation and a breadth of vision and knowledge that cuts across all operational functions.

A news release from Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio, dated 22 May, announces the appointment of DeBow Freed as Dean. His present assignment has been as professor in charge of the elective program and operations of the Physics Dept. USMA. The appointment is to be effective for the fall term 1969. Freed has a Master's Degree from U. of Kans. and a Ph.D. from U. of N. Mex., both in nuclear science. DeBow has acquired quite a bit of experience in teaching, research, administration, lecturing, and textbook editing and writing to make himself quite qualified in the field of education. He is a member of the American Association of Higher Education, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Association of Physics Teachers, American Nuclear Society, and American Association of University Professors. Dr. and Mrs. Freed, a member of the Ladycliff College faculty, are the parents of a son, DeBow II, 16, who graduated from Highland Falls High School this past June.

Steve Gray, Inspector General of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, received a BSM for his service in Vietnam from Feb 68 to Feb 69 with the Sixth Convalescent Center in Cam Ranh Bay. Steve has a Master's Degree in hospital administration from Baylor U., Waco, Tex. He has had numerous assignments with hospitals at Redstone Arsenal, Brooke Army Medical Center, and 31st Medical Group in Darmstadt. He holds a DSC, SS, BSM, ACM, and PH. The Grays live in Washington and have two sons William, 17, and Kenneth, 8.

With the USAF at Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, Bill Baisley has received a second DFC. Bill received the award for his outstanding achievement as an F-4 Phantom pilot in Southeast Asia 29 Mar 1968, when he flew a night armed reconnaissance mission over supply routes used by enemy forces. Baisley was commander of the 497th Tactical Fighter Squadron. Since receiving the award, Bill has arrived for duty at Camp H.M. Smith in Hawaii and has been promoted to Col. He will be an operations staff officer assigned to a Pacific Air Force unit.

Chuck Parsons has been awarded pilot wings by the Republic of Vietnam for his outstanding service to the Vietnamese Armed Forces as an air liaison officer at Da Nang AB. I note that Chuck's mother resides at Distaff Hall in Washington, also my mother's residence. Hubert Stees has received the ACM for meritorious service while assigned at the Sentinel System Project Office, Redstone Arsenal. Now he is a research and development director at North American Aerospace Defense Command, Ent AFB, Colo.

Bill Studer, presently serving in the Research Div of US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, in Washington, has been awarded the DFC for his achievement while serving in Vietnam. Specifically, the award was made for a combat mission flown near Dong Ha last 27 Jun 1968, for his ability to remain on station, under heavy ground fire, to provide timely intelligence to friendly ground forces. Bill has an M.S. in Nuclear Engineering from N. C. State College and has attended the AFSC and the US Naval



1946: Hubert Stees receiving Commendation Medal from Brig. Gen. S.S. Hunn at Ent AFB.

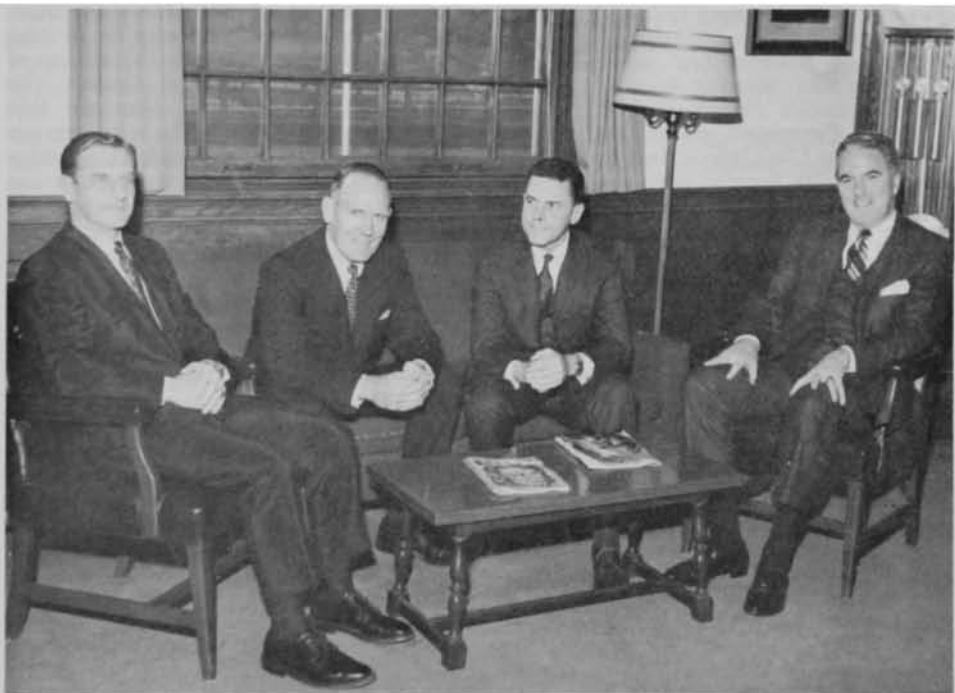
War College. In Vietnam he was with the 362d Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron. He also holds the French National Order of Merit (while Ass't Air Attaché at the American Embassy in Paris 1963-66), the Air CM and AM.

On 31 Mar 1968, Willis Schug retired, even though selected for promotion to Col., to assume, on the following day, the position of Ass't Dean at Columbia Law School in N.Y. Within 3 weeks of his arrival, the riots started. It is hardly necessary to say he's been busy. He and June now live at 76 Canaan Place, Allendale, N.J., halfway between NYC and West Point. Their oldest daughter Susan is now a sophomore at Swarthmore; their second daughter Judy is a freshman at Allegheny College. Their other daughters Wendy 11 and Terry 4 keep June quite busy.

I have received notes from both Dick Bresnahan and Jack Hoefling who are respectively Brigade Commanders 1st and 2d Brigades, 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam, APO San Francisco 96383: Also with the Division is Tom McMinn, the Division Chaplain. When the Division held the Founders Day dinner at Camp Eagle, Tom made the OLDEST graduate's address. Men, you can't stop the clock, but it still seems early to have a classmate as the oldest! The above 3 men are the only classmates in the Division at this time.

During the 1969 Tet New Year celebration, the men of the 2d Brigade, under Jack's command, distributed gifts to 1,500 needy children. The men contributed more than \$600 and almost one ton of soap and candy. Jack is presently in the A Shau Valley near Hue and has 3 US battalions and 2 ARVN battalions in the brigade. He reported that Bob Tully turned over his brigade command in the Americal Division on 24 May 69. Hoefling completed his year as brigade CO on 29 May having taken over the unit from John Cushman '44 and turned it over to George Maloney '47. The Spring issue lists most of Jack's awards; but in addition to those, he has the Distinguished Army Service Order Medal (VN), the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with palm, the National Medal, and the Vietnamese RD Medal. He also has 5 helicopter mishaps, 300 combat assaults, and 200 combined operations with the ARVN under his belt. Hoefling is now at Benning.

On 10 June 69, Jim Chatfield retired for physical disability (cancer, see Spring issue of ASSEMBLY). At his retirement Jim was presented the LM for his leadership, foresight, and efforts while Chief of Procurement and Contracts Branch with USAF Directorate of Inspection at Norton AFB. Lou Creveling and Earl Van Sickle were present at the ceremonies. Lou is at Norton, and Earl flew



1946: Earl Van Sickle, Frank Blazey, Roy Thurman, Bill Kenney at Harvard Business School, Spring 1969, 55th Adv. Management Program.



1946: Bill Baisley receiving the DFC from Col. C.C. Pattillo, 8th Tac. Ftr Wing Commander at Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

in just for the ceremony. Van Sickle is presently executive officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs and Resources, Hq, USAF, Wash, D.C., but this summer will go to England to be with Phil Safford in the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing.

Although Jim was in my cadet company C-2, I was not aware of his family's background. It is impressive to say the least. The Chatfield brothers of Minot, S.D., totaling 7 all having served in the armed forces, include 4 to attain the rank of Col: Jim; Stanley, the only brother still on active duty and assigned to Aerospace Defense Command Hq at Ent AFB; Miles, U.S. Army (Ret) USMA '34, and Kenneth of Nashville, Tenn., USAF (Ret). Two other brothers were officers: Robert, Maj. USAF (Ret) and Army Capt. Keith, USMA '41, killed in action at Bastogne, Battle of the Bulge 1944. The 7th brother, Marcus, an elementary school teacher in Deming, N. Mex., served during WW II. Mrs. Chatfield and the late Mr. Chatfield had a total of 9 children, the 2 others being Jim's sisters, one now deceased.

Jim has now entered the Veteran's Hospital in Seattle. Helen and their children Camelia 19, David 17, James 15, John 12, Linda 7, and Thomas 3 have joined him in the Seattle area. During his active career he served at USAF OIC of plant office at Swiss Air Co. Geneva, Switzerland; Chief of quality control of the Paris, France, Air Procurement District; and Chief of Air Procurement Office at the Fiat Auto Co. in Torino, Italy.

On 8 May 1969, a coffee hour was held under the leadership of Marie Parnly at Distaff Hall in Washington for the 1946 wives, mothers, and mothers-in-law in the area. The purpose, aside from getting to meet one another, was to tour the Hall. Mrs. Benedict, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Parsons, my mother, and others were invited. Unfortunately, no one knows exactly who at Distaff is a '46 mother or other relative. Perhaps, you who know, can let me know; and I in turn can pass the poop on to my mother. I understand Mrs. John Hill, John's mother, is quite ill with lung cancer. Our prayers are with the family.

As a panelist at the Precious Metal Seminar II, sponsored in May by the Commodity Club of San Francisco, Walter Frankland, Executive Director of the Silver Users Association, expressed the views of the silver using industries in calling for the lifting of the government ban against private melting of silver coins and the removal of silver from the minting of the half dollars. On 12 May, after a meeting of the Joint Commission on the Coinage, the Treasury announced the

removal of the ban against melting and the decision to propose legislation to authorize future minting of half dollars without silver. Walt must be a very persuasive speaker.

Tidbits: Si Hunt left Albuquerque to go to Tan Son Nhut AB, South Vietnam, to replace HHD Heiberg as advisor to the Republic of a Vietnam Air Force unit based there. Malcolm MacWilliams is now in the Directorate of Nuclear Safety where Hunt was formerly located. Corwin Boake, a colonel, left his job as Exec to the Deputy Director of DIA, Pentagon, effective 20 Jun 69, to become Army Attaché in Hong Kong with address of US Defense, Liaison Office, Box 10, Amer. Consulate Gen., FPO San Francisco 98659.

'47

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Now that June week has come and gone, and we slaughtered Navy, in athletic events, it's time for the latest news of the Class.

Of course, the big news is that our first class son has pinned on his bars—George Lynn Jr. The Class presented George a sabre inscribed "To George A. Lynn Jr., from the Class of 1947." The sword was presented at a cocktail party at John and Jane Mastin's quarters on 29 May. George Sr., fresh from Vietnam, was on hand to make the presentation. Also witnessing the event, in addition to Lynns and Mastins, were Tom and Posie Rogers, the Bielicki's, the Bernie Gardners, and Pat Haig (Al was busy in Washington). We all wish our first graduate the very best of luck and a challenging, distinguished career.

Jane Mastin passed on the news that Pete Karter and family moved to Conn. in June. He is with AMF as Assistant General Manager in charge of sales and engineering. So much for June week.

I received a surprise letter from Ross Turner who has been with Control Data since 1961 and transferred from Minnesota to Atlanta in July 1968. His address is 2295 Tuxedo Drive S.E., Marietta, Ga. 33060. He also reports the following are in the Atlanta area: Bob Lane, Al Gould, Bob Ozier, and Connie Lajeunesse.

Bob Rosen reported from SHAPE that he is enroute this summer to U.S. Army Engineer Construction Agency in Vietnam, where he will be Chief of the Engineering Division. Beverly and the children will stay in Annandale, Va.

Mike Maloney passed to me a newspaper clipping to the effect that Thomas F. Hayes was elected President of the Philadelphia Gear Corporation. Mike went on to say: "We all knew that 'Ole 87' would worm his way to the top of that screw gear company." Tom's answer is unprintable. Congratulations, Tom! We are real proud of you.

George Harrington phoned to say that he saw Y. A. Tucker when he was on TDY to Korea and Japan this spring. Tuck is Chief of Airlift for the 5th Air Force at Fuchu, Japan. Y. A. and Pattie invited George for dinner over warm wine and other goodies; the Tuckers reported they are enjoying their tour and sent their best to all the Class.

In early May, on TDY to Ft. Leavenworth, I found Bob McNeil busy in the Department of Command. Bonnie cooked us a delicious meal and we sat and reminisced all the way



1947: George A. Lynn presents the class sabre to son, George A. Jr., the first graduating class son.

back to the gay Ft. Riley days. Bob expects to be at Leavenworth at least another year.

Two new retirees have come to my attention: Frank Berger retires this summer and will stay in the San Francisco area where he has been working the last 3 years as San Francisco District Engineer. Don Burton, who heads the Army Reserve Office at Durham, N.C., also plans to retire but has not announced his future location.

Marge Anderson has been in the hospital at Walter Reed for the last 6 weeks and was due to come out in mid-June. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

Vietnam Comings and Goings: Carroll Jacobson is off to Vietnam this summer from Ft. Leonard Wood. He will be 24th Corps Engineer. Lou Rachmeler extended for six months in Vietnam. Will be home in Dec. or thereabouts. Jack Dunham is back from Vietnam and assigned to OSD. He and Lannie will probably be spending all their free time on the houseboat. Jack Faith is taking up residence at CDC, Ft. Belvoir, following his Vietnam tour.

Bill and Betty Conger returned from England in May. He's off to Vietnam, and Betty will spend the year with her folks in La. John Culin goes to VN in Oct. Bob Montague, returning from extensive tours in VN, reports to the Pentagon where he'll be Army Coordinator of Studies in Assistant Vice Chief of Staff's office in July.

Social notes: The ladies have passed me a few distaff items. Bill and Ann Cooper's daughter, Marianne, was married in Baltimore on 13 Jun. The Pete Boergers and Haskins attended from Washington. Also, from Carlisle comes word that Bing and Davy Perry's daughter, Christine, was to be married on 28 Jun.

Miscellaneous: Dean Gausche arrived for duty at U. of Calif. this spring where he will be a Professor of Aerospace Studies. Jim Ryan is now in Balboa, CZ, where he was recently decorated with the BSM for meritorious service in Vietnam. Jim is commander of the 1158th Technical Operations Squadron, Albrook AFB. Tom Benson goes from DCSLOG to JCS this summer. Dick McAdoo returns from Korea to Washington where he'll be working in OCE. Finally, there are rumors that Wally Veaudry is going to Carlisle to join the staff and faculty.

That brings us up-to-date. Hope everyone has a good summer. Don't forget that card or letter to me gets your name in print!

Rather sparse news this time, but I guess it is understandable. With the 20-year book in your hands you have a wealth of information on most of the Class. I have extra copies of the book should anyone want one. Cost is \$12.00. My address is above.

Bob and Phyllis Hallahan have moved back to Washington after their year at Carlisle. New address is 1815 Midlothian Court, Vienna, Virginia 22180. Bear Brennan sent along the accompanying picture of a contingent of '48ers about to leave on a Mississippi River inspection trip. Left to right are Jim Richardson, Tammy Richardson, Oscar Kochtitzky, Ann Brennan, Jean Kochtitzky, and Bear. Oscar is successfully involved in real estate, investments, and lately banking in Little Rock. Bear extends a Southern hospitable welcome to all. Let him know at PO Box 60, Vicksburg, Miss. 39180, when you are on the way.

The Class is losing its grip on the front offices of the USAF. Dick and Dorothy Miner have moved to 5615 Oak Valley Road, Kettering, Ohio 45440. Irv and Ann Schoenberg also go west to Wright-Patterson AFB, and Bob Pomeroy is at ICAF.

ICAF's brochure for 1968-69 carries a picture of Buck Borg bowling at the Ft. McNair alleys. His opponent looks familiar, but I couldn't come up with a name.

Through the good offices of Sid Berry we can share Jeanne and Frank Cancelliere's big moment as they pin gold bars on Frank Jr. at the commissioning ceremony on 15 Apr at Ft. Benning. Anne and Sid flank the proud trio. Heartiest congratulations to parents and Lt. Cancelliere.

Jack Doody has left for Vietnam for his second tour. He and Donn Starry are gluttons for punishment.

For those journeying to the Southwest, Sam Hurt, while still in Midland, Tex. 79701, has a new box number: 1874.

For those who haven't heard, I regret to report that Dave Mallett's father, General Pierre Mallett, died last spring. The Class extends its sympathy to the entire family.



1948: 48er's about to leave on a Mississippi River inspection trip. Left to right are Jim Richardson, Tammy Richardson, Oscar Kochtitzky, Ann Brennan, Jean Kochtitzky, and Bear.

Patsy Blakeslee has already moved to Mount Dora, Fla. 32757, and awaits Jim's retirement, and arrival at "Happy Gate" 593 First Avenue. Good luck on the new enterprise.

The Washington group finished the social season with a moonlight cruise on the Potomac. Starting with food and drink at Ft. Belvoir, the revelers then boarded the boat for 5 hours afloat with dancing and drink. We were signed up to go but gave out at the last moment from the strain of digging out from our recent move.

Sorry to be so bereft of news, but you are the ones that make it and tell me about it. And, please, don't be too disturbed if I fail to answer you right away, or if I fail utterly. I try.

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The big news for this issue is that our action-packed 20th Reunion has come and gone. It was a success in every way. Some 97 classmates and 80-plus wives attended all or part of the four day activities. Attendees: Calif. — Bill Ross, Ken Main, Dan McGurk, Al Goering, and Mike McNamee; Albuquerque — Jack Rust and Red Ronald; Fla. — Jerry Lauer, George Sylvester, Joe Thompson, and Ed Wilford; Tenn. — Bill Earthman and Bob Sanders; Atlanta — Goble Bryant; Iowa — Bob Barton, and Ralph Raabe; Tex. — Charlie Cheever, Jack Hammack, Perry Hunnicutt, and Steve White; Denver — Jack Wogan; Richmond, Va. — Bucky Corley; Gary, Ind. — Art Gerometta; Idaho — Griff Jenkins; N. J. — Bill Marfuggi and Ev Yacker; N.C. — D. D. Overton; Mich. — Gerry Van Westenbrugge; Boston — Jack Kiely, Tim Cronin, and Jack Finley; Newport, R.I. — Jack Cox and Clyde Bell; Philadelphia — Hugh Kinney and Bill Stemple; Carlisle, Pa. — Tiger Howell, Bob Nulsen, Bill Kennedy, Dick Stauffer, and Bill Lowrey; Upstate N.Y. — Bill Gustafson, John Hawn, and Jim Scholtz; Just back from SEA — Rollie Peixotto; N.Y. — Frank Bondurant, Stan Ellerthorpe, Pat Kimball, Ray Klemmer, Andy Lay, Joe May, Matt Lampell, Ted Wagner, Jim Rice, Joe Steffy, and Lou Zickel; Washington Area — Jack Albert, Bill Bumpus, Dick Connell, Hill Dickinson, Ted DeMuro, Al English, Bob Ennis, Al Fagg,

Mark Finnegan, Carl Fitz, Harry Griffith, Frank Hinchion, Web Ivy, Bill Lake, Russ Lamp, Charlie Lehner, Bill Liddicoet, Jack Madison, Jack Magnotti, Tom Marsh, Amos Mathews, Dean Meyerson, Walt Milliken, Bill Moore, George Orton, Bill Lambert, Bob Pfeiffer, Pat Donohoe, Bob Pursley, Ernie Roberts, Bob Springer, Lee Surut, and Murray Williams. All of the above are indebted to our West Point contingent who did an outstanding job in arranging the activities of the week. At West Point are Gil Kirby, Bob Kemble, Bill Luebbert, John Mackert, Stu Martin, Ralph Puckett, Collier Ross, Dick Tallman, Ray Battreall, and Jim Holt. '49er events intermeshed with the regular Alumni functions included a class picnic at Mine Lake to open festivities on Wednesday; on Thursday, a wives open house at classmates' quarters, guided tours of the new facilities, and an outstanding garden cocktail party at Joe Steffy's home in Newburgh; on Friday, a large contingent turned out to decorate classmates' graves in the morning and a class picnic on Constitution Island occupied the afternoon and early evening. The final event was a class dinner held at the West Point Farms in Cornwall on Saturday evening followed by fond adieus and promises to be back for the 25th.

Jim Holt headed the ceremony at West Point on Memorial Day for our deceased classmates buried there. Graves decorated were those of Schuyler Brandt, Bob Butler, Jay Carey, Dick Carvolth, Sam Coursen, Court Davis, Fred Eaton, Tom Hardaway, Reed Jensen, Wayne Moore, Fenton Odell, Jerry Paden, Bill Paull, Bob Shebat, Mahlon Smith, George Tow, Harry Ware, Bill Wilbur, and Jack Ford. (The base dining hall at Pleiku has been recently named The Wallace A. Ford Memorial Hall.)

At the same time, Bob Swantz headed a Washington contingent at Arlington Cemetery decorating the graves of Joe Giddings, Munro Magruder, George Smythe, Bill Smith, Doug Bush, Jim McDaniel, Bob Ritchie, John Latimer, Bob Littell, and Ralph Bufington.

Joe Henry has been decorated with the DFC and the AM for outstanding achievement in SEA. Clay Buckingham is comdr of the 2d Bde 2d Armor Div at Ft. Hood, Tex. Tom Crawford is now Dir of the Direct Air Support Center at Nha Trang AFB in Vietnam. Bill Dederich is flying B-57's in Vietnam and completed 100 combat missions in April. Chuck Reed has assumed command of the 41st Tactical EW Squadron in Thailand. Chuck commanded the same squadron ten years ago at Shaw AFB in S.C. Harry Griffith leaves Wash. in June to take over an Eng Gp in SEA, and Jerry Lauer leaves STRICOM in Fla. to take a Bde in Korea. Jack Cox is remaining at the NWC in R.I. as a faculty member and will be joined this fall by students Clay Moran, Jack Cronin, Mike Steger, and Jack Madison. Other senior school attendees are Tom Crawford and Joe Henry at AWC at Maxwell; Frank Clarke, Al English, and Dick Rumney at the NWC; Bob Springer and Jim Coghlan at Carlisle and Bob Estes at ICAF. Chuck Olentine will take over this summer as CO of the Engr OCS at Belvoir. Expected back in Wash. this summer are Bill Nordin, Clint Norman, and Phil Feir, all headed for JCS assignments.

Collier Ross, Ernie Roberts, Rollie Peixotto, George Orton, Jack Cronin, Jack Carr, Murray Williams, Frank Hinchion and Dick Tallman (his second) all have sons entering



1948: Jeanne and Frank Cancelliere pin gold bars on Frank Jr. at the commissioning ceremony on 15 Apr at Ft. Benning. Ann and Sid Berry flank the proud trio.



1949: 49er children at Reunion.

West Point this year with the Class of '73 on 1 July. They join the three sons presently in the Class of '72: Paul Eaton, Steve Main, and Steve Tallman (who stands number one in academics after his first year.)

One last note has to do with the class business meeting held during reunion week. Following approval of a revised constitution, much of this session dealt with the selection of a class memorial to be presented to USMA at our 25th Reunion in 1974. A separate memorial fund committee was established with Bill Gustafson as the chairman. The committee will make recommendations to the Class on the establishment of the fund and its intended purpose. More information will be forthcoming before the end of the summer.

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By the time this arrives, I should be on my way to Vietnam, to be part of the Big Red One. Keep those cards and letters coming, folks, and use the home address shown above. Robin and I will keep the Post Office solvent, passing news back and forth.

Manley and Martha Rogers had a class reunion picnic in their back yard during June Week, and a good time was had by all. In Jul, as the Plebes congregated, we had two sons entering West Point with the Class of '73: Jim and Lamar Wheaton's boy Jay and Pat and Elaine Wilson's son Charles. Great! Is there anyone else we didn't know about? Late flash! Charlie and Joyce Kuyk's son Tracy entered with the Plebes at the AF Academy.

Jack Lougheed called in May from Dallas where he is with the St. Regis Paper Co. Also in Dallas are Emil Pohli, who is with Gifford Hill; Don Smith, who is with Texas Instruments; and Jack Shelley. The Lougheed's address is 11205 Cotillion Dr., Dallas, Tex. 75228.

Jack Hendry brought me up to date on the '50 crew at Leavenworth. Al and Mary Jennings went there from USAREUR; Norm Hubbard and Bob Chambers were to be re-assigned this summer, Norm on an accompanied tour to Thailand. At the Founders Day dinner there, a few AF files came down from Offutt AFB: Bob Abelman, Ed Batchelor, and Ralph Ritteman.

Had a newsy letter from Bill Steinberg in May; Bill has been aide to General Abrams and is due to get a Bn. In the course of his travels with the General, he's seen: Ace Barker, Comptroller's shop MACV; Jack Mackmull, who has an Avn Gp in IV Corps; Dean Schnoor and Frank Henning, who have Bns with the 173d; Francois Therrien, Asst G4 I FF; Bob White, Asst to CO Cam Ranh Bay Spt Cmd; Dick Wyrough, Sr Advisor to the VN Mil Academy at Dalat ("You should see his villa."); Win Skelton, Sr Advisor, 23d ARVN Div; D.B. King, Avn Sec MACV; Jim Thompson, Asst to AMB Colby, soon to leave for V Corps, Germany, where he will take over an Engr Gp; Roz Round, Mil Assistance MACV who just finished having a Bn in the 82d; Sam Smithers, in charge of RF/PF program in IV Corps; Bob Gard is C/S of the 9th Div; Jack Crittenberger has the 3d Bde, 9th Div; Ross Franklin, Dpty Comdr, 173d; Ray Maladowitz had a Bn, now is a Bde Dpty with the 1st Air Cav; Bob Reed, Info Officer, I FFV at Nha Trang; Hunter Passmore, J3 at MACV; Harry Dodge, Sr Advisor to an RF Tng Center in the Delta; Lonnie Lumsden, IG, MACV. That's quite a list, Bill, and thanks a lot.

In Mar, Tom Fife went to Hawaii on his quarterly business trip. While there, Stan Stanton took Tom sailing, and they had quite a night on the town.

Only one baby arrived on the scene since last issue, and this was a boy for George and Carol Patterson, John Patrick Patterson arrived 25 Mar 69, weighing 10 lbs, 6 oz. George and Carol also have one daughter.

Frank Duggins finished up as Com of the USMA Prep School at Belvoir this summer and has been assigned to the Army Research Office in Va. Phil Bolte was wounded in the leg, but went back to duty with the 1st Sqdn of the 1st Cav; he arrived home 8 Jun and will go to Carlisle this Fall. Bob Hoisington left D.C. for WP this summer, where he will be working with Gus Dielens, Director of Athletics.

John Goldsmith has a Bn at Ft. Sill. Dick Trefry is not coming to DC as previously mentioned, but will go to Ft. Hood. Robin and Maure Maresca came home from Thailand in Jul; Maurie will be PMS at the U. of Maryland, and to quote his letter, "At last I'm going to get some combat command." Some of Bob Abelman's friends were happy to see him in DC in Apr. Jack and Marcy

Kulpa moved to Wright-Pat AFB where he is Director of the Avionics Lab.

Dave Meredith is making great progress since his return to the US after being wounded. At this writing he is not back on duty yet, but it shouldn't be long. Bobbie Wallace wrote a book for children called *Claudia*; it was published by Follett Publishing Co., and she has a second book coming out in the spring of '70. Al and Bettie Griebing left Belvoir where Al was Com. of the OCS School and have gone to Thailand. Phil and Jean Harper gave up their spacious house on the Bay, to go to Ft. Lewis where Phil has a Bn.

At a recent A-1 party which Judy and Ed Reidy had, a number of '50 people got together; Po Cornay, Stan and Joan Fye, Nate and Boe Gallagher, Sid and Mary Hinds, Charlie and Joyce Kuyk, Sam and Barbara Lockerman, Roy and Judy Lounsbury; they did a lot of reminiscing!

Frank and Frances Thompson are on Midway Island, due to rotate this summer. Ray McCauley is working on a Law degree; he and Lis and the children are at Langley AFB, and we saw them recently when they were in the DC area.

Dick Drury received his 3d award of the AFCM at Tan Son Nhut AB, VN in Apr. Bill Curry was presented with the AM at Da Nang AB. John Fox received his Ph.D. in Apr from Columbia U. He left WP in Jul for VN where he will be CO at the Advisor School at Long Binh.

Our comrades in VN: Ted York is at Pleiku AB. John Brinkerhoff has an Engr Bn with the 4th Inf Div. Ken Ebner is with MACV in Saigon; Loris and KR are in Hawaii for the year. Ed Kennedy is with IV Corps in the Delta. Jack Allen went to the Comptroller's Office, MACV Hq in May. Clyde Clear went to VN from VMI this summer where he was with ROTC; Mary Lou will wait out the year in Lexington. Art Shemwell went to VN from Stuttgart; Joan will be in Hawaii while he's gone. Stan Fye is to be the XO of the 108th FA Gp, and he'll be arriving in country the end of Aug. Leo Romaneski, who has the 168th Engr Bn, keeps us informed on classmates he sees: Hawk Chapman at II FF Hq where he is Psyops officer in the G5 Sec, G. P. Kelley who is Dpty Engr with II FF, and Dick Lewandowski who is Asst G2 at the same Hq.



1950: Lou Genuario, who is building Mall Tunnel Complex below Capitol Hill, briefing Public Roads Committees of the House and Senate on completion of the first phase of D.C. highway system.

Our request to have the 20th Reunion at Homecoming in 1970 has been approved, so start making your plans, and please help those who may need you. The 20-year book will need cooperation from all of us. One thing some of you may want to consider, since this issue will be reaching you sometime about late Aug: how about getting a Christmas picture taken of your family this year? And it doesn't have to be a formal portrait done by a photographer. Get a neighbor to give you 20 minutes of his time some Sunday afternoon, take 10 or 15 snapshots, and it will all be over and done with—and then you'll have your picture for the 20-50 book. How about it?

D.S. and Jane Wilson's friends will be saddened to know that Jane died 26 May 69 due to complications after surgery. We all extend our heartfelt sympathy to D.S. and to Walter 17, Brad 15, and Lawrence 12. Jane was buried at Arlington on 29 May, and many classmates and wives attended the service. D.S. can be reached in care of Maj. Gen. D. S. Wilson (Ret) 3488-B S. Utah, Arlington, Va. He will be here for the next year at least, for he has been assigned to Ft. Belvoir. He and the boys will be living in Springfield, but that address is not available at this time.

When you all have settled down at your new posts, drop me a line and let me know where you are.



1951: Commander of the 316th Tactical Air-lift Wing, Langley AFB, presents AM to Fred Henney who flew a C-130 in Vietnam.

I've still got that "quorum" on my mind—in addition to associates Bill Anderson, Chet Bobinski, Buddy Hoff, John Kark, and John Rogers, classmates at WP include Chuck Canham, John Daigh, and Bill Stockdale (Don Peifer is off for RVN). But get this—John Hook (C-2) obviously is trying to equal Dick's (of the C-store) record because on his return from Vietnam, he's going back to WP for his 5th or 6th tour.

Mary and Bill Richardson's son Bill, who finished high school in 3 years, has won an Army Merit Scholarship and will enter Princeton in the fall. Congratulations to all 3!

Roland Tausch and Paul Hilty are in the Province Senior Advisor Program. (Bill Thomas may be, too.) Paul's still in school in Washington; Roland is in Vinh Long Province in the Delta. Gerry writes that she and the young Tauschs love the Philippines where they will live for 18 mos. The girls of the family stay busy helping with patients in the hospital at Clark AFB or with those who pass through.

Could tell from the rather jerky penmanship that Bruce Robertson had been in command for a long time—18½ months with the 2d Bn, 70th Armor in Germany and at Ft. Riley. He and Sue now go to OCRD, but leave Ingrid and Jack Stahl to welcome Margaret and Dave Phillips to the 24th Div.

Marie Foss is staying in Framingham, Mass., while Pete is in RVN—he's been XO, 3d Bde, 82d ABN, but may have the Spt Bn by this time. BV (B-4 Vietnam), they were in Kaiserslautern, Germany living next door to Toni and John Hill. Since Dec though, Jack's been commanding an arty bn in Giessen. Pat and John (Randy) Hook (Pete's first "wife") moved down to K'slautern from Schweinfurt about a year ago. The Fosses spent last Thanksgiving with Barbara and Tom Aaron in Aschaffenburg—shades of old 11th ABN days.

I got to Brussels, Heidelberg, and Stuttgart on a boondoggle in May, and either saw, talked with, or learned the following: Otto Doerflinger has a 155 Bn at Butzbach, but was in Grafenwoehr at the laundrymat when I got in touch with him. In the olden days, we used to TRAIN at Graf, wear dirty uniforms, and drink schnapps out of dirty glasses. Guess Graf's gone the way of the Corps. Anyway, believe that John Byers has a bn in the 14th ACR, perhaps in Bad Kissingen. A sergeant at the ACR Hqs said he'd never heard of LTC Byers despite the fact that a USAREUR roster says he's there. After commanding an 8" bn in Baumholder, John Lewis has moved to the big hqs in H'berg. Danny Myers, Dave Bills, and Art Scalise

are there, also. Art had just returned from a week in Italy.

One of the most pleasant parts of my trip was having dinner in Stuttgart with Ruth and "T" Nance. Ruth's taking the kind of college course I would like—she's studying history; the Class takes a trip to some historical place each weekend, and if you make all the trips, you get an "A". Just started wondering if she's taking American or Oriental history. "T" says John Cousins and Kari Peltz are commanding engr bns somewhere in Germany.

Ken Hite, who pinned on his eagles in early May, writes that John desIslets is the dpty base cmdr at Hahn AB, Germany. John expects orders soon to SEA. After commanding an F-4 tactical fighter sqdn at Hahn, Ken, who previously logged 100 missions in an F-105 over NVN, is heading for the NWC.

Naomi and George Hardesty are now settled at Carlisle Barracks where he is on the faculty. Pat (f) says Pat (m) Pattillo will be back in the States on leave shortly before returning to RVN where he is to command a bde. Fran and Ed Partain have moved back into their house in Springfield—Ed's going to ODCSOPS.

Understand that many classmates applied for the "senior officer" openings in the Army Avn Program. Board is meeting now, so should know by fall issue who, if any, got it. Perhaps we shall know by the next deadline results of Army 06 board that is also meeting now.

Mary and Dan Foldberg are at Carson where Daniel has a bn. At each of the parties held in Washington, invariably the subject of moving the class "seat of government" down to the Potomac comes up. Walt McMahon mentioned in the last column that originally it was not planned to do so for 2 more years—that is, until after our 20th Reunion. Obviously there is growing sentiment that perhaps we should move it earlier. If you have any "druthers," let Dan know.

At the Washington spring party arranged by Clara and Tom McMullen, the "purple shaft" was passed to Scotty and Ron Roberge, who already have arranged a steak cook-out at Andrews AFB Golf Clubhouse at 2000 hrs, 6 Sept. Y'all come! At the spring party, observed, either accompanied or unaccompanied as appropriate (I trust), were Akers, Antila, Barber, Bashore, Beczkiewicz, Bicher, Birdseye (you know, I thought Alice and El were our most recent parents, but Irene and Bud Conti have beat them out. Can anyone top the Contis? No pushing, please!), Boatner, Bohlen, Buck, Corrigan, Coughlin, Crocker, Cuny, Danforth, Dean, Ewing, Evans, Galligan, Gildart, B. Holle, Irving, Jacobs, Jeans, Sully Johnson, Bob Johnson, Keesling, Lackman, Lemnitzer, Lombard, Lukert, Matney, Mac McLean, McMullen, Meighen, Meyer, Otten, Owens, Pattillo, Peckham, Peloquin, Peter, Jim Phillips, Irv Reed, Roberge, Dick Ryan, Mel Snyder, Thomas, Toole, and Woodley.

For those who may not have seen the last issue, let me repeat plans for the Navy game this year. Come by the Defense Personnel Support Center (QM Depot) in Philly at 1100 for a pre-game drink. We'll regroup there after the game for a victory celebration—then those who will may go as a group to Bookbinder's or some other mutually-agreed-upon restaurant for more libation and dinner.

By the time you read this, Buz Aldrin will really understand the song Nancy Sinatra made famous about boots. On his boondoggle, he took with him our admiration, good wishes, and prayers.

'51

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Am curious to find out which "friend" classmated me when the quorum of probably, at most, a half dozen got together at the WPAM last Jan for a shot of Hadacol and class executive committee elections. The only way I can achieve revenge is to attack each one of them in print—and I might just do that!

Hate to begin my tenure as Scribe with what I know is a tactical, if not strategic error; namely, listing some of the many associate members of our Class who have contributed significantly to our group. Of course, ones I can mention are not only limited to those I knew when stationed at WP, but of those, to ones I can remember, a process that is getting harder now that I have reached 39. Still, Buddy Hoff (who has been working for the class in one capacity or another for about ten years, and is still doing so), Lloyd Manjeot, Andy Mansinne, and Bill McDonald certainly are typical. To such a group, we must now add Walt McMahon, who bravely (or indiscreetly) agreed to write this column for a year and a half when no classmate would undertake the task. He is most deserving of a sincere vote of thanks. I expect before it's over, my admiration for his contribution may increase. So from all of us, Walt, warm thanks!

Well, let's get on with it.

Jim Semmens, who is now civil engr supervisor for TECCOS Co., finds retirement great. He writes from Seoul that he was the only '51 representative at the Founders Day dinner and "... had to sit next to a 'Crabtown '51' envoy, which was really a shame."

Wayne Miller mentioned having seen Ted Griesinger recently in London. Understand that Ted, who now makes his home there, just might overtake Paul Getty and become the richest American in England. Continued good fortune, Ted.

Will close with some random bits. Gloria Snyder has been staying in Cordova, Calif. while Howie commands an Inf bn in the 9th Div. Rose Costanzo is staying in Arlington while Al is serving with the Engr Construction Agency in RVN. Sam Dickens has recently completed his 200th F-100 combat mission in SEA. Bill Bradley got orders changed from Korea to 101st in RVN. After school this year, Bob Hyatt is going to OJCS and Harry Lombard is Okinawa-bound. Francis St Mary has reported to CDC at Belvoir, and Joe Sites has gone to Italy. Lee Torseth will be able to keep Jim Semmens company on Founders Day next year. Marilyn and Dan Sharp are at the Navy War College in Newport. Finally, Lou Casbon can help Dan Foldberg with the deluge of mail he's certain to get on the subject of the class' "capitol."

As Southern Bell sez, if you don't have time to write, phone! Send me your goodies via AUTOVON, Pentagon ext 78859.

Thanks again, Walt! You, Jim, and Lee have a blast next 16 Mar.

'52

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Don Swygert writes that the Americal Div was overrun by '52 this spring, much as the 25th Div was when Bert Stubblebine reported from there last fall. On the div staff Hank Lowder was G1, Dave Lyon the G4, and Sam Wetzel the G5. Bn comdrs included Al Dombrowsky (1/6 Inf), George Underhill (1/46 Inf), Jack Pilk (3/16 Arty), and Don Swygert himself (26th Engr.). Working in the Americal's area was Gil Burns, commanding the 19th Engr Bn, 48th Engr Gp. We also hear that Dick Wiles commanded 2/9 Arty in the 4th Div outside of Pleiku.

With the AF in Vietnam, Bert Freeman was still flying his F-100 out of Tuy Hoa at last report. George Rule recently returned from a tour at Tan Son Nhut and is now asst prof of English at the AF Academy. George has an M.A. from Stanford, and is now a Ph.D. candidate at U.S.C. Over in Thailand, Clint Winne and Frank Keilt are both stationed at Ubon. Clint flies an F-4 with the 25th Tactical Fighter Squadron and recently received a DFC for taking command of a flight when the original leader's navigation system failed. Clint led the flight in to bomb the target successfully. Frank also flies a TAC fighter, but I have nothing more specific on him.

From Germany, Ron Obach writes that the Heidelberg Founders Day dinner was brightened by the presence of George Grayeb, Carl Guess, Harry Lamp, Warren O'Sullivan, Gordie Pahre, and Jim Pettit. Ron commands the 447th Sig Bn and is expecting orders to Vietnam soon.

Here in the States, Clyde Snodgrass is a missile launch officer in the 351st Strategic Missile Wing at Whiteman AFB, Mo. The 351st has just won the AF Outstanding Unit Award. John Shy is at the U. of Mich., but is going to Europe for a sabbatical year. He will be doing research in military history, one of the areas of history that he teaches at Michigan. Tom Ashton will be going to Portugal for an extended family vacation, leaving Eastman Dillon Co. to figure out what happened to the stock market.

From Washington, Tom Dowler writes that King Coffman was admitted to Walter Reed last spring with a growth on his lung, but happily it went away—undiagnosed and

unexplained by the doctors. Tom thinks that the prayers of King's many friends might explain his recovery. Tom left the Engr School in Jun for a stint with the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff at Offutt AFB. There he replaced Jim Maloney, who left for Vietnam after 3 years at Offutt. Jim Sullivan reports that the May luncheon of the West Point Society of D.C. was attended by Mike Juvenal, King Coffman, Speed Hulley, Al Griffin, and Bill Raiford. Jim says that Al and Bill have worked long and hard for the West Point Society of Washington.

Newly arrived at West Point are: Paul Child (English), Art Deverill (Physics), Speed Hulley (PM), and Charlie Watkins (USMA staff). Leaving for Vietnam are Bob Ackerson, John Garver, Carter Lehman, Gil Scott, and Ray Wallace. Charlie Sell and Clyde Earnest have gone to Korea, and Al Corby to Panama. Ivan Mechtly went to Calif. (Santa Barbara) to study linear algebra in summer school. He says that after teaching it for 2 years, he felt it was time to learn something about it. Who can argue?

Thanks to the several who wrote in on the doings of the Class. Hope to hear from more after the summer shuffle.

'53

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On 1 Jun 1969, Frederic G. Agather was killed by enemy rocket fire while serving as an advisor in the 2d Corps area of VN. At the time of this writing, few details were available other than that he had been in VN since Feb, after a tour in Moscow as an asst attaché. Funeral services were held near his home in Minn. To all his family, particularly his wife Ginny and his children Virginia and Martin, we all extend our thoughts and prayers.

A letter from Ruth Brain arrived too late for the last column, but the info should still be good. She said that serving with Tom in the 101st in VN were Dick Boyle, Don Davis, and Joe Wilson. In the 9th Div were John Smythe and Bob Schroeder, with Cliff Worthy somewhere nearby. Lou Friedersdorff is on his way to VN this summer—Joyce and the children planned to stay at Sandia.

Bob Beverige wrote from Tuy Hoa, RVN, where he is flying F-100's, and invited any classmates in the area to stop by. He said Lillian and the girls were in Litchfield Park, near Luke AFB, Ariz.

A nice note from Pauli Smith Tomlinson announcing her marriage to Bill Tomlinson, Jun '43. She said she "would always feel a strong affection and loyalty to the Class of '53." We all join in wishing her and the children the very best. She visited WP briefly in June, along with Al and Jane Grum, to present the Rodney Smith memorial award.

Also visiting WP this spring were Rolfe Arnhyrn, Don Shaw, and Lee Gray. Lee is currently Director of quality and reliability assurance for the APOLLO Crew Service Module at North American. He is also a District Rep for USMA and said he would like to see any classmates who are near the Downey area of southern Calif.

A few assignments or changes gleaned from various sources. Some of these are scheduled for later this summer: To USARV; Bob Alexander, Art Brown, Jerry Brophy, Andy Simko, and from WP, Early Rush and Mike Kallman. To Korea; Dan Christman, Cary Hutchinson, and Bob Zargan. To Hq, USAEUR; Bob

Butler and Bill Jewell. To the Washington area; Vald Heiberg, Bob Crosby, Norm Delbridge, Jim Lammie, Sam Fisher, Charlie Zipp, and Rich Leonard. To the Army War College; Bob Ayers and Chuck Fiala. Ben Hurless to Ft. Knox, Wally Parker to Ft. Carson, and Bill Burdeshaw to the 82d Abn Div. Also saw that Felix Liveoak was the CO of the Ballistic Missile Dev. Test Unit, WSMR, N. Mex.

The results of the election of class officers from the Washington area have not been announced; so keep passing the news to me for the time being. Many thanks for your support this past year. Cheers!

'54

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Greetings, everyone, from your new Scribe. Don't let my address shake you, gents; for those of you who haven't heard, the old Dept of Mil Art and Engr has given way to a Dept of Engr and a Dept of Hist, the latter being, for the nonce, the Mil Art half of the old Dept of MA&E. Details of the reorganization will no doubt be the subject of a feature article very soon. Confusing? Relax. It's just progress.

There's nothing but good news to report as of this writing (keep those wonderful cards and letters coming!). Ron Lee was recently sworn in as an Asst PG; Ron will direct the new Bureau of Planning, Marketing, and Systems Analysis for the U.S. Mail. Bloody good show, Ron; congratulations. By the way, is there any reason we can't have a mint flavored stamp?

Awards and decorations were numerous in recent weeks. Dan Hutcheson received the SS, the DFC, and eight AMs for gallantry and conspicuous service in aerial action over SEA. Pete Leone received the AM for meritorious service in aerial flight while serving in Vietnam with the 1st Bn, 35th Inf, 4th Inf Div. Pete is currently assigned to Hq, U.S. Army CDC at Ft. Belvoir. Hugh Robinson was awarded the JSCM for meritorious service while assigned as Army asst to the Armed Forces Aide to the President. Robbie recently graduated from the AFSC. Congratulations, troops!

In the news from here and there dept, Bill Clarke also recently graduated from the AFSC, and Dick Hobbs and Dave Richards



1954: Ronald B. Lee being sworn-in as the Assistant Postmaster General, Bureau of Planning, Marketing, and Systems Analysis. Oath administered by Supreme Court Associate Justice William J. Brennan. Mrs. Joyce Lee holds the bible for her husband in Washington, 7 May 1969.

completed the course at Leavenworth. The AF reports Stan Beck at Da Nang and Bill Egan at Cam Ranh Bay, while Bud Gurney reports that he, Jim Karns, and Carter Cobb are camping out at Udorn, Thailand. Dave Thoreson penned a note from Vietnam reporting that he is currently serving as G5 of the 4th Inf Div after having commanded the 2d Bn, 8th Inf. Dave is due to rotate, probably to Washington, in Aug. Dave further reports that Jim Burris is serving as the XO of the 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div, and Don Old is currently serving in I FF after commanding the 1st Bn, 8th Inf.

Frank Percy sent a very spirited letter from the convalescent ward of the Base Hospital, Fairchild AFB, of all places. It seems that some fink in the NVA got the range on Frank's command helicopter near Qui Nhon and effectively shot away both rotors. Frank was commanding the 1st Bn of the 503d Abn at the time. The inevitable result was an approach to mother earth rivaling "... a Dave Scott re-entry without a drag chute." A bit of tough luck, Frank, but I suppose even at that the Lord was with you. Frank reports that he will be marked "duty" in Jun or Jul and expects to be assigned to DESPER. We wish you a speedy and complete recovery, Frank, and keep up the fine spirit displayed in your letter.

Elliott Gritton writes that his employer, the Rocketdyne Div of the North American Rockwell Corp. recently did him a favor by transferring him to the vacation paradise of Reno, Nev., his old home town. Elliott has the exciting — and sobering — position of being the lead development engr for the lunar ascent rocket engine, PROJECT APOLLO. In other words, someone else will put the astronauts on the moon, but it's Elliott's job to get them off. No slips, Elliott! May I suggest two copies of Eshbach? Elliott invites all of us to drop by should we be out Reno way. I suppose we could hold the 15th Reunion out there just as well as here.

After having been happily married for 14 years, it never occurred to me that the Class had any bachelors left. However, a note from Ken Bell assured me that there were. But it is past tense for Ken and Bill Egan. Ken was married to Rosemary McCormick on 17 Jun 68 and Bill married Ellie Sixt on 29 Jun 68. In spite of the fact that it is now the occasion of your first anniversaries, best wishes, Ken and Rosemary and Bill and Ellie.

Planning continues for the gathering of the clan in Oct; hope to see you all then.

'55

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The West Point group had a lobster boil at Buckner in Apr which proved to be very successful despite the fact that persons to be unnamed recommended throwing the lobsters in the lake to keep them alive and fresh prior to the party. The result was a group of very unenthusiastic lobsters (one might even say they were dead). This seemed not to matter, however, and a good time was had by all. John and Joanne Lovell drove down from Vassar. As the photo shows, John has not yet affected a beard, but the sideburns more than compensate for that. (Vince Hughes' hand, incidentally is resting on his own knee!) Jim Torrence, Tom Horst, and John Martling have been elected president, entertainment



1955: Oscar Raynal, ordained into the Priesthood on 13 June.

chairman, and treasurer for next year and promise a warm reception to football season visitors.

The Washington contingent enjoyed a bring your own backyard cookout on 14 Jun hosted by Dick and Sally Bean. There was a good turnout. Carl Cathey was there, with Marcia, and is now a full colonel. Carl is just back from Thailand and on his way to the Army War College. John Sloan was present, en route to the next phase of his Soviet experience, this one in Garmisch. Bob and Sherry Welter were visiting (the Cardillos) from Ft. Eustis. Present from the D.C. area: Donalds, Goodwins, Lynns, Wards, Beans, Boorases, Chapmans, Dunaways, Enslows, Ginters,



1955: Del Jacobs who was presented the AFA Citation of Honor.

Herrens, Holbrooks, Josephs, O'Briens, Passafumes, Perkins, Raymonds, Bob Schmidt, Trobaughs, Barbara Blahuta, Eddinses, Devereauxs, Garns. Newly assigned there include Walt Campbell, Bob Brown, Gil Weden, Jim Eddins, Jim Devereaux, Art Follett.

Bill Carrington writes from leave in Montgomery that he has gotten a 3-year assignment to teach special weapons for NATO at Oberammergau. During Bill's SEA tour, Jo Anne finished up her degree in math and psychology at Huntingdon College in Montgomery and plans to do graduate work at the U. of Munich. Bill saw Mike and Betty Stevenson in Atlanta, where Mike is PIO for 3d Army Hq; Betty and Mike are awaiting their fifth. Speaking as one who knows, lots of luck!

Bob Camp writes from VN where he has been USARV Reenlistment Officer. Having the opportunity to travel extensively, he reports seeing the following classmates: John Schick, S3 Long Binh Post; Leo Hergenroeder and Al Parker, Asst G3, HQUSARV; Vince Warner and Bob Strati, 1st Log Cmd; Don Andrews and Sid Mason, I FF V; Dean Longbottom, XO 2/94 Arty; Tom West, 34 GS Gp; Bill Sietman, Engr Tps Prov; Bob Johnson, Hq USARV; Joe Skaff, 1/27 Arty. Bob spent the first half of his tour as XO of the 2/320



1955: Lobster Boil at Buckner. Vince Hughes (assoc mbr), Joanne and John Lovell, Rich Miller.

Arty with the 101st. He has applied for civil schooling at Penn State.

Tom and Pat McGrevey stopped by WP en route to Ft. Holabird where Tom will teach (rather than take) a few lessons on counter-intelligence opns before heading back for his third tour in SEA, this time in VN, probably either as Chief of Counter-intelligence or as intelligence advisor to a corps area. The other tours were in Thailand, and they have just returned from 2 years there. Pat is going to sit this one out in Manchester, N.H. with the 2 children Meredith and Tom Jr. Tom is leaving Pat a large Thunderbird with license plates "MI"—which I expect will be fairly effective security.

Dan Malone is now Asst Army Attaché in Moscow. Dan reports he got the assignment by throwing away all his old Russian books—2 months later the letter from OPO arrived. Dan and Anne have 2 daughters Shannon (8) and Leslie (7) who will start Russian in school there this year and undoubtedly speak it better than their struggling parents in no time. Dan received the LM for his work at CDC during his previous assignment.

Del Jacobs received national recognition during the AF Assn convention in Houston this spring where he was presented the AFA Citation of Honor for advancing U.S. combat



1955: Chuck Flynn receiving his 2d and 3d DFC's from Lt. Gen. McNickle.

capability. Del was cited for his "outstanding contribution to the Air Force and the nation in initiating and directing development of an electro-optical system for improving combat effectiveness of fighter aircraft through advanced air-to-air recognition techniques."

Chuck Flynn received his second and third awards of the DFC in Washington, the second for extraordinary achievement as an A-1 Skyraider pilot in Jan 68 when he accomplished complete destruction of his assigned target during a strike mission, the third for his vital role in a successful 15-hour rescue effort of a downed Navy pilot.

Oscar Raynal, of the Society of Jesus, was ordained to the Priesthood on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, 13 Jun, at the Cathedral of Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mex. A concelebrated mass was offered with Oscar's 2 priest brothers, Hector and Charles, on 14 Jun. Our warmest felicitations to Oscar.

Bob Werner, who is an account exec for Merrill Lynch in San Antonio, has been elected to the Board of Governors of the WP Society of South Texas. Bob has been very active in promoting the well being of WP in the South Texas area.

Bill May writes from 4th Inf Div, VN where Bill Haas, Cliff Jones, and Jim Fiscus have also been assigned (respectively, S3 1/22 Inf, Asst G3, DIVARTY S3, and XO 2/35 Inf). Bill and Bill Haas swapped jobs in mid-stream. By the time this appears, Bill will be at C&GSC and Bill Haas at Norfolk.

There has been a notable and most encouraging increase in the volume of mail flowing in. Your letters are deeply appreciated and we are as yet in no danger of receiving more news than can be printed. Keep them coming.



1955: Dan Malone receives the LM from Brig. Gen. McKinney, DIA.

'56

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There have been few notes this past quarter, so I will use this space for the most part to catch up on Army and AF News Center blurbs about many of you. The decorations are being awarded at a rapid clip to '56ers. These are the latest I know about. Dick Lorey, the DFC and the AM, for his achievements as an HH-43 Huskie helicopter pilot with the 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sqn at Bien Hoa AB, Vietnam. Merrill Green, the DFC and 6 AMs for his fine record as a C-47 Skytrain pilot. Merrill is currently assigned as a staff development engr with Hq, USA, at the Pentagon. Jerry Werbel, the DFC, for his achievements also as a C-47 Skytrain pilot near Dong Ha, Vietnam. Jerry is now assigned as a staff development engr at the USAF Mil Personnel Center, Randolph AFB. Paul Dougherty, the DFC and his 3d through 19th awards of the AM, for his achievements as an A-37 pilot in Vietnam. Paul is now serving as a staff engr in a unit of the AF Log Command, Wright-Patterson AFB. Don Ernst, the AM,



1956: Jerry Werbel receives the DFC from Brig. Gen. Maloy, Deputy Commander, USAF Military Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Tex.

for air action as an asst flt cmdr at Da Nang AB. Denny Butler, the AF Outstanding Unit Award, for his work while a member of the 14th Aerospace Def Div at Ent AFB, Colo., to implement, coordinate, and direct the missile early warning and space defense mission of the North American Air Defense Command's Space Detection and Tracking System.

Lowell Smith was recently promoted to Lt. Col. while attending C&GSC, Ft. Leavenworth, as a student. Gerry Richardson has completed his studies at the Army Log Management Center, Ft. Lee, Va. Elsewhere, Bruce Wallace, Al Bowman, Rich Frederick, and Bob St. Louis are students in a 10-month program at the AFC&SC, Maxwell AFB.

Joel Hetland is on duty as a forward air controller at Da Nang AB, Vietnam. George Lynch is an F-4 Phantom pilot with the 559th Tac Ftr Sqn at Cam Ranh Bay AB. Bob Beyer, also an F-4 Phantom aircraft commander, but with the 366th Tac Ftr Wing at Da Nang AB, has recently completed his 209th combat mission in SEA.

Judy and Ted Grant are currently enjoying the atmosphere in New Orleans where Ted is completing his M.B.A. studies at Tulane. Ted has also been honored as President of the Tulane Business School Assn. The Grants have 3 children: Greg (11), Les-



1956: Don Ernst receives the AM from Lt. Col. Foster, CO, 390th Tac Ftr Squadron, Da Nang AB, Vietnam.

lie (8), and Lisa (4). They say New Orleans is a fun city, but even so, are looking forward to Ted's next assignment at Ft. Leavenworth.

Sam Lemmon, after 2½ years of teaching ROTC at Providence College, resigned his commission and joined Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Smith, Inc. He completed his training and became a stockbroker for the firm in Feb 69. Lynn, Leigh Ann, Julie, and Lindy are living in Atlanta. Their address is 1484 Rochelle Dr., Chamblee, Atlanta, Ga. 30341. Their phone is (404) 457-8522.

WEST POINT

June Week has come and gone, the Class of '69 has joined the Long Gray Line, the wedding surge has died down, the underclasses have temporarily departed, and a welcome calm has settled over WP's green and granite acres. The calm is more apparent than usual, however, and under the surface the Academy continues to throb as the preparations for summer training, the new Plebe class, and fall academics enter their final phase. Also under way is the annual summer personnel changeover which once again is taking its toll of a dwindling '56 group. As in the past few years, Vietnam is the big claimant, resulting, this summer, in the departures of Bud and Harriet Lewis, Randy and Ann Parker, and Charlie and Ann Saint. Charlie will be on his 2d tour.

Joining this year's C&GS contingent at Ft. Leavenworth are George and Barbara Woods and Art and Deet Harris, while Tom and Betty Bowes and the Palmers, Dave and Lu, head for Germany where Dave expects to command an Armd Bn.

Charlie and Pat Poole are giving up the Foreign Lang Dept for the Pentagon where Charlie is destined for DCSOPS. If guidance starts coming down to the field in impeccable German, we'll know what happened.



1956: Dick Lorey in the cockpit of an HH-43 "Huskie" helicopter.



1956: Paul Dougherty receives the DFC from Maj. Gen. Graham, AF Logistics Command.

The class farewell party was held at Round Pond shortly before June Week and, thanks to the efforts of Bill Crites and Jim Ellis (who together raised the art of rare hamburger cooking to new heights), was a roaring success. The water was a little too cold for swimming, but Dave Palmer, Charlie Saint, Dick Tripp, Jim Ellis and their wives formed the backbone of an impromptu entertainment committee that was still going strong when I staggered out sometime during the wee hours.

Had a quick visit with Ken Withers this past Apr when Ken was at WP as DA escort for Lt. Gen. Sir John Mogg, Commanding Gen. of Britain's Army Strategic Command. Gen. Mogg gave the annual Kermit Roosevelt lecture to the First Class. Ken reports that he and Myra find Washington to their liking and he finds his work in OACSFOR interesting and challenging, but would like to find a substitute for all that paperwork.

No members of the Class, as far as I know, came back for June Week this year, but Pete and Ginger Lash and family stopped off at the Crites' on their way from Leavenworth to Washington, D.C., long enough to see Pete's sister Margaret marry 2d Lt. Randy A. Wilson, '69 on 6 Jun. Pete has been assigned to the office of the C of SA. Marriage also brought the Woodmansee's up from D.C. as Jack's sister Linda was married to 2d Lt. James H. Ruwet, '69 the following day.

So be it for now. New arrivals from the Class are due in shortly, and I'll bring you up to date on them in the next issue. Football will soon fill the air, and I hope to see many of you at the games this fall. Maj. John L. Liwski.

'57

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Mary Ellen Pritchard wants to thank everyone who sent flowers or purchased mass cards for Walt, and she expresses her gratitude to the Class for the sympathy and consideration she received. The Americal Division has dedicated the Pritchard Library in a new chapel which was constructed during the time Walt was Commandant of the Division's Combat Center. The eulogy delivered at the dedication services read: "Walt was a warm and engaging man with a tremendous capacity of humor, feeling, and sincerity. He had a great energy and a strong and determined will. This unique chapel is witness enough to that. The guiding hand and spirit of the project was Colonel Pritchard, a very

tenacious individual. There is something of his spirit and tenacity that must be preserved in this House of Worship."

First, here is a run-down on the next assignments for the '69 graduates of CGSC. George Richardson, Les Bennett (2d tour), Bill King, Jay Toole, and Jim Jenkins are all in VN. Steve Glick, who won the Soldier's Medal while at Leavenworth for rescuing a family from their burning home, is with the 1st Cav. Carol waits in Lawton, Okla. Tom Hicklin is in the D.C. area. Mike Higgins is with CDC at Ft. Belvoir. Dan DeLany is studying engineering at the U. of Missouri. Max Kovel is at the U. of Calif. at Livermore working for a Ph.D. in Engineering Physics. Bob Alsheimer is studying Systems Analysis at the U. of Rochester. John Bloomfield is at Grad School at Syracuse. Don Bowman is at OPD, Inf Br, Ft. McNair. Bill Duncan is at DCSPER. Making the Paris scene is Dick Edwards, an Ecole D'Etat student. Bruce Glen is back at WP teaching physics. Ed Hickey is in the Planning Group, Post Hostilities Logistics, Opns, AMC. Joe House is with the Def Intel Agcy in the Pentagon. Art Johnson is in Psy



1957: Steve Glick receives the Soldiers Medal.

Opns in VN. Justin La Porte is an Opns Adv with MACV. The 57th Sig Bn at Ft. Hood has a new CO: Ray Ketchum.

T.B. McDonald is in ACS/Comm & Elect. Jerry Patterson is working on ABM research at the MIT Lincoln Lab, Lexington, Mass. The Legislative Liaison Officer at DA is Steve Quatannens. Bruce Stout is with the 1st Bde 5th Mech Div at Quang Tri. Maxine waits in Enterprise, Fla. Jim Swenson, a veteran of two tours in VN, is at Syracuse U. Bob Tener is an instructor in the Engr Dept at WP. Stu Wright is with Comm planning, Bldg 56, Naval Observatory, in D.C. Tony Albright is with the 68th Sig Bn in Nellingen, Germany. That's it for this year's CGSC grads.

Currently at Leavenworth are Sam Focer, Jim Edgar, and Wally Summers. Wally will return to Soc Sci at WP. The 11 Apr issue of Time contained a quotation from Wally. The article, which concerns the military's current reputation, reads: "Lt. Col. Wally Summers, a West Pointer now advising a Vietnamese Ranger Group, views the professional as a 'chivalrous romantic' who is caught in a crossfire between the 'calculated materialism' of many Americans and the 'hedonistic romanticism' of much of today's protest movement." I wish I had said that. Another candidate for Bartlett's Quotations is Tony Solberg. A recent NY Times article on the South VN Army contains: "Asked the secret of molding such men into top-grade units like the First Division, Lt. Col.



1957: Jim Murphy receives DFC.

Anthony Solberg, an American Academic Advisor at the Military Academy in Dalat, said: "Leadership. The South Vietnamese soldier is willing to be led. The problem is that we don't yet have enough men who are willing and able to lead." The Class has a small, but influential enclave at Dalat, consisting of Solberg, Leard, Circeo, and Friend. Bob Leard is XO of a prov arty Gp south of Dalat. When not building dams or crushing rocks, Lou Circeo advises the civil and mech engr dept at the VN Nat Mil Acad; hence, Lou works for oft-quoted Tony Solberg. Bill Friend is the logistics advisor to the acad and helps get the surveyor sets, wind tunnels, computers, and other eqpt needed to transform the acad to a 4-yr college. What, no English Dept?

Bill Murphy completed Bootstrap at GW U. in Jan 69. He received an MS in Pers Admin. Bill is currently at CGSC. Dana Mead is with G1, 1st Cav. Jack Apperson is with the 101st. Hal Jordan, as of last May, was XO of the 4th S & T Bn, 4th Inf Div. Bruce McDonough and Jerry Zabriskie are with USARV. Tom McCall is with OPO in DC. John McDonald, who recently completed a 15-month course in Systems Analysis at the U. of Rochester, is now at the Pentagon. Our first permanent appointment to the Faculty at WP is Chuck Radler. Chuck is an Assoc Prof in the Mech Dept, so we now have a perpetual rep at our fostering mother. Herk Carroll is with MA & E. Mac McCullom is assigned to the admissions office here at WP. Bud Krapf resigned this June and is working towards a Master's in Educ at Harvard. Bud and Connie's 5th child was born at WP on 31 May. Skip Perrine married lovely Diane Perry in July.

Jack Block has received even greater honors. In the last issue I mentioned that Jack



1957: Leard, Circeo, Solberg, and Friend at Dalat.



1957: Fred Freathy receives Air Medal.

was named Illinois' Outstanding Young Farmer for 1968. Since then, Jack has been adjudged one of America's four outstanding farmers. The national competition included 46 state winners. When Jack returned victorious from the finals, all of Knoxville turned out. The mayor gave Jack the keys to the city and congratulated him for receiving "the highest honor that has been won by a Knox County man in some time." George Kilishek and wife Sally now reside at 556 Mt. View Terrace, Dunellen, N.J. 08812. George is a plant manager for Johnson &



1957: Brig. Gen. Jannarone presents Sharon Vardamis with a \$25.00 savings bond as an award for her essay on patriotism.

Johnson and is currently organizing a program in Leadership Training for his supervisors. Jack Vickers recently completed the final two weeks at the Norfolk Staff College. All other students had to sweat out 5 months, but Jack, naturally, needed far less time to complete the course.

Air Force PR supplied me with the following: Mike Keating has flown more than 500 combat hours in U-10 aircraft in VN. Jim Murphy recently received his 2d DFC and 15 AMs for "extraordinary achievement"



1957: Mike Keating receives the Vietnamese Psychological Warfare Medal.

as an F-100 pilot. Jim provided "air support for friendly units under attack by a large enemy force and despite extensive enemy ground fire, delivered his ordnance with devastating effect against a heavily bunkered enemy target." Walt Rabe also won his 2d DFC as an F-100 pilot in VN. Bob Bateman, now at Nellis AFB, Nev., received an AM for "outstanding airmanship and courage as an F-111 pilot on successful and important missions under hazardous conditions." Bob Christiansen, now at Eglin, received 4 AMs for "meritorious achievement during aerial flight" during his tour in Thailand. What other kind of flight is there besides aerial?



1957: Gen. Gettys and Col. Tabar (left) unveil the plaque at the dedication of the Pritchard Library.

Exceptional wife & child dept: Sue House is one of '57's loveliest models. While at Leavenworth, Sue graduated over 100 girls from her charm school. Terry Murchison has become one of D.C.'s most enterprising and successful realtors. She is with the Thomas Bertke Realtors, 7700 Norfolk Ave, Bethesda, Md. 20014. Terry would be delighted to help classmates interested in finding a home in the D.C. area. She urges anyone interested to call collect (301) 657-8500, and she promises to find the best for the least. Carol Wright completed her M Ed degree



1957: Jack Block returns a winner from National Farming Contest. Sue and the children, Christine 6, Hans 10, and Cynthia 8, are on hand.

at the U. of Kansas. Bob Comeau's son Bob Jr is on tap for the next Olympics. He placed 3d in the Junior Olympics in the 50-meter free style for his age group. Bob is with JAC in Wash. I plead for more exceptional child and wife info. If you've got it, flaunt it.

'58

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The inevitable harbinger of summer, the great number of moving vans on post, has announced the annual turnover here at WP. The Class of '58 is on the downgrade num-



1958: Wally Ward receiving ACM at Ent AFB, Colo., from Brig. Gen. John R. Kullman, for meritorious service as Action Officer, Opns Div, G3 HQ Eighth Army, Korea. Wally is now a space systems plans analyst with NORAD.

erically, losing 14 members and gaining only 5. C&GSC and Vietnam got all the departures. Our spots of largest concentration are now the D.C. area, with about 60; Leavenworth, with about 40; and WP, with about 30.

Suzy Spurlock has asked that any gifts given in memory of Lon be given to the Sons of the First Division Scholarship Fund. Checks can be sent either to the national fund or to the WP fund—Suzy would prefer the latter. In the 1st case, make the check payable to "Sons of the First Division Scholarship Fund"; in the 2d to "West Point Branch, Society of the First Division"; in both cases, forward the gift to Maj. James I. Crowther Jr., Dept of Math., USMA, West Point, N.Y. 10996.

On 19 May 69 the executive committee, composed of George Lawton, Tony Nadal, Paul Bons, Fred Goodenough, and Corky Henninger met to discuss two important class matters: the deficit in the 10-year book account and the purpose and use of the class fund.

At present the 10-year book fund is in the red \$680.14. Although a portion of this amount is due to non-payment by 18 classmates from whom we are still trying to collect, by far the largest portion of the debt has come from increased postage rates, a larger number of complimentary copies to families of deceased classmates than anticipated, and the low initial price of the book. Nevertheless, the committee felt that the debt was honestly incurred, that the purpose of the book was in the best interests of the Class, and that Bob Giuliano's credit rating was in



1958: Wayne Hagberg receiving 1st OLC to his ACM (yes, an Air Force officer with ACM) from Gen. Ralph E. Haines on 2 May 69 for service while pilot and aircraft commander for CINC, USARPAC from July 66 to May 69. With him are his two sons, Aaron and Glenn.



1958: Jim Tilley after being presented his second award of the BSM with "V" at MacDill AFB, Fla., on 5 Feb for heroism in action in Vietnam on 11 Sep 68. Jim is with the Plans and Policy Directorate, HQ U.S. Strike Command.

jeopardy unless the Class took appropriate action to liquidate the debt to the printer. Accordingly, the committee voted unanimously to have the class fund assume the liabilities of the 10-year book, pay the remaining debt on 1 Jul, and attempt to collect from those classmates who have not yet paid for their copies. In addition, all those who received copies will be assessed an additional small sum (about 75 cents) to repay the class fund.

The 2d major matter discussed, the class fund, produced many good ideas concerning the purposes for and investment of the fund. No specific recommendations were made, however, pending two actions. The committee felt it advisable to contact classmates who are in the financial world and solicit their opinions concerning the best ways of obtaining the best return on the money. Also, they would like your opinions concerning the purposes of the fund. To date it has been used to purchase flowers for the funerals of deceased classmates and to make contributions in their memory to charities or funds the family designates. Other classes have also established trusts to educate children of deceased classmates and to purchase gifts for sons who graduate from USMA. In order to establish realistic financial goals for the fund, they need to know for what it will be used. This will determine what balance is needed at any specific time. They solicit all opinions, thoughts, or advice and hope to produce some concrete recommendations from them which will be published in an issue of the ASSEMBLY for a class vote. Please send your ideas to George Lawton, 509-A Tillman Place, West Point, N.Y. 10996 soonest.

The Washington D.C. group turned out 30 people for a picnic on 7 Jun at Great Falls, Va. Attending were Mary and Gary Kosmider, Helen and John Cook, Barbara and Bill Brower (Fagg), Ethel and Clyde Brown, Judy and Larry Bullis, Carol and Bill Stambaugh,

Kitty Bahnsen, Jim Hall, Dorothy and Jud Ellis, Barbara and Tom Sands, Marion and Bob Bunker, Harriett and Terry Connell, Peggy and Joe Luman, Dottie and Jim Castle, Gale and George Robertson, Judy and George Sibert.

AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY. Hugh Trumbull is now R & D Coordinator, Missile Development Div, Adv Ballistic Missile Def Agency, in Huntsville, Ala. He's living at Redstone Arsenal and guarantees a hearty welcome to any classmates in the area. Wally Ward is with NORAD as a Space Systems Plans Analyst. He recently received the ACM for meritorious service while in the Opns Div, G3, 8th Army, Korea (see picture). Tommy Thompson, who is with Hq ARADCOM in Colorado Springs, was in D.C. for a few weeks, TDY for an Opns Research Systems Analysis course.

ARMOR. Bill Clary will be joining the Foreign Lang Dept at USMA this summer after his year in Vietnam. Dick Graves de-



1958: Denny Sharon after being decorated with 2 DFC's at Udorn Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, for "aerial achievement as an F-4 Phantom pilot over North Vietnam." Denny is now in Washington, working in the Directorate of Operations, HQ USAF.

parts Washington for Vietnam this summer.

ENGINEERS. Sam Collins joins the Tac Dept, USMA, this summer from Leavenworth. Jim Hall was on TDY at Ft. Belvoir from the Great Lakes region for a short period. The hospitality of the Washington area people drew the comment that he "never had it so good"—must be nice! Randy Roenberg is reported to be returning from Vietnam and resigning in late Jun. He will apparently be staying in the D.C. area as a civilian. Alex Johnston left for Vietnam in Feb; he had assignment instructions for G5, 101st Div (AM), APO 96383. Joe Lupi joined the 554th Engr Bn in Vietnam in May. Grace is in Europe, but plans to return to Alexandria in Sept. Their son David was in a ceremony at the White House with President Nixon as poster child for the Assn for the Deaf.

FIELD ARTILLERY. Dusty Rhodes and Jack Madigan are both coming to WP this

summer: Dusty to ES&GS and Jack to Engl. Rube Waddell successfully completed the US Naval Test Pilot course at Patuxent River, Md., and is now on a 2-week field trip visiting various contractor facilities before starting at the AFC&SC in Aug. Paul Vanture has moved from S3, 4th Bn, 42d Arty (4th Inf Div), to the G3 Sec, 4th Inf Div, in Vietnam. He says he should return to the States just in time to see ARMY beat Oregon at Eugene next Fall. Jim Tilley received the 2d award of the BSM with "V" last Feb. He's now with STRICOM in Fla. (see picture). Charley Glover reports from Germany that he finally left ADA for FA in Jul when he left G4, 32d Army AD Command and became XO of a 155mm SP Bn in the 4th Armd Div Arty.

INFANTRY. Jay Stanton and Linc Jones are both going to the D.C. area this summer: Linc as aide to the VC of SA, Gen. Palmer, but we don't know Jay's assignment. Chuck Densford arrived in Vietnam in May for his 2d tour. Inf aviators are down to 20 months stateside, he says.

ORDNANCE. Jerry Betts reports to the Dept of Ord, USMA, this summer.

SIGNAL. Tony Bauer is in Vietnam with the 4th Inf Div. Dolores and the children are remaining in Alexandria (1913 Paul Spring Pkwy). Gary Kosmider is back from Vietnam working in the Pentagon (AVCSA, ADSAF, Rm 1D667). Clyde Brown is also in the Pentagon (OCSA SMD Rm 3C679) and has been active umpiring little league games in his neighborhood in Alexandria. He heads for AFSC, Norfolk, in Jan '70.

AIR FORCE. Dan Johnson reports that his 2d son has arrived and is named Olin. Following a tour in Vietnam (AFLC/Ln Office Engr), for which he was awarded the BSM, Dan is now at the U. of Colo. working on his Ph.D. in Astronautics. Paul Ruud has finished his Ph.D. at Texas A&M (in statistics) and is being assigned to USAF Academy in the Dept of Mathematics. Denny Sharon



1958: Norm Monson, Combat Crew Commander with the 341st Strategic Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Mont., participated in the SAC's combat missile competition at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., May 1969.



1958: Washington, D.C., group (see how many you can identify) at a 7 Jun picnic at Great Falls, Va.

was decorated with 2 awards of the DFC (see picture) and is now in the Pentagon working in the Directorate of Opns, Hq USAF. Jud Ellis is aide to USAF Chief Engr ("Admin Executive," if you please). Tom Conti got his M.S. from U.S.C. and is now a management engr at Hq, Aerospace Research, Arlington, Va. Joe McElroy is reported to be flying C-141's out of McGuire AFB. Norm Monson is with SAC as a combat crew comdr in the 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Mont. (see picture). Lee Fay was a student with the DIA in D.C. and is headed for Paris (this summer?) as Asst Air Attaché. Art Meyer received the USAF Commendation Medal for service while in Vietnam as Air Opns Officer at Tan Son Nhut. He is scheduled for reassignment to Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, for duty with the Mil Air Command. Gary Durkee is flying C-135's out of Patrick AFB, Fla., in support of the APOLLO space missions. Ken Phillips is TDY with the 4133d Bomb Wing in the "western Pacific" as Air Opns Officer. Ken's permanent asnt is with SAC's 92d Strategic Aerospace Wing at Fairchild AFB, Wash. Jack Bujalski is in Vietnam as a tac fighter pilot operating out of Phan Rang AB. He was previously assigned at Luke AFB, Ariz. Tex Lenart is at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, for pilot duty. He had just earned his M.S.E. degree at Ariz. State U. Jim Chapman is now at AF Hq at Tan Son Nhut in Vietnam. Gail and the children are in Alexandria (1701 Rollins Dr; zip 22307). Wayne Hagberg is in Vietnam with the 6520th Spt Sqdn, Tan Son Nhut AB where he will be flying with the RECIP Sec of SCATBACK opns, Hq, 7th AF. Wayne just completed an assignment with the 6486th Opns Sqdn at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, where he was pilot and aircraft comdr for CIC, USARPAC. He was awarded 1st OLC to his ACM for his performance in that duty (see picture). Mavis and the boys will be staying at 759 Panhumele Pl, Kailua, Hawaii, while Wayne is in Vietnam.

CIVILIAN. Bill and Barbara Brower (Fagg) were blessed with the arrival of their second son, but we have neither date nor name (Bill is the bearded one in the back row of the picture of the D.C. group; Barbara is the non-bearded one holding the baby in the 2d row). Larry Bullis is reported to have completed successfully his annual camporee of two weeks reserve duty at Ft. Lee. Mike Riordan has re-retired (late Mar) and has settled in the D.C. area. Hal Lyon departed the D.C. area in Jan where he was working with HEW and is now back at the U. of Mass. at Amherst. Joe Luman is working with the House Mil Opns Subcommittee and going to law school at Georgetown 5 nights a week. Norm Gustitis is with United Airlines, but apparently also has contacts in real estate.

Many thanks for your cards and letters. You are the ones who keep the column going (and the ASSEMBLY solvent), so keep them coming. If you have recent snapshots, stick them in the envelope with your note (with some kind of identification). The column depends (help!) upon its friends.



1958: From left to right: Helen and John Cook and Peggy and Joe Luman at the 7 Jun picnic at Great Falls, Va. (Rare hot dogs???)

After a decade of meeting deadlines, Joe Coreth has passed the quill in order to keep the class correspondence centered here at West Point. A vote of appreciation from the whole Class goes with Joe as he leaves his "nifty nook" in the English Dept and travels to further challenges with the 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav in Vietnam. Many thanks for a job well done!

Lee Nunn slowed down a St. Patrick's Day celebration long enough to record the assembled group at Leavenworth in the accompanying photos. Lee is going to the AF Academy to teach Physics. While there for an interview, he ran into Hugh Socks who, along with Ed Burba, is teaching Army subjects to the future "Blue Suiters." Hugh is also running a small (modified) jump school.

Johnny Cox stopped in during a trip here to talk with MP&L over a future assignment. He is presently finishing up a MS degree in Adult Ed and Public Admin at N.C. State U. After that, a second tour in Vietnam with the 1st Cav is on the agenda. Bobbie and the three little ones will remain at 3606 Invicta Dr., San Antonio, Tex. 78218.

Hugh Servis is presently finishing an internship at Fitzsimons Gen Hosp after graduating from medical school in June 68. He anticipates staying for a four year residency in general surgery. On 18 Apr Pat and Hugh celebrated the birth of their first child, a daughter, Laura Jane. Hugh invites classmates in the Denver area to drop by Bldg 713, Qtrs 158, Fitzsimons Gen Hosp., Denver, Colo. 80240.



1959: Reunion Keepsake.

The Home Town News Center seems to be keeping up with '59's finest. From the Air Force: Bill Callaghan, an AC-119 pilot, is now at Nha Trang AB, Vietnam after having served at Homestead AFB, Fla. Wayne Lambert, a B-52 Stratofortress aircraft comdr, earned the DFC for destroying heavily defended enemy arty positions which threatened the existence of the Marine outpost at Chuong Thien. He is presently with SAC at Columbus AFB, Miss. Dudley Moorhous, also a SAC aircraft comdr, is assigned to the 92d Strategic Aerospace Wing, Fairchild AFB, Wash. However, he is TDY to the 4133d Bomb Wing at a forward base in the Western Pacific and flies almost daily B-52 bombing missions against Viet Cong targets in Vietnam. From the Army: Dick Sundt is the new aide-de-camp to the 4th Army CG. After a tour with the Dept of Tactics at Ft. Sill, Dick and Agnete, together with small daughters Kathleen and Jacqueline, are now in residence at No. 5 Staff Post, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. Also at Ft. Sam, Gerry Noga



1959: St. Patrick's Day at Leavenworth. Top to bottom, left to right. Top row: Fred McConville, Jim Adams, Bob Evans, Bob Turner. Middle row: Gerry Stadler, Dave Cotts, Walt Brown, Lee Nunn, Tom McMorrow, Hank Larsen, Larry Burchell. Bottom row: Marsha Stadler, Mary Burchell, Linda McMorrow, Peg Evans, Caroline Turner, Linda Cotts. Kneeling: Peg Brown, Lucy Adams, Dot McConville, Brenda Larsen.

received the BSM for service with the 11th Armd Cav Regt in Vietnam. Bill Toskey, the Opns officer for the 554th Engr Bn, received a BSM for valor near Cu Chi, Vietnam.

This brings us to the doings here at West Point. For the most part these revolve around the recent "unofficial" reunion which attracted classmates and their wives from across the country. Distance records went to Dick and Dolly Harnly from Colorado Springs (NO-RAD) and Margaret Welch from Fla. I did not get to see and talk with everyone, but the group included: Arleigh Bell, Pete and Judi Dawkins (working on a Ph.D. at Princeton), Mike and Elizabeth Gabel (teaching Inf Tactics in the Signal School at Ft. Monmouth), Pete and Judy Keogh (lawyer with ITT in N.Y.C.), Steve and Christa Klein (studying at Syracuse U.), Rick and Elsa Kocienda, Tom Leo (teaching mngt to GM trainees in Tarrytown, N.Y.), Al and Mary Ann Phillips, Tom and Marti Roberts, Paul Sper, Otie and Maureen Tibbetts (resident doctor in Johnstown, Pa.), Pat Tomiczek, Linda Tyler, Steve Werbel (lawyer in N.Y.C.), Bob and Mary Ann Ranalli (with ATT in N.Y.C.), Norm Rosner, Dick Peffenbach (managing a small mutual fund on Wall Street), and Jack Morrison. I suspect that some will feel slighted with the foregoing, so drop me a note and I'll expand, correct, etc. in the next issue. Incidentally, Pete Keogh claimed the prize for having the most offspring, five, of those present. Can anyone in the class top that?

Bob Weekly and his reunion committees did a fine job of organizing and guiding everyone through a memorable June Week. Jack Smith, Jan Simpson, John Corby, and John Moellering headed the committees. This, of course, was only a warm-up for the official reunion which takes place 3-5 Oct as the ARMY Team plays host to Texas A&M. In addition, a cocktail party, dinner-dance, and Sunday brunch will provide opportunities to update address books and reminisce. Accommodations will be tight so get your

"druthers" in early to Maj Don Markham, 3d Regt. Dept of Tactics, West Point, N.Y. 10996. An attractive reunion keepsake has been commissioned. The Balfour creation in 10 Kt gold will be available as a tie bar, tie tac, or charm. Mail orders will be honored by Maj Bill Lehrfeld, OMI, West Point, N.Y. 10996. Come and see how the past ten years have treated your classmates and plan to enjoy a fabulous weekend!

The Dept of MA&E (along with the Dept of Ordnance) is no longer — hence the need for the modified address shown at the top of the column. "Keep those cards and letters coming folks."



1959: St. Patrick's Day at Leavenworth. Top to bottom, left to right. Top row: Jay Madden, Frank Besson, Dick Rogers, Don Smart, Irv Broocke. Middle: Ray Beurket, Greek Johnson, Darel Johnson, Don Eckelbarger, Bob Bowers, Jim Hahn. Bottom: Arlene Hahn, Elaine Besson, Pat Beurket, Mary Jane Johnson, Ann Eckelbarger, Penny Madden. Kneeling: Phyllis Broocke, Barbara Bowers, Joyce Smart, Sue Rogers, Kit Johnson. Absent: Skip Schow, Lew Martin.

Once again it is that time of year for the assorted pleasures of swimming pools, tennis courts, golf courses, and outdoor barbecues. It is also that time of year for the assorted pains of packing, moving, unpacking, and resettling. Most of us at WP expect to partake of the pleasures this summer (I suppose it is possible to combine both sets of experiences; Nancy and I never quite managed it), although several classmates are leaving and an even larger group will be arriving. With the single exception of Dan Smith, who will spend the summer studying Spanish at Middlebury in Vt. before he and Jitske leave for Middlebury's graduate school in Madrid for a year (after which he will return to USMA to complete his tour with the Foreign Language Dept.), all of the WP departees are going to Vietnam: John Berti; Bart Furey (Jane will live in St. Petersburg, Fla.); Stan Hickman (Sheila will live in El Paso); Les Langseth (Gerry will return to home base in Minn.); Bob Leech (Andrea will live in the antique house they have been restoring this year in Conn.); Zeke Miller (Peggy will be at 36 Fremont, Newark, Del.); and Bob Schiemann (I don't know where Margery is going).

Joining our convivial and expanding group here this summer are Dave Wilkie, Ed Deagle, Bob Marcinkowski, Phil Blake, John Hynd, Johnny Hubbard, Dan Campbell, Tom Haycraft, Denny Dice, Joe O'Keefe, Chuck Baker, Jere Forbus, John Blanton, Vic Letonoff, and Trent Crosby.

I ran into Debbie and Hank Carmean in the PX a few days ago. Hank just returned from Vietnam and has the delightful prospect of having nothing to do all summer until he reports for the Engr Advanced Course in Sept. I also saw Chuck Mandelbaum and Dave Hodge in Thayer Hall recently. They were participating in a Mil Opns Research Symposium in conjunction with their systems



1960: John Nix is Asst S4 of the 5th SFG, 1st Special Forces, Vietnam.

analysis assignments in the Pentagon. Jim O'Connell also attended the MORS and bunked with Peggy and Zeke Miller while he was at WP. Okie will return to Vietnam in late Aug, and Pauline will be living in Columbus, Ga.

Dick Schofield wrote in from Grand Rapids, Mich., where he, Marge, and Lynda (7), Rick (4), and Laurie (2) are settled permanently at 2612 Golfridge SE. Dick has been working as a manufacturer's rep for construction materials for 4 years out there, and while the job involves long hours, he says he loves it.

Nancy and Wayne Clay wrote again to keep us posted on the latest achievements of their Great Dane, who will be a year old on 1 Aug. Since the last issue, she has grown from 85 to 125 lbs. and from 28 to 32½ inches at the shoulders. Although they claim she doesn't eat very much (I shall suppress the details of the eating habits of large dogs), they admit to buying chow and ground beef in 50-lb. lots and horsemeat in 20-lb. pkgs. This diet, incidentally, costs about half as much as a canned meat product, and it apparently works, since she is winning prizes at dog shows. Reversing his estimate that Bob Platt was still a "merry old bachelor and likely to remain so," Wayne now advises that Bob fell in love with a Thai girl when he was in Bangkok. Moreover, she recently flew to Saudi Arabia to join Bob. Oy and Bob were married there by the British Consul (or somebody like that). The Clays have also heard from Tom and Sandy Koentop, who have purchased a home at 1810 Oakland Ave., Columbus, Ga. 31903. The Koentops saw Olin Thompson recently when he was in the Benning area giving a lecture at some college.

Not to be outdone in the dog business by the Clays, Susan and Tom Robinson wrote about their two Saint Bernards: Raggmopp (1-year-old, 150 lbs., 31 inches at the shoulders) and Mrs. Mopp (9-weeks-old and "fuzzy"

—no other statistics available). At this juncture, I suppose Mrs. Mopp bears the married title in name only, although they do plan to breed them someday. They acknowledge that "it will be quite an undertaking," which may well be the understatement of the year. In addition to the 2 dogs, their family includes Tammy (8), Dane (5½), and Wendy (2½). Tom left General Telephone, where he was a marketing coordinator, and now is back as an engr with Computer Sciences Corp. He expects to begin work on a Master's degree in EE this summer and asks for helpful hints from any of you who have gone this route. Their home, at 337 Grenola Street, Pacific Palisades, Calif. 90272, overlooks the ocean, so Tom is able to get in all the surfing that he can manage. He also has a Honda 175 "dirt bike" (whatever that is) "and will be riding it again as soon as the bruise (from his last fall) can bear his weight again." Tom and Susan invite any classmates in the area to stop by.

Ann Chapman sent in a note to announce Don's return in Jul from his current assignment as advisor to the 45th ARVN Regt in Ban Me Thuot. Don sees Bill Cary, who advises an Arty Bn, and when the Chapmans were in Hawaii in Apr, they saw Marge Bara, waiting for T.J., who has been with the 9th Div and who also is due home this Jul. Ann reports having seen our ex-classmate Bill McLaughlin occasionally. Bill was with Aerojet General in Los Angeles, but he has now started a company of his own to compete with them. The Chapmans, including Mike (8), Tom (6½), Laura (5), and Diane (4), will be at C&GSC at Leavenworth this year.

George Finley wrote to chide me for speculating about his wealth from artistic pursuits. Although he admits to making "some return," he pointed out in great detail how inexpensively he manages Doris's annual summer trips to her family in Germany. This year she will have a new baby to show off—Tobin Edward Finley was born on 1 May, joining big brother Stevie (3), who is learning German and English simultaneously. George enjoys his current assignment as an instructor for the voluntary ROTC program at the U. of Fla. (in Gainesville). He teaches freshmen, whom he finds "too young to grow beards and old enough to be interested and interesting." Despite (or perhaps because of) his claim that he doesn't make much on his prints, he included a plug for a new one concerning the experiences of the MACV advisor.

Jim Lincoln sent in a note announcing his completion of an M.B.A. degree at the U. of Pa. and his new assignment with the Management Information Systems Directorate, Office of the Asst Vice Chief of Staff. Jim and Genie had a 2d son on 7 Feb named Lawrence Joseph II (after Jim's father). They will be living at 523 N. Armistead Street, T-1, Saxon Square Apts., Alexandria, Va. 22312.

During a visit to WP in May, Carol Terry told me about a remarkable project sponsored by citizens of Fred's home county, Worcester, Mass. Believing that something needed to be done to honor the memory of Worcester men who had died in Vietnam, a private, non-political local group raised over \$100,000 which, through the international "Project Concern" program, was used to build a "living memorial," a 60-bed hospital and refugee center just outside Da Lat, Vietnam. Carol attended the dedication dinner in Worcester last Apr and heard Gen. Westmoreland, Sen. Edward Brooke, Vietnamese Ambassador Diem, and other ranking dignitaries

praise the project and the concerned, patriotic citizens who sponsored it. Several major contributions were made by Worcester corporations and individuals in Fred's name, and a memorial to him will be established in the hospital.

Dave Gledhill, one of our associate classmates at WP (Educational Resources and Technology Div—they have the TV system and the computers, for those of you who wonder), and his wife Joyce provided news of several Sig files. Hal Dreibelbis is currently working in the office of the Chief, Communications/Electronics. He, Jan, and their 3 daughters live at 4009 Adrienne Dr., Alexandria, Va. 22309. Pat and Hal Ladehoff are living at Ft. Totten while Hal finishes a Ph.D. at N.Y.U. under the auspices of the FAST program. Hal received his master's degree while he was teaching ROTC at N.Y.U. They expect to follow Chuck Luton to Bangkok eventually. Julie and Ross Cullins (Ross has been a civilian for some time) had a baby on 4 Jun. Chad William Cullins joins an older brother and sister, and they all live at 507 N. Palisade Dr., Santa Maria, Calif. 93454.

The AOG provided info about several classmates. Ed Osborne (USAF), who received his M.S.E. degree from the U. of Mich., and his wife Mary have recently arrived at the AF Academy where Ed will teach Engineering Mechanics. Chuck Coon (USAF) has a rather unusual assignment in Diyarbakir, Turkey, where he serves as a space systems analyst and helps operate one link in a network that relays data collected from electronic and optical satellite tracking stations to the NORAD Space Def Center. Chuck earned an M.A. at Colo. State College. Bill Robocker has been serving as S3 of the 7th Bn, 9th Arty in Vietnam while Shirley waits at 60 Lloyd Way, Ft. Benning. And Jon Searles received a SS recently while advising the 42d Ranger Bn in Vietnam.

On 12 Apr, at the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity at WP, Russ Baldwin married the



1960: Chuck Coon keeps an unusual vigil in Turkey, where he tracks satellites and manned spacecraft.

former Beverly Wendhausen. Charlie Otstott and several other friends in the Physics Dept. participated in the military ceremony that concluded with a drive around the post in the Supe's fancy jeep while everybody else headed directly for the WPAM and a magnificent reception. Bev and Russ met while they were both in graduate school at the U. of Ariz. The courtship was interrupted for a tour in Vietnam, but resumed when Russ reported in here last summer and Bev arrived to become the Washingtonville School Dist. staff psychologist. The honeymoon consisted of a week in Puerto Rico, which I understand was outstanding, although Russ muttered something to me about a sunburn.

Returning to WP and settling into a comfortable state of domestic bliss, Russ took the time to write the following letter, for which I am very grateful:

"Regretfully, my purpose in writing is to inform you and our Class of the untimely and tragic death of Phil Walker's wife, Fritzi.

"Fritzi was from Elliott, Ill., near Phil's hometown, and was always a shining, radiant example of the friendliness and sincerity of the Midwest. Fritzi and Phil married soon after graduation, and it was my privilege to be a guest in their home in Germany, later at Ft. Sill, and still later in Champaign when Phil started his graduate work. A wonderful wife and mother, Fritzi made her home a place easy to remember for its atmosphere of warm tenderness and love. It was no surprise that when I saw Phil in Saigon during the early fall of 1967, his love for Fritzi and his intense desire to complete his job and return home to her were completely evident in his conversation. Unfortunately, his desire was not to be fulfilled.

"On the morning of 26 Apr 1968, Fritzi was packing in preparation of meeting Phil in Hawaii for his R&R. A small caliber pistol, which Fritzi kept in her bedroom for protection during Phil's absence, accidentally discharged, mortally wounding her.

"Fritzi was the mother of three fine children: Betsy 7, young Philip 4, and my godson Matthew 1. Phil and the children now have a home (2115 N. Chelton Road) in Colorado Springs, where Phil is working at Ent AFB. Their loss was great, but they are starting a new life with the hope, love, and understanding characteristic of the Walker family. I am sure that Fritzi, whose job on earth is done, is very proud of them."

I can add nothing to Russ Baldwin's eloquent tribute to Fritzi Walker. We shared Phil's grief; we now rejoice that he is carrying on so admirably.



1961: The 1961 Contingent at the Alumni Review during June Week.

Advisor in Long Khanh Province and says has ample challenges. Although it seems like important order of battle info to me, Ron says he has 4 PAVN Regts confronting his PF platoons and himself; compounding these odds, he has a Vietnamese cook who can cook only Spam and tuna salad. Tom Myerchin is a Bn S3 in the 82d Abn Div and loves his job. His wife Sandy is pining her time until Tom's return by teaching the men of the Inf at Ft. Benning how to write effectively and read with alacrity. She is also learning to fly.

Reggie Brown will leave USMA shortly for RVN after 3 years of teaching economics and ably coaching the WP Debate Team for the Soc Sci Dept, and after 3 years of thought-provoking polemics in the WPAM over martinis after work. Cy Shearer has finished up his M.A. program at Georgia Tech and is returning to RVN.

Gary Webster, who is a marketing rep for IBM out of Atlanta, has sent me a print-out of the M-1 Newsletter which he prepares annually. It is with thanks to Gary that the previously unreported M-1 news follows: Carl Bacon and family are still living at Ft. Ord while Carl studies Opns Research at the Naval PG School. Deac Lancaster is at N. Mex. State U. finishing up his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering. He will be going to the USAFA this summer where he will teach E.E. to all of those falcons (or are they messerschmidts?). Incidentally, Deac's wife Brenda has just finished business school and can now help Deac manage all of that Ph.D. money.

Joe and Ginna Fishburne live in Cornwall, and Joe commutes to WP and the Middle Atlantic states where he expounds the opportunities that exist at the Military Academy. Joe has a nice set of side-burns and stays trim dodging the Supe in the Hq Bldg. He has also become an inveterate speculator in commodities, but most importantly is a darn good Admissions Officer. Larry Prather and family are still at Ft. Knox. Jay Olejniczak is finishing up his M.A. at the U. of Wis. and his term as Social Chairman of the Pirate Island Yacht Club near Madison. He will leave all of that soon for USMA and the English Dept. Gary had nothing on Quinn Pearl, but a check of the WP Society of Louisville roster revealed that Quinn is President of that Society and lives at 3951 Massie Ave., Louisville. Those at the Vanderbilt game next 27 Sept. keep an eye out for him.

Jim and Joyce Connors are still in Daphne, Ala., where Jim works for U.S. Rubber. The

George Fox family is in Media, Pa., where they have bought a home, and George has his own Acme store. Bob Hampton lives in Rockville, Md., where he works for Touche, Ross, Bailey, and Smart as a Managerial Consultant and loves it.

John Kilkenny continues as a sales representative for Continental Can Co. I felt better when I read about the Kilkennys in Gary's newsletter. Once I misspelled their son Sean's name and was admonished by Elayne. Well, Gary had John marrying Missy in an earlier newsletter. Who is Missy? Kilkenny's dog — beware an angry wife. Bob Liebman has discontinued his studies in the Protestant Evangelical Seminary and is now living in Seattle, Wash. Bob and Anita Montgomery are living in Clarks Summit, Pa., where Bob works as an industrial engr with Owens-Illinois Glass Co. The Montgomeries have been plagued with some bad luck; Anita required major surgery this winter and was hospitalized for 7 weeks, and Michael, their two-year-old son, was burned badly and hospitalized for 9 weeks and will need much skin grafting. Bill Seibel is also a civilian and working for the Corning Glass Co. in Corning, N.Y.

While on a trip to Iowa recently, I saw Gordon Downey. Gordon has just left the engineering sales firm that he was with in Des Moines and is now forming his own company. Gordon traveled a great deal in his old job and recently visited Steve "Frenchie" Hebert in Baytown, Tex. Since nearly everyone knew Frenchie and knew what a ubiquitous, talented fellow he was, it should be interesting to recount what he has done since leaving WP: reporter for the New York Daily News, editor of a Lafayette, La., newspaper, campaign manager for a Congressional candidate, sales manager of a large furniture store, owner of two furniture stores, NASA Protocol Officer, received a B.S. in computer engineering and is now in law school, owns a tax consultant service, and has gotten married and has 5 children (4 girls, 1 boy). Incidentally, Gordon says that Frenchie takes his family to the beach every weekend. In case any of you have that tired, run down feeling and you are out of Geritol, here is Frenchie's address: 2104 Taft Street, Baytown, Tex.

Gordon also sees Gary Flack and Ron Barrick frequently. Gary is studying for a Master's at Iowa State U. in Ames, and Ron is a stockbroker in Spencer, Iowa.

A sizeable group from the Class was on deck to see ARMY cream the Middies in la-

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This article shall be followed by a passing of the Scribe's quill to Al Armstrong, so please address further correspondence to Al at the following address: Maj. Allen P. Armstrong, Dept of Foreign Languages, West Point, N.Y. 10996. Joining Red Dog on the class executive committee here next year will be Bruce Dagleish as president, Will Conley as treasurer and Gary Hyde as the social chairman. Since our 10-year reunion is coming up in 2 years and the idea of having a 10-year class book should be considered, correspondence with suggestions shall be welcomed by the above individuals.

The Vietnam news first, and there isn't much this time. Ron Beckett is a Dist Sr

crossed at Annapolis. Those in attendance not from here were: Mac Greeley, Moose Harmon, Howdy McCreary, Bill Hathaway, Jim Madden, Tom Minnehan, and Pat Carroll. I am able to update McCreary and Hathaway. Howdy, his wife Etta, and 3 children are at Ft. Meade. Howdy works for an ord gp there. Bill and Sandy Hathaway have just purchased a new home in suburban Baltimore so must plan on being in that area for a while.

Andy Sarzanini stopped by WP recently on his way to France where he will study French prior to coming back here to teach it with an obstreperous Italian accent. Jim Blasse is on convalescent leave recovering from serious wounds received in RVN last year. Phil Mallory has been discharged from Walter Reed and is going to school at the U. of Calif. at Davis and will be coming to the USMA Phys Dept. Due to report to Walter Reed soon will be John Eielson who has finished his internship in Hawaii. John will do a residency in surgery at Walter Reed. Our other doctor of medicine, Bob Protzman, is going to Ft. Sill.

Ed Barry visited WP recently with his boss from the AF Systems Command. Ed is (or was) working on the manned space laboratory and loves it. He got married last Nov and says that it is a good concept, also. Ed said that Chuck Sollohub is working as a Ln O with the AF Space and Missiles Command in L. A. Dave Teal has transferred from the Army to the AF and works in the same command as Chuck. Jack Campbell is in the Orange County area as well. Jack works for Xerox and lives in Torrence, Calif. Ed told an interesting anecdote about Jack caddying for Bert Yancey in a big tournament near L.A. Seems that Bert thought Jack was a competent caddie, but some of the other pros did not like him in the path of their ball. Ralph Pollard, also of the AF, is on the AFROTC staff at Georgia Tech, adding to our sizeable crew in Atlanta.

Moving eastward we find Don Anselm as the Dir of Log at the Boston Army Base. Don and wife are living in Quincy, Mass., and would love to see anyone who journeys into the Boston area. Ken Meissner and family are living in Toms River, N.J. Ken was with the flight detachment at Lakehurst, N.J. supporting Ft. Monmouth, but is now working in the Aviation Products Management Office at Ft. Monmouth. The Meissners have 2 boys, ages 1 and 4.

Mike Breslin was married on 12 Apr to Dianne Kottke. Mike transcended normal service rivalries to marry Diane since she is a Capt. in the USAF. Anything for some joint staff time. Manny Scivoletto, also in the AF, is married and became a father in Feb. when John Charles was born. Manny recently returned from RVN and currently is living in Orlando, Fla.

There have been other births. Paul and Mollie Palmer introduced Brian Michael to the world on 23 Apr. Roger Obermeier was presented with identical twin girls by Claudia on 5 May. They have named the girls Heidi Ann and Lori Jean. Roger is on the ROTC staff at the U. of S. Dak. in Vermillion. Sally Sue Leland delivered a little girl on 22 Mar and her name is Paige Elizabeth. Ed is in RVN, and Sally and the family are in Annandale, Va. Jim and Lora Mathison became the happy adoptive parents of 2 month old Mark Willard Mathison on 4 Apr. Jim is leaving WP shortly for RVN by way of the MATA course at Ft. Bragg. Frank and Liz Tilton have also adopted a boy. Little Paul Tilton

took his place in the Tilton home in Palo Alto, Calif. on 13 May, 6 days after his birth. After writing about this phenomenon so often in the past, I am proud to mention that Suzanne presented me with a little R.J. on 29 Apr. And it is a phenomenon!

The day after turning this article in to the Editor, I received a very newsy letter from Paul DeVries at Ft. Benning and have been successful in including Paul's news. First, Paul is teaching the Advance Courses the importance of the bde and div in the area defense as an instr on the Defense Committee. Jack Veatch is at Benning in the Weapons Dept, and Jay Cook, who I understand has become a Fla. land speculator, is in the Bde and Bn Opns Dept. Bill Chandler is also pushing Armor in the Co. Opns Dept. Frank Rauch and Harry Downing are doing likewise with Arty. Larry Richards is in the Advance Course and Dave Dluzyn has just graduated. Jim Haise is in the Ranger Dept operating out of Dahlonga. Another of life's ironies that has turned full circle — it seems like only yesterday that our entire Ranger class was combing the hills of Dahlonga, Ga., searching for "Ranger Haise." Bob Frix is also in the Ranger Dept down in Fla. Clancy Matsuda is an instr in the Aerial Employment Committee. Bob Herrick is the school assignments officer having just returned from the 1st Cav in RVN. Frank Erhardt is at Kelly Hill with the 197th Lt Inf Bde as a Bn XO. Paul mentioned seeing Dick Skaggs in a field grade refresher course. Dick is on his way back to RVN. Marty Ganderson also gets to Benning occasionally in his job with CONARC. Jim Stork visits the Benning crowd occasionally as he lives in Macon where he has an air-conditioning business.

New to WP are Dick Jackson (Mech instr) and Walt Claassen (Asst Sig Officer). Joe Stringham has departed for 2 years at Sandhurst as an exchange officer.

It has been a pleasure to help out by writing this column for the past 3 years. Thanks for the letters; sorry that I did not get them all answered. Hopefully you will help Al out by writing to him occasionally. I know that I will. So long.

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The annual quarters drawing has once again left us on the outside looking in. Our top man, Jim Kays, was about 20 files from the bottom of the list. Thus, all of the newcomers are off to the hinterland to find a reasonable place to live, and the old-timers are gritting their teeth and renewing their leases. Boris says that he's going to dig a burrow for his family out on Flirty.

The class contingent up here has increased over 100% this summer. The new faces belong to Kays, A.Z. Miller, Fintel, Benchoff, Gunderman, Chegar, Daugherty, Carroll, Faley, Cross, Storat, Remington, D.J. Phillips, Ailinger, Meade, Moore, Kirschenbauer, Irwin, R.A. Brown, Crowell, Harrington, McKay, Wallace, Gorden, Lovgren, Wong, Nunnelee, Meeth, Gross, and Comello. With this large increase in our number we should be one of the most populous Classes around the post, with something over 50 members present.

With all the hubbub of June Week not too many people could spring loose for a class party, but we did have a picnic at

Round Pond. In addition to the socializing and gustatory endeavors, we had a business meeting. Bob Martin reported that over \$5,733. had been contributed to the Educational Fund, which represents an achievement of 40% of the first-year goal. It was also decided, by unanimous vote, to transfer \$7,000 from the class treasury to the Educational Fund. The By-Laws of the Fund, as amended by the "Benning Proposal," were also approved, as was the proffered slate of directors. Thus, the Class and the Fund are in good shape to begin another academic year. If you haven't made your initial contribution to the Fund, it's not too late to do so. Send it to Bob Martin in the Soc Sci Dept.

Don Babb was released from Fitzsimons Gen Hosp in Mar and now is in the Plans Div of the Office of the Dir of Instr at Sill. The Medical Board and Physical Evaluation Board in Denver had recommended that Don be given a 100% disability retirement, but he requested, and got, a waiver to stay on AD. The Class certainly owes Don a tip of its hat for his stand and determination. Others at Sill are: Ron Skarupa, Ed Hamilton, Tom Murray, and Wayne Willis in the car course; Joe Porter and Hank Urna in the Tactics/Combined Arms Dept.; Bob Redmond, XO of the Arty Combat Leader Bn; Art Bondshu, attending a VN orientation course, expects to leave for RVN in Aug; Ed Brown is in the DDCP Office; P.M. Jones is in III Corps Arty, as is Hank Urna. Mary Jo Reimer is staying in Lawton while Denny XOs an Arty Bn in the 9th Div. Walt Bryde is also a Bn XO in the 9th. Bill Miller is a little bit north and east of Sill, attending grad school at the U. of Mo. at Kansas City. Duane Slater and Stan Whitmore are teaching at Sill. Duane recently became a father for the first time. Bob Coyne just left Sill for VN.

We also have a number of classmates at Belvoir. Dave Garvin, Bill Dieal, Ron Borrello, and Skip Campbell are in the Engr Advanced Course. John Selby and Roy Degenhardt are instructors for the EOAC, but Roy is leaving the service in Jul. Ed Hendren is in Washington, D.C. studying for his Ph.D., and Harry Hagerty is selling stock in the Belvoir area. John Vranish is on the faculty of the USAES, and Charlie Brown is in the DOI of the school. Will Worthington was in EOAC 69-1, but has since departed for Texas A&M. Mike and Cathy Godshall passed through Belvoir prior to Mike's departure for VN, where he is in a Cobra Co. in Pleiku. Cathy is staying in the vicinity of Stewart AFB during Mike's absence. Another of our pilots who has gone back to VN is Keith Adams. Until Jul he was down at Hunter Field in Savannah, Ga. Tom Merrell is a Marine tank Co. Comdr in the 1st Marine Div and is located about 10 miles south of Da Nang. Tom will be coming home in Sept.

Jim and Fran Cowles and son David are in Provo, Utah, where Jim is an ROTC Instr at Brigham Young U. Jim and Linda Strohmeyer are in Miami where Jim is completing his soph year in med school. The Strohmeyers are happily looking forward to the birth of their 3d child in Nov. Buck and Sue Lair are the proud parents of Heather Ann, born on the 3d of Mar in the Stanford U. Hosp. The Chegars are also the proud parents of a baby girl, Pamela Barry, who was born in May. Congratulations to all of the new and prospective parents.

That's about it for now. Remember to send me a change of address card when you move. I hope that there's more poop for the next column.

June Week at WP has ended with the Class of 1969 on its way—the crowds, parades, weddings, new cars, and 800 2d Lts. have disappeared in a cloud of dust and clamor. This June Week was much like ours, although you would have noticed the new barracks on the edge of the Plain, the sound of the old central barracks falling under the wrecking ball, the blasting across from Grant Hall for the new academic building, and the Wed. ceremony in Michie Stadium and not the Field House.

I've had several letters since my plea in the last issue—but can always use a lot more. News is rather scarce, but that may be spring fever more than anything else. Kent Wall wrote from Winston Salem that Bob McNeill graduated from Wake Forest Law School in Jun and headed for Charlottesville, Va. for his JAGC training. If you need any free legal advice, Bob might be willing to help!

Most of the notes I've gotten have come in from Vietnam, where the majority of our Class seems to be stationed now. Al Shine is on his 2d tour in Vietnam and has commanded D Co., 2/12th Cav for more than 3 months as of this writing. His wife Sandra and little Debbie are in Hingham, Mass. near Boston while Al is overseas. Ward Lutz is CO of the 1st Cav Div Pathfinders and will be heading to Ft. Benning for the Car Course in Aug. Bill Kelley's demo teams from the 8th Engrs have been supporting Al in the field. Al concludes his note with the fact that he thinks Joe Jaworowski is in Tay Ninh, but he's not sure.

Dewey LaFond had put Ted Yamashita in Hawaii in his last article, and Ted hastened to write his thanks for that, but added that actually he's in Vietnam on a 2d tour. Ted is with S3, 1st Bde of the 4th Div. He says Sue is at Ft. Benning, where Ted will join her and son Tim in Sept. Others in the 4th Div are Dick Matteson (HHC 3/12th), Howie Guilhaus (with Ted), and Jerry Nakashima (commanding HHD, 1st Avn, 1st Div). Ted says that Tony Seiwert is a civilian now and somewhere around Cincinnati. If that's wrong, Tony, write and let me know!

Pris Dawson writes that Jim is flying F-100 Super Sabres out of Phu Cat, RVN—expected home in Nov. In the meantime, besides trying to control 2 overactive "house-apes," Bill (5) and Lee (2½), Pris is using IBM in Fishkill as escape therapy while "patiently" awaiting that return date. Nan Allen here at WP got a note from Jeannie Hanson that Russ is back in Vietnam commanding the Arty Btry with the 2d/11th Cav. Jean and her children are in Washington, D.C. in the meantime. Rich Entlich said that one day he got a few minutes in G3, HQ, USARV to write and give the following: Ed Lee is on his way from the Engr Sec, USARV, to an R&D assignment in Calif. (that sounds horrible, Ed; is it on the beach?). Dick Eckert has a Co. in the 25th Div. Doug Williams is aide to the ADC, 1st Cav Div. Chick Chickedantz is in the Delta as an advisor, and Wes Stewart is in Vietnam after some schooling at Ft. Bragg. Tom Karr arrived in Vietnam in Jul from Ft. Ord. Larry Capps is at the Naval PG School in Opns Analysis, and Mike Natvig is a btry comdr in Vietnam somewhere. Rich winds up by saying that he looks forward to joining Rachel (1 year)

and his wife Sally in Calif. soon. Thanks for the information Rich. Keep it coming!

Nona and Clark Ballard have gone out to Ariz. for the summer where Clark is working on some complicated Physics project on which he can give the Yearlings WPR's next year, but they left me with a pile of news on some folks: Joe and Diane Godsey and Thomas 4, Bonnie 2½, and little Joe 1½, are in Augusta, Kans. where Joe is a Penn Mutual Life Insurance agent. The ages of the children are as of Mar 69. George DeGraff is S4, 1/12th Cav, Chuck Hartman is Asst G3, 1st Air Cav, and Art Meier is with the 1st Cav DIVARTY. Jerry Orlicki is a Co. comdr with the 62d Engr Bn at Long Binh and heads for EOAC at Belvoir in Sept. Tom Wilson is at Quan Loi with the 1st Cav. Tom was hospitalized for 3 weeks over there, but I hope is up and "back-at-em" again. Gene Cargile was injured by schrapnel in his left lung. A rocket attack struck the helicopter pad area while Gene was on his way to R&R in Hawaii; Edie was told only that he had been delayed in the field. Nona gave me this note in May, and so by now, Gene, I hope you're up again.

Turning from Vietnam, Jim and Sandy McCarver and sons Stewart and Brian Douglas (born 11 Apr 69, congrats!) are in Heidelberg, Germany. Bob Scheidig wrote from Ft. Knox where he is in the Car Course along with a bunch of 1963. He mentions Norm Beatty, Paul Sutton, and Lionel Ingram. Norm is still a bachelor, and Paul and Lionel have 2 daughters each. Chuck Schmidt is an instructor there, where he grades exams for Bob, and as they used to be roommates here, I expect Bob is doing pretty well! Others there include: R.P. Brown, Tom Carney, Miles Eberts, Bob Foley, Joe Galle, Tim Grogan, Marty Ischinger, Bill Little, and Mike Vopatek. Mike is headed for New York soon to be a civilian, according to Bob. Jack Silvey is there at Knox and married with one daughter. Bob closes by saying that he hopes to send me some photos of the class gatherings, and they would sure be welcome. For that matter, any pictures of anything would be welcome. I've had none.

Here's some more: Nick DeMaret will be heading for France soon for a year and then returning to WP to teach French. Bill Clark is in law school at the U. of Ala. Bob Stidham owns a Montessori School in Titusville, Fla., and he and Bunny say they can watch the Kennedy launches from the back yard! Children are Stacey 5, Kimberley 3, and Bob 2. Bob asks that Bill Little write to him so he knows where you are, Bill. Wally and Janet Speed were married on 5 Apr 69 in Chattanooga, Tenn.; Wally is in law school at Emory. Congratulations to you both.

Don Wolz wrote recently from Ft. Belvoir on news of the Engr dinner there. He spoke of Phil Izard, our ex-classmate who so distinguished himself in Vietnam before his death that his Co. was named the most outstanding Engr Co. in the Army and received the Itschner Award on 16 May at Ft. Belvoir—a fitting tribute to a fine officer and friend. Phil will be missed by all whose lives he touched with his quiet humor and strength.

Gary Coe and Bob Palmer are at R.P.I. studying Math and Chem respectively. Both are headed to WP in Jun 70. Gary says that Mike Clay will arrive there this summer. Mike and Sandy Summers are in Fort Worth, and told Gary that Gordy Holterman went to Vietnam on a 2d tour in Jan.

A long letter from Danny Willson at Ft. Benning with a bunch of M-2 news; Buz

Rolfe in Korea until Nov 69. Don Siebenaler studying Thai at Ft. Belvoir (Mai pen lai, Don?) until he goes to Thailand. Frank Gibbs is XO of the School Trps Bn at Ft. Sill, and hopes to go to Harvard Law School in Sept; Pete Sawin is at Ft. Knox and shall have a child this summer; John Oliver is in MI at Ft. Holabird, and hopes to be out by July 69 and in Dallas as a stockbroker. Mike Gilbert is at U. of Wyo. with his wife and 3 children as an ROTC instr and is studying Industrial Management on the side. John Wyrwas is at the AOAC and will be heading for Niagara U. for ROTC duty this summer. Jerry Harrison is studying Aerospace Engineering at Georgia Tech for his M.S. Danny says he thinks that is right—if it's not, Jerry, how about a note? Gary Klauminzer is at Ft. Meade, Md., working for the NSA. Tim Sanchez is at Harvard Med School. Incidentally, Tim, Tom Bullock, '60, says hello. Danny says he hasn't heard from John Hamel, Bill Kuhns, or Tom Gallagher and so doesn't know what they're up to. Others at Benning are Noel Brown awaiting his resignation, Ted Wildrick, Lloyd Asbury, and Bob Bowes in the IOAC, and Bob Metzger with orders for Germany. In IOAC #3 are John Counts, John Morgan, George Lodoen, Gene Blackwell, Todd Dolighan, Dick Guthrie, Steve Silvasy, and Pete Benson. Denny Leach and Bill Brown are in IOAC #4. Thanks for your letter Dan, and all the information.

A whole M-1 newsletter from Al Clark with lots of news arrived just after my last deadline. Al asks about my deadlines: roughly they fall in the second week of Mar, Jun, Sept, and Dec. The issues having the news are 3 months later, that is, my deadline for this issue is 15 June. Ed Greybeck is at the Institute of Nuclear Studies at the Air Defense Center. He and Dee adopted 2 sons in Dec (twin boys born on Valentine's Day, 1968!) Bear Kelly is at CDC at Ft. Belvoir and lives in Woodbridge, Va. Charlie Nahlik is a CORDS officer with MACV at Rach Gia in the Delta. Carole and the girls are in St. Louis, Mo. Dick Walsh arrived in Vietnam in Feb, but Al doesn't know where. Raye and Rich will be staying in Smyrna, Ga. Thanks for the information, Al Al says he is studying Finance at S.M.U. and will graduate in May 70, to be a stockbroker.

Kent Wall arrived back at WP in Apr to attend a 3-day educator visit. He is a District Rep for USMA in N.C. and helps Hank Morris locate new cadets. If anyone is interested in doing work like that contact Ed Banks, Paul Stanley, or Hank in the Admissions Office. Carolyn and Kent are in Winston-Salem. Mike and Kay Keaveney are now the proud parents of Kevin Michael, born 31 Mar 69. I've seen him; he's a good-looking addition! Bruce and Dottie Miller tell me that Frank Lennon is in N.Y.C. now where he works for T.W.A. and owns a brownstone apartment building. Roseann Bianco went skiing recently in Germany and broke her leg, but I think it's mending now. She and Joe are heading back in Aug for England (?) AFB and then Joe will go to RVN. George Lippemeier and Bobby Clements are still in Germany. Mike Jenks and his wife have a new baby girl born 10 Feb 69, Michelle Elizabeth. Congratulations to you both, and to Andy and Gail Seidel, who have another member of their family: Shannon Allene, born 2 Apr.

Hank Morris tells me that Wally and Jan Speed in Atlanta were married in Apr and spent their honeymoon at the Bear Mountain Lodge! Hank says he saw Don and

Charlie Fuller at Ft. Rucker, where Don is flying fixed wings. Bob Handcox is in Washington with Avn OPO. Lee and Kathy Fairbank were in Miami, Fla., but I think Lee has gone to Vietnam by now. Kathy will be staying in Charleston, S.C., with her dad Col. Hood, who is PMS at the Citadel. Will and Barbara Wilson are in Miami where Will is studying Psychology before coming up here into the MP&L Dept. Banks Hudson is in a Seminary in Richmond and will soon be a minister. Incidentally, we have quite a few in our Class: Curry Vaughan and Denny Prutow are already ordained, and Tim Brownback and Colin Kelly are studying Theology now. Hank says Roger Stribling and Steve Best are in Jackson, Miss. where they are married to sisters. Roy and Diana Clinton are the proud parents of little Holly Louise, born in Feb. Roy is at Ore. State U. with the ROTC Detachment. Jack Chase was up here in Apr escorting his ROTC cadets from Ohio State U. Sue is back in nurses tng from which she will soon graduate.

Jim Hewette writes from San Diego, Calif., where he is a structural designer. Thanks for the photo Jim, but I can't use it as it's a color job. You should have it back by now. It shows Jim and his 2 Nena's, wife and daughter. And very pretty they are. Jim says Ron and Ronnie Dickson are in Anaheim, Calif. Kerry Mae Hannigan was born on 5 Apr 69 to Jim and Sibley. She is a cute little girl. Jay and Janet McClatchey became man and wife on 31 May 69 at Ft. Belvoir. Our congratulations and best wishes to you both. Bill Robinson arrived at WP with Pauline in May to teach over in ES&GS, and Bill makes us 14 strong at WP now. Another marriage: Karin Daniels and Roger Bivens were married 17 May in Woodridge, Va. Congratulations! Roger is at the Wharton Business School in Philadelphia.

Ray Ong wrote a long letter from Baguio, in the Philippines, where he is at the Military Academy teaching Mech, Thermo, and Ord. Can you imagine that? He says he holds the class record for a long tour in Vietnam: 2 years, 5 months, and 14 days! He invites anyone in the P.I. to come to Baguio and enjoy the mountain air.

In closing, we here at WP have been working on a class constitution. It provides that for ratification, a majority of the responses received shall dictate its fate. It will be in the mail to the same address your ASSEMBLY arrives sometime in Jul, and then we'll count the responses here 90 days later. Please look it over and vote yes or no, mailing your response back to the address you will be given. The deadline will be sometime in Oct as it looks now—and that's less than a month from the date that you are reading this, so hurry! If you haven't gotten one of them, write me at the address above.

Thanks for your support. Keep it coming—especially some photos. Beat Navy!

One last item. Dewey Lafond and Joan Covington have announced that they will be married at Ft. Myer, Va., on 9 Aug. Best wishes to you both and congratulations!

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I guess I will get right with the program and start passing out the poop. The troops have been responding very well to my pleas for information so thanks are in order to those of you who have taken the time to



1964: Picture taken at Fred Pope's house (Ft. Sill area) during an ARMY-Navy game party. From left to right: top row—Jim Jinks, Kathy Horstman, Mike Horstman, Mike Conway, Marge Conway, Kathy and Bob Michela. Lower row—Beth Lincoln, Darlene Jinks, Lynn Cook, Mike Cook, Pat and Fred Pope, Bobbi Zimmerman, Sherri Lamkin, Herb Zimmerman, Fletch Lamkin.

write. The more I learn about the great job our classmates are doing in every field of endeavor, the more pride I take in being part of the Class. Everybody seems to be doing an outstanding job, so collectively I think we can "pop it up" and sound off a little if we so desire.

A perfect example of what I'm talking about is Jim Brown. I've received information that a few months ago Jim was presented with an AF Scientific Achievement Award for his work in the design, test, launch, and orbital operation of 2 AF Cambridge Research Laboratory satellites, ATCOS II and LOADS. On top of that, he also received a cash award. Congratulations Jim!

From the home of the Infantry comes word of the grunt activities from Mel Case. Mel has given up his instr duties and become a student in the advance course. From his letter, however, it appears to me that his primary duties are golfing and flying. Such is the life of academicians, I guess.

Mel informed me of the sad news of Bill Black's death. Bill was buried at WP and is survived by his wife Anne and his 2½ year old son Jeffrey. Mel, Roy Buckner, John Lang, Dave Fishback, George Vondruska, Jim Adams, John Howard, Ted Morgan, Nick Nahas, Jim Schoonover, Mike Cook, and Hugh Boyd were some of our classmates in attendance at the funeral. I'd like to express the regrets of the entire Class to Anne concerning Bill's death. He was well liked and respected among us all.

Mel wrote a complete volume pertaining to some of our classmates in the Ft. Benning area, so I will pass on this poop as orderly as possible. Marty Michlik got married on 5 Apr with Moose Mozden, Art Parker, Toby Colburn, and Mel acting as some of the ushers. Marty is supposed to go to the U. of Ill. for some "juice" learning and then to instructor's duties at WP. Dave Fishback is

the CG's aide at Benning. Moose Mozden is still working on Inf doctrine. He got married on 24 May and then was supposed to have returned to RVN in Jun on his 2d tour. Art Parker is in the adv course. Al Carver is working in the Secy's Office, and Art Lozeau and Tom Kullman are with the Arty Comm. Art leaves soon for Paris to get his M.A. in French and then will go to WP to teach. George Vondruska, Jim Kofalt, and Wayne Wheeler are in the car course. Rich Stanko is with the 10th Avn Bn, and Mel says he has a solid head of gray hair. (Rich always was a big worrier.) Jim Beierschmitt has been assigned to Ft. Bragg. I believe that I reported in an earlier article that Jim had gotten married to a gal named Marsha. They are now expecting. Toby Colburn has left the Benning area for an assignment in Panama. He and his wife are expecting soon. Nick Nichols has orders to MACV. Mike Wikan has orders to grad school at the U. of Ill. Hal Winton is heading for RVN. Bob Ames, Dan Evans, and Berry Hartman are in ADV 3-69. Don Reh is in that course also. ADV 4-69 includes: Jim Adams, Ted Morgan (he and Patty are expecting number 3 pretty soon), Jim Schoonover, Jim Stapleton, Dick Williams (who recently switched from the AF to Armor), Waldo Freeman, Doug Alitz, John Howard, Jim Macia, Nick Nahas, John Nischwitz, and John Sam. ADV 5-69 has Mel, Wayne Wheeler, Tony Hartle, and Ed Schillo among others. Mel also reports receiving a note from John and Anne Otjen, who said they are well and studying hard at the U. of Wis.

Mel got writer's cramp after writing all of the above, but he did provide me with some profound advice concerning maintenance management (which I had requested from him in connection with my duties as XO of a mech inf bn) when he said, "Just remember, if the vehicle runs at all, the b . . . is combat serviceable; the heck with the log

book." Actually, I had hoped for some Ft. Benning material on the subject.

Here is some info I've received from news releases: Sam Burney completed the Ord adv course in Mar; Seth Hudgins is undergoing flight tng at Hunter AAF, Ga; Ron Cross completed the Armor adv course in Apr; Bob Reich is presently enrolled in the Sig adv course at Monmouth as is Doug O'Neal; and Dick Tiplady graduated with honors from the Air University's Sqdn Officer School at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Incidentally, Dick wrote me a nice letter in May and reported seeing Bob Crowder at this year's Founders Day Dinner. Bob is at Maxwell as aide to Brig. Gen Blank, Comdr of the Air Command and Staff College. Dick and Barbie are presently assigned to the OC of S, MAC, Scott AFB, Ill. They extend their invitation to anybody (classmates, that is) for a no-notice visit or overnight stay.

Mike Cook wrote a very nice letter with the following poop: He and his wife Chris have a son Michael R. Jr., born Apr 68; Mike is now at R.P.I. working on a master's in math. He reports Ron and Carol Lind are also there and say that Gary Walk and Bob Weathers will arrive this fall. Jim and Sandi Cornell had a son Robert Judson born 19 Apr 69. Jim finished the FA adv course at Sill in Dec and is a btry cmdr with the 24th Div at Ft. Riley. Tom Chapman is presently in the FA adv course at Sill after spending 2 years with the gunnery dept. Len and Barbara Hardy are in the course with Tom and wife Sue. Mike further reports that George Smith and wife Sherry have a daughter Sandra Lynn born Nov 68. George is on his 2d tour now in RVN. Jim Daly and Tom Butler are in Korea with missile units. Mike Buckley, Mike Conway, and Steve Induni are teaching in the adv course at Sill. Bob McCoy is with the G1 and Dick Knight and Phil Sleet are with the Arty school admin at Sill. Also, Bud and Linda Henry are attending the Armor adv course at Knox and have a daughter Suzanne who is a year old now. Al Williams is back in RVN working with the Marines in the I Corps area. Leon Yourtee is still at M.I.T. Jay and Ruth Ann Bennett have a new son Lance Douglas. Jay is presently in RVN and Ruth Ann is living in New Orleans. My thanks to Mike for sending all this info mentioned above.

Jack Bergen sent me a copy of his "Kappa Dos Diary" which he evidently has been publishing for some time. He reports on the activities of many K-2 files and does an outstanding job. I will mention those classmates in this column that haven't been reported otherwise. I would like to print Jack's newsletter verbatim, but space does not permit. Let me say however that he is doing an outstanding job and puts out some extremely good poop. Extracts from Jack's letter are as follows: Sal Culosi's working in the Pentagon keeping the Joint Chief straight; Dennis Culp is finishing up two years at M.I.T., will return to RVN, then teach physics at WP; George Hillard is back in RVN, with the 9th Inf Div; Buddy Kelton is back in RVN flying; Dan Klunk is having the time of his life at the U. of Ariz. (Jack says he's running for president of the chapters of both the SDS and CIA on campus, but has completely disguised his military countenance behind long hair and a mustache.); Ranky Kunkel is educating himself in Athens, Greece (hasn't seen a classmate in over two years); Bill Landgraf is in the adv course at Knox; Geff Moakley with the 24th Inf Div



1964: Jack Little and Dave Ramsay at the Founders Day dinner, Ft. Sam Houston.

at Riley; Jack Nunn in the car course at Sill; and Dave Wade working on a master's at Ala. Jack himself is soon off to grad school at the U. of Ind. prior to making it to the Engl Dept at WP.

Switching now to that wonderful vacation area that we all love and enjoy, I have received letters from several of our classmates in the SEA part of the world telling much info regarding classmate activities.

Jim McCormack writes from the USARV Avn Sec (safety office) reporting that he soon will become a member of the 210th Combat Avn Bn. Jim works close to Jerry Lynskey who presides over a portion of the USARV Info Office. Also, Jim Muir is in the USARV Protocol office where he spends most of his time correcting the mistakes that Dick Carr made while holding down the same job just prior to Jim. (this is the alleged situation) Mac also reports talking with Steve Pembroke and relates that Steve will be joining the PGA soon. Buddy Kelton has an office right above Mac's in the USARV ACTIV (Army Concept Team in Vietnam) Sec. Mac is due to leave RVN in Dec and hopes for the adv course and then a tour in Europe.

Bill Simonis writes from Hq, MACV—Studies and Observation Gp, that Bernie Ferry and Terry Rusnak are down in the Delta somewhere near Can Tho. He also visited with Howie and Barbara Schue at their home near Sunnyvale, Calif., on his way to Travis AFB, en route RVN. Howie is with the AF and NASA. Bill says when he leaves RVN, he'll get his furniture out of storage in Bayonne and his wife (Jane) and daughter (Cathy) out of storage in Harrison, N.J. and hopefully head back to Bliss.

Warren Normyle, also with Hq, MACV, saw John Arrington, Bernie Ferry, Tom Kerns, and Tom Woolsey traveling about one time or another. He also reports Ken Sprague with an Engr advisory unit of MACV in Saigon. Norm added a baby girl to the family on 6 Feb 69 named Marnie Frances.

George Hillard, deep in the Delta with the 9th Div, was CO of C Co. 3/47th Inf for awhile, but says he now is pushing papers as Bde S3 plans officer—living in Ben Tre, the Nha Trang of the Delta. Neil Efirid (G2 shop, 9th Div), J.P. Weber, Paul Rennie (Div-Arty), Jeff Warner (MACV), Chris Shore (S3air of 1/327th), Ed Haydash, Bob Walters, and Bob Orr are some of the people George has run into during his tour. George's wife Stephanie is going to school at the U. of N. C. until he gets home—then it's off to Benning.

Tom Lough is commanding B Co., 326th Engr Bn and will be leaving sometime in Nov. He'll be heading for the adv course at Belvoir. Before RVN, Tom was stationed at Ft. Sam Houston where he made the 1968 Olympic Team in Modern Pentathlon (riding, fencing, shooting, swimming, and running). Evidently, he had a great time in Mexico and deserves congratulations for his achievement. He's seen Frank Mashburn, Dave Bramlett, J.P. Downey, and Ken Eklund during his tour. Incidentally, Tom is getting married in Nov to a Macon, Ga. girl.

News releases reveal the following poop: Bob Craighill received the BSM during ceremonies near Phu Bai on 11 Jan; Frank Watson is TDY with the 4133d Bomb Wing in the Pacific; and Leo Spinelli received the USAF Commendation Medal at Don Muang Royal Thai AFB, Thailand for services rendered.

Pete Elson wrote a fine letter while aboard the SS President Cleveland—a ship taking him and his wife Marty to Manila where they'll board a plane and fly back to Bangkok, Pete's new duty station. He's to become an advisor to the Royal Thai Army. Pete spent a year with the 2/27th Inf (the "Wolfhounds") serving as a Co. cmdr and S2. He then returned home to study the Thai language and get married. He reports seeing Gary and Sandee Johnson in Highland Falls and Pete and Lynette Danylchuk in New York City. Pete was retired for disability last Sept and is now busy studying towards his M.D. at N.Y.U. Pete also provides the following info: Bill Chescavage is at V.M.I. for ROTC duty; Dwayne Lee is studying with the AF at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Jack Speedy is with the 1/17th Cav at Ft. Bragg; Al Palmer is an aide to CG, MDW, but heading for the adv course at Benning shortly; and Bob Walters, still a bachelor, is with the 1st SF in Okinawa. Pete says he's looking forward to seeing Brendan Quann and family in Thailand and maybe even our Thai classmates—Pete Claewplodtook and Vic Kong-suvan (those guys are probably generals already). Pete, incidentally, while with the 2/27th Inf in RVN, picked up 2 SSs, 2 BSMs, 3 AMs, the ACM, and CIB for his efforts. Not bad for a little guy.

I don't have much to report from the European front. Dixie and I (and 7 month old Mike) are still in the Augsburg area with the 24th Inf Div. I'm now the Asst G3. While XO of the 3/19th Inf (5 months), I participated in a major FTX, an AGI, a CMMI, and a major tng period at Hohenfels to include the Bn ORT—so I figure I had the entire course! I'm not going to say we worked long hours and spent much time in the field but . . . my son still screams whenever I pick him up. However, we'll become good friends, I'm sure.

While at Hohenfels, I ran into Gene Markowski, who is the G3 of a Cav Regt stationed in the Nuremberg area. Pete and Carol Shaughnessy are still at VII Corps Hq in Stuttgart area. Ron Odom is still aide to the DCINC, USAREUR, and Bill Beck is over here, but I haven't heard from him lately. Other than those people, we don't have many here in Germany.

Keep the poop coming. Thanks to those of you who have written—keep up the good work. Also, keep your eyes peeled for info concerning the class reunion this fall at the homecoming game.

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Grant Fredricks reported in this column some months ago of the death of Joan Menninger on 25 Mar 68. It is my very sad duty to inform you that Ed Menninger was killed in action on 21 Mar 69. He was serving with Co. E, 2d Bn, 8th Cav Regt, 1st Cav Div at the time of his death. I know no details about the action in which he was killed. Ed's son Jeffrey is living with his guardian in Colts Neck, N.J. The Class extends deep sympathy to Ed's sister, Jane Mallon, of Abilene, Tex.

Bob Frank visited me on 26 May and gave me a lot of good info for the column. Bob completed AOAC and was on leave en route back to RVN where he was scheduled to go to the 4th Inf Div. Bob met Tom Kovach and Sonny Arkangel at the Air/Ground Ops School at Eglin AFB. They too are going back to RVN. Others who left Knox for VN in the late spring and early summer are: John Alger, Don Appler, Jerry Eichelberger, Malcolm Gilchrist, Orlin Mullen, and Lance Stewart. Art Hester finished AOAC and should arrive at West Point in July. Bud Bucha is also coming to WP about the same time to work in the Soc Sci Dept. I noticed in the Army Times that Bud got the DSC, and Tad Ono the SS. Welcome Art and Bud! Bill Byrne has a company at Knox and is scheduled for grad school in the near future.

Denny Brewer, now Ord Corps, is at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Tony Gamboa completed the AOAC in Apr and is taking a two-year leave of absence to go to law school. Hal Jenkins started IOAC in Jul. George Seaworth is at Ft. Devens instructing in the basic MI course. James Tomaswick is also at Devens in the 10th SF. Dean Loftin returned to VN in May after completing IOAC. Jack Lowe graduated from AOAC in Jun and is going to grad school on a WP quota. Joe McChristian has been at the U. of Paris studying international economics since Jul. 68 and will be there until the summer of 70. (How do you expect to bone character, Tanker?) Bob Sterba went to VN in Jun after a two-year accompanied tour in Dom Rep. (Sounds interesting, Bob.) Thanks for all the poop, Bob Frank.

We heard from Thom and Dot Powers at Ft. Knox. Thom started the AOAC in May and finishes in Feb. They report that Phil Cooper, Mike Fligg, Jim Woodard, John Funk, Jerry Kelly, Bill Truick, John Roseberg, and Ray Pollard are also at Knox. Fligg and Funk finish in Sept. Mike Fligg will go to Purdue.

Sherry Ray wrote a very nice letter with a sincere invitation to any classmates or other friends to drop in for a visit. Sonny and Sherry are in Boonville, Mo., where Sonny is an ROTC instructor at Kemper Military School. While on leave in the D.C. area the Rays saw Tom Johnson who is working for DASA, Pete Cahill who is at the EOAC at Belvoir, and Larry Strassner, also at Belvoir. Sherry passed on some info from Tom Barron who was in VN at the time, but should arrive at Benning in Jul. Chuck Burgardt, who was with the SF in RVN, extended to command a company in the 173d Abn Bde. Jerry Ledzinski is with MACV in Saigon, but is due back in the US in Jul. Jim Long is with an ARVN Abn Bde in the Saigon area. Harley Moore, who returned from RVN

in Feb, is now in Washington. Art Roth is the Finance Officer in Pleiku. Tim Timmerman commands a cav trp in the 4th Inf Div. Sandy Hallenbeck has a cav trp in the 1st Cav. Tom Carll is an S3 air in the 9th Inf Div, due back in Sept. Dick Coleman is a Bde Asst S-2 in the 1st Cav. Frank Skidmore has an engr co. in the Kontum area. Finally, Ric Shinseki is going back to VN 22 Jul.

Cam McConnell called from Rock Island, Ill., where he is working as a civil engr. He recently designed a complete bridge. (Cam has his M.A. from Berkeley.) He is still the carefree bachelor as he recently acquired a white XKE Jag. He expects to go to EOAC for his next tour. Cam reports that Ed Simpson is already attending EOAC and that Chuck Moseley will be joining Duncan MacVicar at the Larence Radiation Lab at Livermore, Calif. Gordy and Sandy Long, with their son Eric, are at George AFB, Victorville, Calif., where Gordy flies F-4s. Gordy expects to go to RVN around Aug or Sept.

Since the letters from classmates are few this time, I canvassed the local area. I happened to call Jim Scheiner when Bob Huffhines was visiting. Bob married Kathy in Jun 68. They expect to remain at Hanscomb another year. Bob recently attended a JAG course at Maxwell AFB where he finished number one. He saw T. J. Kelly at Maxwell where T. J. was attending the Sqdn Officers' School. Bob reported that Don Exelby is planning to go to law school at the U. of Mich. and that Tom Matkovic has been at Ft. Gordon about a year, where he commands the Stu Bde Hq Co. Ginny Curl's parents are neighbors of mine and from them I learned that Gil and Ginny and two-year-old Jackie are at Ft. Bragg where Gil is with the JFKSWS. It looks like Gil, among others including myself, will be getting out of the Army as soon as Uncle Sam lets us.

Other classmates at Bragg are Bev and Jim Conley, XVIII Abn Corps Arty. Jim is leaving for VN again this summer. Johnny Johnson just departed Bragg for VN, also his 2d tour, and Don Parcells arrived from Sill to take his place in XVIII Abn Corps Hq. John Bohannon is with the JFKSWS and Jerry Eichelberger and John Ritch are attending the MATA course.

I heard from Mike Lapolla's mother down the river in Peekskill. Mike married the former Carol Lindemann of S. Dak. in Jul 67 after his 1st tour in VN. Mike is currently an ROTC instructor at the U. of S. Dak. He is scheduled to return to VN in Jul as an advisor. Carol Lapolla is Toby Halvorson's sister-in-law. Since Toby is also returning to Vietnam in Jul, his wife Muriel and Carol will be staying together in Fargo, N. Dak. Muriel and Toby have a daughter who was born Christmas Day 1968, and named, appropriately, Holly. Brig. Gen. Jannarone says Jack and Polly are at Misawa AFB in northern Japan where Jack is flying in the front seat of an F-4. They arrived in Japan in Aug 68. Jack spends about half his time TDY in Korea.

The rest of this information is from news releases. Several classmates are attending the Sig Advanced Course at Ft. Monmouth. They are Burke and Ann Buntz, Jim and Janet Dyer, Steve and Ann Harman, Ben and Gladys Whitehouse, and Bernie and Ellen Ziegler. All live in Eatontown except Ben who lives in Long Branch. Paul Schultz graduated with highest honors from the Com Ops Officer Course. Previously Paul was in Okinawa and is now in Vietnam.

Steve Burrell graduated from the Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management in Phoenix early this year. He was Valedictorian in Spanish. (Steve was discharged right after our graduation because of a disability.) Steve and Andre Bliss have been at the QM school at Ft. Lee since Jan; Steve is an instructor. Robert and Georgia Carini are at Griffiss AFB, N.Y. (near Utica). Robert was recently cited for his actions as a KC-135 Stratotanker pilot in SEA. Dave and Rosemarie Kuhn are now at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. Dave is flying C-119s. Emery Chase got the BSM for heroism in Feb near Cu Chi. He is an engr co. cmdr. So long for this time. BEAT NAVY!

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On behalf of the Class, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Tom Emerson, Tom Thompson, and Wayne Schaltenbrand who were killed recently in Vietnam. To those of you who are now serving in Nam, all of us here in the land of the hot and cold running water and the all-night generator send our prayers and a hurry home request.

VIETNAM—Jeff Madsen is aide to the CG, 1st Sig Bde. With him at Long Binh are Mike Casey, Ray Horton, Val Millard and Dana Groover. Jeff's wife Sandi and their son Jeffrey are living in Pittsburgh until he returns. In Nha Trang with the 54th Sig Bn are Jim Walden and John Thiltgen. Tom Guignon has the Sig Co for the 5th SF there. Ed Dewey was married 1 Mar to Melaine Chandler prior to his leaving for Nam. He is now with the 1/77th Arty, 1st Cav, as A/S3. Going over with him were Mick Mekelsen and Bill Cates (Amcal Div), George Winton (I FF), Steve Toelle (23d Arty Gp), John Canevet (11 ACR), and Denny Coates (MACV).



1967: Founders Day dinner 16 Mar 69, Bamberg, Germany. Seated left to right: Mrs. Pigg, Lt. Col. Harrison ('52), Mrs. Gilham, Col. Hughes ('43), Mrs. Hughes, Col. Gilham ('46), Mrs. Harrison, Lt. Col. Pigg ('53). Standing left to right: Mrs. Bressler, Lt. Bressler ('68), Mrs. Nerdahl, Lt. Nerdahl ('68), Betty and George Schaefer, Chuck Streit, Lt. Nicholson ('68), Joy and Phil Kinney, Lt. Shimp ('68), Mrs. Shimp, Virgil Stone, Penny and Mike Hardy, Mary and Jerry Walker, Mrs. Miller, Lt. Miller ('68), Lt. Creeden ('68), and Lt. Kulpa ('68).

Mike Mullane is a RF4 navigator with the 16th Tac Recon Sqd at Tan Son Nhut AB, while Donna and their twins Patrick and Amy reside at Sandia Base, N.M. Tim Gilbert is aide to the CG CMAC and Mark Hamilton is aide to the CG XXIV Corps Arty. Rich Fischer is a How Btry XO in the 2/11 ACR, while Ruth is staying in San Antonio. Dave Blanchard is aide to the Deputy CG 1st Log Cmd and Glynn Hale is aide to CG 1st Avn Bde. Bruce Baccei is in the II FF Sig Office. In the 1st Div, Bill Wilby is aide to the ADC, while Darrel Mooney and Chuck Sutton are in the Div's 121st Sig Bn.

With the 4th Div are Bill Koch and Ed Sullivan, who are aides to the ADC's. Karl Sakas is in the Div's 124th Sig Bn. Bob Kennan, a Co Cmdr in the Div's 4th Engr Bn, took leave and was married 4 Jun at West Point to Lorrie Cassidy. The 5th Div has Hap Trainor, who is with A Trp, 4/12 Cav, Art Lau with B Trp 3/5, and Dick Brawn with C Trp 3/5th Cav.

Paul Kline is aide to the 25th Div's ADC. Bill Ervin is A Co Cmdr, 3/22 Inf. His wife, Elaine is waiting out his tour in Springfield, Va. In the 3/4th Cav, Phil Hogue is squadron S1. Jim Weller is in the Cav's A Trp. His wife Cynthia is residing in Carbondale, Ill. In B Trp is Gary Carlson and in C Trp is Kirk Alford. In the 101st, Jack Wood is aide to the CG. Steve Viney is S1 of the 2/327 Inf, while Susan is living in McLean, Va. Woody Spring is a Bn Commo O. in the Div.

GERMANY—All news is from the 4th Armd Div. Chuck Streit is with A Co 24th Engrs near Bamberg. Presently he is on TDY to Greece. Phil and Joy Kinney are in Bamberg, where Phil is B Co Cmdr in the 1/54th Inf. They have a daughter Jill Marie. Mike Riess is Bn Commo O for the 1/54. Jerry Walker is with the 2/78 Arty and George Schaefer is A Co Cmdr, 82d Engrs.

CONUS—Bob Kunselman is at Oxnard AFB, in a unit of the Aerospace Defense Cmd. He recently returned from a tour with the 555th Civil Engr Sqd, Cam Ranh Bay AB. Bob Colson is completing the MAAG training course at the JFK Special Warfare Center, Ft. Bragg. Tim Russell, Dave Snyder, and Gary Downs completed the primary helicopter pilot course at Ft. Wolters, Tex. and are now in advanced flight tng at Ft. Rucker. Andy Komblevitz is also at Ft. Rucker in flight school. Paul Kern is aide to the CG, Ft. Devens, Mass. Grant Taylor is a med student at Duke U., and Claude Herman is in med school at Memphis, Tenn. Jim Tankovich is now attending the ADPS course at Ft. Monmouth after spending 5 mos in Valley Forge Gen Hosp recovering from wounds received while he was with M Co 3/11 ACR. Fred Hartman is in flight school in Ga. Bob and Vicky Griffin are at Ft. McClellan, Ala., where Bob is a Co Cmdr in an AIT Bde there.

Buz Altshuler is a Hq Co Cmdr at Ft. Carson, after spending 3 mos in the Ft. Gordon Hosp recovering from wounds received while he was with the 173d. While at Camp Drake, Japan, fellow patients Bob Murrill (82d) and Al Nahas (101st) were recovering and then returning to finish their tour in Nam. On 21 June, Buz was married to Diana Rixey at West Point. Frank and Ann Kreger are at Carson, where Frank is a Co Cmdr in the 69th Inf Bde. Also there are Rich Estes, Asst Div Engr with the 5th Mech, and Harry Tucker.

Bill and Mil Freccia are at Ft. Bliss where Bill is BC of D, 6/11th Arty (Hawk). Also at Bliss are Jim Miley, Bill Platt, and Mike Lascher. Jim Desantis, stationed at Bliss, is now on a FTX to Ft. Huachuca for a few months.

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I'd like to start with the best news — about some more new arrivals. Frank Chapuran and his wife wrote from New Ulm, Germany, in Mar to announce the birth of their daughter Michele Marie on 17 Mar. Lee and Virginia Morand wrote from Illesheim, Germany to tell me about the arrival of their son Michael Charles on 7 Mar, and Jeff and Carlie Rogers had a boy Carter Lance on 5 Apr at Ft. Carson. Joe Cinquno wrote from Carson that Bruce and Sandy Erion are expecting a child soon. That was back in Apr, and their baby might be here by the time this gets into print. The whole Class joins me in congratulating the proud parents and welcoming the "brats."

Joe also wrote that he and Ralph Tildon are in the 2d Bn, 11th Inf. Other classmates at Ft. Carson are Tom Martin and Henry Riser, 2d Bn, 61st Inf and Ken Cummings, 2d Bn, 137th Inf. Ken and Joe are due "in-country" on 21 and 22 June. Jim Llewellyn is with the 4th Sqdn, 12th Cav, and John Dallen is with the 7th Engr Bn. All of the above units are in the 5th Inf Div. Also Jim Carman, Jack Cochran, Orin Durham, Russ Fuhrman, Bob Gora, Dick Kent, Tom Krieger, Terry Holland, Bill McAdams, Bob McDonald, Bill Reffett, Mike Ruiz, Andy Silverthorn, Dan Seebart, Dick Steiner, Jerry Weeks, John Westerlund, John Wing, Dan Winter, Jim Furr, and Tony Dodson are all at Ft. Carson now.

I received a letter from Bill and Clare Ericson in early May. They were on leave then before he was due "in-country" on 17 May. He had just finished a tour as Pathfinder Detachment CO with the 82d Airborne, and he, Jerry Buckley, Chuck Velhove, and Vic Garcia, had been back to the Academy to impart their new experience and wisdom on the classes of '69 and '70. Bill said that the Corps had not yet gone to hell, but that definite indications to that effect were evident in some of the most recent alterations to the Fourth Class System — to include the cessation of "bracing" after Beast Barracks.

The number of our people in Vietnam constantly grows. In addition to Bill Ericson, Steve Herman will be there soon, and I met Jim Tallman, John Benson, and Ed Heller on their way over at Travis AFB when my wife and I drove Paul Baerman there on 5 June before we came East for our leave. Paul's wife Kerry told me that there were about 14 more of our classmates at Travis the evening of 5 June — that must have been quite a promotion party.

The next letter should be coming from Cu Chi or somewhere northwest of Saigon, I hope. If any one has news he can still reach me through my home address or the AOG will be able to give him my service address.

Everybody take care, and write!

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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Claude Ernest Brigham

NO. 4051 CLASS OF 1901

Died 15 July 1968 in Monterey,
 California, aged 90 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery,
 Arlington, Virginia



CLAUDE ERNEST BRIGHAM

CLAUDE E. BRIGHAM WAS BORN in Indianapolis, Indiana, on 14 April 1878. He was the son of Doctor Reeder S. Brigham and Mary Goe Brigham. His father served about a year on a gunboat in the Navy and practiced his profession in several places in the United States before settling at New Albany, Indiana, on the banks of the Ohio River, where Claude grew up. He passed through the grades of the public schools there and graduated from the New Albany High School in 1896. He was appointed to West Point by Congressman Robert J. Tracewell in 1897 in a class of about 135 of which about 70 remained at graduation.

Living so near the Ohio River he loved swimming, which led to an incident while at the Point. The Corps, much smaller then than now, camped in the summer in the area adjacent to old Fort Clinton. Cadets used to slip out of camp in the evening and go down to Gees Point for swimming. When the night boat to Albany came by, they would swim out near it and let out a yell to get the boat people to throw the searchlight down on them. One evening in Yearling year Cadets Keller and Brigham were close together in the water after the night boat had passed when one of them said: "Let's go on over," which they did. When they reached the other side, a light rain commenced, and they decided that they had better get back quickly. In the meantime some of the other cadets became alarmed at the disappearance of two of the group and reported it to First Classman Cadet Clark, C.B., who took the "Boodle Boat" and rowed across to try to find the missing swimmers. In the darkness they missed each other. A slight tide had set in and carried the swimmers downstream a short way, but reaching the West Point side they found their clothes and made it back to camp and to bed. When Clark returned to camp he was naturally irritated for his fruitless trip, and because of the need to report himself for taking advantage of his FCP. When he found the erring swimmers in their tents, he re-

lieved his feelings in somewhat vigorous language. In view of the respect due a First Classman from a new Yearling the erring ones were very quiet.

Upon graduation in February 1901 instead of June, because of the Philippine Insurrection and the need for young officers, Brigham asked for and was assigned to the Coast Artillery Corps, then serving as Infantry in the Philippines. He reported at the Presidio of San Francisco where he organized Company B of the then new 30th Infantry, under the guidance of Captain Truman O. Murphy who was in command of the First Battalion of that regiment.

The battalion sailed for Manila on the old chartered transport *Ohio*, a tub that rolled its way to Manila in 22 days. Upon arrival there the battalion was assigned to the island of Marinduque. Brigham served there and on other islands in various capacities and finally in command of an inter-island transport supplying troops stationed throughout the islands. At the end of a two-year tour he was returned to the United States in 1903.

Assigned to duty at the Presidio where he had the good fortune to meet Miss Eliza Dorr, the daughter of Dr. L. L. Dorr and Mrs. Janet Raymond Dorr; they were married on the 18th of October 1905.

Their first post together was Fort Miley, a two-company post near the San Francisco Cliff House where they were living at the time of the great earthquake and fire that destroyed San Francisco on 18 April 1906. Brigham was ordered to march his company in to guard the streets and to help keep people out of danger. Bars and restaurants were wide open, and people could help themselves. Many did quite freely in the bars, and some had to be "booted out" of danger.

At Fort Miley a daughter was born to the Brighams, Mary Elizabeth, who grew up to a very full life. After graduating from Washington, D.C., High School she attended the Sorbonne and in her married life she lived in many parts of the world, including Turkey, Brazil, Afghanistan, and Iran. She died at the age of 56 in July 1963.

After two years at Fort Miley came the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia, where Brigham became an Honor Graduate and then graduated from the Advanced Course. He was then sent to Fort Totten, New York, as Artillery Engineer of the Coast Defenses there.

While at Fort Totten, Ernest Dorr Brigham was born to the Brighams. He carried his father's middle name and his mother's last name, and was a happy mixture of both, particularly having his mother's happy way. He attended a ranch school in Arizona for two years. He died in an automobile accident while returning home at the age of 18 in 1931.

After three years at Fort Totten, Brigham was returned to Fort Monroe, Virginia, as Director and Instructor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Submarine Defense at the Coast Artillery School. When the United States entered World War I, he organized a school for young officers from civil life at Fort Monroe under Colonel Foote of the Coast Artillery Corps and then was sent to Washington, D.C., as assistant to the Chief of Coast Artillery.

Finally at the close of the war he was ordered to Europe and to the Field Officer's School at Trier, Germany, for its last course, after which he had the satisfaction of making a tour of the entire Front. He saw the Victory

Parades in both Paris and London, which were indeed something to see. Then he was on duty in London for several months, returning in June 1920 to Fort Monroe, Virginia, as Fort Commander until January 1921 when he transferred to the Chemical Warfare Service and served as Executive Officer from 1921 to 1928. In 1929 he commanded Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, until 1933 when he was appointed Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service and served the regular four years in that position with the rank of Major General.

Upon retirement he lived in Washington, D.C., for three years and then moved to Carmel, California, to live out his remaining years, during which years he and Mrs. Brigham cruised the Mediterranean, and took a trip around the world, to fill their remaining years with many cherished memories.

-C.E.B.

Thomas Dewey Osborne

NO. 4361 CLASS OF 1905

Died 23 April 1967 at Asheville,
 North Carolina, aged 86 years.

Interment: Calvary Church, Fletcher, North Carolina



THOMAS DEWEY OSBORNE

THOSE WHO KNEW TOM OSBORNE as a cadet may find it difficult to visualize him as reticent, but such he seems to have been as he grew older. His widow, Jennie Doe Osborne, is sure that he would want this article to be limited to a short statement of his military record. This preference has determined the general character of what follows.

Tom was the son of Francis Irwin and Mary Dewey Osborne of Charlotte, North Carolina, where he was born and living when he was appointed to the United States Military Academy in 1901. After graduating in the upper fifth of his Class, he served for about seven years as a Field Artillery Lieutenant with stations at the Presidio of San Francisco, the Philippines, Fort Sheridan, and Fort Sill. Thereafter, for a little more than three years, he was Assistant Professor of Spanish at the USMA. During the remaining period before the United States became engaged in World War I, Tom (then a Captain) served as a battery commander at Corozal in the Canal Zone, Fort Bliss, and Fort Sheridan.

During the war Tom was promoted to be Colonel of Field Artillery, National Army,

but he did not get overseas. All of his numerous assignments involved some form of work in the organization and training of Field Artillery units in the National Army, National Guard, and Regular Army for overseas service. One important assignment was the establishment and command of the Field Artillery Brigade Firing Center at Camp Jackson, South Carolina.

After World War I, in 1919 and 1920, Tom was Recorder of the Field Artillery Board at Fort Sill. During the next three years he was a student at the General Service Schools and the Army War College. He was Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, at the Hawaiian Department from 1924 to 1926. Then came four years of service as a member of the Field Artillery Board at Fort Bragg. This was followed by four years in the Office of the Chief of Field Artillery as Chief of the Personnel Section.

After a few months in command of a Pack Artillery battalion at Fort Bragg, Tom was in charge of District "E", CCC, 4th Corp Area, from March 1935 to May 1936. Then he went back to Hawaii, again as Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, but after about 18 months he became Chief of Staff of the Hawaiian Department in which position he remained for the rest of a four-year tour. This was his last active duty. On 31 July 1940 he was retired with the rank of Colonel "For Disability in the Line of Duty."

Surviving, beside his widow, are a daughter, Mrs. Mary Billingsley of Asheville; a son Bodwell Doe Osborne of Atherton, California; two sisters, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Perhaps Tom would accept as part of his military record a tribute that he received on 19 June 1958 when Professor William Y. Elliott of Harvard University addressed the graduating class at the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks. Professor Elliott had known Tom when he was in command of Camp Jackson and spoke of him as — "... a colonel so good that they wouldn't let him go overseas and earn the great laurels that he would certainly have earned as a fighting soldier. That man gave me an undying admiration for the military career, for the West Point tradition, because he was an officer, a gentleman, and a scholar and a great American. He was a model. That is how men teach. He conveyed to every man in his outfit an undying loyalty because he gave it; and by his serenity of character and his firmness of decision and his justice, he held up a model that every American ought to imitate."

— A Classmate

Charles Gearhart Mettler

NO. 4466 CLASS OF 1906

Died 8 August 1968 in Augusta, Georgia, aged 87 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

WHEN WE PLEBES OF 1906 were gathered together, one man was outstanding. He was older than most of us and had completed two years at Columbia University. He was Charles C. Mettler.

On completion of our class organization, there was a unanimous vote for Mettler as class President. He was a Pennsylvania man and seemed like a good dutchman — so he was soon nicknamed "PD" for the Pennsylvania Dutch. He not only accepted his nick-



CHARLES GEARHART METTLER

name, but thereafter used it, even in his letters to classmates, to his dying day.

PD never participated in our rather wild acts as cadets such as putting the reveille gun in the bathhouse, hanging the skeleton of a horse on the barracks wall, and painting 1906 in crimson on the walls. I feel he did much to keep us in line — most of the time.

Upon graduation, he held the Class together. He tried to keep in close touch with every one of us. He wrote the class notes for the ASSEMBLY, and when one of us died, he wrote the memorial article in consultation with the widow and did a wonderful job.

Class activities absorbed much of his time and required a great amount of effort on his part. He strove to have as many as possible of the Class attend reunions at West Point and also endeavored to get our widows and families to come. He was instrumental in getting out The Decennial Book, Class of 1906 USMA.

PD's standing as Professor of Ordnance and Gunnery at the Military Academy from 1920 to 1924 marked him as an outstanding leader in his field. His assignments in such tasks as Ordnance Expert at the League of Nations and Commanding Officer, Aberdeen Proving Ground and in very responsible military posts in Washington, London, and other overseas key positions were a testimony to the trust and confidence with which his abilities were regarded. There is no way of measuring the far-reaching effect on victory in World War II of the process he originated for extraction of fuels.

PD stood high in the esteem not only of his classmates and military peers, but in every aspect of life. He was a devoted husband, a dedicated church member, and a tireless civic worker. He was a Life Member of the Miami Heart Institute, the American Ordnance Association, the Military Order of World Wars, and the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy. He was a recipient of the Legion of Merit and numerous foreign decorations.

In late years, PD's heart began to give him trouble. Despite that handicap, he carried on until the end and outlived all but half a dozen grads of 1906.

He was beloved by every man in our Class and their families.

May God rest his soul.

—R.E.D.H. — a Classmate

Thomas Bernard Larkin

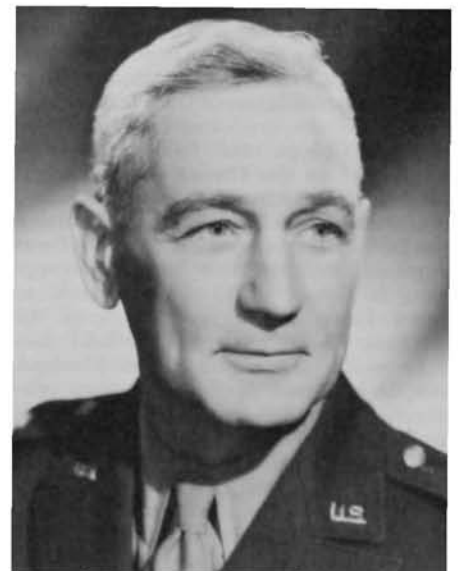
NO. 5333 CLASS OF 1915

Died 17 October 1968, at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 77 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

TOM LARKIN, ONE OF A FAMILY of eight children, was born at Louisburg, Wisconsin, on 15 December 1890. At an early age his family moved to Spokane, Washington, where he attended grammar school, high school, and Gonzaga University, graduating from the University in 1910 with a B.A. degree. Later, in 1936, Gonzaga University awarded him another degree, Doctor of Science. He had always wanted to go to West Point but when he was appointed by Senator Poindexter, he had to take the entrance examinations held at the Presidio of San Francisco with only one week's notice. He was convinced he had not passed the examinations and, having used up all his money and being too proud to write home for more, he almost signed up for a year on a whaler. He returned to Portland in steerage and on the train to Spokane picked up a discarded newspaper. He read a thrilling item; he had passed. He entered West Point on 14 June, 1911 destined to become one of the most distinguished graduates in his Class.

Tom did well at West Point as a scholar, soldier, and athlete. He graduated high in the Class, became a Cadet Captain, and obtained a well-earned "A" in football. When Leland Devore, an all-America linesman, graduated, one sportswriter expressed his doubts that Tom "could fill his shoes." Tom always gave his best, but this remark caused him to put even more effort into the game, with fine results. Tom enjoyed his four years at the Academy; his friends, associates, and the spirit of West Point meant a lot to him. The outstanding event, however, was the Easter Hop in 1915 when he met a Navy girl, Mary Irwin, a gifted and lovely young woman. It was love at first sight. They were married on 16 April 1917, and lived happily together, celebrating their fiftieth anniversary at the Chevy Chase Club near Washington, D.C., in 1967, surrounded by their family, classmates, and many other close friends.



THOMAS BERNARD LARKIN

On graduation, Tom was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers and commenced his outstanding career as an engineer and soldier at Washington Barracks (now Fort McNair), then the home of the Engineer School, taking advanced engineering studies. As the Post had no quarters for students, he lived with three other students, all classmates, in an apartment near DuPont Circle. Automobiles were out of the question for second lieutenants with a pay of \$166.67 a month, so they rode bicycles to and from the Barracks, seven miles away. Bachelors were scarce in Washington, and this group of four were soon immersed in the social whirl of Washington. The school required considerable homework, which, combined with the many late social functions, took such a physical toll that it proved to be a blessing in disguise when, in the fall of 1916, they were ordered to join the Pershing Expedition into Mexico. There he worked on the lines of communication, returning to Washington Barracks some months later to complete the course and graduate at the Engineering School.

When World War I broke out, Tom was assigned to the 6th Engineers, 3d Division. After training at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the unit sailed for France where Tom served as a Company and Battalion Commander on the British Front in the Marne Offensive, the Aisne-Vesle Offensive, and the Battle of the Argonne. He entered as a Captain and was promoted to a Lieutenant Colonel and received a Silver Star. After the war, he served as an instructor at the Engineer School and then was transferred to the Office of the Chief of Engineers. Incidentally, he became an enthusiastic golf player, noted for long and accurate iron shots. After the excitement of the war, he found life in the United States somewhat flat and uninteresting, so he studied Japanese for a year and a half on his own time and in July 1921 was named Assistant Military Attaché at Tokyo, where he stayed two years. In the ten-year class book he described his most harrowing experience in Japan. It occurred when he was in Sapporo's leading hotel, a guest of the Governor of Hokkaido. Invited to take a bath, Tom found that he was not alone. Eight Japanese girls were also bathing. When he finished his ablutions and stepped into the small pool, six of the girls also got in. Tom was a bit embarrassed; the girls, not at all.

On return to the United States, he was assigned as assistant to the District Engineer at Pittsburgh and was engaged on lock and dam construction on the Ohio River. Two years later he began a second tour of duty in the Chief of Engineer's Office and, during this tour, he also graduated from the Army Industrial College. He followed this by graduating from the Command and General Staff School in 1929. He was then assigned as Assistant District Engineer at Vicksburg, then District Engineer, on flood control and navigation work on the lower Mississippi River. In October 1933, he undertook, as District Engineer, the construction of the Fort Peck Dam, the largest earth-fill dam in the world, located in Eastern Montana. Later, he continued his higher military education, graduating from the Army War College in 1938 and from the Naval War College in 1939, both of great value to him during the forthcoming World War II. In May 1939, he moved to Panama where he was placed in charge of a most important engineering task, the Third Locks project. But the war intervened and Tom, feeling that the Canal Zone would prove to be a place

for watchful waiting, asked to be returned to the United States, which was done in February 1942.

In May 1942, Tom went to London as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, S.O.S., U. S. Army Forces, British Isles. After assisting in the planning for the expedition to North Africa, he participated in the landings near Oran and then assumed command of the Mediterranean Base Section, S.O.S., the North African Theater. He became Commanding General, S.O.S., North African Theater, in February, 1943, and was promoted from Brigadier General to Major General in April. Later, he assumed the additional duty of Commander of the Communication Zone of the North African Theater of Operations and, later, the Mediterranean Theater, participating in operations in Sicily, Italy, and Southern France. In August 1944, he moved from Italy to France as Commander of the Southern Lines of Communication, European Theater. In April, he was named Chief of Staff of the Communication Zone, in addition to being Deputy Commander. He returned to the United States in September 1945, receiving the Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, and numerous foreign decorations.

On return to the United States, he became Commanding General of the Second Service Command, but in January 1946, much to his surprise, although all his friends thought it most logical, he was appointed The Quartermaster General of the Army for a term of four years. In March 1949, he received his last active duty assignment, Director of Logistics, U.S. Army, and was promoted to Lieutenant General. He retired 31 December 1952.

Although retired, Tom continued to be most active. He became a director of several companies. He made an economic survey of the Dominican Republic for an American firm and, in 1953, participated in an economic survey of West Berlin. In the fall of that year he went to Paris as a special assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense in the construction of manufacturing facilities in western European countries. From mid 1955 to the fall of 1960 he was Director of the Mutual Weapons Development Program, with headquarters in Paris, engaged in military research with various European countries, fascinating work, for which he received the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award. In October 1960, he headed up a group of experts making a transportation survey of Argentina for the World Bank. His hobbies were flying, hunting, and fishing. In retirement he had become a bit too old for flying, and he did not have too much time for hunting and fishing but he did, on the recommendation of his classmate, Ike Eisenhower, get in some marvelous fishing in the Andes during Christmas week.

Mary and Tom had four children. Being a real Engineer, Tom arranged for an equal number, two boys and two girls, and they alternated, a boy, Tom Jr., being first. He graduated from the University of Virginia at law and had an active Navy career in World War II, including a surprise meeting with his father in Oran in 1942. After practicing corporate law for a number of years, he moved to the administrative side and is now Manager, Corporate Contracts and Pricing, for the Hughes Aircraft Company. He and his wife live in Balboa, California. Betty is married to Robert E. Rochfort, a Colonel in the Air Force. They have three children, a girl and two boys. Rocky is a graduate

of West Point, Class of 1945, and a classmate of Tom's second son, Harrison, who became a jet pilot, and saw service in the Philippines, Japan, and Korea. Tom had the pleasure of pinning his wings on him when he graduated. Unfortunately, Harrison was killed in an accident in 1950. Virginia, the youngest, is married to the Honorable Hugh J. McCann, a member of the Irish Diplomatic Service, now Permanent Secretary of External Affairs, Dublin, Ireland. They have five children. Four are boys and all four have Larkin in their names.

Tom liked the Army and enjoyed all his assignments, mostly positions of great importance. He attributed his success to the Military Academy and his high performance of duty, in both war and peace, not only added additional luster to the image of West Point, but also resulted in very material benefits to the Army and the nation. After a Requiem Mass at the Fort Myer Chapel, he was buried with full military honors at Arlington. Those members of the Class of 1915 who have preceded Tom will welcome him to the Long Gray Line, while his classmates who are destined to follow will always remember him with great pride and affection.

— W.F.T.

Julius Easton Slack

NO. 6292 CLASS OF 1919

Died 31 May 1968 in Ocala, Florida, aged 69 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

JULIUS WAS BORN IN HERMANVILLE, MICHIGAN, on 21 November 1898. He spent his boyhood in Hermansville and graduated from Hermansville High School. After working in his father's business for a short time, he entered West Point on 14 June 1917. He graduated with his Class and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on 1 November 1918 with the expectation of being ordered to France to serve in the American Expeditionary Forces of World War I. The signing of the armistice on 11 November changed this, and he returned to West Point on 3 December for additional study with the other members of his Class who were organized



JULIUS EASTON SLACK

ASSEMBLY

into the Student Officer Battalion. Six months of concentrated study was followed by a "second graduation" in June 1919 and assignment to the Field Artillery. The degree of Bachelor of Science was granted at a later date.

During the months of July, August, and September of 1919, Jules (as he was familiarly called) made the tour of observation of the battlefields of Belgium, France, and Italy and visited the Army of Occupation on the Rhine in company with his Class.

Upon returning to the United States, he reported for duty as a student at the Field Artillery School, Basic Course, at Camp Taylor, Kentucky. The school moved to Camp Knox, Kentucky, for the last month of the course, and Jules graduated there in July 1920.

He received his introduction to supply and logistics during a short tour of duty with the Supply Division of the Sales Department immediately after completion of the course at Camp Knox. He was assigned to the 6th Field Artillery, which was then at Camp Dix, New Jersey, in October 1920. He moved with the regiment to Fort Hoyle, Maryland, in October 1922.

In March of 1923, he reported for duty with the 11th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Soon after reporting in, he returned to California on leave and married Marie Sinclair and returned to Schofield with his bride.

He was assigned to the Hawaiian Quartermaster Depot at Honolulu in February 1924 and served there as Assistant Water and Rail Transportation Officer until he returned to the mainland in January 1926 for duty with the 9th Field Artillery at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and later at Camp Sparta, Wisconsin.

A year of duty as an instructor in the Department of Chemistry and Electricity at West Point was followed by duty with the 4th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort McIntosh, Texas, and Fort Robinson, Nebraska, and the 2d Field Artillery Battalion in the Panama Canal Zone. Both of these battalions were, at that time, Mountain (Pack) Artillery units. In October 1931 he became Department Recreation Officer for the Panama Canal Department and served in that capacity until December 1934.

He then returned to the United States for assignment to the 10th Field Artillery at Fort Lewis, Washington, but almost at once was caught up in the Civilian Conservation Corps work. From February 1935 to January 1936, he served as Assistant and later as District Quartermaster for the Lewiston District with headquarters at Lewiston, Idaho. A year of duty with the 10th Field Artillery was followed by a second tour of duty in Hawaii from December 1937 to May 1940. He was Regimental Supply Officer of the 13th Field Artillery during the first of his tour and later S4 of the 11th Field Artillery Brigade at Schofield Barracks.

During the period from May 1940 through April 1943, a time of reorganization and expansion of the Army, promotions and greater responsibilities came rapidly to Jules. He was promoted to Major in July 1940 and advanced to Brigadier General in April 1943. His assignments during that time were Executive Officer of the 37th Field Artillery Battalion, Commander of the 2d Battalion of the 15th Field Artillery, Commanding Officer of the 37th Field Artillery Battalion, student

at the advanced course at the Field Artillery School, again Commanding Officer of the 37th Field Artillery Battalion, Commanding Officer of the 38th Field Artillery Battalion, Executive Officer of the VIII Army Corps Artillery Section, Artillery Officer of the X Corps, and Artillery Commander of the 69th Infantry Division.

In October 1943 he became the Commanding General of the XX Corps Artillery at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, and served in that position with distinction in the United States and in the European Theater until December 1945. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his distinguished leadership of the XX Corps Artillery against the enemy in France between the 1st and 25th of August 1944 and was awarded an oak leaf cluster for his aggressive tactical employment of his Corps Artillery between 8 January and 12 March 1945 during operations to clear the enemy from the Saar-Moselle Triangle and at the crossing of the Saar. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for his skill in training the XX Corps Artillery, which proved its worth in spearheading the drive of the Third Army across France, and for his ingenious and skillful use of captured German equipment. A Silver Star was awarded him for his courageous and aggressive actions when he personally crossed the Moselle River in an assault boat under fire to reconnoiter German artillery positions which he then took under counter-battery fire. He also received the Air Medal and oak leaf cluster for aerial flights over France and Germany from September through April 1945. He also received the French Legion of Honor (Chevalier), French Croix de Guerre with Palm, French Croix de Guerre with Gold Star, Luxembourg Croix de Guerre, and the Russian Order of the War of the Fatherland Class II.

After the war he served in several important positions at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, from December 1945 to June 1949 when he was assigned to the Caribbean Command, where he served as Commanding General of the Atlantic Sector until March 1951. He then served as Commanding General of the Divisional Artillery of the 40th Infantry Division until his retirement on 30 September 1951.

After his retirement at Fort Mason, California, General and Mrs. Slack toured California for several months in search of the ideal place to enjoy their retirement in the state in which they had been married many years earlier. They did not find what they sought and, on the recommendation of a friend, they came to Florida and established a home in Ocala.

Jules died very suddenly of a heart attack in Munroe Memorial Hospital in Ocala on 31 May 1968. His friends in Ocala report that he apparently had been in very good health and that the fatal attack resulted from over-exertion while mowing the lawn at his home. Funeral services in Ocala were conducted by the Reverend Tobey of the Highland Baptist Church and interment was in Arlington National Cemetery.

Jules took the Masonic degrees in Canal Zone Lodge, Ancon, Canal Zone, in 1934 and maintained his membership in that lodge until his death.

Frank Greene Davis

NO. 6408 CLASS OF 1919

Died 29 March 1967 in Columbus, Ohio, aged 69 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



FRANK GREENE DAVIS

FRANK GREENE DAVIS was born at Baltimore, Maryland, on 31 August 1897. His mother was Abbie Harris Greene, a native of Virginia and a devoted Army wife, always unsparing of herself to make the best possible home for her family in their moves about the world. His father was William David Davis, USMA '92, a native of Michigan. In command of the 361st Infantry, he was killed in action at Waeregom, Belgium, on 1 November 1918, the day that his son Frank graduated from West Point. Incidentally, Frank did not learn of his father's death until after the signing of the Armistice, 11 November 1918. Fort William D. Davis, Canal Zone, is named for Frank's father. Frank's younger brother, William David Davis Jr., USMA '31, died near Fort Benning in February 1939.

As a boy Frank followed the normal SOP of one raised in the Army, living, among many other places, at Plattsburg, Leavenworth, Panama (Empire), and the Moro country in the Philippines. Among the places where he attended grammar and high school were Zamboanga, Philippines; Fort McPherson, Georgia; Sheridan, Wyoming; Plattsburg, New York; Leavenworth, Kansas; and Balboa, Canal Zone.

He entered West Point on 14 June 1917, and after Beast Barracks was assigned to the "Foreign Legion," "the runt company," i.e., Company E, USCC. There he fitted in smoothly and naturally and soon became known for his sense of humor and a strong predilection for his own brand of puns. The latter were the cause of a number of "wet drags" and the enthusiastic expenditure of great quantities of water.

On maneuvers he once borrowed Captain Englehart's steed, somewhat unofficially, according to the HOWITZER. Riding pleasantly along, he unexpectedly encountered the Commandant and Colonel Santschi in a Ford. The Commandant's curiosity was instantly aroused and he asked Frank to what outfit he belonged.

"To the Infantry Signal detail, sir."

"What are you doing with that horse?"

Here some thought impelled Colonel Santschi to tell the Commandant that Frank was just riding Colonel Santschi's horse into camp. At this point Frank showed his innate tactical skill by disappearing in a cloud of dust.

He was "boodle corporal" in E Company during yearling summer camp, and he handled this job with his usual efficiency. But always those puns!

Frank became a Second Lieutenant, Infantry, years ahead of schedule when his class graduated on 1 November 1918. (The class had entered the Academy as the Class of 1921.) After a month's leave and the Armistice he returned to West Point and became a member of the famed Student Officers' Battalion — until June 1919, when the class had its second and final "graduation."

In July his whole class went to Europe, so Frank visited Italy, France, and Belgium, seeing battlefields and American bases; and spent a few days in Germany viewing American occupation troops on the Rhine. Returned to the States he took the basic course at Benning.

He was promoted to First Lieutenant on 12 January 1920. And due to a reduction of the Army he was demoted to Second Lieutenant on 15 December 1922.

After three years at Fort Snelling he joined the 33d Infantry at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, took Spanish lessons in Panama City for two years, and in February 1926, went to Arica, Chile, where he was appointed president of a registration and election board in the plebiscite between Chile and Peru, which was being managed by the United States. After that he and several other Americans took a trip to Bolivia and southern Peru before returning to Panama.

He had again been made a First Lieutenant on 23 December 1923.

In August 1926, he returned to the States and was assigned to the 18th Infantry at Fort Hamilton, New York, where he spent three years; then to West Point, where he was an instructor in drawing for six years (1929 to 1935). He became well-known among the cadets for the following remarks, made to his classes in drawing: "When I say 'put away your work,' put away your work. Put away your work." Numerous grads who took drawing from Frank recall this remark.

These years at West Point were among the most enjoyable of his career. His brother graduated from West Point in the Class of 1931, and his mother and sister lived with Frank on the post. He had a number of close friends who were his frequent companions, and he loved the Academy.

He became a Captain on 1 August 1935.

Leaving West Point, he spent a year at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, another year as a student at Leavenworth (Command and General Staff School), and two years with the 31st Infantry in Manila.

He was promoted to Major 1 July 1940.

Now came two years of duty at Benning and a year in Washington. In December 1943, he went to Fort Riley as Deputy Chief of Staff, XVI Corps, and in August the next year went to Europe with this organization. In July 1945, he was seriously injured in an auto smash-up and returned to the States to recuperate and fill a short assignment in Washington. From 1946 to 1948 he was again at West Point as Commandant of the preparatory school at Stewart Field. In June

1948, he joined the Joint United States Military Group to the Republic of the Philippines.

On 6 January 1949, Frank married Helen Ann Dent in Tokyo. He had a daughter and then a son by this marriage, and these are probably the youngest children of any member of his class.

Returning to the States in 1950, he was stationed in Columbia, South Carolina, on organized reserve duty; then he returned to West Point in 1952. He was again appointed Commandant of the preparatory school for a year and then Inspector General of the Academy. He and Bartlett did a beautiful job of staging the 35th reunion of 1919 in June 1954, and a number of class wives stayed at the Davis quarters on the post at this time.

In the summer of 1954 he retired. He had been stationed at West Point for ten years, more or less, out of approximately thirty-six years that he was on active duty. On retirement he became an instructor in drawing at Ohio State University, a post for which he was well prepared by his years in the Department of Drawing at West Point. His last years were marred to some extent by painful symptoms resulting from his automobile accident in Europe.

Frank died in Columbus, Ohio, on 29 March 1967, and was buried at Arlington.

He received the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Croix de Guerre with palm, and was in the Northern France, the Central Europe, and the Rhineland campaigns of World War II.

Professionally, Frank was a serious soldier. In matters of business or duty he was strictly "no nonsense," and duty was a thing which had to be done, thoroughly, up-to-the-hilt, without compromise. He always had a strong sense of responsibility, of dependability, of thoroughness, which made him such an invaluable asset to the organizations in which he served, and to their commanders. Another strong trait was his continuous drive for self-improvement, constantly working for more knowledge along military lines and in many other fields for broad development.

On the personal side, Frank had a profound attachment to his friends. He loved to mix and relax with those who were close to him, and he seemed truly happy in such company. He had a great sense of humor, as evidenced in part by his puns, and he was skillful and tenacious in debate, posing all sorts of questions which were hard to answer. For his family he showed a kindness and affection amounting to dedication. This was obvious to those who really knew him, but he tried to hide these qualities as he abhorred the idea of being thought soft. These traits are beautifully shown by the manner in which he cared for his mother, and raised his young brother and sister after the death of his father in World War I. His sister writes of him:

"He was the dearest, kindest, most considerate person in the world, which he tried hard to disguise. He spent much of his life and youth looking after his mother, sister, and brother."

He is survived by his widow, his sister, his son, and his daughter.

He was a man, a soldier, a friend and a true son of West Point. Of him it can truly be said: "Well done, be thou at peace."

— LSS Jr.

John Ferral McBlain

NO. 6730 CLASS OF 1920

Died 22 October 1967 at Santa Rosa, California, aged 66 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



JOHN FERRAL MCBLAIN

JACK MCBLAIN WAS BORN in Georgetown, the son of Captain John F. McBlain and Roberta Hardesty McBlain. His father, who died when Jack was but two years old, had served during the Indian Wars and with Teddy Roosevelt in Cuba, and in the Philippines. Jack was reared at Fort Riley where his mother was given an appointment as postmistress by President Roosevelt.

Army life at Riley, and the lore of the early days in the West as learned from stories of his father's exploits, influenced the youngster, and it was natural that he should decide to devote his life to duty, honor, and serving his country.

Jack left Junction City High School to spend his last year at Shad's in Washington; then entered the Academy with an appointment-at-large. He was graduated in 1920.

In 1921, after Cavalry School at Fort Riley, he eagerly entered the Air Service Pilot School at Carlstrom Field, Florida, to pursue his true love — flying. For the next 35 years this was his life.

In the early years he saw service at many Air Fields — Post, Brooks, Wheeler, Luke, Kelly, Randolph and Maxwell — where much of his time was spent in training pilots. He was graduated from the Air Corps Tactical School, Command and General Staff School, and the Naval War College.

At the outbreak of World War II Jack was serving with the Training and Operations Division, Office of the Chief of Air Corps in Washington. From there he was ordered to Maxwell Field as G3 for Southeast Army Air Forces Training Center, then on to the China-Burma-India Theatre of Operations to serve on the Air Staff of the Southeast Asia Command in New Delhi.

In 1946 Jack was ordered to Europe and served as A3 with Headquarters USAFE in Wiesbaden. Following three years of post-war duty in Germany (including the Berlin Air Lift) he was ordered to Scott Field as Commanding General. From that post he went to Offutt Air Force Base to serve as

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Inspector General for the Strategic Air Command. His final duty was as Head of the Personnel Council for the Secretary of the Air Force.

In 1956 Jack retired as a Major General. He was a Command Pilot and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit. It had been a full and rewarding life of service with the Army and the Air Force.

In retirement, Jack enjoyed life in northern California, first as a rancher and fisherman in Alexander Valley, then as an ardent golfer at Oakmont in Santa Rosa. He had a keen interest in government and international affairs and was an avid reader.

Jack's hallmark of moral character and integrity was kindly expressed by an officer who had served with him:

"I have learned that my friend, the General, has died. I am sorry, indeed, for I never knew a finer man nor a better officer. I am certain that he met his end with the same courage and straightforwardness with which he faced life."

—Merle McBain

Francis Ward Walker

NO. 6744 CLASS OF 1920

Died 3 May 1950 in Seattle, Washington, aged 52 years.

Cremation



FRANCIS WARD WALKER

WARD WAS BORN ON 27 August 1897, in Butte, Montana, the son of Frank H. and Daisy B. Walker, and shortly moved to Spokane, Washington, where he attended grammar and high schools.

In June 1918, Ward was Senator Wesley L. Jones' at-large appointment to the United States Military Academy from Washington, and he graduated with the class two years later on 15 June 1920. As a Second and First Lieutenant, he served as Student Officer at Fort Monroe to July 1921; then at Forts Casey and Worden, Washington, until September 1922; and at Fort Kamehameha, Oahu, Hawaiian Territory, until 24 February 1923, when he entered civilian life in Hawaii.

Ward will always be remembered as a cadet and as a young officer for his friendly and engaging ways. Always presenting a jovial approach in his relationships, he in-

spired confidence and spread good will in our group activities. Slightly older than the class average with a period of after-high-school experience, he possessed a certain maturity, which joined to his affability, resulted in a personality ideally suited for military leadership or public relations. All of us in 1920 were happier for having known Ward in the early days, and the peacetime Army lost a good officer, mainly because the future in the Army at that time appeared to be quite unfavorable for us.

Ward, always a man of determination, feeling restless and confined by the limitations of the peacetime Army, looked for broader fields and brighter futures to apply his undoubted talents. He found these broader fields right at hand in Honolulu, where he resigned and entered employment with the Bishop Trust Company.

Ward and Francel Hill, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hill of Port Townsend, Washington, were married on 19 June 1923, in Honolulu. He and Francel could be looked upon as very brave to enter, on their own, a new field of enterprise, especially in an area where only an outstanding worker could succeed, and all the population were strangers. So here in Hawaii, Ward and Francel lived for five years, and their first two sons were born, Roderick Ward in 1925 and Neil Hill in 1926.

Ward became Manager of the Real Estate Loan Department of Bishop Trust Company and Director of the General Investment Company, of the Kapahulu Development Company, and of the Kuliouou Land Company, all of Honolulu, and acquired valuable business experience and tempering in competitive activities. But "island fever" takes its toll, and Oahu's boundaries became restrictive. So restless Ward resigned it all again, and in 1929 went off with his growing family to the old home town of Seattle. Here he joined the Peoples First National Bank, and for five years helped Joshua Green, one of Seattle's great businessmen, develop a strong branch banking system. Again Ward's initiative took over, and he founded the Home Oil Company of Seattle in 1936. This Company is still in operation by Ward's sons. The third son, Hugh, was born in Seattle on 3 August 1931. The three sons are all residents of Seattle, and Francel still resides there at 2320 West Viewmont Way.

Through the years Ward kept up his Army interests. On the day Pearl Harbor was bombed, he gave up his various business interests to assist in the titanic efforts for final victory. He was recalled to duty in the grade of Major and was first on duty with the Port activities in Seattle, Washington, then in Alaska. In 1942 he joined Distributions Division, Army Service Forces, in Washington, D.C., where a classmate, Frank Henning, was in charge. Later he was assigned to Norfolk, Virginia, as a representative of Army Service Forces to assure that supply and maintenance equipment joined hands with personnel on their overseas trip.

Always when the facts came to the Pentagon from Norfolk, his classmates knew that men and supplies were being joined successfully in movement overseas. Whatever the weather, or long hours needed, wherever in the great railway yards and port the supplies might be moving, there was Ward, hard-working and conscientiously doing his job, always a fine distinguished member of the Class of 1920.

From Norfolk, Ward was transferred overseas to channel ports in England and France where the distributions system was equally

important. Here he continued the demanding work of supply until the end of the war and until October 1945, when he was relieved from active duty in the grade of Colonel, AUS.

The value of his service in this country and overseas was recognized by commendatory citations from the Commanding General, Service of Supply, General Brehon B. Somerville.

Ward was a member of the American Legion, Kiwanis, College Club, USMA Society of Puget Sound, AF&AM of Spokane, and Aloha Shrine of Honolulu.

For his loyalty, ability, determination, public spirit, generosity, and contributions to national welfare, we are proud to say, Ward, "Well Done."

—Classmates

Randolph Burt Wilkinson

NO. 6796 CLASS OF 1920

Died 24 June 1949 in Seattle, Washington, aged 49 years.

Interment: Washellis Cemetery, Seattle, Washington



RANDOLPH BURT WILKINSON

RANDOLPH BURT WILKINSON was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, 24 July 1899, and died in Seattle, Washington, 24 June 1949.

Between those two dates and places the life of "Wilk" Wilkinson was an enigma to his family and his friends. Superbly endowed with talent, physical, mental and personality-wise, yet he was not understandable by the standards and conventions of his contemporaries. He had much to offer the Army, and life itself, had this one link of communication between his inner self and the world been more firmly forged.

Born of a well-to-do and respected mid-west family, Randolph graduated from St. James School and Shattuck Military Academy in Fairbault, Minnesota—private schools of top rank. A year of preparatory study for entrance to West Point followed at Marion Institute in Marion, Alabama. He did well in his studies but was outstanding in athletics, having been named to the national 1917 AAU All Star Athletic Team for the discus throw event. At Shattuck he was a two-year member of the precision drill squad which won wide acclaim for its disciplined showmanship in connection with the school's activities.

At West Point, after the strenuous Plebe summer in which he was considered by the upper classmen as "Yearling Corp Material," Wilk ran afoul of The Establishment by collecting demerit after demerit until his scheduled tours on the Area resembled the national debt. However, after nine solid months of walking he had paid his obligation to society and blossomed forth as a bright star in the track meets in the heavy events, setting an Academy record for the javelin throw in the 1920 Spring Meet.

After graduation in the lower academic, but safe enough, echelon he joined his Doughboy classmates at Fort Benning for the Basic I Course at the Infantry School. There he did well, was a good shot, and seemed to enjoy the relatively carefree life of a young shavetail bachelor officer. His hobby was poker playing at which he was both skillful and phenomenally lucky. Although playing for moderate stakes, his weekend accumulations were the envy of his less lucky compatriots.

In March 1921, Wilk disappeared from the communal BOQ dormitory without a Goodbye, Aye, Yes or No. Many thought he might have been unusually lucky in his winnings and had met with foul play; others conjectured amnesia. A month later his resignation was accepted; no further surrounding details are of record nor of personal knowledge of any known person.

His whereabouts remained a secret until June 1929, when the Carnegie Steel Company at St. Louis reported his disappearance from his office as District Sales Agent. He had joined this company soon after the resignation of his commission. During this period Wilkinson married Evelyn June Mohr of Chicago, in 1924, to which union were born two children, Mary June (Keppen) and a son, James Randolph.

Nothing further was heard of Randolph Burt until October 1942, when the call to the wartime colors was too strong to resist. He enlisted in San Francisco as a private but evidently the intervening years had exacted a too heavy toll from the magnificent physique which resulted in his medical discharge from the Army in January 1943.

Death came following a heart attack incurred while working as a pin setter in a Seattle bowling alley. The manager of the bowling alley was the sole mourner at the final services for this potentially splendid soldier; the daughter and the classmates who tried to understand the inner Randolph Burt Wilkinson also mourned.

— S. R. H.

George Hasbrouck Krause

NO. 6799 CLASS OF 1920

Died 23 October 1966 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, aged 66 years.

IT IS NOT EASY to write the obituary of a real friend. To lighten the burden, a few little known incidents will reflect the true character of George.

Many times we have heard the statement: To know one you must live with one. To his friends George was well liked, respected, and always knew they had a true friend through thick and thin.

He was a great fiction man while a cadet. He read every issue of *Red Book*, *Cosmopolitan*, and others, cover to cover. Of course we had certain hours for study, but if he



GEORGE HASBROUCK KRAUSE

became engrossed in a story, he figured maybe tomorrow would be the day he would not be marked. He misjudged on one occasion. The math instructor—an Engineer—gave him a problem to solve. George had a keen mind and retentive memory and started his explanation. When he finished, the instructor was heard to say, "Where did you find that solution? I will say it is novel but logical." George made a max and was all smiles.

His parents followed Horace Greeley's advice, and were very successful. They were a closely knit family, and George carried on after his marriage. The family was always looking for the newsy letter from George. He didn't realize time was flitting by, and several weeks went by without a letter. A telegram came asking a simple question. Is my son George alive? A letter was sent that night, and never a telegram again.

George loved the Army and planned to make it a career. He resigned his commission in 1922 to take care of family holdings in Colorado Springs.

Another amusing incident occurred in Colorado Springs. A classmate anonymous decided to locate in Colorado Springs after retirement. He stayed at the Antlers Hotel (owned by the family), and enjoyed it. The rate, however, was higher than the limit. He was advised to see Mr. Krause concerning any adjustment. An appointment was made, but George knew the circumstances. Mr. Krause never caught the classmate's eye. George purposely left his head down and kept on writing when the conversation was ended, looked up and consternation broke loose. Arrangements were made, everyone was happy, especially the classmate. George was always ready to do a favor for a friend.

Mentioned earlier, his aversion to write followed him always. His main means of communication with his friends was by long distance phone. His motto must have been: The difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes a little longer. He detested tardiness and inefficiency.

George, like many other classmates, volunteered his services again in World War II. He returned to active duty January 1942. He served in numerous capacities in the Air Force. He was relieved of Active Duty as a Colonel AUS in January 1946.

He loved to travel, either to see a classmate or roam foreign lands for pleasure.

To his widow Kitty, his sister Dorothy, and his family our sincerest sympathy.

George will always be remembered for his loyalty to his friends. He will be missed but not forgotten.

— Kaydet wife

Louis William Haskell

NO. 7070 CLASS OF 1923

Died 16 September 1968 in Washington, D.C., aged 68 years

Interment: Columbarium, Springfield, Massachusetts

COLONEL LOUIS WILLIAM HASKELL, USMA 1923, died from the effects of Parkinson's Disease in Washington, D.C., on 16 September 1968 at the age of 68. He was interred in the Columbarium at Springfield, Massachusetts where his wife had been interred nine years earlier. "Louie," born in Massachusetts, retained his New England accent and the love of his home state throughout his life. It was only natural that his first assignment following graduation would be at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. While stationed there, he met and fell in love with Miss Maud Briggs of nearby Ayer. They were married on 13 September 1924 and had many happy years of interesting assignments before the pre-war mobilization days of 1940. Maud and Louie were a devoted couple whose circle of friends constantly grew ever larger during this period. In the early years two sons were born: Louis William Jr. in Hawaii in November 1925 and Richard Briggs in Virginia in December 1929. Both boys later graduated from West Point and currently are on active duty as Lieutenant Colonels.

Louie's principal World War II service was in the China Theatre of C.B.I. where he was in charge of the Hump Allocation and Control Office. He was the direct representative of the China Theatre Commander, apportioning all tonnage capacities by which personnel and supplies were brought into China. Initially this consisted only of the capacity of the famous "Hump Air Lift." Allocations were made among all recipients in the Theatre including both United States and Chinese Air Forces and Ground Forces, the Chinese Government, Office of Strategic Services, and many other agencies. Later the capacities of truck convoys traversing the Lido-Burma Road and the pipeline constructed from



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China-India to Burma were added. In Louie's own words: "There was nothing in the books on this operation."

Louie remained in China following the Japanese surrender to become Chief of Staff of the Peiking Headquarters Group of the Marshall Mission. This Group, at its height, numbered several hundred military personnel and diplomatic officials charged with supervision of truce terms endeavoring to effect cease fire agreements between the Nationalist and Communist armies in North China. It was difficult, frustrating duty. For his handling of war and post-war assignments in China Louie's own government awarded him the Legion of Merit and the Chinese government awarded him its Army-Navy-Air Force Medal and its Special Breast Order Yun Hui with ribbon. In addition, General Albert C. Wedemeyer former Commanding General of United States Forces in the China Theatre wrote in part concerning Louie: "He was the epitome of tact and could be very forceful when the occasion demanded. . . . In addition he possessed outstanding professional skill and enjoyed the respect and admiration of all members of my command in China."

After 31 years service and another Legion of Merit, Louie retired from the Army in 1954. Retirement, to him, meant preparing for and starting a new career. It also meant a return to his beloved New England. He and Maud settled in West Hartford, Connecticut, where he soon was teaching mathematics and science in a junior high school.

Then tragedies of growing older became realities. Maud died of Leukemia in 1959. Parkinson's Disease forced Louie into complete retirement in 1960. Gradually his condition grew worse until 1968 when the Class of 1923 lost a gallant member.

The Long Gray Line has never had a more stalwart representative than Louis William Haskell. He never wavered in his devotion to duty nor in his belief in his ideals. He was an inspiration to those with whom he came in daily contact. I am proud to have called him friend.

— A Classmate

Paul Kenneth Porch

NO. 7159 CLASS OF 1923

Died 7 September 1966 in Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, aged 67 years.

Interment: National Cemetery,
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

PAUL ("P.K.") PORCH was born on 7 July 1899, in Mansfield, Ohio, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dana L. Porch. At the age of 19, Paul entered the University of Chicago, leaving at the end of his first scholastic year to accept an appointment to West Point from the 6th District, Illinois. As plebes, we classmates were highly impressed by Paul's serious appearance and manner. We soon learned to appreciate his quiet geniality, his sly humor, and his sincere respect for the feelings of others.

At graduation, "P.K." chose the Infantry. Between 1923 and World War II, Paul's assignments in the United States included service at Fort Benning, Georgia, at Fort Hayes, Ohio, and at Fort Hamilton, New York. His overseas assignments during this early period took him to Panama, Hawaii, and the Philippines. During the period of World War II, Paul rose to the grade of Colonel. He ably performed a variety of staff as-



PAUL KENNETH PORCH

signments, first at training centers, then in Headquarters Army Ground Forces and in Headquarters European Theatre of Operations. For his service in this period he was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Ribbon, the French Legion of Honor (Grade of Chevalier), and the French Croix de Guerre (with Palm).

After World War II, Paul focused his attention on Latin America and was assigned in 1946 as military attaché in Quito, Ecuador. He traveled throughout Ecuador, and his reports on the communications, roads, and bridges, so vital in this mountainous Andean area, won special recognition from both United States and Ecuadorean authorities. With the enthusiastic support of his wife Ann, Paul's duties with respect to entertainment and protocol were likewise performed in a manner that cemented relationships between the two nations. Upon his departure, he was awarded Ecuador's highest military decoration, the Abdon Calderon (First Class).

Paul next served as an intelligence staff officer in the Pentagon. His last military assignment was as military attaché in Montevideo, Uruguay.

After retiring from the Army in 1954, Paul settled near Alexandria, Virginia. One of his lifetime hobbies now influenced his choice of civilian employment. During his extensive travels, he had enjoyed studying and observing furniture. He thus developed a great store of knowledge about its functional design, its ornamentation, and the basic qualities of workmanship and materials. He accordingly accepted a position in furniture merchandising.

During this retirement period, Ann suffered physical disabilities that required the continuing attention of medical specialists. In 1966 Paul gave up his position to devote full time and attention to Ann, and they decided to establish their home in Arizona because of its dry climate. However, within a month Ann's condition became more serious, so they hurried to San Antonio for treatment. While there, Paul also became ill. The end came very soon after his admission to Brooke General Hospital. He was survived only by Ann, who died also a few weeks later.

— E.F.A.

George Franklin Williams

NO. 7174 CLASS OF 1923

Died 12 October 1966 in Charlotte,
North Carolina, aged 65 years.

Interment: Cedargrove Cemetery, Portsmouth, Virginia

FOR ONE WHO LOVED LIFE as Frank did, his death seemed untimely. It came, too, on the threshold of more leisure time when the oft planned thoughts of Class reunion seemed close to becoming a reality.

Frank greatly admired his brother, Herbert, who graduated from the Academy in 1918, so it was with a deep sense of gratitude when he entered West Point in 1919. After attending high school in Wilson, North Carolina, for several years, Frank enrolled in Staunton Military Academy in Virginia, where he graduated in 1918. While waiting for his appointment he attended Marion Institute in Alabama. Frank loved West Point—even the rigorous times were part and parcel of four years of nostalgic referral. He was an avid sports enthusiast. Studies prevented more active participation. The recompense, however, was Polo. Perhaps it was the smallness of the squads creating bonds of friendship, as well as love of the game, that made it the great sport. After graduation Frank was assigned to the Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Three happy years were spent there, highlighted by the crack Polo team—they played teams from Pinehurst, Camden, etc.

It was never Frank's desire to leave his first love, but practicality of the times held sway. Following the ARMY-Navy game in New York the President of a tobacco company offered a position, and as a career in the Army appeared to be stagnant, and the Long Gray Line was having a lengthy wait, in 1926 Frank resigned and accepted the business offer. After several transfers, Charlotte, North Carolina, became the home for Frank and his bride. He married Nancy Dayton Reed of Norfolk, Virginia, in 1933. She and two sons survive. The elder is a minister in Lexington, Virginia.

In 1951 Frank bought a jobbing business, and was active until his death—finding recreation in golf, tennis, the beaches and lakes. A Cadet roommate said of him that he was quiet and friendly and that he thoroughly enjoyed partaking in these activities.



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A friend wrote of him . . . He was revered and appreciated by all who were privileged to know him. He had a keen, intense interest in the welfare of all his friends, and of this they were all aware. He accepted life's seasons of distress and shouldered his burdens magnificently and triumphantly. He was diligent in duty, performing all in order. He was careful in conversation—a gentleman in every sense of the word. One was always conscious of his deep devotion to his wife and family, and of his Christian faith expressed in his life and worship.

— N.R.W.

Bernard Francis Luebbermann

NO. 7346 CLASS OF 1924

Killed 8 April 1945 near Gutbach, Germany, aged 42 years.

Interment: St. Avon, Alsace-Lorraine



BERNARD FRANCIS LUEBBERMANN

BERNARD F. "LUEBBY" LUEBBERMANN demonstrated the determination and tenacity that was the keystone of his character even before he took the oath as a cadet on 2 July 1920. Although he was born on 19 December 1902 in Evansville, Indiana, he made personal calls on fifty-one Congressmen to secure an appointment to the Military Academy and then moved to Chillicothe in the 11th District of Ohio to justify the appointment by the Honorable E. D. Ricketts.

As a cadet, Luebby was extremely conscientious and hard-working, but he found time to enjoy the Hops in Cullum Hall. His academic success placed him in the upper third of our Class at the same time that he earned a berth on the boxing team for all four years and on the pistol team for the last three years. His "wife," Art Trudeau, remembers that in addition to taking considerable drubbing in boxing, Luebby worked harder to keep physically fit than anyone he knew on calisthenics, weight lifting, and similar gymnastic exercises.

Although seriousness was his outstanding characteristic, Luebby was always cheerful and friendly to all. He was both generous and tolerant of others. Always willing to listen to someone's problem, he would usually have a solution giving a soothing effect like oil on the sea.

Assigned to the Field Artillery upon graduation on 12 June 1924, Bernard F. Luebber-

mann served at several well-known state-side posts such as Forts Hoyle, Meade, Sill, and Knox, and Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. Following Unit Schools at Fort Hoyle, he completed both the Battery Officers and Field Officers Courses at Fort Sill plus the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. At Fort Knox Luebby met Jean, the daughter of Colonel Nathan Neote, and they were married in January 1939. They had three sons: Bernard Jr., Louis, and John.

Beginning in 1942, Luebby gained experience with Armored Artillery at Fort Knox and at Camp Campbell until he was assigned in March 1943 as a member of the Field Artillery Board at Fort Bragg. He did not stay there long, however, because he joined the 10th Armored Division as Artillery Commander at Camp Gordon, Georgia, in June 1944, and in August 1944 went to the European Theatre of Operations with that Division.

The Tenth Armored "Tigers" under Major General William H. H. Morris had a brilliant combat record as part of the XX Corps from the capture of Metz through the Battle of the Bulge to the Battle for Crailsheim. While he was on a reconnaissance at Gutbach near Crailsheim on 8 April 1945, a sniper's bullet killed Bernard F. Luebbermann. General Morris writes "Colonel Luebbermann did a very fine job for the 10th Armored Division during the war. It was a great loss to lose him at Crailsheim." In addition to the usual campaign medals, Colonel Luebbermann was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the French Croix de Guerre with Palm, and the French Croix de Guerre with Silver Gilt Star.

Bernard Luebbermann not only was a superb soldier completely dedicated to the Army, but in his family life was "a wonderful brother, husband, and father." His son John, who graduated from the Air Force Academy and who is now a First Lieutenant in the Air Force, writes "When the going got rough at the Air Force Academy and there were a couple of times when I became discouraged to the point of resigning, the fact that my father made it through West Point and would have been proud of me graduating gave me the added strength to continue." He was a fine representative of all that West Point stands for; and all the elements were so mixed in him "that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

—Ben Mesick

Virgil Rasmuss Miller

NO. 7577 CLASS OF 1924

Died 5 August 1968 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, aged 67 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

"WE GROPE FOR WORDS. Someone important and meaningful has gone, and we are less than we were before; yet the spirit of the man, the qualities and ideals embodied in this friend and leader, live on in each of us. He will not be forgotten." So wrote Frank Fukuzawa in the 442d Newsletter.

Colonel Virgil Rasmuss Miller was born on 11 November 1900 in San German, Puerto Rico. He entered the United States Military Academy in 1920 and graduated as an Infantry Second Lieutenant in June 1924. He and

his friend and classmate, Oswaldo de la Rosa, were the first Puerto Rican born Americans to be graduated from West Point. The following spring, he married Ann McCoughran in Orange, New Jersey. Five children were born to them, two of whom preceded him in death.

Dad's military career began with service in the Puerto Rican Home Guard during World War I and ended with his retirement in September 1954. From graduation until 1940, he served at stateside posts and with the 65th Infantry in Puerto Rico. In 1940, he was transferred to Hawaii, where he served with the 21st Infantry Brigade and the 24th Infantry Division.

Wartime service began with the attack on Pearl Harbor, followed by duty at Fort McClellan, and assignment in June 1943 as Executive Officer of the 442d Regimental Combat Team. There followed three years which he described as "the most satisfactory and rewarding of my thirty years of service," during which he and the 442d participated



VIRGIL RASMUSS MILLER

in the Rome-Arno, Germany, North Apennines, and Po Valley Campaigns in Italy and France. In October 1944, Dad assumed command of the 442d. Under his leadership the Combat Team effected the relief of the "Lost Battalion" (First Battalion, 141st Infantry, 36th Division) which had been isolated behind the German lines near Bruyeres, France. In 1945, in the regiment's last campaign, he planned and executed the attack which broke the Gothic Line on the west coast of Italy and led the 442d in the capture of Mount Folgorito, Massa, Carrara, the German naval base at La Spezia, and Turin.

In June 1946, Dad relinquished command of the 442d and remained in Italy until the spring of 1947. Subsequent duty took him to Turkey as Infantry Adviser and to Pennsylvania State College, Lehigh University, and the University of Michigan as Professor of Military Science and Tactics.

For his wartime service, Dad, in addition to the Combat Infantryman Badge, was awarded the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Presidential Unit Citation. The First French Army awarded him the Croix de Guerre, and the French Armee des Alpes presented him with the Croix de Guerre with Gold Star. Prince Umberto of Italy personally presented him with the Croce al Merito di Guerra. In addition, he received the

Asiatic-Pacific Medal with one battle star, American Defense Medal, European Theatre Medal with four battle stars, Mediterranean Theatre Medal, National Service Defense Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Dad was always extremely proud of his service with the 442d and for the rest of his life remained in close touch with its members, following and taking great pride in their peacetime accomplishments. He once wrote: "Of the honors I have received, I am most proud of the Combat Infantryman Badge, earned with the unit, and the fact that I received a battlefield promotion to Colonel as a member of the unit."

Following retirement in 1954, he became a Research Associate at the University of Michigan Institute of Science and Technology, from which position he retired in 1963.

Dad died 5 August 1968, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. When informed of his death, the 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry, with the assistance of Senator Daniel K. Inouye, sent the Regimental Colors from Schofield Barracks to be carried by the Honor Guard in the funeral procession—an impressive and fitting farewell to a great and dedicated leader.

Survivors are his widow Ann Miller; three children, William G. Miller of Ann Arbor, Richard A. Miller of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Julia M. Vokac of Inkster, Michigan; seven grandchildren; a brother Horace G. Miller of Milwaukee; and a sister Edith Macaulay of Chappaqua, New York.

The world is a much poorer place since he left it. We shall miss him.

— W.G.M.

Michael John Geraghty

NO. 7856 CLASS OF 1925

Died 9 April 1968 in Fort Meade, Maryland, aged 67 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland

COLONEL MICHAEL J. GERAGHTY was born on 6 March 1901, in Baltimore, Maryland, seemingly with one desire — to join the Army. After graduating from Mount St. Joseph High School, he began to work on an appointment to West Point. With Irish impatience, he finally entered the ranks, and then the ap-



MICHAEL J. GERAGHTY

pointment came through after all. He graduated with the Class of 1925 and served in many parts of the United States and in the Philippines until World War II took him to Ascension Island, North Africa, France, and Italy. Postwar assignments included Fort Riley, Kansas, where he achieved an Infantryman's dream and commanded the 85th Infantry Regiment, and Okinawa, where he returned briefly to the Quartermaster Corps.

He retired in 1954 as Post Commander of Fort Meade, Maryland, and settled near the river in the Chesapeake Bay country where he and Helen Elizabeth Ryan had met thirty years before. It was an old farmhouse that received the roots of this fighting Infantryman and his wife, who gloried in their woods and their garden and whose home was redolent with reminders of a very full and happy Army life. Japanese coffee tables blend with Italian inlaid tables, and Okinawan landscape prints with warm Irish sheepskin rugs. The house speaks of a rich life, lived to the fullest, loved in retrospect but comfortably in the past as one settles into the happiest part of it — the evening years when ambition's fire has mellowed and one has time to plant tobacco, trim the rose hedge, and enjoy a highball on one's own grassy patio, surrounded by flowering forsythia and willow and pear trees.

After twelve years of these idyllic years, the first sickness of a long, hardy life sounded the first notes of tattoo. Over a period of two and a half years, he waged a truly heroic battle with cancer, facing it with an Infantryman's courage but fighting it with an Irishman's love of life. Toward the end, in Fort Meade's Kimbrough Hospital, we realized the extent of this courage and the magnificent effort that had kept him going for several months with a serenity and a patience that became increasingly typical of the new Mike as the disease gained on him. After having shown us how to live, he showed us how to die on 9 April 1968.

But it is not these biographical details that make him live on in our hearts. When a housing area at Fort Meade was recently dedicated to his memory, it was at the request of those who had served with him, many continuing on the Post as civilians after their tours of duty had ended. There was a loyalty about him, a dedication to what he believed in, a fierce devotion to duty that made him a man to admire and to follow, that has made him live on in the lives he touched. His courtesy, his love for the gracious thing, his silent sacrifice where right was concerned, his deep concern for his country, and his generosity with his own time and talents during retirement on behalf of the community he had adopted and the country he loved so much influenced more lives than we knew. It was only during the painful days of his last illness and the first days after his death when the letters poured in from the many people who had known him that we realized his impact on them. Many are young people who called him "Colonel Mike" and who will miss the thoughtful analysis of life and politics, his intellectual thrust, his Irish humor, and his example of "Old Army" social traditions as much as they will miss his familiar figure on the community tennis court of which he was the inspiration and the builder, and where he taught the young people of the community much more than tennis in his tennis lessons.

Finally, as his daughter, I will remember him as the hero he was to me as a little girl, and the advisor on life, idealism, and love of country he has been to me ever

since. Especially will I remember the lesson he taught me on the tennis courts in many parts of the world. In his "Keep your eye on the ball," and "They're all coming back," he expressed his own devotion to duty, his own singleness of purpose, and his own strong faith in the God that made him, taught him, and loved him. He was, in the words of the Cadet Prayer, a man who habitually chose "the harder right instead of the easier wrong," and was never "content with a half truth when the whole" could be won.

— Sister Mary Paul Geraghty, OSFS

Charles Edward Martin

NO. 7885 CLASS OF 1926

Died 14 February 1968 in Manhasset, New York, aged 63 years.

Interment: St. Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale, New York

"ENCOURAGE US TO LIVE above the common level of life." These words from the Cadet Prayer are perhaps the best description of his life, for he lived well above the common level of life. Common, not merely in a material sense, but in the values which characterize a great man — wisdom, honesty, perseverance, and love. He was a man who was not influenced by the frills of our society; family, friends, and religion were the keystones around which his world revolved. These values do not suddenly appear in one's character, but develop through the years, and West Point had much to do with their formation. Charlie loved the Academy and what it stood for. Although many years had passed since his graduation, he would still reminisce about the friendships and training he had received there.

Charlie was born in Brooklyn, New York, on 31 January 1905. He was graduated from Richmond Hill High School where he was a popular student, active in many sports. He entered the Academy in July 1922 to begin four of the most rewarding years of his life. He became Cadet Company Commander while taking an active part in extracurricular activities; he was the mainstay of the soccer team, handball champion of the Corps, and an expert marksman. After graduation Charlie was ordered to the University of California where he received a Master's Degree in Civil



CHARLES EDWARD MARTIN

Engineering in 1928. He left the service in 1930 to become a management consultant. Prior to his return to service, he was the Assistant Operations Manager of the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant, Indiana, where he was in charge of 17,000 employees managing the production of shells for the government. In 1942 he joined the Army Transportation Corp in Washington, D.C. as Director of Personnel and Labor Relations Officer under General Charles P. Gross. He received the Legion of Merit, and in 1946 he retired from the Army as a Colonel in the Reserves.

Charlie was the Deputy Commissioner of Transportation for the City of New York before becoming the Administrator of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary in 1950. It was in this capacity that the true measure of the man became apparent. The year before his arrival, the hospital had very nearly ceased to exist. His leadership, enthusiasm, and boundless energy carried the hospital through this difficult period and thus began a steady growth over the years which culminated in the opening of the new hospital in January 1968.

The directors and staff of the Infirmary expressed their feelings about his untimely death this way: "Colonel Charles E. Martin, a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, was an inspiring leader. His enthusiasm for the Infirmary, its Staff, and its program of patient care, teaching, and research was boundless. He was loved and respected by all with whom he came in contact whether they were officer, director, doctor, nurse, patient, clerk, maid, or porter. His warm regard for people, his wit, and his sincere good humor won for him and the Infirmary countless numbers of friends over the years. He will be sorely missed by all who worked with him, but never forgotten."

Charlie's life revolved around his family. In 1940 he married Evelyn Ann Flynn. His marriage was blessed with four children: two fine sons, Charles Jr. and John; and two lovely daughters, Evelyn Ann and Marilyn Ann. In September 1968 he would have become a grandfather when his daughter Evelyn had a healthy daughter, Kerith Ann. Time will never erase the many loving memories left by a wonderful husband and father.

— His loving family.

Harvey Charles Dorney

NO. 10927 CLASS OF 1937

Died 13 November 1968 in Andrews Air Force Base Hospital, Maryland, aged 56 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

WHEN ONE HAS KNOWN and learned to admire an American soldier-airman such as our classmate Harvey Charles Dorney for thirty-five years, it is an impossible task to write what one would like to say. Words can create empires, destroy republics, and make heroes of insignificant politicians, but they can seldom give an accurate picture of a true American soldier's soul.

Today we think of Galahads as the tortured imaginings of a long-gone past. To try to picture the real "H.C." one has almost to go back to the times of Shakespeare; for where today can one, in the ordinary course of life, find men who are guileless in their



HARVEY CHARLES DORNEY

devotion to their faith and to their King? We need say "king" because Harvey saw the Republic and its officers above him as part of the law of God. One cannot really know Harvey Charles Dorney unless one be thoroughly aware of his high Catholicism, a Catholicism which is only expressed today in the great Gothic cathedrals of the Thirteenth Century. It is a spiritual approach to life which many of us have lost. The Crown, or as it were, the Republic, should be right in that to which it aspires.

If it be wrong, then as Michael Williams avowed before Agincourt, "But if the cause be not good, the King himself hath a heavy reckoning to make, when all those legs and arms and heads, chopt off in battle, shall join together at the latter day, and cry all, 'We died at such a place!'"

In all the years of contact between Harvey and those of us who knew him intimately as a Plebe and as a Colonel, there is not a man who cannot say that in his every act he strove to follow the path of Truth, Honor, and Duty, out of devotion to his God, his Church, and his Alma Mater.

Would a recital of his promotions and his decorations give him more stature? It might help to identify him to those who did not know him well, but these things are chaff by comparison with the true character of this West Pointer who rose from simple soldier to Colonel. Many men are known for their physical courage. Others have especial skill in promoting themselves in rank and station, merely to achieve rank and power. None of these was Harvey's aim. Had he lived in the Middle Ages he would have been known as a true knight. Had he been a Japanese, his feudal lord would have had his merits commemorated as a true Samurai.

Perhaps the American Republic may not know it, but it will last in true greatness only as long as it has replacements for Christian soldiers such as Harvey Charles Dorney. When we fail to produce such men, all our weapons and all our gold will avail us nought; for without men of such faith and devotion to their God and to their duty as "H.C." showed throughout his life, Presidents, Senators, Congressmen, and gowned doctors may perorate twenty-four hours a day on radio and television, yet still not save the Republic.

For those of you who did not enjoy the privilege of knowing this Twentieth Century Christian soldier, here are the titles and

offices which clutter and confuse recognition of his true worth to West Point and the Republic:

"H.C." passed away at Andrews Air Force Base on 13 November 1968, shortly after his retirement on 30 April 1967. Even though recently retired, he was kept busy with Class of 1937 USMA activities and functions as President of our Class Association, seldom, if ever, missing a luncheon or reunion, since his retirement on 30 April 1967 from his post as Chief of Staff, Headquarters 1st Air Force Reserve Region, Continental Air Command. From 1959 to 1963, Colonel Dorney served with the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Brussels, Belgium. From 1956 to 1959, he served on the Evaluation Staff of the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, during which time he was engaged in development of Air Force doctrine and concepts for the employment of aerospace power. From 1953 through 1956, he served in the Office of the Inspector General, USAF, San Bernardino, California. From 1950 through 1953, Colonel Dorney served with the Strategic Air Command, Biggs AFB, Texas, and at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. He commanded a wing of B-29's on Okinawa during the Korean War and flew night bombing missions against North Korean targets. From 1946 to 1950, Harvey served in the Pentagon, first in Headquarters USAF and next with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

During the first phases of World War II, "H.C." fought in the anti-submarine campaign in the Caribbean, commanding bases in Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Aruba, and Dutch Guinea, returning thence to several service schools. In 1945, he commanded the air base at Seymour, Indiana, where he test-flew captured enemy aircraft, among which were the German FW-190 and the twin-jet ME-262.

Prior to these assignments, Harvey Charles Dorney had entered the armed forces of the United States in 1932 as a private soldier in the United States Cavalry at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, whence in 1933 he was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point. This was when we of the Class of 1937 began to learn of his great character, particularly in C Company. He graduated from the Academy with his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1937, beginning his flight training at Randolph Field, Texas. On graduating from Kelly Field in 1938, "H.C." was stationed at Langley Field, Virginia, flying B-17's and was subsequently transferred to Borinquen Field, Puerto Rico, to put his training to the test of war.

Harvey was no desk-sitting soldier as is attested by his decorations: the Legion of Merit; the Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster; the Air Medal with several clusters; and the British Distinguished Flying Cross.

His town of birth, Cordell, Oklahoma, can be proud of him and so can the town in which he was reared and educated, Olney, Illinois, where he graduated from Olney High School in 1930. Upon retirement, "H.C." in addition to serving well as President of his West Point Class, dedicated much of his time to patriotic activities, becoming a highly valued and respected member of the Military Order of the World Wars, a military order founded by General of the Armies John J. Pershing.

Our beloved "H.C." has left behind him his wife, Dorothy A. Dorney, 7405 Chesterfield Drive, Camp Springs, Maryland; his son Harvey Charles Dorney Jr., Second Lieutenant, USAF, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio;

a married daughter, Mrs. Jerome Stephans; and his youngest daughter Cecile, who resides with her mother. Three of his roommates at West Point were represented at his funeral, Colonels Shive and Brummel, and Commander Brett. His pallbearers were: General Charles O'Malley, Commander, Military District of Washington, D.C.; Major General John D. Stevenson, USAF (Ret); Major General Linscott Hall, USAF; Colonel Carl Miller, USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff, First Air Force Reserve Region; Colonel Donald W. Shive, USA (Ret); Colonel William Bailey, USA (Ret); Colonel James H. Drum, USA (Ret); and Commander Homer Brett, Jr., USNR (Ret).

We of Harvey Dorney's West Point Class can truly say of him that in Peace nothing so became him as his modest stillness and humility, but when the blast of war blew on the ear, he could more than match the action of the tiger. He shall ever be remembered, as an example to us all, by those of us who knew him well.

Benjamin Berry Kercheval

NO. 12492 CLASS OF 1941

Died 25 December 1968 at Vandenberg Air Force Base Hospital, California, aged 51 years.

Interment: El Carmelo Cemetery, Pacific Grove, California



BENJAMIN BERRY KERCHEVAL

ON CHRISTMAS DAY 1968, Ben Kercheval died from the complications of a heart attack at Vandenberg Air Force Hospital in California. His untimely passing was a blow to all who knew and loved him.

Ben was born in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, and attended the University of Idaho and Staunton Preparatory School before entering West Point with the Class of 1941. At the Academy he did well in studies and received few demerits. He seemed to prefer remaining in the background as a cadet, and once summed up his West Point social life by allowing: "Well, I did attend one Hop, Graduation Hop, with my mother and father."

However, failure to attend Hops was no indication of Ben's ability to mix or shine. When you met him, you were drawn to him. His pleasant, dry humor always drew

a circle that waited for every word. He knew how to make a soldier feel ten feet tall. He could counsel or correct with a neat off-hand comment. He had a way about him which inspired, a way of speaking which made you know you were confronted by a soldier of intelligence and character.

Ben's words and ways were of a kind that will always be remembered by the many who will try to emulate his type of charisma. It is fortunate that throughout a varied career he was able, as he would say, "to spread the joy" throughout a fair segment of the Artillery, the Engineers, and the Military Intelligence service.

After completing the Basic Course at Fort Sill in 1941, Ben joined the 9th Field Artillery at Fort Lewis, Washington. The Third Infantry Division then moved to Fort Ord and began to cadre its regulars with the start of World War II. Thus, Ben found himself detailed to the Engineer Amphibian Command at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. In the course of several campaigns in the Southwest Pacific he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and rose to command the 543d and 594th Engineer Boat and Shore Regiments. At the end of the war, while involved in inactivating his adopted Engineers, he married Doris (Dory) Evans in Carmel, California, on 4 May 1946. Ben and Dory joined the Amphibious Training Command of the Pacific Fleet in 1946; they returned solidly to the Artillery in 1947 when Ben became the G2 and Assistant G3 of the Artillery Center after taking the Advanced Course.

The Kerchevals traveled to Germany in 1950 for a command, the 42d Field Artillery Battalion, and Germany was followed by an enjoyable stay in Paris with EUCOM J3. They returned to the United States in 1954 for a tour with the Wyoming National Guard and another tour at Fort Sill with Ben as OCS Commandant and Deputy Commander of the 1st Guided Missile Brigade. In 1957, Ben did duty in Vietnam with the Military Assistance Advisory Group. He attended C&GSC in 1959, where, among his other accomplishments, he was a well remembered class leader. Following Fort Leavenworth, the Kerchevals moved to the Defense Language Institute at Monterey to prepare for Army Attaché duty in Poland.

After Warsaw in 1965, Ben, Dory, and two sons, Barry and Patrick, moved to their last post, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where Ben served as Fifth Army's Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Training. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding services at Fifth Army, but indications of heart trouble led to early retirement. Santa Barbara, California, became a retirement home in 1967.

Throughout official correspondence addressed to Ben during his career, and throughout many letters of condolence to Dory, the theme pervades of Ben's stature as an able, efficient officer and a warm, compassionate human being. Particular tributes from his British and Canadian counterparts in Warsaw typify the regard in which he was held by all. Ben was pure gold and "we shall not see his likes again." General Berton E. Spivey wrote: "Ben was the kind of officer that always brought credit and distinction upon himself and upon the school he loved. He served his country with unquestioning dedication and almost boundless energy. He was a good man, a gallant soldier, and a wonderful friend. No man can be more."

On 30 December 1968, Ben Kercheval was buried at Pacific Grove, California in the

El Carmelo Cemetery which overlooks the Pacific from Cypress Point. He will rest in peace secure in the knowledge that he was admired as a person and respected as a Son whose Duty was in every respect "Well Done."

— Harry N. Rising Jr.

Joseph Philip Seymoe

NO. 16741 CLASS OF 1948

Died 21 January 1968 in Vietnam, aged 41 years.

IN REFLECTING UPON THE CHARACTER of the man in whose memory this obituary is dedicated, I was drawn back again and again to the words of another great soldier, General Douglas MacArthur, when he was making his farewell address to the Corps of Cadets at West Point after receiving that institution's highest award. The General slowly articulated the motto of the Military Academy, DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY, and said: "These three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn." While these words have deep significance for us all,



JOSEPH PHILIP SEYMOE

I think they particularly exemplify the life and character of our departed friend and compatriot, Joe Seymoe.

Joe's desire to serve his country in the ranks of the military was rooted deep in his early childhood. Those who knew him during his formative years have recalled how often he spoke of a military career and how intensely he yearned to serve with honor and distinction.

The twenty years that have elapsed since our graduation from West Point have shown the sincerity and intensity of this determination. For in these years Joe carved out a wide, varied, and distinguished career that not only is the envy of us all, but also deserves our most dedicated emulation.

His valorous service during the Korean war, marked by the unusual distinction of serving both as a combat fighter pilot with the USAF (having 100 missions to his credit)

and as combat infantry commander, leading a company of over 200 men in the rigors of war; his inspirational leadership in the ROTC program at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia (at which station he met Bunny); his calm and patient efforts to mold boys into inspired men while serving as an Army representative at the United States Air Force Academy; his outstanding performance while in the Alaskan Command which still stands as an example for those who have followed; his mature and professional judgments in handling the military affairs of our nation while serving in Washington; and the final full measure of his service as attested to by his gallant actions in Vietnam, in the last of which he repeatedly exposed himself to intense enemy fire in a series of heroic efforts to relieve a beleaguered outpost of comrades — all stand as tribute to and proof of his dedication to the goals he sought to achieve and, in fact, did achieve.

While Joe was a true son of West Point who reflected all the great and noble truths and principles that were instilled in us there, his nobility of character was also exemplified by his undeviating loyalty to his family. He was, indeed, a devoted husband, a tender and affectionate father, and an appreciative son. No matter how demanding the duties of his profession, the comfort and welfare of his family were always of deep concern to him. The tenderness and affection displayed toward his family were reflected also in his dealings with others. His God-given ability to get along with people, his compassion for the less fortunate, and his charitableness towards human frailties will always be remembered.

Yet, along with this gift for friendliness was a strength of character that refused to compromise where matters of honor, integrity, and moral principles were concerned.

As a leader, Joe was able to obtain the best results and inspire the best efforts of all those responsible to him, by reason of his own personal example, his understanding of their problems, and his patient guidance and help when needed. Understanding and taking pride in the fact that his tragic and untimely departure was accompanied and marked by courage, dedication, and self-sacrifice is perhaps the most moving tribute we can pay him.

I reminisce again to other words of General MacArthur in his farewell remarks at West Point: "The soldier, above all other men, is required to practice the greatest act of religious training — sacrifice. In battle and in the face of danger and death, he discloses those divine attributes which his Maker gave when He created man in His own image. No physical courage and no brute instinct can take the place of the Divine help, which alone can sustain him. However horrible the incidents of war may be, the soldier who is called upon to offer and to give his life for his country is the noblest development in mankind."

We have known many soldiers, but none more noble than Joe. We, who are graduates of West Point, take special significance from his example, for none has more truly manifested in his life the principles embodied in our Alma Mater's motto: DUTY, HONOR, AND COUNTRY.

It is difficult, indeed, to say good-bye to Joe Seymoe. But we are comforted in knowing that our Good Lord will bless and keep him until we shall meet again.

Ralph Hadley Viskochil

NO. 17661 CLASS OF 1950

Died 21 April 1967 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, aged 41 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



RALPH HADLEY VISKOCHIL

DEAR RALPH:

This letter is a labor of love that will never appear on paper exactly as it is etched in the minds and hearts of those who love you, admire you, and miss you. The two years since your passing have proven that you are one of those few truly great men who build so well in life that they live with even greater purpose after death.

We who had the joy and privilege of knowing you well are just beginning to really appreciate what an exceptional man you were. We knew you as father, son, brother, husband, pal, classmate, instructor, comrade-in-arms, community leader, patriot, soldier, officer, and professional engineer. We had the pleasure of participating with you and following your leadership in everything from wild schemes to rebuild the house and the country club, to Boy Scouts, Investments, Little League, golf, bowling, squash, photography, art, music, camping, and yea — even work. Your hobby must have been collecting hobbies, yet you did them all justice while maintaining excellence as an officer, engineer, and father.

When one works as hard as you did on so many worthwhile, difficult, and varied problems, one often does not see immediate results and wonders if any progress is being made. It occurred to us that you might appreciate a progress report on the results of your 41½ short years of effective effort.

They are still talking at Leavenworth and Walter Reed about the great courage, good humor, and sheer guts you displayed during that last difficult year — with the painful treatments, loss of voice, learning to talk all over again, and all the while keeping an even keel at home and at work.

The tremendous stack of condolence letters from friends and admirers all over the world shows what an indelible impression you made on so many people. The letters were from generals, contemporaries, junior officers, enlisted men, and civilians — completely rounded just as your beautiful life was.

Of course the most important monument a man can build is his family. Your performance here is proving every day to be your crowning achievement. Your brave wife, three handsome sons and darling daughter all reflect your example, the goals you set before them, and the love you lavished on them. I hope it is possible that you are able to see them from your new duty station and to share the pride and admiration we all feel for them as they go about the important business of maturing and contributing to the community by their actions. Joy, Stephen, David, Lani, and Larry will always shed credit on their beloved husband and father.

You will be happy to know that your Boy Scouts in Korea, Leavenworth, and Springfield, are flourishing because you built so well. The many contributions sent in on your behalf to the Springfield troop have resulted in a fitting and practical memorial to the things you stood for. The Springfield Country Club, whose inception received the benefit of your wise guidance and hard work has become one of the finest in the Northern Virginia area. The real estate work you did in DCSLOG still serves the Army well as do your many construction projects and the officers and men you trained and guided so effectively. Indeed Ralph, you left your mark. "When man departs from this world, neither silver nor gold accompany him; He is remembered only for his love of learning, love of his fellow men and his good deeds."

Thus you are remembered, dear friend.

— E. C. West

Charles William Elliot

NO. 17970 CLASS OF 1950

Died 21 November 1968 in an aircraft crash at Point Barrow, Alaska, aged 40 years.

Interment: El Carmelo Cemetery, Pacific Grove, California

CHARLES WILLIAM ELLIOT was born in Beloit, Wisconsin, on 19 December 1927. He attended the United States Military Academy earning a Bachelor of Science Degree. After graduation on 2 June 1950, he received airborne training, had a brief assignment with the 11th Airborne Division, and went to Korea in January 1951.

During the Korean War, Charlie led a rifle platoon and a heavy mortar platoon in



CHARLES WILLIAM ELLIOT

ASSEMBLY

the 32d RCT, 7th Infantry Division. He was wounded in June 1951 and hospitalized until July 1953.

Assignments held by Charlie, in chronological order, included: S3 officer in a training battalion at Fort Benning, Georgia; MAAG advisor to an infantry battalion in Saudi Arabia; G3 Plans and Operations Officer, Fort Ord, California; Military Intelligence Platoon Commander, Headquarters Company Commander, and Adjutant for the 519 MI Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Rifle Company Commander in the 6th Infantry Regiment and G3 Plans Officer for Berlin Brigade. He also served as Chairman, Benning Ranger Committee, Fort Benning, Georgia. He assumed duties as Personnel Staff Officer in the office of the J1 Division, Headquarters, Alaskan Command, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, on 20 June 1967.

Military schools he attended are: Airborne, Company Officers Course, Advanced Infantry Officers Course, Ranger, Army Language School at Monterey, California, for Arabic, and Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

His awards and decorations included: Legion of Merit (posthumously), Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Korean Service Medal with three battle stars, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Army of Occupation Medal (Berlin), and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. Charlie had also been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

While serving as military representative to the Governor's Employment Advisory Commission, he died in an aircraft crash on 21 November 1968 — along with five other members of the commission — at Point Barrow, Alaska.

He is survived by his wife Florence June; and their three children, Karen, Charles, and Bruce; and by his mother Mrs. Frieda C. Peek of Kittery, Maine.

Charles Elliot was a fine young officer who will be remembered by all with fondness and respect.

Thomas Nelson Ellis

NO. 18838 CLASS OF 1952

Died 10 August 1968 in Laurelton, New York, aged 39 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

THOMAS NELSON ELLIS, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army, died of a heart attack while visiting his wife Claire's family in Laurelton, New York. He was between assignments at the time, having just completed a tour of duty with the Combat Developments Command; his next assignment was to have been that of a HAWK Battalion Commander in Florida.

Immortality was never meant to be for this world, and yet it is clear to those who knew and loved Tom Ellis that the spirit of this brave and good man lives on in his achievements and in the influence he had on the lives of those around him.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, Tom's status as an Army brat permitted him to see, at an early age, a lot of the country he loved so well. He attended schools at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Atlanta, Georgia; San Antonio, and Big Spring, Texas; and Chaminade High School in Mineola, New York, from which



THOMAS NELSON ELLIS

he graduated in 1947. At Chaminade, and at Staunton Preparatory School, which he attended the following year, Tom met people whose friendship he enjoyed the remainder of his life.

Later, at West Point, on a soft April day in 1950, Tom met Claire Goodliff. It was the beginning of something special for both of them, and they were married not long after graduation at St. Claire's Roman Catholic Church in Rosedale, Long Island.

Tom's character, professionalism, and patriotism were concrete examples of what it means to conduct one's life according to the ideals of Duty and Honor and Country. He was never swayed by the opinions of others into giving less than his best. Perhaps that is what Emerson meant when he said, "The great man is the one who, in the midst of the crowd, can keep with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude."

As a unit commander in the United States and in Korea, Tom showed the deeply honest concern for his officers and men that has always marked the very finest leaders, and they responded to his leadership with superior unit performances.

As a man, he was incapable of any sort of pettiness and avoided those who were. He was generous and forgiving toward others and was often there to aid a friend before others were even aware that help was needed.

Tom had an unforgettable sense of humor. He never took seriously those things which are foolish and absurd, but he never joked about things which are sacred. His wit imposes a restraint upon this writer even today; I know beyond any doubt that the next time we meet he will surely take me to task for everything I say here. That is a risk which has to be taken, however — his life was so meaningful it demands a worthy tribute.

Among Tom's assignments in Korea, the United States, and Italy were those on the Department of the Army General Staff in the Office of the Chief of Research and Development and service with the Combat Developments Command. For the latter he received posthumously the Legion of Merit, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. That decoration was not unexpected to those who knew his great abilities, nor was it a surprise in 1967 when he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel as a truly outstanding officer. Today, many policies and programs to which he personally contributed continue onward, helping to protect this nation.

Tom's greatest joy in life was his wife Claire and their children, Kathleen, Patricia, and Thomas. Here, joined together by mutual love and silent pleasure in each other's company, there grew a strong and happy family. How they feel now is best expressed in Claire's own words:

"... sometimes it is hard for us to understand why God takes those whom we feel still have much to contribute. But many men live for a much longer time and never know the fullness of life that Tom did. He lived a short, but rewarding life. He had devoted parents, a loving and loyal wife, and children who were a joy to him. He knew the sense of achievement that comes from a job well done, success in his chosen career, and friends who were both true and everlasting. We were so proud of him — but we would rather have the heartache now than never to have known him at all."

In exchange for the gift of Life, little is asked of a man. What he gives to the world, he gives freely or not at all, and his life thus becomes his own true monument. Let us then regard the life of Thomas Nelson Ellis and remember how it was, for he honored us with his presence.

— Robert L. Burke, Classmate

Floyd Brown Spencer Jr.

NO. 21896 CLASS OF 1958

Died 31 January 1968 in Vietnam, aged 31 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma

FLOYD B. SPENCER JR. died as he had lived — *Non Sibi, Sed Aliis* — Not for Self, But for Others. Floyd was always giving of himself for the welfare and encouragement of others, and he had within himself this rare quality in abundance. The following quotation from Floyd's Silver Star Award is typical of his entire life. "Major Spencer distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 31 January 1968 while serving as District Senior Advisor, Cu Chi District, Hau Nghia Province, Republic of Vietnam. On that date, Major Spencer was accompanying a force of one platoon of Regional Forces commanded by the Vietnamese District Chief in an operation to engage and destroy a small enemy force near the village of Tan Phu



FLOYD BROWN SPENCER JR.

Trung. As the unit approached the village, it came under withering automatic weapons fire from well placed and camouflaged ambush positions. Seeing his radio operator felled by the enemy fire and left helpless on an open field, Major Spencer dashed through intense enemy fire to the aid of the injured man. Though the focal point of enemy gunners, Major Spencer attempted to pick the man up and move him to safety. While doing so under the concentrated fire of the enemy guns, he was mortally wounded. Major Spencer's conspicuous gallantry in action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflected great credit upon himself and the military service."

Those of us who have been privileged to have known Floyd personally realize that his actions and life were the result of his deep faith in God and his following closely to his Supreme Commander, Jesus Christ. In the opinion of many, Floyd was one of the best examples of what a Christian should be. The following comments made by some of his friends are a fitting tribute to his life.

At the funeral, the minister shared the following: "The Pentagon just thinks it is writing my orders; the Lord really says what I will do and where I will go." Major Floyd Spencer made this statement as he anticipated his year's tour in Vietnam. On January 31, 1968, almost one year to the day, the Lord issued some fresh new orders to this great Christian soldier. "Come up higher, I have observed your bravery and loyalty. I shall give you a new command." What distinguished honors will be placed over the heart of Major Spencer? I am sure that no medal awarded in heaven is equal to having the King of Eternity embrace the trembling shoulders of a victorious warrior and say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." His witness lives on. Souls will yet be won to Christ because Floyd Spencer lived.

In writing his wife, Floyd said, "I do have that kind of love for my enemies. I have no hatred for them. And I do wish in my heart that they may know the blessings of salvation through the blood of the Lord Jesus."

"He was the finest Christian soldier I have ever known: not a wishy-washy do gooder, but a strong vibrant individual who loved his Lord, his country, and his family." R.K.D.

"Floyd was a true competitor with a strong desire to perform in an outstanding manner, regardless of the endeavor. Upon his departure from Fort Sill, he was appropriately awarded the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding performance as Assistant Systems Officer in the D.O.I. His quiet unassuming manner did not detract from his exemplary professional competence. As far as I know, he never met a person who didn't see in him the most desirable qualities of a Christian gentleman. In short, Floyd was a great guy, and truly one of the few people I ever met who continuously sought and found hope in human goodness and dignity that is sometimes so elusive in this confused world." J.M.H.

"It isn't often in one's lifetime that the privilege is had of knowing and working with a person who can be considered truly great. By every measurement, I think of our beloved friend as having had the qualifying hallmarks of greatness, of true greatness: an unbelievably deep Christian love for his fellowman (yes, even for his enemy who would take his life from him); a dedication

to his God, his country, his church, his friends, and his family; a quiet meekness that gave rise to great respect from everyone with whom he came in contact; an ability to lead because people wanted to follow him out of admiration and respect; an exemplary life lived by him for us all to witness and enjoy; and never was he seen to act except through love, kindness, and understanding.

"It was my good fortune to be associated with him in church work among the youth — and even to this date the young men in my Sunday School class (many of whom are of the military) continue to remember him and to speak of him with great warmth and with an indescribable sort of reverence — a reverence akin to worship; a reverence that is shown to reflect the great power this good man has over his fellowman, even in death.

"I know of no greater tribute which I could pay this man than to say if I had a son, I'd want him to be like Floyd Spencer." H.H.H.

"In his military and personal life, Floyd exemplified the characteristics of the Christian leader that we all hope to be. I valued him especially for his sincerity, strong sense of duty, and unostentatious personal integrity. Time and again when he worked here, I was impressed by his dedication, his willingness to sacrifice his personal considerations for the accomplishment of the task, and his perseverance in spite of obstacles. Undoubtedly these same characteristics marked the manner of his end, for I am confident that whatever the job required, Floyd would be ready to give. He was a true son of West Point, and as he joins the shadows of the Long Gray Line, the meaning of 'our hearts are standing attention' takes on a deeper significance." F.E.K.

"Floyd was the most conscientious man I have ever met. He literally poured himself and his impressive abilities into every endeavor. Nothing seemed to be insignificant and no person too unimportant to deserve less than his full attention and concern. He developed a rapport with people in and outside the office which could not have been improved upon. He treated the people contacted as friends in the true sense of the word. He helped carry burdens whether he necessarily deserved a share or not. Floyd solved problems and avoided creating them. He was completely honest with himself, with his job, and with those around him. This honesty and conscientiousness made him stand out among others. An immediate reaction on meeting Floyd was an impression of his humility. He was humble but not afraid, and I've observed him cling tenaciously to a position he knew to be right in principle when attempts were made to erode it through expediency." G.L.E.

"I find it quite difficult to give an impression of Floyd, simply because I lack the words. As an officer I rated him superior in every category and would have given him a higher rating if they had it. His memory was nothing short of phenomenal. I do not recall ever asking him a question that he did not know the answer to or the reference for. As a leader, Floyd was respected and admired by all. It was never necessary for him to exert command because his quiet suggestion was all that it ever took to get the job done. His judgment was always good and no one ever thought to question it.

"He was immaculate always with polished shoes and pressed uniforms. His personality matched his dress, for he was always a gentleman, too. He did not drink alcohol nor do I recall ever hearing him swear. He was deeply

religious, though he was not 'showy' about it; one would simply find him reading his Bible in his off-duty time. He was completely honest, and in so far as I know, he never tried or needed to 'snow' me. Any task assigned to him was well done, and he was proud to show it. Floyd's lack of vice was almost beyond belief, but you had to know him pretty well to realize it, for he was very unpretentious. Yet, he was every inch a man. He loved to hunt, and was an expert marksman with either a pistol or rifle. He entered into all sporting activities and was one of the best athletes in the unit. He played bridge with the best of them, but seemed just as happy with a cheerful game of cribbage.

"Floyd had a quick sense of humor and was always ready with a smile. He appreciated a good joke and was always ready to enter into things when there was fun to be had. He found the humor of even our most trying times. I guess, though, that he was most enchanting when he was involved in or witness to a harmless, mischievous prank.

"Floyd was devoted to his family and frequently spoke fondly of his parents, brother, and sisters. I only visited them once after he and Linda were married, but it was easy to see that their home was full of love. His children were a delight and showed the manners that go with ample training and love.

"Floyd was very loyal. He was loyal to his country, his superiors, and his subordinates. If a comrade needed help, I doubt that it would have ever occurred to Floyd there was anything to do but try. And so he did." J.W.W.

Floyd is survived by his parents, Colonel (Ret.) and Mrs. Floyd B. Spencer Sr. of Holliday, Texas, and by his wife, Linda; two sons, Floyd and Howard, and a daughter, Ruth, of Lubbock, Texas.

— R.N.M. Class '58

William Charles Whitehead Jr.

NO. 24102 CLASS OF 1962

Died 30 June 1968 in Vietnam,
aged 27 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

THIS OBITUARY WAS COMPOSED by Major Alan M. Biddison, USMA 1962, my husband's roommate and our best man; and by myself, Mary Anne Whitehead. The words, however, are not entirely our own. All of the statements made concerning my husband's personality and devotion to duty come from the many letters I received from his fellow officers and from his men. I felt it only fitting that in this final tribute to my husband, the words of these men be included for they, too, knew him well and share my great loss. I shall treasure their kind words forever.

It was a privilege to have known Bill Whitehead, a dedicated, outstanding American. He was one of those rare persons who left an indelible mark on everyone, and his confidence and love of life made a better person of those he met. No matter how difficult things were, he could always find some blessing to count, and he had that special spark that made others electrically aware of their blessings. His belief in God and overall goodness endeared him to all. Bill's countless friends mourn him honestly, and feel that the world has lost a special man, and the Army one of its finest officers. Bill



WILLIAM CHARLES WHITEHEAD JR.

was going up the ladder to the top rapidly as evidenced by his selection for promotion to major ahead of his contemporaries. No doubt he would have obtained the top rank. His talents and energies were used to help others and improve things about him, doing so unselfishly with supreme dedication and devotion. The words, Duty, Honor, Country were engraved in Bill's heart, and his life personified the ideals of West Point.

William Charles Whitehead Jr. was born on 17 September 1940, in Lansford, Pennsylvania. It wasn't long before he began to earn recognition. Bill was active in Boy Scouts, church activities, and football. In his senior year in high school, he captained the football team, won the high school football award, and was selected the first Youth Mayor of Lansford. During these high school years Bill's greatest desires were to go to West Point and play football for Army.

In July 1958, Bill realized the first of these goals when he entered West Point with the Class of 1962. As the class can attest, Bill achieved the second goal with distinction. He alternated between tackle and center for three years for the Black and Gold; was a consistent leader in tackles, and captained the second unit as a First Classman. Though his first love was football, he didn't neglect the other aspects of cadet life. He was a member of several clubs and participated actively in company activities. He always liked a good joke and managed to take the words out of an astonished adjutant's mouth at Graduation Parade by barking orders from his first sergeant position.

After graduation, Bill attended the Signal Officers Orientation Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia; and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia. His first assignment was with the 5th Signal Battalion at Fort Carson, Colorado, where he commanded a company. At Fort Carson, football continued to play an important part in his life as he played and coached a team to an undefeated season. In his next assignment, aide to the Commanding General, 8th Infantry Division in Germany, Bill had the opportunity to coach the division football team. After the division commander left, he stayed with the 8th Division as assistant Chief of Staff. After Germany, Bill went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to the Communications Officer Course from which he graduated with first honors.

Then on to Vietnam. Initially he was an artillery battalion signal officer, followed shortly by command of the battalion's headquarters company.

Bill's leadership abilities and sense of humor improved the performance of the unit and raised the morale of the men despite adverse conditions. It was while taking pay to his men that the helicopter in which Bill was flying crashed killing him. Somebody else could have paid the men, but Bill's personal credo to serve wouldn't permit another to take the risk. Bill always sought responsibility and never backed away from a problem because of its complexity or difficulty. His men loved him because he was a fine soldier and above all, a man eminently trustworthy and respected. He was a natural leader with great strength of character and devotion to duty. His loyalty and integrity were of the highest order, and his selflessness was always in evidence.

In high school and at West Point, Bill was inseparable from a special girl from Lansford. Three days after graduation, he married his Mary Anne in the Cadet Chapel, and a short year later Bill was the proud father of a son. As a husband and a father, Bill was the best. He was dedicated and loving. In February 1965, after the birth of his daughter, he joked that now all he needed was a million dollars. He had achieved all of his other goals.

Bill Whitehead shall be forever missed by his wife, children, family, and countless friends. Bill only knew how to give his best, and he lies now in the place he loved best—West Point. He is surrounded by his classmates who have made the supreme sacrifice for their country. His sacrifice saddens us, but we can say with pride that we have known and loved a great man.

Robert Charles Dickinson

NO. 24407 CLASS OF 1962

Died 1 July 1968 in Vietnam, aged 29 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

HOW DO WE MEASURE the worth of a man? What are the attributes through which we derive the values and interpolate the factors that characterize the complete soldier? Self-sacrifice, total devotion to duty, and a keen awareness of the human understanding required in commanding and leading the men who determine, in the last analysis, the destiny of our Nation during wartime—these are the standards we use when we look at a person who is also a soldier and say, "There is a man!"

Such a person was Major Robert Charles Dickinson, West Point graduate, Class of 1962. Born in Highland Park, Michigan, in June 1938, "Bob" was bred into the traditions of the United States Army by his parents Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. W. C. Dickinson. As the only son of "Army" parents, his world was a vast phantasmagoria of transient sights and sounds. He filled his life with the actions and the ideals inspired by the Nation's heroes, past and present. During his teen-age years he could equate with uncanny fairness, the gentle humanism of a Robert E. Lee with the sharp, cutting aggressiveness of a Ulysses S. Grant. He recognized the qualities of good leadership at an early



ROBERT CHARLES DICKINSON

age and devoted his every effort to attaining those characteristics which sustained him as an Army officer in Vietnam.

He was a practical boy who learned quickly what his limitations were and worked diligently to excel in the things that "came easy" to him and to make satisfactory attainment of those things that were not so easy to come by. His love for sports was reflected in an exemplary record as an athlete: in track; in gymnastics, particularly on the parallel bars; in wrestling; and in swimming, diving, and in football. During his pre-college years he worked hard to broaden his academic standing in school and improved his knowledge of the world he lived in by extensive reading. Yes, Bob was an ordinary boy with an extraordinary desire always to be up near the top ten per cent of the class. He worked at it, very hard, and his family can attest to the many hours he devoted to improving his intellectual outlook.

In 1957, he knew that he was headed for West Point. In preparation for what he always considered the "great adventure," he spent an entire year of study pointed toward the day when he would join the Corps of Cadets at the United States Military Academy. He planned and prepared himself for entrance to the Academy, and in July, 1958, he became part of the Class of 1962.

On graduation in June 1962, Bob took his marriage vows together with Dorothea Traina, the girl who inspired and encouraged his progress through the long hard months at West Point. Thereafter, he devoted his life to the double career of becoming the best possible Infantry officer and loving husband and father. From 1962 through the latter part of 1964, he took the school courses that were designed to prepare him for combat duty in Vietnam. By the time he was ready for his first assignment in Southeast Asia, his second child had just been born; this was Robbie, his son. His daughter, Christina, had been born the year before.

Bob spent the next thirteen months as an Infantry officer-advisor. The exhilaration of his first "fire-fight" against Viet Cong forces was reflected in his letters home to his wife. During this period he received the Army Commendation Medal for heroism, for assisting in the rescue of personnel in a downed helicopter, under enemy fire. He came home to his family in the fall of 1965.

Duty at Fort Lewis in the state of Washington as an instructor of 4th Infantry Division personnel and nine months of intensive training at the Armored School at Fort Knox, Kentucky, further prepared him for his meeting with destiny in South Vietnam. In late May 1968, he reported for his second tour of duty in South Vietnam. Six weeks later, on 1 July 1968, while leading a security column on a road clearing mission in enemy-infested territory, Major Robert Charles Dickinson made the supreme sacrifice for his country and his ideals when he was killed by an enemy land mine. He was promoted posthumously to the grade of Major as of 6 January 1968.

Major Dickinson's decorations and citations included the Soldiers Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" for valor, the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Gold Star and Silver Star, and the Presidential Unit Citation. He also earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, Paratrooper Badge, and Ranger Tab.

"Robert, our son, and youthful father ever true,

You've gone to join the High Commander in the sky,

We all do mourn in prideful sorrow for you;

Rest well, our thoughts of you will never die."

— *The Family*

Thomas Dale Culp

NO. 24413 CLASS OF 1962

Died 11 September 1967 in Vietnam, aged 28 years.

THOMAS DALE CULP, known to all his classmates and military acquaintances as T.D., was cruelly taken from the world on 11 September 1967. He was killed while serving his country in Vietnam, an assignment he had long looked forward to, and an assignment for which he had willingly volunteered. T.D.'s life was not a very long one in terms of years, but it was a very full one in terms of the joy and love he brought to those who loved him. When the news of Tom's death was brought to us, it was with a sad and heavy heart that we approached the next sunrise. Unfortunately I am not a poet or an author accustomed to working with words. I do not feel qualified to write a memorial for a man like Thomas Dale Culp. I can only hope that by telling the story of T.D. as I knew him, I can do justice to his memory and bring a little comfort to those who read this epitaph.

Thomas Dale Culp was born on 11 March 1939, in Massillon City Hospital, Massillon, Ohio. Tom's parents, Delmar Clyde and Hazel Mary, reared Tom in a good Catholic atmosphere based on love and mutual respect among the family. Being a farm boy, T.D. grew up with all the benefits of the outdoor life. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping, and T.D. was certainly no stranger to hard work. He grew into the habit of early to bed, early to rise, a habit he was never able to break during his Army career. It always amazed me how T.D. could be so wide awake and cheerful so early in the morning. Even standing on the Plain at West Point in the raw, damp, freezing, morning air could not dampen his spirit at



THOMAS DALE CULP

the breakfast table. Of course it was impossible to keep T.D. up to watch the Late Show, and Johnny Carson was wonderful at putting T.D. to sleep.

Tom had two sisters, Judy Kathryn and Jane Ann. Being an only son, he was more or less the king of the farm, reaping all the benefits and this also left him to do all the heavy labor. T.D. spent all his life prior to college in Canal Fulton, Ohio, a short distance from where he was born. He graduated from Northwest High School in May 1957. His activities as a youth were linked to the farm. He raised and sold animals, kept dogs and ponies, and spent as much time as possible out of doors.

Tom was reared as a Roman Catholic and his church, Saints Phillip and James of Canal Fulton, was the rock of his spiritual development. Tom always remained true to the Church and enjoyed attending early Mass.

T.D. progressed easily through high school and in the last half of his senior year started dating Judi L. Moke. Judi and Tom dated steadily during the next year, while T.D. was attending John Carroll University, in Cleveland, Ohio. With the close of that school year came the close of Tom's life as a civilian.

On 1 July 1958, T.D. and over eight hundred others started in the Class of 1962 at the United States Military Academy. T.D., due to his even personality and good humor, had no trouble with "beast barracks." Being of small stature, he was at home in "runt land" during the second year of integration, when for the first time six-footers marched among the "runts."

When the summer ended and T.D. joined the Corps, he was assigned to A-2 Company. It did not take T.D. long to make friends with the upper classmen, and I don't recall his having much difficulty adjusting to a regimented life. His adjustment to the academic world was a little more difficult. Tom spent many a night down in the stoops, sitting in a shower or throwing a blanket over the window. Life got frantic and sleep got scarce around exam time. However T.D. was quite proud of the fact that, although he went into several WGR's deficient, he was never turned out and never had to earn his stars.

The highlights of T.D.'s Plebe year were the first Tea Dance, ARMY-Navy game, and Plebe Christmas, as these were the occasions

when Judi came to the Point. During leave between Plebe and Yearling year T.D. and Judi were pinned.

The next three years passed rather quickly for Tom. He worked hard to keep one jump ahead of the Academic Department, and two jumps ahead of the ever present TAC's. Tom had plenty of adventures, most of which were mischievous to say the least. As an upper classman he was well known and well liked by all his classmates. T.D. always had some scheme to relieve the monotony, even if it was only going to the gym for a game of handball, a game at which he excelled. Throughout his four years, T.D. was a team man. He loved physical competition and enjoyed especially the intramural program. He was a fireplug, a leader of the company teams.

Because of his enjoyment of the physical outdoor life, T.D. was drawn more and more toward an Infantry career. By the time "Firstie" year rolled around, T.D. was already destined to be Airborne, Ranger, Infantry.

T.D. Culp graduated on 6 June 1962, 598 out of a class of 601. He became Second Lieutenant Thomas Dale Culp, and shortly afterward, on 16 June 1962, Tom and Judi were married. It is a tribute to the real love that T.D. and Judi shared that they did get married after four years of waiting. Not many couples last the duration.

Tom and Judi arrived at Fort Benning, Georgia, in August, and T.D. started jump school immediately. One of the funniest things I have ever seen in my life was T.D., stripped to the waist, gold earring in his ear, and shaven completely bald. "Mr. Clean" was not going to get giggled for having his hair too long!

After IOOC and Ranger, T.D. and Judi went to Fort Campbell and joined the Screaming Eagles. The Culpes enjoyed life at Campbell. Life was not all a bed of roses; life never is. However, together they weathered the storms and smoothed out the road. Tom was a good husband and helpful around the house, though occasionally getting under foot.

In 1964, when the Vietnamese War really began to grow, Tom volunteered to do his share. He wanted to go into Special Forces and then to Vietnam. In August 1964, T.D. and Judi left for Fort Bragg. After attending the Special Forces school, January 1965 found the Culpes in Monterey, California, at the language school. Vietnamese came easily to T.D., and the year went quickly. In August 1965, Thomas Dale Culp Jr. was born, and what a proud father T.D. was! I can remember Sundays on the beach and drives around the country with Tom and Judi. Those were truly happy days for Tom.

In December of 1965, Tom graduated from language school and was assigned to the 1st Special Forces Group on Okinawa. Tom thought that Okinawa would be only a stop over point, and that within a few weeks he would be headed for Vietnam. T.D. was more than a little upset when he was told to bring over the family and settle down. The Group sent T.D. on a tour to Thailand from March to September 1966. Finally, in November T.D. received word he was going to Vietnam.

He left Okinawa in January 1967 for Hawaii, left Hawaii 14 February (Valentine's Day) for Vietnam, arriving in Vietnam and being assigned to a team in Cao Lanh in the Mekong Delta. When Tom left Hawaii, Judi was again pregnant, and on 13 August 1967, Robert Brian Culp was born. Tom was de-

lighted at the birth of his second son. In his letters and tapes home, Judi could feel how proud he really was.

Not much is known about Tom's tour in Vietnam. It is known he was working on a project with airboats. I know Tom got along well with his counterparts and especially well with the Vietnamese soldiers. T.D. had so much personality and such a good sense of humor, I know he was an instant success.

On 11 September 1967, tragedy struck. Thomas Dale Culp was on an airboat patrol when he was ambushed and killed. Tom was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart; so very little for the life he gave. The world could never pay Tom Culp for his sacrifice. To his friends and fellow officers he gave friendship, loyalty, trust, and a spirit of dedication; to those who served under him, he gave his leadership, understanding, and dedication to look after their welfare; to his family he gave his love; to his country he gave his life. Nothing else can be asked of a man and soldier; nothing but victory and a just peace can be given in return.

As Abraham Lincoln prophesied in his speech at Gettysburg, 19 November 1863, "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." May those who know Thomas Dale Culp take solace in reading this, his story.

FOR ALL HIS FRIENDS

— Robert B. Thomas
Major Infantry

Terence Fairchild Sage

NO. 24457 CLASS OF 1963

Died 31 January 1968 in Vietnam,
aged 25 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

CAPTAIN TERENCE FAIRCHILD SAGE was killed in action on the outskirts of Saigon on 31 January 1968 while serving as senior advisor to the 8th Battalion of the South Vietnamese Airborne Division. The citation accompanying his posthumous award of the Silver Star for his last action reads in part: "On January 31, 1968 a well-equipped Viet Cong force entered and occupied the compound of the Vietnamese Joint General Staff Headquarters. Captain Sage accompanied a reaction force that had been given the mission of clearing the headquarters.

"When the first attack was stopped, Captain Sage unhesitatingly volunteered to accompany a second attack on the enemy position. Mounting the top of an armored car, he rode into the area of fiercest fighting, fearlessly exposing himself to intense enemy fire as he directed air strikes and co-ordinated the offensive efforts of units deployed in the area. As the unit neared the Viet Cong stronghold, overwhelming rocket, recoilless rifle and automatic weapons fire was directed at the armored cars. It was at this time that an exploding recoilless rifle round mortally wounded Captain Sage."

Those who knew Terry Sage and were aware of his qualities of unselfishness, devotion to duty, and compassion for others would have expected him to give everything he had for the advancement of a noble and just cause, that of helping an oppressed people



TERENCE FAIRCHILD SAGE

retain their freedom. It was fitting that his last deed on earth should be a testimonial to his love of his country and his fellow man.

Terry was born in Tacoma, Washington, on 8 June 1942, the son of a career Army officer. Perhaps it was the challenge of the life of an "Army brat" the moving from post to post and the constant exposure to military lore and traditions that prompted him to seek a career as an Army officer. More than that, though, it was a need that he felt for leading others in the service of his country. After graduation from high school in Leavenworth, Kansas, Terry entered the United States Military Academy, one of the youngest men of the Class of 1963.

Terry was a dedicated cadet in all aspects of academy life—studies, athletics, leadership, and extracurricular activities. Aside from the perceptiveness and keenness of mind and spirit which permitted him to excel, he was also blessed with an equanimity and sense of humor which helped to mitigate the austerity of cadet life for those around him and to give comfort and inspiration to those who faltered. It was these qualities which caused him to be chosen a Cadet Captain and Battalion Commander by his First Class year.

It was during an exchange weekend during his Second Class year that Terry met Grace John, a secretary to Congressman Joel Broyhill of Virginia, on a visit to Annapolis. Mutual interest grew into love, and they were married on 20 July 1963 in Washington, D.C.

After his graduation and commissioning in the Infantry, Terry completed the Basic Infantry Officers' Course, Airborne, and Ranger training. He then assumed command of an airborne unit of the 1st Battalion, 509th Infantry, in Mainz, Germany. He and Grace returned to the United States in 1966, when he was assigned to command an Infantry Advanced Individual Training Company at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Their daughter Stephanie was born there on 1 December 1966. After instruction in the Vietnamese language at Fort Bliss, he reported for duty in Vietnam in August 1967.

Terry's letters reflected the immense pride he had in his Vietnamese counterparts, and his devotion to the cause in which he so sincerely believed. He would tell of the hardships of combat and the suffering which is always wrought by war, but at the same time could relate humorous, everyday incidents which seemed to make life more bear-

able for him and his men. Terry's military skill plus his ability to communicate with his men and to understand their feelings were the bases of the mutual love and respect which helped to mold the 8th Battalion into a highly effective fighting force. It was fitting, therefore, that the 8th Battalion would be in Saigon on that fateful January day to help stem the murderous Tet offensive—and that Terry Sage would be up front, ready to risk his life so that others could live in freedom.

Because Terry is gone, there is a void in the lives of his family, his classmates, and his many friends which will never completely be filled. However, this void will at least be partially bridged by our pride, and by the wonderful memories we have of him. As a loving son and brother, husband and father, dedicated officer and loyal friend, he enriched the lives of everyone who knew him.

On 12 February 1968 Terry was brought back to West Point where he now rests along with other members of the Long Gray Line who unselfishly gave their lives in defense of freedom.

— his brother, J.M. Sage Jr.
ex Class of 1963

Michael Robert Nawrosky

NO. 25041 CLASS OF 1964

Died 6 July 1968 in Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C., aged 27 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

FROM THE TIME HE WAS a lad in grammar school spending many hours playing with his large collection of toy soldiers until his unexpected passing following surgery for wounds received at Khe Sanh on 3 April 1968, Mike loved anything that pertained to the military.

An outstanding student at Dumont, New Jersey, high school, he was termed by a local newspaper reporter as "Dumont's answer to Jim Thorpe." This observation was based on Mike's winning three letters, being quarterback and co-captain of the 1958 gridders, and being co-captain of the track team on which he distinguished himself in the dashes, broad jump, shot put, and discus. These facts, coupled with his scholastic achievement which included being President of the National Honor Society, a member of the high school



MICHAEL ROBERT NAWROSKY

paper staff, the Spiked Shoe Club, Engineering and Science Club, a participant at Boys State as "Mayor" and "Senator," led to his being voted "Best All-Round Senior Male."

After a year at Colgate, Mike realized a childhood dream—he was accepted at West Point. Active in football, wrestling, and lacrosse, until surgery put an end to his athletic career, he turned to coaching the Plebe 150-pound football team. At the close of his own Plebe year, he received the Association of Graduates' annual award for outstanding military efficiency and leadership. During those years at the Point which he loved so well, he was a member of the Rocket Society, Russian Club, Dialectic Society, and Glee Club. During his last year he served as Brigade Adjutant.

Shortly after graduation Mike received further training at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he completed the Airborne Course in August and was an Honor Graduate of the Ranger Course in November. This was followed by thirteen months in Korea during which time he earned the Army Commendation Medal for "exceptionally meritorious service" as Rifle Platoon Leader and the Battalion 4.2-inch Heavy Mortar Platoon Leader. First Lieutenant Nawrosky then served as aide-de-camp to the Commandant of Cadets at West Point. He was promoted to Captain in June 1967 and volunteered for active duty in Vietnam where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. During his nine months there as company commander in the First Cavalry Division, he lost only three men until the battle at Khe Sanh where he was severely wounded trying to aid one of two other injured men. Unable to speak, he continued to lead his men by writing his orders on paper. Three months later, while at Walter Reed General Hospital for surgery to restore his voice, Mike departed to join many others who had also given their last full measure of devotion to their Country. His parents were posthumously awarded their son's Silver Star and Purple Heart at ceremonies conducted 15 February 1969, at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Also in February 1969, the Michael Nawrosky Scholarship Fund was established at the Dumont High School by the residents of Dumont, New Jersey.

Mike's sincerity, compassion, love of country, devotion to duty, zest for living, and infectious grin made him very special to all whose lives he had enriched with his friendship. Those who knew him best loved him most.

— R.L.M.

Jerry Furman Clark

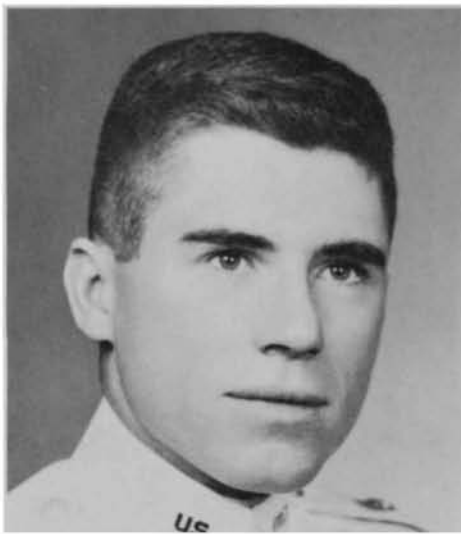
NO. 25901 CLASS OF 1965

Died 21 June 1967 in Vietnam,
aged 24 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

JERRY SPENT HIS BOYHOOD on a dairy farm in northern New York. An ardent hunter and outdoorsman, he spent as much time as possible in the surrounding mountains and valleys of the Adirondack range.

It was from Congressman Clarence E. Killburn's district that Jerry received his appointment to the Class of 1965. The faculty and classmates of Chateaugay Central, where Jerry was an honor student, were extremely proud of their first West Point appointee. The townspeople were greatly interested in



JERRY FURMAN CLARK

their West Pointer and followed his progress through West Point and short service. They mourned his death and were overwhelming in their sympathy to Jerry's family.

The years at West Point were attacked with Jerry's usual zeal, and his pride at graduating from there knew no bounds. It might even be said he enjoyed the rugged Ranger and Airborne training that followed.

After a short leave at home for the hunting season in the autumn of 1966, and a fling at his new found sport, motorized snow sleds, he left for Vietnam.

He was assigned to the 25th Infantry, but spent a great deal of time with other outfits training patrol units. In Vietnam, Jerry saw the action he was always looking for, on reconnaissance patrols and search and destroy missions. Of his men he wrote, "They seem so young and are so willing, that it is my concern that they are suitably recognized for their bravery."

Jerry was fatally wounded 21 June 1967, on a search and destroy mission in the booby-trapped tunnels of Duc Pho. He was brought back to the rolling hills of West Point to be buried beside others of his class, who with unselfish dedication, gave their lives for man's unending search for peace.

Survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Clark; three sisters, Beverly, Diane, and Marlene; one brother, Thomas.

The posthumously awarded decorations were the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for valor, the Purple Heart, the order of Vietnam and the Gallantry Cross of Vietnam with Palm. A plaque was sent from the officers of the "Cacti Blue" 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry with whom Jerry was serving at the time of his last patrol. At the dedication of a new American Legion home, on the St. Regis Indian reservation near his home, his parents received Jerry's New York State Conspicuous Service Decorations.

Dennis Dean Loftheim

NO. 26195 CLASS OF 1966

Died 9 September 1967 in Vietnam,
aged 22 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

DENNIS DEAN LOFTHEIM WAS KILLED in action on 9 September 1967 in the Republic

of Vietnam. Although death has taken him from us, he lives in the hearts and minds of the people who knew him.

Denny was a man of extremely high principle. He stood by what he said, and had a refreshing individuality. He was dedicated to doing the best possible job, no matter how large or small it might be. He was a man who knew the value of understanding and compassion, and did not hesitate to go to the aid of others. He had a fierce joy in living that was contagious for all those around him. A day was something to be filled with activity, not wasted in idleness. He was one of the fortunate people able to find a little good in even the most adverse of circumstances. He was able to capture your imagination and force you to look into yourself to see that you were doing your best. He made the world a better place to be.

Over the four-year span that he spent at West Point, not only did he win many, many friends, but also with each one of the friendships formed, a corresponding bond was formed that had something extra.

As a competitor, Denny was unequaled in desire and motivation, be it an individual or group effort. His desire to excel covered the spectrum from the classroom or sports field to the battlefield. He extended himself to be a better officer in service of his country; he extended himself to be of assistance and service to all those who knew him; he extended himself to make a valuable and improving contribution to the United States Army; he extended himself to the utmost in giving his life for his country.

Denny was truly a unique and wonderfully different individual. His many amiable characteristics, including his warm sense of humor and common sense method of approaching things, made him the highly respected person that he was. You could not know Denny without learning more about yourself. His vitality, his sense of duty, and his capacity for understanding affected those he knew. His loss was not only that of his friends and his family, but also of his country.



DENNIS DEAN LOFTHEIM

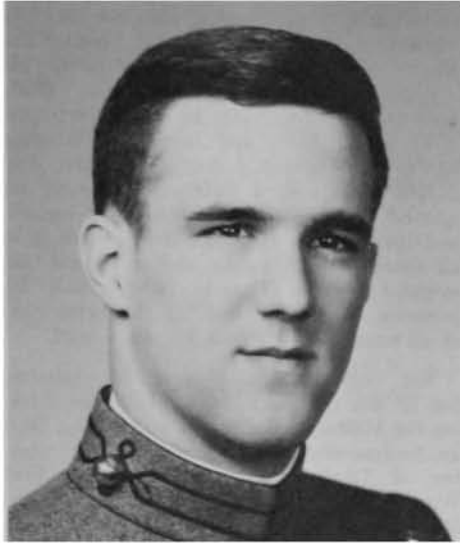
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David Carlton Brown

NO. 26420 CLASS OF 1966

Died 7 September 1968 in Vietnam, aged 24 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



DAVID CARLTON BROWN

"And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run,
May it be said, 'Well done,
Be thou at peace.'"

FEW, IF ANY, MEN have earned more right to rest in peace for a job well done than Dave Brown. A thorough, sincere, aggressive professional soldier, Dave was very highly respected by all who knew and worked with him. The men he so willingly commanded in combat regarded him as a soldier's soldier whom they would follow anywhere. He died striving for what he wanted most to be—a good soldier.

Dave was born in Highland Park, Illinois, on 19 April 1944 into an Army family and spent his childhood at several different military bases in the United States, Europe, and the Far East. Among them was a three-year tour at West Point from August 1953 to July 1956, where he observed the Corps of Cadets in all its activities and developed an intense desire to join the Long Gray Line. He graduated in June 1962 from Lee High School in Springfield, Virginia, where he excelled in academics as well as wrestling and track. A fierce competitor at everything he did, Dave was consistently a winner. He brought his tremendous drive, will to win, and sincerity to West Point in July 1962 where he won countless friends and admirers among the officers and cadets he met. In his endeavor to live above the common level of life, Dave set examples of honesty, professionalism, and athletic prowess which inspired all who knew him. An accomplished skier, he made the most of every possible opportunity to improve his form on West Point's ski slopes.

He was a devoted Episcopalian, and as an acolyte he carried the cross at the Protestant Baccalaureate service the Sunday before he graduated from West Point in 1966. Ironically, Dave was the third of three cadets on that service's program card to die in Vietnam as a Christian soldier.

Volunteering for Vietnam duty even before graduation as an Infantry officer, Dave wanted to go to the sound of the guns more than anything else. After completing Ranger and Airborne training followed by duty at Fort Carson, Colorado, as a company commander with the 10th Infantry, 5th Infantry Division (M), he got his wish. In June 1967, he joined the 173d Airborne Brigade, serving over nine months as a rifle platoon commander and earning a chestful of decorations leading his men in combat. Following a period serving as Aide-de-Camp to the Chief of Staff, First Field Forces Vietnam, Dave extended his original tour for six months to command a company in combat as a Captain. He had successfully commanded his beloved company for more than two months when early in the morning of 7 September 1968, a savage North Vietnamese ground assault overran his company's position. He was killed by hostile fire while trying to organize a counter-attack. His determination and courage greatly contributed to halting the enemy advance.

Though Dave has left this world, the vivid memories of him as a tremendous person and a wonderful and faithful friend will never wane. I feel privileged to have known him and to be able to call him a classmate.

—Walter E. Brinker, Jr.

Daniel Leo Neuburger

NO. 26965 CLASS OF 1967

Died 14 August 1968 in Vietnam, aged 23 years.

Interment: Ellis, Kansas

THE ONLY THINGS DAN NEUBURGER loved more than West Point were his wife Susan, his family, and his baby girl Danielle Lee whom he never did see. He griped as did everyone during those four years, but to those who knew him closely Dan's four years were just the prologue to what would have been a long and great military career.

He came to the Plain of West Point from the Plains of Kansas determined to overcome whatever obstacles Plebe Year presented. He found an outlet for his zeal and enthusiasm in the gymnasium where he spent a good portion of his time. If given the opportunity, Dan would have lived in the gym. It was here that he could let loose his desire to excel with his fierce sense of competition. For Dan there was no such thing as a game. Every sport he ever played was played to win. This strong desire to win was one of the things we admired most about him.

Run-ins with First Captains and haircuts with electric shavers were a thing of the past as Yearling year began. When he wasn't in the gym or class, he would be reading. Dan kept a good number of the New York book stores in business, and there was a good chance that if you needed a book, he had it in his library. He could voice convictions now a little more frequently than in his first year although Dan never really let the status of a Plebe restrain his opinions. Dan always said what he felt. There was no guesswork about it, and you always knew where you stood with him. Everyone respected him for being a man of his word and convictions. It was during "Cow year" that he was to meet Sue, and

it wasn't hard to tell to whom all his attention would be directed for the rest of his life.

Dan was as anxious for "Firstie year" as all of us. He would finally be able to direct all his harnessed enthusiasm for his country. Artillery was the branch he chose, and Vietnam the place. The time after graduation went all too quickly for him—leave, Basic School at Fort Sill, Ranger School at Fort Benning, marriage to Sue in Chicago 16 December 1967. Dan was assigned to the 6/20 Artillery at Fort Carson as an Executive Officer. July found him in Vietnam where he was last to exercise his enthusiasm and zeal. He served with the 6/29 Artillery, 4th Infantry Division at Dak To and the impression this soldier made in his brief tour is best described in his citation for the Bronze Star Medal. "Whether serving as a forward observer or marking targets, Lieutenant Neuburger maintained his personal standards and contributed significantly to his company's mission. His cheerful attitude coupled with his concern for the welfare of his fellow soldiers, earned him the respect and admiration of the entire battery and attached company. On 14 August 1968, Lieutenant Neuburger was mortally wounded during a mortar attack, while organizing defensive fire around the infantry company perimeter near Kontum City. First Lieutenant Neuburger's exceptional courage, outstanding performance, and exemplary devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army."

Besides his widow and daughter, Dan is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neuburger, and eight younger brothers and sisters: Glen, Tom, Mark, Dean, Kathleen, Donetta, Mrs. Kenneth Waldschmidt, and Mrs. Emmett Fuller. Those who knew him and loved him seek solace in the fact that Dan died doing what he wanted most. We could feel the desire at school, and no human was going to deny him the opportunity of fighting for his country as soon as he could.

Kansas was his birthplace, and Kansas is his resting place . . . the little town of Ellis, the town that watched him grow from a boy, a son, a big brother, a cadet at St. Joseph's Military Academy, to a cadet at West Point, an officer, a husband, and a



DANIEL LEO NEUBURGER

father. The golden Kansas wheat, silhouetted against the crimson sun, stood a little prouder 14 August 1968 knowing that one of its sons had died in the service of his country. The memory of Dan Neuburger and everything he stood for will linger with those of us who knew him until the black dirt of Kansas ceases to yield men of conviction and valor . . . never.

—Kenneth J. Leonardi—Classmate

Michael Gramling Parr

NO. 27096 CLASS OF 1967

Died 27 November 1968 in Vietnam,
aged 23 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

MICHAEL GRAMLING PARR was born into the United States Army on 13 June 1945 in York, Pennsylvania. Being an "Army Brat," his first overseas journey was made at the early age of 13 months. In July 1946, he accompanied his mother to Germany to join his Dad who was stationed there. In July 1968, at age 23, First Lieutenant Mike Parr made another trip to a foreign shore. This time to Vietnam. He volunteered to go and was proud of his uniform with Ranger Patch and Parachute badge which he earned while serving with the 82d Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

On 27 November 1968 as Commander of A Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, Mike was killed in action. He died the way he lived; thinking of others first. For Gallantry in Action, he was awarded the Silver Star, and for Meritorious Service in connection with Military Operations against a hostile force, the Bronze Star Medal. He was a loyal, brave and dedicated soldier and citizen. Duty, Honor, Country were the values he always defended during his life. The Silver Star citation reads: "On 27 of November 1968, after landing near a suspected Communist Base Camp, Co. A came under an intense volume of Viet Cong fire sustaining several casualties. Lt. Parr immediately organized a small force and led them forward to extract the wounded. As they were evacuating the wounded, the rescue element came under withering hostile fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lt. Parr exposed himself to the deadly insurgents fire as he led an element against the aggressors. While he was leading his men forward, Lt. Parr was mortally wounded. His valorous actions were responsible for the saving of several lives and the defeat of the hostile force. Lt. Parr's personal bravery, aggressiveness and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service."

From early boyhood, while living on numerous Army Posts, Mike always said he



MICHAEL GRAMLING PARR

would like to go to USMA and become a "career soldier." While living at Fort Bragg, he especially enjoyed being able to watch the men of the 82d Airborne Division make their Parachute jumps. When he returned there ten years later as a Second Lieutenant, it was like going home. He became a jumpmaster and enjoyed jumping as often as he could on the same landing zones he had gone to so often before, as a wide-eyed young spectator. It was while living at Fort Bragg as a youngster that he became interested in baseball, scouting, and rifle shooting. Throughout his young life, his leadership qualities were evident. He was always ready and willing to help, and could be depended upon by his adult leaders to instruct and lead others. In high school he was a member of ROTC, and in his senior year was the Cadet Colonel in his unit. He was on the drill team and the rifle team. He earned his numerals as a member of the rifle team as a Plebe at the Academy. He was a Life Scout and an Explorer Scout and always enjoyed the frequent camping trips.

Mike was an idealist, and as the song "The Quest" from the musical version of Don Quixote says in part: "To dream the impossible dream; To fight the unbeatable foe; To bear the unbearable sorrow; To run where the brave dare not go; To right the unrightable wrong; To love pure and chaste from afar; To try when your arms are too weary; To reach the unreachable star." This was Lieutenant Mike Parr; beloved son, brother, grandson, uncle, and friend.

In June 1967, he was filled with pride to be sworn in as a Second Lieutenant U.S. Army by his father. It was also a memorable day for his family and friends when General Ted Conway, a classmate of Mike's Dad, pre-

sented him with the Class of '33 gift that each son receives upon graduation. It was a beautiful graduation, one that will be remembered by all who were there. The Class of '67 looked so fine as they marched in to receive their diplomas. It had been four years of long, hard work for Mike, but he had always been loyal to the Corps.

Mike was always considerate of others, and even with problems of his own, his main concern was of his family and friends. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Barnds said of him, "He was a very thoughtful young man. While he was at West Point, he always sent me a Christmas Card and note." A classmate wrote, "Ever since I met Mike three and a half years ago, I have admired and respected him as a quiet, intelligent, capable and loyal friend. He managed to look upon all situations with a calm and an insight that inspired success. I truly believe that his presence helped account for the betterment of all situations of which he was a part."

Not only did Mike serve his country, but he was faithful to his God. Before entering the Military Academy he had always been an Acolyte in Army Chapels, and as a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, Texas, he served as Crucifer. Another friend wrote: "You must certainly be strengthened by the knowledge that Mike died in the Service of his Country, a task which he courageously embraced with a sense of Duty, and that finally he has won a great victory in the achievement of a true peace."

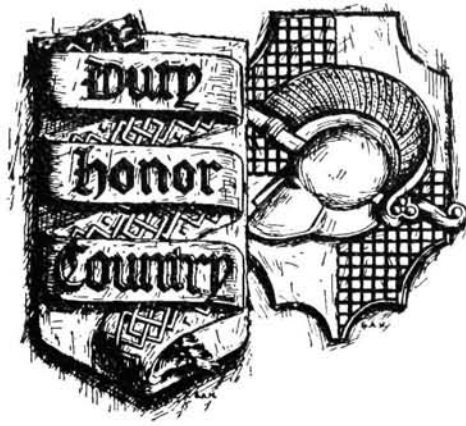
On 9 December 1968, Mike was laid to rest with full Military Honors at West Point. He has joined the Long Gray Line along with his other brave classmates, and a former roommate, who gave their lives in Vietnam. He will be missed greatly by his family and friends, but his memory will always be strong in our hearts and minds.

"He is not dead—he is just away"

"Rest in Peace, Michael dear, Till we meet again"

—Your family and friends

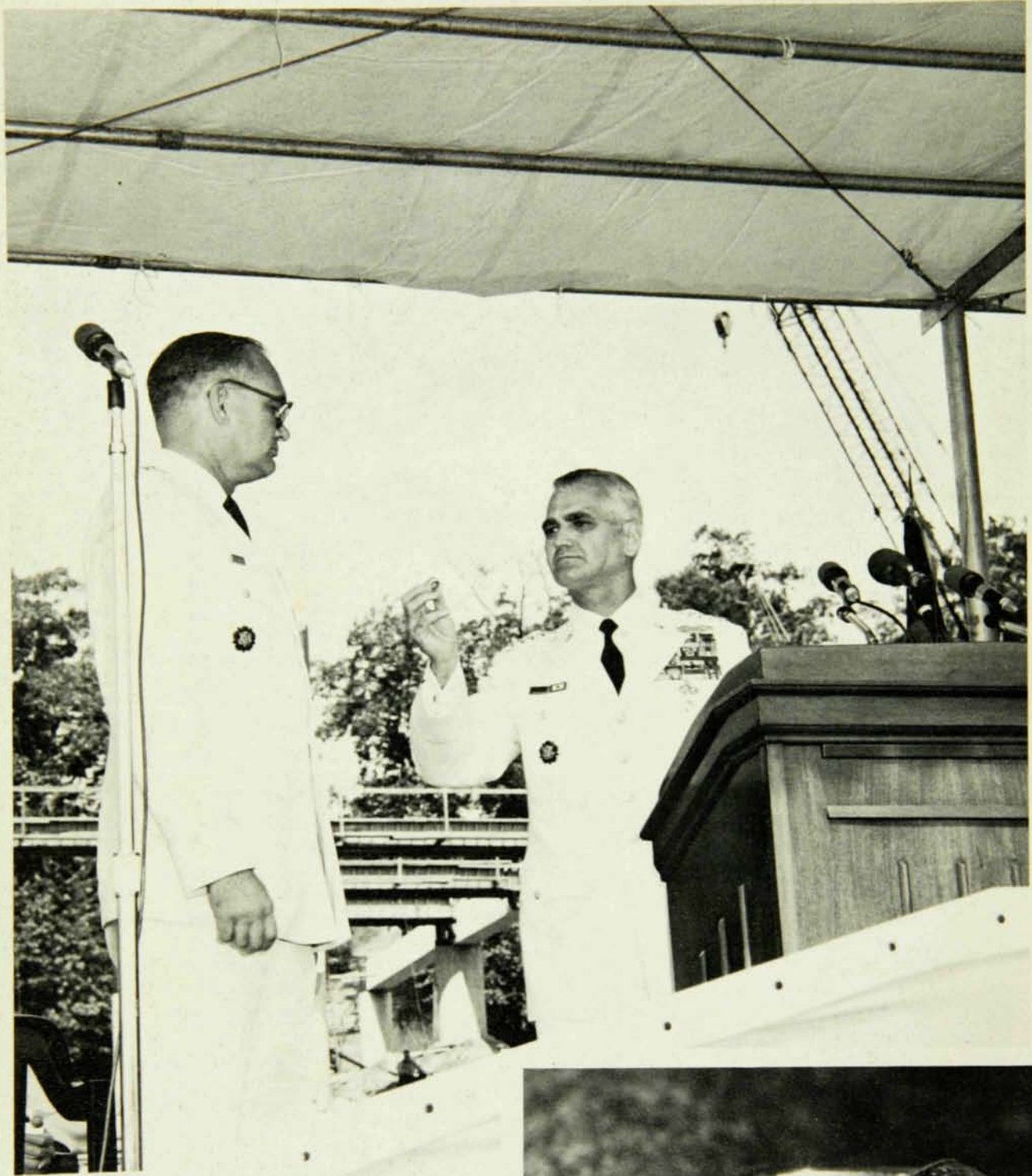




Last Roll Call

Report of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the Spring 1969 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
George H. Estes Jr.	1894 2	July 1969	Clearwater, Florida
Cuthbert P. Stearns	1909 6	June 1969	Charlottesville, Virginia
Robert T. Snow	1912 6	June 1969	Wilmington, Delaware
John E. Ardrey	1913 28	June 1969	Fresno, California
Nelson B. Russell	1916 1	January 1969	Detroit, Michigan
Clare H. Armstrong	Apr 1917 12	July 1969	Hampton, Virginia
Paul H. Brown	Apr 1917 2	January 1968	Atherton, California
Edwin C. Maling	Aug 1917 4	July 1969	San Antonio, Texas
Kenneth M. Moore	Aug 1917 30	April 1969	Berkeley, California
Donald B. Herron	1920 22	June 1969	Winter Park, Florida
Louis P. Leone	1923 21	May 1969	Cornwall, New York
Charles M. Seebach	1923 15	July 1969	Washington, D.C.
Ernest B. Thompson	1923 1	November 1968	Washington, D.C.
Charles E. Woodruff	1923 13	April 1969	Denver, Colorado
Thomas A. Jennings	1924 9	March 1969	Fort Sam Houston, Texas
John A. Hall	1925 21	April 1967	Honolulu, Hawaii
Theodor J. Beck	1931 18	December 1968	Moline, Illinois
John R. Hammond	Ex-1931 18	May 1969	Ridgewood, New Jersey
William B. Bunker	1934 5	June 1969	Arlington, Virginia
John P. Blackshear	1935 2	December 1967	Millersburg, Kentucky
Frederick J. Dooley	1937 22	July 1969	Silver Springs, Maryland
Duane P. Tenney	Jun 1943 29	May 1969	Alexandria, Virginia
Milton D. Stone Jr.	1945 18	July 1969	Montgomery, Alabama
James D. L. Chatfield	1946 29	June 1969	Seattle, Washington
Wade H. Pitts Jr.	1946 3	May 1969	Evadale, Texas
Keith E. Sickafoose	1949 11	January 1969	El Paso, Texas
John E. Panchisin	1952 14	March 1969	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Frederic G. Agather	1953 1	June 1969	Vietnam
Elwin R. Shain	1954 28	July 1968	Vietnam
James V. Dawson	1963 16	July 1969	Vietnam
Joseph J. O'Brien Jr.	1964 10	May 1969	Rocky Mount, North Carolina
Gerard V. Palma	1964 19	April 1969	Vietnam
David R. Crocker	1966 17	May 1969	Vietnam
Allen R. Culpepper	1966 18	May 1969	Vietnam
Michael F. Grisafe Jr.	1966 6	June 1969	Vietnam
Robert M. Snell	1966 14	June 1969	Vietnam
Gary W. Carlson	1967 19	June 1969	Vietnam
Hampton A. Etheridge III	1967 15	July 1969	Vietnam
Karl W. Mills	1967 11	June 1969	Vietnam
Wayne K. Schaltenbrand	1967 14	May 1969	Vietnam
William F. Ericson III	1968 15	July 1969	Vietnam
Donald F. Van Cook Jr.	1968 4	June 1969	Vietnam



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