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To Each And Everyone -

Who ever wore the Taro Leaf -
for a day - a year - or an "eternity" -
and to the members of his family -

We extend a warm and hearty invitation -
for you to attend our next annual -
our 26th - reunion -

This time around being held at the -
Hotel Thayer -
on the grounds of West Point, N.Y. -
next Friday, July 13th -
Saturday, July 14th -
and Sunday, July 15th.

Come one and all -
whether you were in "the Big One" -
or the Korean "Thing" -
or served Division at some other wonderful
time in its glorious history -

The welcome mat is out to you!!!

Warmly,



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Springfield, Mass., April: Your Editor finds adequate words hard to come by in expressing appreciation for the tremendous outpouring of words of love, respect and sympathy following the release of our last issue. For many years we had thought we knew what our Association was all about. Now we REALLY know. From a humble heart, please be assured of our everlasting gratitude.

Our opponents, practically unnoticed, have put across what could become their most effective psychological warfare tool. They have succeeded in eliminating the concept of treason as a punishable crime. Strategists agree that a declared war may well be a thing of the past. If we insist that treason is only possible in a declared war, acts that are palpably treasonable can be perpetrated with complete impunity. This is exactly what is happening. It is a hoax.

Auburn, N.H., April: Retired Sgt. Maj. HARRIS B. POWERS served us in WW II and in Korea. As G Co. 21st 1st Sgt. from 6/50 to 9/51, and living only about 150 miles away from West Point, you ought to be able to be with us on July 13th - 15th, Harris. Please give it a good try. You and your whole family will be most welcome, if you get there.

New Orleans, La., April: Our first Div. Chem. Officer (12/41-3/43) reports in. Lest we forget, it's WOODSON C. TUCKER, JR. Woodie also doubled as an asst. in G-3. Glad you checked in, Woodie, and we'll tell you this: some Weisenheimer said that we didn't mention our coming West Point fiesta in our last issue. To which, our reply: "By God you'll hear about it in this issue". Make it if you possibly can, Woodie; you'll never regret it.

New Orleans, La., April: 'Sa funny thing but we've found few Taro Leafers down in Mardi Gras land. Recently appeared retired Lt. Col. JACK WALLACE, a Chick from 5/42 to 4/45.

Wheeling, Ill., Mar. 24: This was part of the gang that assembled in Wheeling for the '73

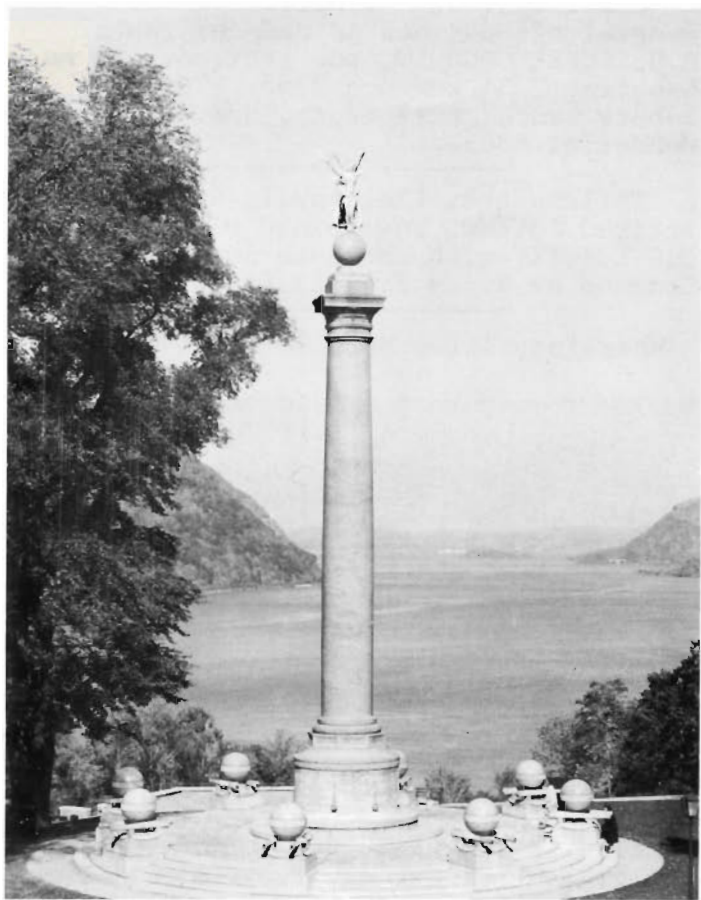
pep rally. Being an attempt to generate some enthusiasm for the coming West Point reunion



next mid-July, it was held in this delightful town just north of the city of the wind because Wheeling happens to be the home of a couple of Past Presidents BOB DUFF and GERRY STEVENSON. But we digress. Much in evidence at the party was the makeshift Division banner. See it at the top of this photo in which you will readily spot CHET and Gloria ANDREZAK, BOB and Jo ANDRE, and FRANK and Irene GORSKI, to name but a few.

Wadena, Minn., April: Sometimes we wonder if such a place really exist or if a member like ORVILLE JONES, (6/49 - 9/51), is putting us on. Orv says you'll find him at 401 4th St., N.W. Mail doesn't come back so it must be so. By the way, Orv, dya know how many bubbles in a pound of soap? 25,344,000.

Metropolis, Ill., April: And there's a town we'd never heard of until good BILL MEYER, (34th Hq. '45-'46), and (3rd Eng. '52-'54), happened along. Bill is living the life of Meyer as a retired M/Sgt. Just writing the name Meyer makes us want to hum a few bars of that irritating TV commercial on Oscar Meyer weiners.



Wheeling, Ill., Mar. 24: Veep BERT LOWERY, (on the l.), and supposedly out to lose 100#



between sojourns at the Flying Carpet and West Point, is tell-Life Member and Past Prexy BILL SANDERSON, (on the r.), who did lose 50# in 9 months, how much he loves to eat. Bill stopped by a local super-market and picked up a supply of papayas and pine-apples, just

to make the party more interesting.

Goleta, Calif., April: Retired M/Sgt. J.E.LEYBA, (L34th F&G 21st '50-'51), has been telling us about the Middle East where slavery is still practiced. He tells us that a good-looking woman who can bear children is worth 20 camels. "To be fair", he adds, "I honestly believe she's worth more. If given the choice, I'd not only pay the asking price of 20 camels; I'd gladly throw in four or five Salems too".

Wheeling, Ill., Mar. 24: This issue couldn't and should not be put to press without inclusion of Mary SHAY. We waded through some 50 pictures,



thoughtfully sent to us by GERRY STEVENSON and BILL SANDERSON and all we found was this one of Mary on her way to the ladies' room. Sorry Mary. But it gives us a chance to show off the KLUMP's once anew.

Blairsville, Ga., April: Wrote Lt.Col. LEON DAVENPORT concerning his December retirement, "Of all the patches I could have worn, I chose the Taro Leaf for my last formation. I have a real affinity for the 24th, primarily I suppose due to its being my first regular outfit, and that I spent 6 years with it. I joined the 11th FA on Mindanao in '45, went to Japan with the 11th, then transferred to the 21st and stayed with the 21st until '50. In Korea, was assigned to the 5th RCT which was attached to the 24th several times". Thanks Leon - and happy retirement wishes go your way.

Troy, Mich., April: Another Chick out of G Co. is JIM CUNNINGHAM who lives at 310 W.Big Beaver. Jim was also on Div. staff at Hqs. for a spell. He's now a nickels and dimes man with S.S.Kresge. Thanks for the ten spot, Jim. By the way, Jim, a bit of explanation may be in order. When we print a member's name in our copy, we try to include his address. That way other members are signalled as to where he hangs hit hat and coat.

Wheeling, Ill., Mar. 24: Meet JOHN O'SULLIVAN, (left) and RAY KRESKY, (right), who each managed, as always to contribute mightily to the banter and frolic that prevailed through our that happy Saturday. Roy was once overheard to be jesting John with: "Why you are not fit to use Doris Day's freckle cream."



Bethesda, Md., April: JOHN P. SAMUELS, (19th '42-'43), of 4549 Fairfield Dr., has joined our ranks.

Wheeling, Ill., March 24: Two of the gals deserving of all the credit for making the



pep rally such a whiz bang affair are, 1. to r., Belle STEVENSON and Ann DUFF. The food was delectable gals. Another who contributed to the buffet were Loretta RAFTER (whose Mother, Mrs. Anna Wylocks, spoiled us with her 20 gallons of Polish sausage smothered in sauerkraut.)

Forgive us, gals, if we miss anyone by name.

Wheeling, Ill., Mar. 24: The proud parent of the idea of this year's Mid-west Pre-Convention Rally was none other than Life Member and Past Prexy BOB DUFF who first said "Let's do it" and then provided the fuel and fire by which it was all brought to pass. That is Belle STEVENSON tending bar in the background.



Oblong, Ill., April: KEN McNABB, (L and Hq. & Hq.Co. 34th '46-'48), assures us that Oblong, Ill. is the only Oblong in the world; for which the

undying gratitude of us all. Wife Connie raises registered goats, Ken also tells us. Connie and Ken have 2 sons, ages 23 and 20.

Wheeling, Ill., Mar. 24: Past Prexy DON WILLIAMS is telling JOHNNY TRINCA how



the best pearls of wisdom to come out of Detroit in many a moon are intended for our female malcontents: "A word of caution, gals: don't burn your bras unless you have some-

thing to show for it."

Cerrillos, N.Mex., April: Another general officer has joined our ranks, B.G.SAMUEL GOODWIN, now retired. He was G-4 from 2/54 through 2/55. "Crossed Sabers Ranch" will reach, Sam. Wonderful address!

Tallahassee, Fla., April: Another retired fellow, now joined with us, is J.G.LUKOSKY with the 24th Support Command at Riley from 12/68 to 1/70.

Wheeling, Ill., Mar. 24: Life Member



and Past Prexy TOM COMPERE is telling MIKE's Loretta RAFTER about the time he and GERRY STEVENSON went out to pick a CP near Alangalang, Leyte, and fell behind the

Nip line at the Manit River bridge. Adds Tom, "The very next day Prexy RED NEWMAN "got his" at Jaro. "My God but he was a mess", says Tom.

Be sure to bring to our West Point clambake a supply of Hawaiian shirts - or if you're a gal, muu muus. It's about all we wear - very informal.

We have Taro Leaf shoulder patches on hand - \$1.00 each.



" 'Course he's teachin' it—Wha'ja think?"

"The Rock", April: Proudly do we include this one of AH KEE LEONG, (3rd Eng. '41-'45), in his DAV regalia. Ah Kee, who was Wahoo Department Commander a year or two ago, sent us a huge package of souvenir items including a wall hanging in the form of a Season's greeting, pronounced Kung Hee Fat Choy and meaning "Happy New Year". He warned us that if we hung it on our office wall, every

Association member would have "Good health, great wealth and wonderful prosperity". It's hanging, Ah Kee. We're waiting, Ah Kee.

Savannah, Ga., April: The Registrar of Armstrong State College, Maj. GEORGE HUNNICUTT, has joined us. Now retired, George joined the 21st in Kumamoto in 4/49, was first in Co. A, then Regt. Hq. Co. He went through the first year of Korea and was back to the Zone of the Interior (bet you'd forgotten that one) by 7/51. Welcome aboard, George.

Albuquerque, N. Mex., April: JIM COOPER, an old G Co. Chick (from 10/49 to 6/51), later in Hq. & Hq. of the 34th in '57, has checked in.

Wheeling, Ill., March 24: FRANK GORSKI



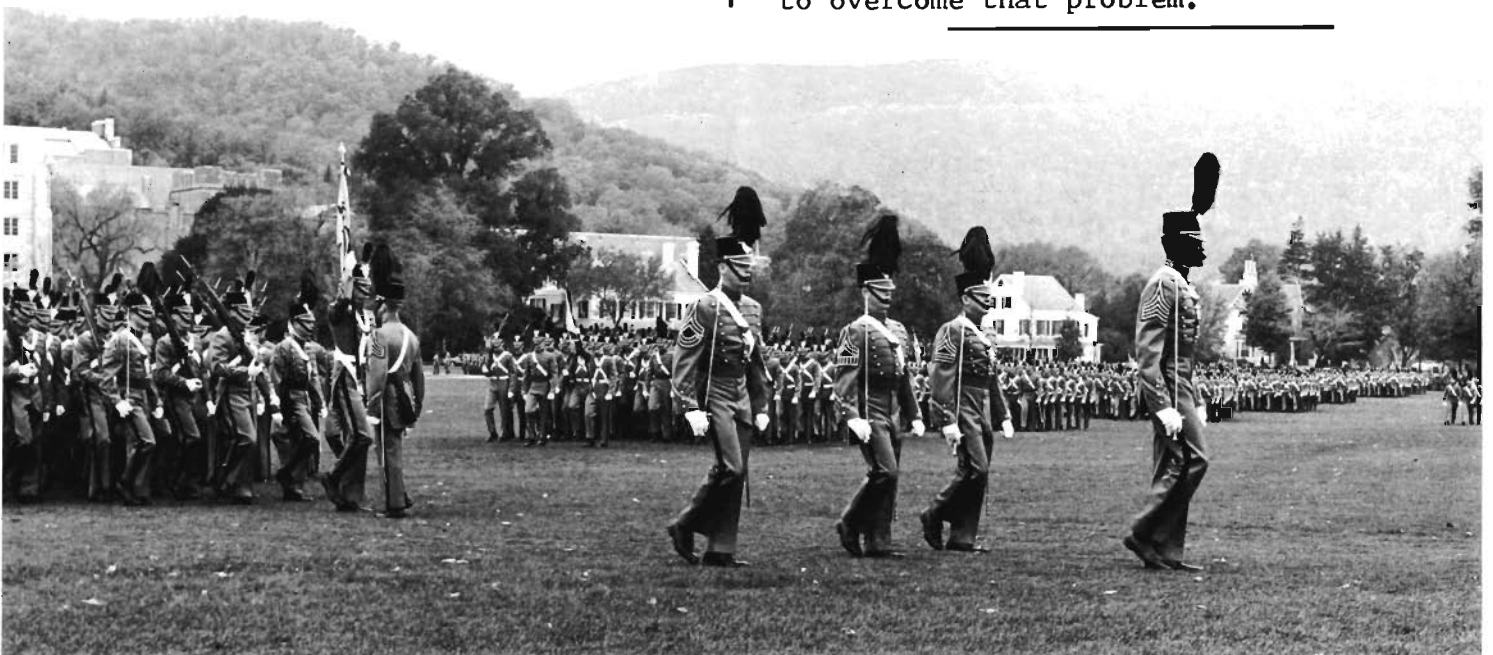
and CHET ANDREZAK both got on us for reporting that LOU DUHAMEL was a Dog Co. Gimlet. He was a Cannoa Co. Gimlet. We're sorry 'bout that, Lou.

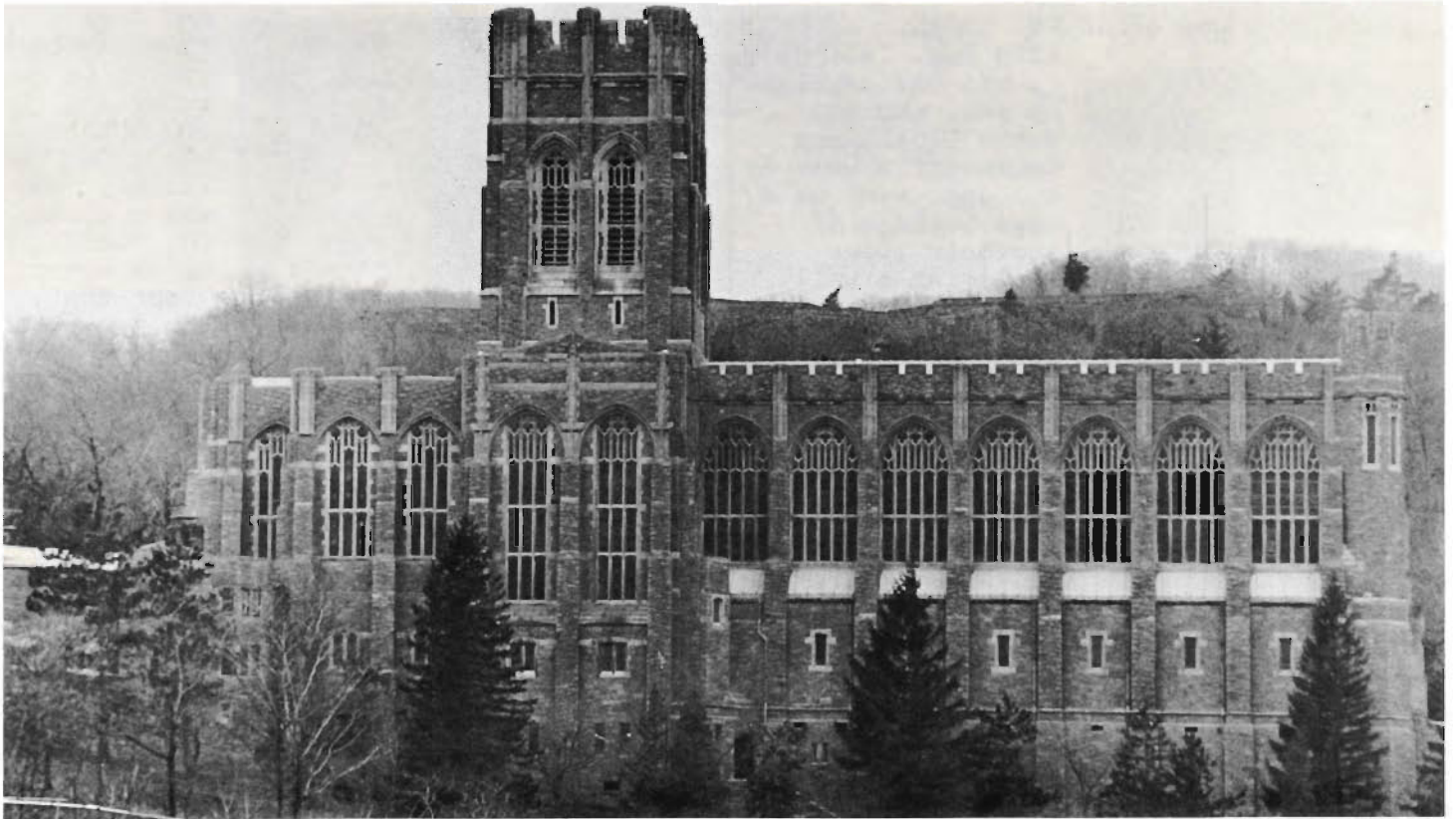
WHEELING, Ill., March 24: BILL

SANDERSON travelled 1000 miles to make the rally and to regale everyone with tales about his drinking uncle who downs 12 glasses of Vodka and carrot juice every day of his life. Adds Bill: "He sees everything double, but he sees very clearly."



Provincetown, Mass., April: Always looking in Taro Leaf for a familiar name is LEROY E. ATKINS, (H 21st 8/52-8/54), who runs Provincetown Printery. Roy, you aren't alone - but our whole effort is to use every name possible - and to mention everyone every so often - so as to solve that problem. Roy asks if there is anyone who served at Koje-Do on that prison guard detail. Roy says he hasn't heard from anyone since he left for home. And that, Mr. Atkins, is our excuse for existing; we're trying to overcome that problem.





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WEST POINT, N.Y. 10996

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Wheeling, Ill., March 24: JOHNNY KLUMP is giving CHET ANDREZAK a bit of his worldly wiscom. Advises John: "Cross a fly with an elephant and you'll get a zipper that never forgets."

Our boys in Rockhampton had been making altogether too much time with the local lovelies to suit the Australians. During the showing of Bambi in Sydney, when the little deer was calling, "Mother! Mother!" some lad in the gallery yelled, "Don't worry, kid! She's probably out with a blooming Taro Leafer!"



Springfield, Mass., April: Brig.Gen. WILLIAM NAYLOR, a long time personal friend and very active in the 43rd Div. Assoc. has made a nice contribution to our Treasury. We have reciprocated in kind in an effort to strengthen the two associations. They had 466 in attendance at their last reunion. Their membership stands at 1462. As we go to press, we have 1206 members, up from 978 a year ago. Our Membership Chairman, BILL BYRD, is doing wonders.

Wheeling, Ill., Mar. 24: Come next



May 29th, it'll be a 25th wedding anniversary for JOHN and Hilda KLUMP, two of our very favorite people. So remember the date if you can and favor these wonderful folks with an anniversary card. Reach them at RR#1,

Guilford, Ind. 47022. John and Hilda got up early Sunday AM to make the long ride back home. Observed John, "Little girl, who play Doctor in spring, often end up nursing in fall." Great observation, Johnny.



Wheeling, Ill., Mar. 24: Quiet reflection was the key word at this year's pre-convention pep rally. Here are a couple of Life Members (\$100.00 pays your



dues for all time, in case you wonder what it takes to become one). Here are, l. to r., ED HENRY and MIKE RAFTER. Ed has just explained to Mike that there are 2 things which will attract a

man instantly, and, he adds, "Unfortunately Raquel Welch has both of them."

Get your reservation in to the Hotel Thayer NOW. Come July 13th, there may be nothing left.

Honolulu, Hawaii, April: We had to contact AH KEE LEONG, (3rd Eng. '41-'45), when he told us he was quitting his flower shop. Came the reply, "Too much work; labor too high; taxes impossible; business lousy with competition; people not buying - so after 21 years, I quit." Reasons enough, Ah Kee.



Westport, Conn., April: We're a little late in including this one on the marriage of the daughter of JOSEPH and Marion NEE, (Div.Hq. '45-'46). The wedding took place last May 13th. Miss Leslie married Samuel Rhea Mathes, Jr., the son of Mrs. Samuel R. Mathes of Pensicola, Fla. and the late Samuel R. Mathes. Be honest; wasn't she lovely?

Wheeling, Ill., March 24: According to



Life Member MIKE RAFTER, whose opinions usually go unchallenged, the best eater in our rally crowd was "without any question whatever, KEITH PERKINS". Keith who runs his own auto parts business munched almost steadily for 7½ hours. And as for

"the best drinker in the crowd", Mike says that the plaudits have to go to BOB SHAY. We feel somewhat uneasy about reporting such an honor. We'll add this, however, we had no one who showed his booze less.



Millbury, Mass., April: From charter member J. FRANK and Lorraine McKENNEY, (AT Co. 21st 2/43-12/45), comes the question "Can you arrange any three of

these four words into a single category-egg, sex, wife, drum?" Answers Frank: "You can beat an egg; you can beat a drum; you can beat your wife; but you can't beat sex." Told you we'd use it, Frank.

West Point, N.Y., April: Convention Chairman VIC BACKER signals that it's easy enough to get to West Point from NYC by bus. He tells us that Mohawk Coach Lines runs out of the N.Y. Port Authority Bus Terminal (that's at 41st St. and 8th Ave.). Buses leave ever hour on the quarter past the hour. They'll drop you off right at South Gate, West Point adjacent which lies the Hotel Thayer. Rates \$3.45 each, one way. You get there on your own. We'll get you back to the city and/or the right airport on Sunday.

Waynesboro, Pa., April: Bucking hard for Gettysburg, Pa. as a convention site are FLOYD and Cleovesta EYLER, (L 21st '42-'45), who live right next door. Floyd Jr. entered the service just 30 yrs. and 3 days after Floyd was inducted. You're doing wonders on the public relations, Floyd. Gettysburg is flooding us with interesting mail.

Macon, Ga., April: Retired Sfc. BOB FOUNTAIN was with Hq. & Hq. Co., 21st from '49 to 6/51 and would like to hear from buddies. That's the name of the game, Bob. Here's your plug.

Virginia Beach, Va., April: We have long hoped that our gang would one day decide on this place for a convention site. Now that BERNARD FOREMAN (HH Co. and Band, Supt. Command in Augsburg, 3/64 to 5/66) is a retired SSG living there, it may come to pass. How about dropping in at West Point, Bernie, and giving us the sales pitch?

Bridgewater, Va., April: CHARLES and Clara JAMESON, (F & AT 21st '44-'45), in paying their dues, ask for the address of JIM PARENT. It's 42 Loomis, Westfield, Mass. When you write him, Charley, ask him to pay his dues, will you please? Charley visited with RUCKER FORD in Florida last May.

East Barracks. A "U.S. Army Photograph". For that matter, all of our West Point pix are by courtesy of Uncle Sugar and his photographers.



Paid your dues yet?



Honolulu, Wahoo,
April: By courtesy
of good AH KEE
LEONG, (3rd Eng.
'41-'45), we publish
this one of the new
\$26 million state
capitol. Tall
columns support the
building and repre-
sent palm trees.
The exteriors of
the House of Repre-
sentatives and the
Senate resemble
volcanoes. An
interior court yard
looks to the blue
skies, and the en-
tire structure is
surrounded by
water - you got it
right, the Pacific.
Thanks Ah Kee.
Pretty heady stuff,
this island
symbolism.

Wrightsville
Beach, N.C., April:
A 13th Fieldman
from 3/43 to 8/45
was Col. WILLIAM D.
GNAU. Bill, we're
counting on you to
make West Point in
mid-July. Be sure
to bring the family
as it's a family
weekend.

Hartford, Ark., April: MELVIN GAUTHIER,
(24th Sig. & 21st '49-'51), heard about
us and telephoned BILL BYRD right away.
Result - Mel is "in" and rarin' to make our
West Point conclave in mid-July. It all
starts on Friday, July 13th, with informal
gatherings and a Friday evening picnic
and then on Saturday, July 14th, things
really move with the annual business
meeting; Memorial Service, banquet and
dance. By Sunday, July 15th, you're
ready to go home.

Castro Valley, Calif., April: Our
California contingent is growing in size,
thanks to the likes of Lt. Col. Retired
GEORGE DOVER who was with the Chicks at
Beppa of "Hot Sands" fame from 11/48 to
7/50. Looks like you left at the right
time George, or was it the wrong time?

Morago, Calif., April: Another Able Co.
Gimlet reports in. This one is
J.P. CANNON who was there from 8/50 to
6/51, and we all know what dirty, lousy
months those were. Thank fortune you're
here, J.P.

Oakland, Calif., April: Manager of the
Commissioned Officer's Mess at Oakland
Hospital is BOB SULLIVAN, who was with us
from '50 to '52. Bob may not like Cal's.
governor but he may like something he
said the other day: "All it takes for
the Jungle to close in on society is
for a single generation to grow up
without cultural roots or commitments.
It only takes one lost generation to lose
forever all the great ideals and standards
on which our nation was founded."

Burlington, Mass., April: To get to
West Point from down Boston way, all
retired Lt. Col. ALFRED WEIMER, (63rd F
and 52nd F '50-'51), will have to do is
take Route 84 out of Hartford, Conn. and
follow it straight to Newburgh. Brand
new, it's a beautiful bit of roadway, Al.

Leavenworth, Kans., April: Lt. Col.
DWAINE L. SCOTT, who commanded Able Battery
of the 52nd Field first in Japan and then
in Korea, is now retired at 102 9th Ave.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY WHEN YOU JOIN
US AT WEST POINT ON JULY 13-14-15.

Commander's Column

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8 April 1973.

Dear Fellow Taro Leafers:

A letter from your friend and mine, Editor Ken Ross, suggests I write several "Presidents Letters" for The Taro Leaf, prior to our reunion at West Point on July 13-14-15. I am happy to have this privilege.

Hopefully, these letters will interest as many of you as possible to join us in July. Ken will have administrative details from Convention Chairman Victor Backer, so I'll focus on background information.

I am glad to report two of our World War II division commanders -- Major General Frederick A. Irving and Major General Roscoe B. Woodruff -- plan to join us. Each holds a special place in West Point history. General Woodruff was Cadet First Captain (highest ranking cadet officer), as were Generals Pershing, MacArthur and Wainright. General Irving became Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy after World War II, as had Lee, MacArthur and Robert L. Eichelberger before him.

I have no more tingling memory than my first view of the famous West Point parade ground. Because here and there, among the trees around the parade ground, were statues of heroic figures from the past -- and, surely, their shades linger there.

Part of the mystique of the United States Military Academy is awareness of these unseen shades. They are an inspiration to every man who "dons cadet gray." Consider these quotes from their great song, The Corps; cadets stand at attention when they sing it:

They are here in ghostly assemblage,
The men of the Corps long dead.
And our hearts are standing attention,
While we wait for their passing tread.

... The Long Gray Line of us stretches
Through the years of a century told,
And the last man feels to his marrow
The grip of your far off hold.

Join us at West Point in July, and you will feel the same realism of the words, "They are here in ghostly assemblage" -- especially if you walk at night from the Patton statue to MacArthur Memorial, then across the parade ground to Battle Monument on Trophy Point. You can sense the unseen presence of those who have walked that same parade ground. From Winfield Scott to Grant and Sherman, to Lee and Jackson; from Pershing and MacArthur to Eichelberger, Wainright and Patton.

You will be welcomed there, for what could they have done without the uncounted thousands who answered our country's call to arms?

And you will not be among strangers. Among those in that Long Gray Line will be familiar faces -- like our first division commander, Major General Durward S. Wilson, and those incomparable soldiers and friends, Colonels Jock Clifford and Bill Verbeck ... and others.

Don't miss this chance to join us at West Point in July. There are many interesting tangible things to see too -- of which more in my next letter.

In friendship,


Aubrey S. "Red" Newman



PeEll, Wash., April: Pappy Webb heard from: Officially, its Capt. SHEILIE SHEPHERD but to every Chick in Beppu during 11/48-6/51, he was "Pappy Webb". Now we know that West Point is a long distance from your house Pappy, but we'll remind you that there are going to be a lot of Chicks gathering on that Hotel Thayer terrace overlooking the historic Hudson.

Eatontown, N.J., April: Fire one. Your bracket is perfectly hit. RALPH BALESTRIERI, (C 13 Field 11/50-4/51; Sv.13 Field 4/51-6/51) sends us this wonderful story for which our deep thanks. It goes:

"Smitty was a loner. A retread doing the same job he did from Normandy through Germany with another division. An unsmiling, no nonsense, all business, hard fighting platoon leader, the best ground pounder I ever had the honor to serve with.

"We met shortly after we both arrived in Korea. On one of my first missions I was attached to Item, 19th, arrived in time for supper - C rations - reported to the Co. C.O. and was introduced all

around. It came out I was a retread and someone joked with Smitty about it. I already knew. We didn't fit the mold. I managed to break the ice for one of the few times I ever saw anyone do so by noting we both broke in at the same time and place in Normandy and we compared a few notes.

"We met after that quite often and I learned just how good Smitty was. Always in the thick of the fighting, always had his platoon at the right place at the right time, always in control, and never worrying in the least about exposing himself to anything the enemy had to offer if he had a job to do. He was the best.

"We never talked much after that, Smitty was no talker, but one time when I was attached to a company on his flank and his company was under a terrific 'Banzai' attack he met me in his scrambling to keep his company organized. He did me the honor of asking that I keep an eye on that flank for him.

"After more than six months Smitty was finally given command of the company permanently and promoted. Shortly after while I was waiting rotation in Service Battery I got the news. Smitty bought it while leading his company in a counter attack. Nothing in the war ever struck me harder. No man had been so distant and yet, somehow, so close. Although he made Captain I always remember him as Lt. Smith, 35th Div. and Co. I, 19th Infantry - infantryman extraordinary!

S. Pasadena, Calif., April: HOWARD SALISBURY has joined. He was with us from 10/41 to 12/44.

Jackson, Wyo., April: A man with a lot of addresses is Retired M/Sgt. RICHARD JOHNSON who was with Admin. Co. from 5/68 to inactivation at Riley. And do we need addresses. Dick, what's your pleasure?

San Antonio, Tex., April: Down "San Antone" way lives Cd. Retired ROBERT HALLOCK who was a 1st looie in the old Hawaiian at Schofield from '26 to '26 and was CO of Div. Arty. from 4/51 to 12/51.

ANYONE WHO EVER WORE THE TARO LEAF IS WELCOME AT OUR SHINDIGS.

San Clemente, Cal., April: Lt. RICHARD JACKSON has called in. He was first with us as CO of J 21st until 9/53 when Bn CO's were first Lt. Col. ED BAKER, then Lt. Col. RICHARDSON. After an 8 year break, he was assigned to E 19th at Augsburg and subsequently to Hq. 2nd Bn 19th. Adds Richard, "I was one of the few to wear the Taro Leaf on both my shoulders. Now that's something, isn't it? You probably won't make our West Point bash, Dick, but we'll tell you anyway that it's just 45 miles from New York City.

Lancaster, Pa., April: LLOYD D. KREIDER, (34th Med. 1/50-10/50), well remembers 10-6-50; it was the day he was shot and captured. He survived the Sunchou Massacre on 10-16-50 too. Nice to have you around Lloyd.



Up river from Trophy Point

Torrington, Conn., April: TARO LEAF commends FRANK ODDO, (D 34th '41-'45), for finishing payments on his Life Membership. Frank runs Oddo's Print Shop.

Brooklyn, N.Y., April: Taro Leaf salutes JOE KINDYA, (C & Hq. 1st Bn. '41-'45), of Brooklyn, N.Y. for faithfully sending his dues every single year since 1951. Joe, an internal revenue man, advises that a couple of Hollywoodites are planning on film on the life of Douglas MacArthur. Mrs. M. reportedly is not enthusiastic about the production.

And From Ancient Rome: "A nation can survive its fools, and even its ambitious, but it cannot survive treason from within." Declared by Marcus Tullius Cicero, 106-43 B.C.

Dearborn, Mich., Feb. 17th: ROSS and Marge PURSIFULL were today blessed with their sixth "bundle of joy", this time 6# 13 oz. Jill. Congratulations are in order for this wonderful trio, and nominations are in order for anyone who thinks he has a better claim to "Oldest Dad of the 24th".

Waukesha, Wis., April: Isn't this the town whose old RR station keeps popping up in insurance ads? At any rate popping up also is old BILL SHOWEN of the home town. Bill served with dearly beloved from 10/41 to 5/44 first as a draftsman in G-3, then in S-2 of the Gimlets, then back to G-2 and then over to the Recn. Bill retired as a M/Sgt.

San Antonio, Tex., April: We have another retired M.Sgt. in TONY BAKER who was in Div. Sec. Platoon in '49, then went to Love 21st and later King 21st as squad leader and platoon sergeant, eventually over to the 34th as a platoon sgt. and a first sgt.

Tucker, Ga., April: And are we happy to welcome Col. FLOYD R. MARTIN, the Exec. of Task Force Smith to our fold.

Denver, Colo., April: A civilian with D/A in its Office for Civilian Health in the Services is LEO KAYE who was Div. Info.



O. in '62-'63. Leo, give Col. URBAN THROM a call over at Fitzsimmons. He was with us in '44-'47. Urb, lovably known to one and all as "Suburban Urban" is bringing his wonderful gal,

Jackie, with him to the Tayer in July where hospitality will begin the moment you enter the lobby. Think about it Leo; it's a long haul, we know, but you'll be sure to meet old friends. Men will be back who served in all the years from '41 through '70.

REUNION PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JULY 13

- 5:00 A.M. Reveille - Roll over and go back to sleep. Luxuriate.
- 8:00 A.M. Registration - all day.
- Bar never closes, especially as it's BYOL. BYOL and cheat the house.
- 12:00 A.M. Luncheon - You're on your own.
- 1:00 P.M. Poolside Chit Chat. Unit CP's may well be set up.
- 6:00 P.M. West Point Cocktails.
- 8:00 P.M. Hospitality Night - Music and buffet. Drinking natch!
- Suggestion: Hit the sack in good time. Tomorrow is a busy one!
- Taps.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

- Reveille.
- Breakfast - You're on your own.
- 8:00 A.M. Registration - all day.
- Bar open 23 hours per day.
- 8:00 A.M. National Executive Committee Meeting.
- 10:00 A.M. National Business Meeting.
- (Program for the ladies to be announced.)
- 12:30 P.M. Brunch.
- 1:30 P.M. An afternoon at poolside, under the umbrellas.
- 6:00 P.M. Cocktail Hour.
- 7:00 P.M. Memorial Service; Grand Banquet; Awards.
- 9:00 P.M. Dancing Under the Stars. BYOL.
- Taps.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

- 8:00 A.M. Last brunch; last call for drinks.
- 10:00 A.M. Farewells, Alohas.
- See you next year!
- Drive carefully!



- Schedule subject to change -



Wheeling, Ill., Mar. 24: JOHNNY TRINCA had the tongues wagging when he dropped in to our rally with the striking Mona Coury. Somewhere along the line, the word got out that Mona preferred being called "Hiawatha" who, according to ED HENRY, our usually authoritative source was a boy. And we have no intention of getting in the middle on that one so we'll

get on with it. Prexy RED NEWMAN has sent us a clip on the origin of the shoulder path. WW I triggered the use of such. Seems that when men of the 81st Div. reached the POE (remember that one?), they were wearing, on their left shoulders, a patch depicting a wild cat on a circular background. War Dept. saw them, liked them, approved. So the shoulder sleeve insignia was born, being recognized for its value; and the idea spread like wildfire.

Wheeling, Ill., Mar. 24: Here's Life Member and Past Prexy GERALD R. STEVENSON on the right, with the Editor on the left. Gerry has just presented a \$50.00 contribution to the Assoc. with words that went: "The friendships made over

years will always remain near and dear to my heart." And Gerry means it, too. Tremendous was the effort he and Isabelle put into the Wheeling rally to make it the happy success that it was. Gerry by the way used 1 gal. of cream in mixing his famous milk drinks. "That means 4 gallons of drinks" said Gerry amazedly.



Franklin, N.C., April: Out of this little town comes a real sense of humor, the proud property of DON VAN HOOK, (B 52 Field 3/41-3/45). Don, a tree trimmer, made an entry under "Remarks" on our Membership Application" form which went simply: "Hut Who Free Four". We had asked him for his picture and he sent this one labelled "Homo Sapiens or Apeo Simeans". It takes all types to make a club. Now we have a tree trimmer. Welcome aboard, Don.



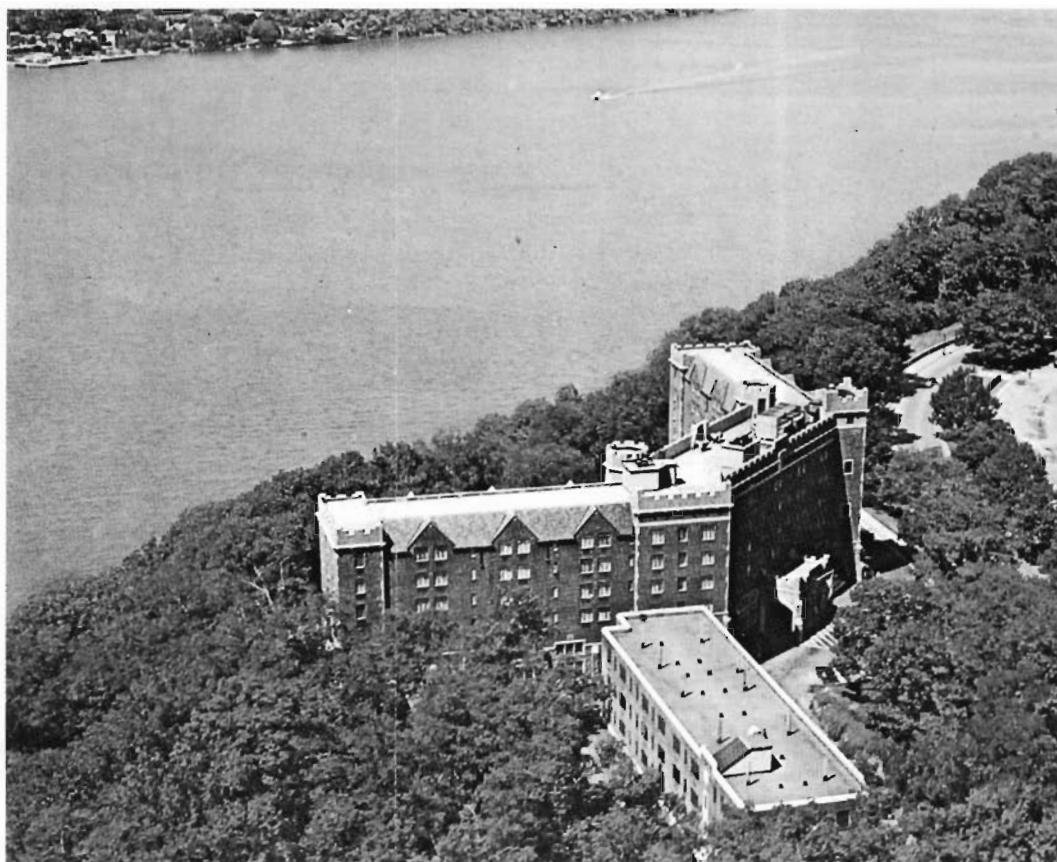
Wakefield, Kans., April: Retired SFC DONALD SIMON, (Hq. 1st Bn. 19th 8/50-9/51 and 24th Avn. Co. 5/57 - 10/57) tells us how he telephoned his friend, a tightrope walker, but found he was on another line. You get that way Don if you serve in the Division twice as you should well know.

N.Arlington, N.J., April: Fallen - has JOHN O'CONNOR (D 34th '44-'45) - off a ladder. Trimming a tree, he went down 18' to a concrete driveway. Laid up for 5 months. Still gimpy. How about Martha, Johnny? She was having medical problems too.

Clearwater, Fla., April: GRANVILLE C. (who goes by "G.C." for obvious reasons) SHOOPMAN, (C 34th '41-'45), couldn't Chicago it. He and Edna were entertaining their daughter and family during our happy time.

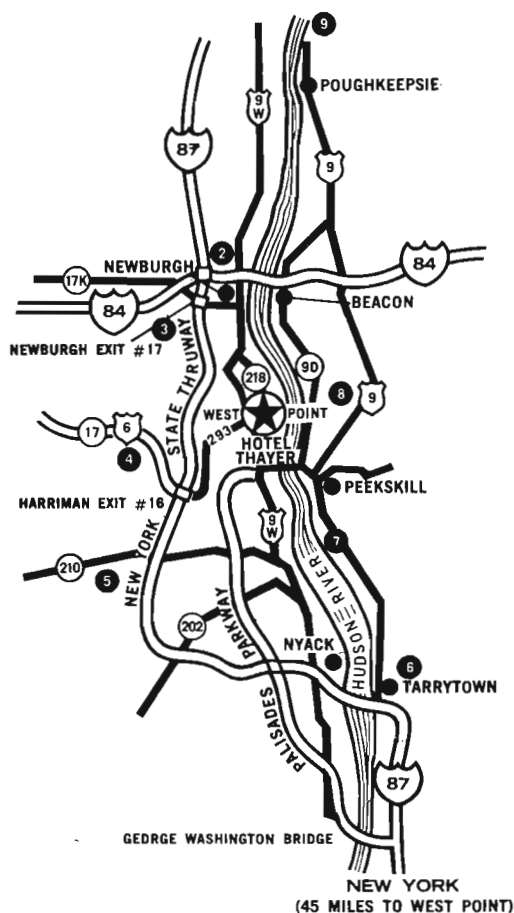
Clearwater, Fla., April: Out of sight since '65, BILL SAVELL, (Sv. 19th '43-'45), has reappeared. Thank fortune. Bill has been busy with that fast growing up family of his. Too he has had a little ticker problem.

Rutland, Vt., April: JIM DUPAW, (Sv. 34th '52-'54), asks if a Division history is available. We answer "No, regretfully". There was a history of the Korean phase of our story but that has long since been out of print. We're for spending our reserve account to get it republished. What do you think about that?



Kirkwood, Mo., April: A 5th RCT man has called in. It's HUBIE DEATHERAGE who says proudly, "I've always considered myself as a member of the 24th". And that's O.K. by us, Hubie. You were CO of Hu.Mortar Co., and by all that's holy, you are surely going to be welcome at our annual get-together at the Hotel Thayer on the Hudson.

Montpelier, Vt., April: Some people retire in Cal., some in Fla., at least one in Vermont. It's M.Sgt. ARTHUR WALSH of the 52nd Field at Hakata, joining in 6/49, going over in the Task Force Smith slaughter, and rotating home in 8/51.



West Point, N.Y., April: If you're driving to the clambake and can get as far as NYC, then you're in like Flynn. Cross the G.Washington Bridge to Jersey and the Palisades Parkway right to the West Point South Gate. Drive 50 more feet and you'll hit the hotel. Or take 87 out of NYC, cross the Tappansee Bridge, cut off onto 9W north and again you will make it.

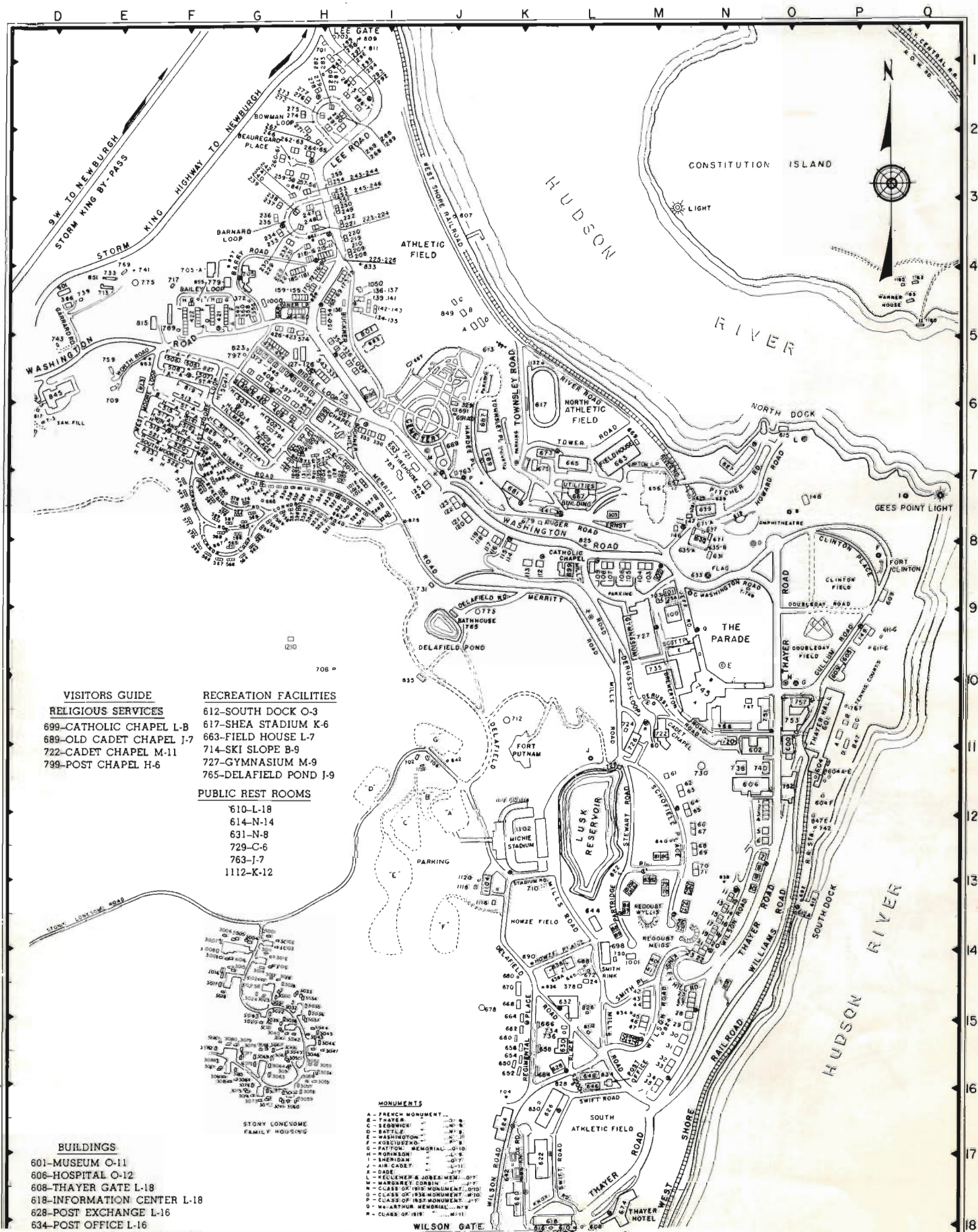
Suitland, Wash., April: Add another ex-POW to our ranks; it's WALTER C.SMITH, (19th), 3404 Pearl Dr. - Apt. 202.

Wheeling, Ill., March 24: The friends



of Bess O'SULLIVAN - and they are legion - will berate us for using this one of this wonderful and most attractive lady. Honestly, Bess, it was the best one, in truth the only one, we had of you and we didn't want to go to press without including you in. That's Ann DUFF, Belle STEVENSON and BOB SHAY in the background.

Ulster Park, N.Y., April: Writes AL and Catherine FASSBENDER, (M 19th '41-'42): "Two weeks ago I took a quick flight down to Raleigh, N.C. and spent a couple of days with Jack Finan and while there I stopped in to see my old Commanding Officer of Co.M 19th, Col. Hank Royall. We also drove to Kannapolis, N.C. and visited with one of my old buddies from Co.M, Jim Chanis whom I hadn't seen in 30 years. We had a real bull session. This was quite a pleasant visit after all these years and I hope to have many more at West Point."



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