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Dear Mr. Moore:

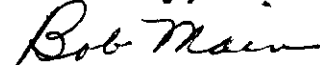
It is my unhappy duty to report that my brother Alvin N. Main died of cancer in Berkeley last June 20. His wife Mary (of six years) lives at 254 Amherst Avenue, Kensington, CA, 94708, where she and Al had made their home since November 1973.

I have informed Mary of the receipt of your letter, since I know that she is very interested in word from any of Al's former friends in Night Air Group 53. There is no doubt also that she'll want to write you personally as Editor of the Newsletter.

Al sailed his boat "Soledad" from Annapolis to New Smyrna Beach, Florida, last winter. The boat is now docked there indefinitely; Mary went to see the boat in September to make plans for eventual disposition.

Enclosed are copies of two of the obituaries of Alvin which I believe will be of interest to you and others who shared wartime experiences with my dear brother.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Main
613 Chevy Chase Way
Hayward, CA 94544

Alvin N. Main

November 11, 1974

Alvin Nye Main, 56, of Pines-on-the-Severn, Arnold, died June 20 of cancer in Berkeley, Calif.

He had been a tutor at St. John's College of Annapolis since 1960 and was on a leave of absence to join his wife, Mary Main, a professor at the University of California in Berkeley.

Mr. Main was a graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara, Calif., and attended the University of California at Berkeley.

He was a member of the Veterans for Peace and the American Civil Liberties Union.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and served on carrier duty in the Pacific as squadron commander of Night Air Group 53. Afterwards he was an instructor in the department of philosophy at the University of California in Santa Barbara.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Andrew Kelley Main of San Francisco and Carl Douglas Main of the U.S. Coast Guard; a daughter, Barbara Ruth Boren of Santa Barbara, Calif.; three grandchildren; five brothers and one sister.

No funeral service will be held.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Alvin Main

Alvin Nye Main of Arnold, Md., a former Santa Barbara, died Thursday of cancer at a hospital in Berkeley. He had been ill three months.

Born April 5, 1918, in Marquette, Mich., he was the son of the late Dr. Roscoe C. Main, former Santa Barbara County health officer, and the late Mrs. Main.

Mr. Main first lived in Santa Barbara from 1928 to 1930. After serving in the Navy in the Pacific in World War II, he attended UC Berkeley and UCLA and graduated from UCSB in 1954. He also was an instructor in the philosophy department at UCSB during the 1950s.

From 1960 until his death he was a tutor at St. John's College in Annapolis. He was a member of the Veterans for Peace and the American Civil Liberties Union.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Main of Berkeley; two sons, Andrew of San Francisco and Carl, serving in the Coast Guard in Albatross, a frigate, Mrs. Barbara Ruth Boren of Santa Barbara; five brothers, Edward, Peter and Rufus of Santa Barbara, Nathaniel of San Rafael and Robert of Hayward; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Johnson of Santa Maria; and three grandchildren.

In accordance with Mr. Main's instructions, a funeral service is not planned. Friends may remember the ACLU.

Monday December 16, 1974

Many thanks to the 54 friends who sent in news this year. It's really fun to watch the mail every day. This will be the third page in the 1974 Newsletter, but it is the last one being typed so it will include three reppies that came in today. Of course you have already read on the preceding page the saddest news - the death of AL MAIN. Note that his widow's address is given should you wish to write.

#52 MRS. JAMES TAYLOR RITA "We all enjoy your newsletters and hearing about Air Group 53. Our oldest son, Jim, graduated from college this year. The second one is in college and the youngest a high school sophomore. He is also involved with Junior Achievement and we've enjoyed his reports of their meetings and discussions. Best wishes for a great '75 - Rita & All "

#53

DR. ART HILL LAURIE writes: To everyone in the Group we send greetings for a very Merry Christmas and that you all fare well in the days ahead. Everything is much the same here. Art and I hope to get together some kind of a camping van and really see the country next summer. We have two beautiful grandsons aged 2 & 6. Kerry, our son-in-law, teaches at the Friends School in Wilmington, Del. Our oldest son has just returned from a 7,000 mile trip around the country by car. The two younger boys are still in college. Bob was married in June and he and his wife are both attending college. The youngest, our ski bum, Doug (called Down-Hill) is in school in Vermont, naturally. (Editor's note to Laurie: You and the Pollards have that in common) Thanks again for your efforts on the newsletters. This may not make the deadline, but we'll do better next year, I hope. Laurie

#54 WILL KEOGH MARGE writes: As always, Will intended to fill out your questionnaire, and, as always, he never got around to it. This year we hope to have all our family together for Christmas (Editor's note: The KEOGH address on the address list is wrong - WRONG ! It is Torre de la Reine, Apt. 15G, 450 Ponce de Leon, San Juan, P.R. 00906)They will be coming from coast to coast, Tom from Olympia, Wash, Dan from Cleveland, Tim from Hamilton, N.Y. & John from Norwalk, Conn. We just have Michael with us here. Puerto Rico is pretty much the same as it was when we were here before except more so. More noise, traffic, garbage, strikes and more sabotage during strikes. As for the independators, in 1972 they received only 5% of the vote. They just happen to be very loud. Although the local communist party approves of Angela Davis & Joan Fonda speaking out for independence for P.R., the independence party spokesmen said they wished the two would mind their own business as they didn't know what they were talking about. They may vote independence some day, but not in the next few years. Commies are quite active with bombs etc. and working hard.

NOW YOU CAN SEE WHO WROTE THE FOLLOWING GEMS - We went back to listing alphabetically this year because we went crazy trying to find where replies were in the 1973 issue.

Marion Price once again wants it known that Ed Moore typed all of this and the ERRORS are his - He was given some typewriter correction paper which is a wonder to use. There was enough for 5000 errors and at first he tried using it but as time went on he felt it looked more genuine with errors !

"No telling what these crumbleheads are going to do " one man writes - Remember how the F6 looked and sounded starting up belching blue exhaust smoke says another - Guess who invites you all for a short visit - one of you is going to be surprised to see his wedding picture which another pilot sent in - " Idiot means those people not elected to public office " - GUESS WHO IS C.O. of Treasure Island? Who sent this message to a friend: We were in your town last week-end but didn't come to see you because we don't like you. Whose golf handicap is 3. Who shot a moose? Our thanks to NEIL KLEIN for the pictures he sent.

And many thanks to BETTY MAYERBOCK of the E.R.Moore Co. Niles office who pasted up the pictures so plates could be made for JIM HART to do the printing

9 LEO ANDRECHT - 2 boys in high school - 2 girls in college - 1 boy and 1 girl out of school - Grandchildren: 1 boy and 1 girl. His wife Kathryn puts up with Leo's make believe world where he tells us the biggest problem facing the U.S. in 1975 is: " Properly harnessing a 44 DD in my business! "As a garment manufacturer your editor can appreciate the engineering difficulties if Leo really is in the bra business. But his business address is an insurance company. Leo has this message to " Air Group with pet dogs - My dog is acting poorly so took him to vet - the vet told me " You keep the dog on a leash and chain " I said " yes, city ordinance. " He replied " Let him run, nothing wrong, he just has a little gas on his stomach! " I let him out this morning - neighborhood woman calls up and tells me I better come get him. I told her not to worry - " he just has a little gas in his stomach " - she said " well I think he's run out of gas because he's got a poodle pushing him home! "

" 11 BOB BEAUMONT - 1 boy in high school, 1 in college, 1 out of school. PATRICIA (who must be a wonderful wife) answers: As you can see I am rather Northwest (Boulder Colorado) and will remain here for the winter. We were packed and had given up our home in Colorado and were on our way to Cyprus for an assignment that Bob had accepted with the U.N. The fighting began the day after our furnishings began their journey. After 6 weeks of waiting for things to cool down the project was canceled. The news from our Cypriot friends is not encouraging and it seems unlikely that the project will ever get under way. Bob has gone back to his company in Colorado. He is currently in Zaire managing a weather MOC program for them. I am going to leave here in mid-January for a month or so. In the meantime our two sons will be in school here. Pete is a jr. at Bellevue High and Don's graduating from the U. of W. mid March.

Bob has run into " old " Navy friends in Istanbul, Zurich and a few African airports. It is a hectic life, but interesting. Thanks again Ed for a marvelous job. If I pass thru Chicago coming or going I'll call if time permits. Pat Beaumont

20 GENE CASE - his message: For the 28th time my thanks for getting out the Newsletter. It takes just a bit of thinking to realize that over 30 years have passed since the Airgroup was together. I had planned on retiring last July, but got talked into staying. So I am still actively at work every day. Maesel and I are in good health. Last Spring we took a cruise thru the Windward Islands. Accomodations were a bit different thanon the carrier. Alan is practicing law in Chicago. Holiday greetings to all.
CAPT. ROBT. A. CLARKE USN RET. Fuller found him - see address list HURRAH !
39 F.X. COLBERT from the Skyline Hotel in London HANK writes: Message for Bennis or anyone in the area who would like to fly out of Morristown, N.J. airport - I would be very happy to see and fly with you. Cessna '72 is 4 place, so bring along two friends - for \$25.00 .

Biggest problem in the U.S. : Fuel - Inflation created recession
Nice hearing from you Ed and the Group. It's hard to believe the 29th Newsletter will be mailed soon. If we wait a few more years (like 29) for a get together we will be able to hit each other over the head with our walking canes. All's well here with myself and my family. My biggest concern at the moment is Pan Am's financial survival through next Spring, especially as the recession trend deepens.

During the ~~last~~ year I have enjoyed taking my wife, brothers, nephews and nieces up in a Cessna 172. I probably get a bigger kick out of it than they do. I visited " Old Rhinebeck World War I Airdrome " in October at the height of the foliage season. I had to see the rotary engines of the W.W.L. aircraft rotate with the propellers in order to believe it. They put on a wonderful airshow on Sundays. It's near Kingston, about a two hour drive from N.Y.C. I like to remember how the F6 looked and sounded starting up belching blue exhaust smoke; the many times we joined up in formation, the overhead gunnery runs and " Chuck " Knight trying to stall everyone out in a tail chase going straight up as he spotted some little cloud to orientate himself by. God Bless You, Hank Colbert

H. G. COLE (ELLEN) looked great when he stopped in to see Ed who is sorry he didn't take notes to use in this issue - it was in 1974

JACK & MARGARET CRYSLER - see their letter at end of this newsletter

23 JOSEPH F. DELANEY - Wife ALICE - note he has a new business telephone no. 1 girl in grammar school, 2 in high school, 2 in college along with 1 boy. Biggest problem: Convincing ourselves that we really have no big problems when we compare ourselves and all we have to those living in Africa, India and other points around.

51 JACK DENNIS - Wife BETTY - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

17 LEWIS P. DOMINGOS - wife VIRGINIA - has moved to Long Beach but has same business address. 1 boy in college, 2 girls out of school. Biggest problem: Inflation and unemployment. Lou writes: Virginia and I want to thank you for the annual reminder again and we will be anxious to hear from everyone when we receive the Newsletter.

It was a pleasure last year during Christmas week to be able to spend an afternoon with you when we were in Joliet, Ill. spending Christmas with our Daughter, Susan, son-in-law David and grand-son Jason last year. Dave left Johnson & Johnson last summer and took a new job back here in Southern California, so Virginia and I are really enjoying our grandson Jason.

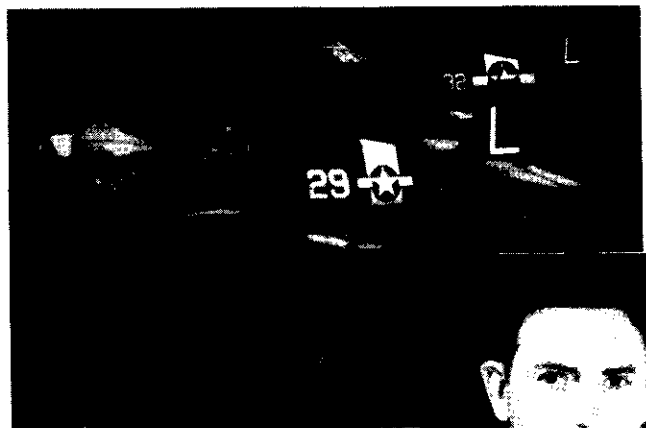
We sold our home in Monterey Park last May and are living a block from the beach, here in Long Beach. We will stay here until next May and then will be moving to Northern California where we will be building our new home.

Our daughter, Linda & husband Rick are now in San Diego. Linda is working for the State and Rick for the Navy. Our Son, Tom, is at Cal State San Diego working on his masters and will start student teaching next month.

We were talking to the DUNSTANS about a week ago and they seem to be busy with their family. Virginia and I just came back from a golfing vacation in Hawaii with another couple and we had a grand time. We hope that you and your family are all fine. By the way did you ever sell the motor home (ED's answer: Yes in June '74 for half it's 1972 cost which was better than I did on most stocks) Will be anxiously waiting this year's Newsletter. LOU & VIRGINIA



LOU * JASON * VIRGINIA



DUNSTAN and his 29



18 JOHN DUNSTAN - new business phone number - writes: Lou (Domingos) is about ready to retire and move up north. We are fairly well settled in our new home. I'll be eligible to retire from Rockwell this coming December, however, we will wait and see what happens. Ran across an I D photo from VF(N) 53, makes me look young again and provides hair. It would be interesting to see everyone now - there have been a few changes.

Ed looking forward to your next visit to the West Coast again. I was looking for a photo of our last meeting but no luck. Be sure and call if you make a visit. Old 29 (Editor's note - see picture) will make a few take note - take off the West Coast yours truly in 29 out of Los Alamos. Keep up the good work - the Newsletter gets better each year.

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CHARLES R. DURBAN - wife PHYLLIS * 2 girls out of school
Message to WILL COCHRAN : Where are you - you old bat? Also BOB PUCKETT, BOB CLARKE
he writes: Never did get to Greece - furniture business has suffered, as I guess
lots of others have. Phyl and I had a couple of three day cruises on the boat
(thank God the wind is free - it's about the only thing left) Didn't get out on
the ocean blue as much as we had wished. Our store had to lay off three people -
the business just didn't warrant having them. Anyway, being that short handed we
didn't get a full vacation - maybe next year?

It's my opinion that people don't know or give a damn about the energy
situation - You just aren't about to pry them out of their cars. Consequently,
when the crunch comes, and I believe it's coming, there's no telling what these
crumbleheads are going to do, Panic, no doubt. I keep waiting for the crunch to
hit the fan.

As for a depression - it would probably do the country good except there
are too many guys with guns running around. It looks like next year is going to
be a tough one. And on that sprightly note Phyl and I hope you're in the best of
health - and stay that way. Best Chuck Durban

35 S. T. FLANNAGAN - Wife MIRIAM - 1 boy in high school, 1 in college, 2 out
of school - 2 grandsons in grammar school

In answer to editor's request: Name of dog at Charleston was JOE (He was
squadron mascot and only dog allowed in an exclusive club nearby - possibly
because he was the only dog trained to drink with his friends - 2 legged)

He writes: One boy out of school & married has two children. A daughter
out of school and they are both working with me. One son at Niagra University
and one daughter in high school.

The two children with me in business gives us some time to spend at our
place down at Hilton Head Isl, S.C. Lots of golf, tennis, beach but no rest.
We're it. Anyone interested in renting drop me a note.

Enclosed find picture of our hobby. 1932 Ford fire engine, with front pumps,
all in working order. Lots of work and fun but only won one prize so far in
various shows. Regards, FLATBUSH, and thanks a lot.



26 LLOYD FULLER Wife MARGARET - 1 boy out of school - Message to Ed: I talked with BOB CLARK early this year. He lives about 5 miles away. He doesn't know how he got off your list of receivers because he believed himself an active sender. One day he and I will get together. and phone SKREBA for old times sake.

Biggest problem: We have no gifted, dedicated & sincere national leadership - Why?

The Fuller family is doing as well as it deserves. We are all quite well and sauntering through this life a day at a time. Both boys are through school although the older one will be studying Japanese at Sophia Univ. Tokyo for six months or so. The younger is looking for work suitable to his talents somewhere in the N.W.

Ed my father-in-law had all problems solved when he died from the complications of old age late last year. He was bitterly disappointed with the behaviour of the Nixon group but I don't think it was a great factor in his demise.

With his passing, MARGARET, my wife has found herself fretting with a Gordian knot of legal entanglements barring the settlement of his estate. Much of her time is spent traveling to meetings or in correspondence with lawyers and administrators who show no indication of settling what has become a money feast for them. The lesson in this is to have a will prepared that your family and not the lawyers will profit by.

Best wishes to you and yours Ed and all our old comrades and their families in a world where friends and families are becoming again the most important possession we have.

My wife and my boss
MARGARET is a compassionate soul
and a Red Cross Volunteer in
her spare time



Me and my fish
I got this during the sockeye
through Lake Washington this summer -
by accident, I think



13 THOMAS P. GAFFNEY Wife GAY Note he has a new street address
1 boy in grammar school, 1 in high school, 1 boy and 2 girls in college, 4
grandchildren

Biggest problem: Inflation is the biggest problem. Thanks for the Newsletter -
it's the only thning left that hasn't gone up in price! Tom & Gay Gaffney

30 V. A. KELLENBECK Wife SHANNON new address in Tigord, Oregon
Message to Ed Moore: Called on BOB & MARGE WITZIG last week - now that we are
pradtically neighbors. Moved to Oregon in July. BOB & MARGE moved to Beaverton
about the same time. Got their new address from your letter - thanks.

What is biggest problem facing U.S. in 1975? Gad! what are the paraeters
anymore? Inflation? Recession? Depression? President and Congress? It is as if
you can't see the forest for the trees!

I will venture a coupla predictions off the top of my bald head : U.S.
relations with Canada and Mexico will be the worst in history as U.S. imposes
trade sanctions against its closest neighbors. The stock market will bottom out
in July 1975 around a Dow Jones Industrial Average of 500. Unemployment will

KELLENBECK Cont.

Unemployment will exceed 7 ½ % before the year end. Arabs will cut off oil to the U.S. when new mid-east war breaks out. Info will leak out that so-called detente between USA & USSR is more farce than fact. The U.S. will have headache trying to resolve pressures by corporations to have military protect their foreign investments and the common people's wish to withdraw from foreign entanglements and go into semi-isolation in order to resolve domestic problems.

On the positive side : U.S. will pass National Health Insurance Plan. The Plan will be compulsory ! We will not get involved in nuclear war, but we will come damn close to it ! Wage and price controls will be envolved as will gas rationing. That's positive whether we realize it or not at this time. Interest rates continue to drop. Well, guess that's enough star gazing for now. Will be interesting to see how far off I am when the '76 newsletter comes out.

22 ALVIN KIPPEN Wife RUTH 2 boys and 1 girl out of school
Our son Jim graduated from dental school this year. Outside of that events here are normal and everyday like. Appreciate hearing from everyone. Thanks for the effort.

6 A. F. KUEHN Wife HELEN 1 boy in high school, 1 in college, 1 girl out of school. Message to: JOHN SNARENBERGER: Let's arrange a meeting in '75. I get into the South quite often.

Biggest problem: Lack of confidence in the people who hold elected offices.
2. Industrial Productivity - lack of it.

My biggest problem is that I'm so old I don't fit on the charts for ski binding tension settings - and what's really bad it will be worse in 1976.

DR. PAUL KUEHN * see back pages for 1974 news

1 OUR FIRST REPLY THIS YEAR !

HENRY D. LANCASTER C.L.U. Wife BETTY 1 girl in grammar school, 1 girl and 2 boys in high school, 1 boy in college, 1 girl out of school.

Biggest problem: Confidence in government and institutions

We asked HENRY for a picture and he sent this with comment:
Hope this doesn't break the presses.



37 NEIL KLEIN Wife DORIS 1 boy, 1 girl in grammar school, 3 boys, 1 girl out of school. He writes:

I think it's a wonderful thing you're doing in keeping in contact with all the fellows.

When 53 was in Hawaii & you needed more pilots after your ship was shot up, several of the pilots from VTN-91 were transferred to your group. I was one of these pilots. I never knew till about a year ago how that group was chosen. Now I can tell all. While at Barbers Point I ran across an old school teacher, Lt. Green. He was gunnery officer there. I had mentioned to him that I'd like to transfer to your group, serve three months time after you went back out, and get a 30 day leave. At that time Air Group 91 was waiting to relieve Air Group 53. When your ship got shot up, it meant we'd be on the island for 7 months before we'd get ashore. Bill Green mentioned it to the commander of 53. The pilots that were in my wing of VTN91 were all transferred together. If anyone was wondering now they know.

I found several pictures of persons and planes. One of the F4U shots was taken over Long Island, N.Y. Bill Brosnan and I checked out in them at Wildwood, N.J. after the group split up in Calif. That's the same base that JOHN TERJELIAN jumped out of an SNJ to see if those parachutes really worked! Of course you know he told the commander of the base that he fell out when his pilot did a slow roll. I can't remember who the pilot was. Please take one step forward and identify. Hope I hear in the next Newsletter who he was. That was good duty in that base. We'd take a long weekend leave at Thursday noon and scheck in the next Tuesday morning. We'd drive up to R.I., Brosnan, Terjelian & myself - a 1936 Ford conv.

Bill Brosnan liked the F4U so well that he stayed in the Navy & transferred to one of the F4U squadrons. He was later killed on wave off when it flipped over on him. They were a tricky plane but a nice stable palne like the old TBM.

I still have my car lot, 28 years now. My two oldest sons are in with me. Had 1/3 of a Chevy dealership for 3 years. Sold out last year and am I glad.

I married a girl from Westerly, R.I. Doris Gowin. Haven't been back since her parents passed away 5 years ago.



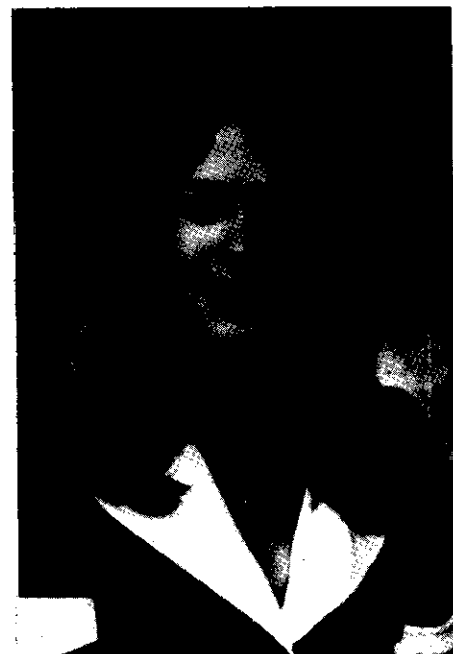
DAVID PIPER & NEIL KLEIN



Jamie Lynne Klein
Grand-daughter



Jeanine Klein
Daughter



Donna Klein - Daughter

46 MRS. V.F. McCORMACK 1 boy out of school, 1 grandson
DANA writes: Nothing startling from the wilds of New Hampshire. I have been spending the winters in Europe since VINCENT died - mostly France and Portugal, but what with the depressing state of affairs everywhere this year, I think it is time to stay home and hibernate for a bit.

Actually I have an added incentive this year. Vince Jr. is now teaching in the school of business Admin. at Penn State, and this Spring he and Pat had their first child, Michael. So I am now a happy grandmother. Wouldn't Vincent have been proud!

My best to you and your family and all the group Dana

43 PARKE V. MIDDLESWARTH JR. Wife JOAN 1 boy in college, 2 girls out of school - He writes: I'm busier than ever! After coaching boys varsity basketball for 15 years and resting for 10, I'm back with the round ball sport again. We had 75 girls trying out for basketball and just one coach - (a trim little bland) I decided to help the cause by taking the girls V.V. team - my contribution to women's LIB ! (Editor's note: Joan is the school nurse so I'm sure she has her eye on the coaching)



KISHAQUILLAS HIGH SCHOOL 8th Grade Girls Gym Class
Looking trim in E.R. Moore Gym Suits - We've adopted the new model this year and they're really neat

28 W. C. MITCHELL Wife NANCY 1 girl in high school, 1 boy in college, 1 boy and 1 girl out of school - Biggest problem: "POLITICIANS "
Note he has new business telephone number and address

32 BYRON S. MOXLEY Wife BARBARA 1 boy and 2 girls out of school, 2 granddaughters (Editor's note: PAUL KUEHN will be glad you answered)

Thanks for the telephone numbers

21 JESSE V. LINDSEY Wife ANN Sends each member and their family

" A very, very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year "

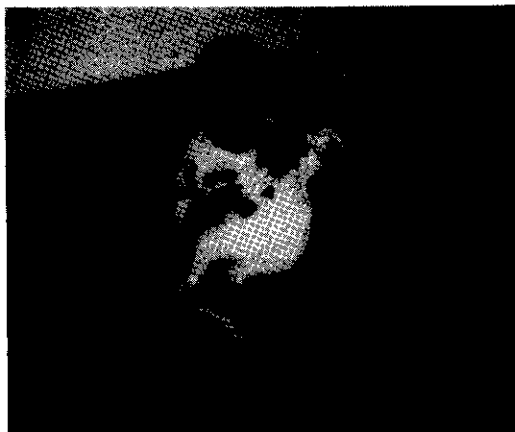
Now that Watergate is about over maybe the country can attack
'it's greatest problem - it's economy.

I was sorry that I missed you this summer . I did talk with
John Wagner this past year while in St Louis and he sounded great. I was
in New York this past September and called Wadington a couple of times
but no one answered - suppose he was away on vacation.

I now have a second Grandson - Michael Stephen Melzer - born
on October 13, 1974. Attached is a picture of he and his big Brother,
Lindsey Scott Melzer. Mike is 5 days old and Scott is 2 years and
10 months old when this picture was made. They live in Albuquerque and
you know where Grandpa spends a lot of his time. There is nothing
like them - you have never lived until you have a Grandson. Just think,
when I get one more, we can make up our own foursome.

Things have been pretty wet way out here in West Texas since
the middle of Septamber - we have had something over 15 inches since Sept.
15th and our annual rainfall is normally only a little over 13 inches.
It has interfered with my golf but I will catch up when it dries out.

Thanks again for all the good News letters - I look forward
each year to receiving them. Merry Christmas to you and each of your
families.



Scott holding Mike

2 HENRY S. MILLER His wife died last year - new business a ddress & phone
1 girl in high school, 1 in college, 1 boy and girl out of school, 3 grandchildren
Promoted in early 1974 to V.P. of Distribution Division (Baltimore Gas & Electric Co)
A new challenge at my age in that I'm now in the electric business. Great fun. Thanks
Ed for your efforts. It would sure be nice to arrange for a reunion before we
all pass away or get too old to travel.

5 J.W. (BILL) MINTON

His message: Season greetings - always look forward to the Newsletter. We are
busy minting gold bars and silver blanks (Editor's note: He isn't kidding - that
is what his firm does) but still get time to fish. We had a great run of coho
salmon right in the city. Next September will be better still. Toronto is a great
city and I have now become a Canadian citizen. Look forward to seeing any of the
group visiting Canada. Best regards, Bill Minton



Emily Moore

Bud Zumwalt
Admiral USN Ret
Former CNO

Mouza Zumwalt

Ed Moore

51 EDWIN R. MOORE Wife EMILY 3 sons out of school, 1 in college in Florence, Italy, 1 son in high school. 4 grandsons, 4 granddaughters Sold our motor coach in June. Were in Turkey in August when they declared war on Greece. Emmy, Tony, Tim and I took 12 day Mediterranean cruise which we enjoyed.

Then in November Emmy & I took 7 day cruise out of Los Angeles down the Baja coast to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and back. Admiral Zumwalt was the principal speaker for the seminar we were attending. It was the first time he and his wife had been at sea together. He's an extremely intelligent man. Of course I got the above picture to impress our USNs.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Kikthy

Emily's hip healed and she is o.k.

Message to Skreba: Our collie, Candy is also a great dog.

The cartoon tells my story quite well. Emmy married me for better or worse, but not for lunch. So I spend a couple of hours a day in the office using the Xerox machine and occasionally being a consultant. We are going to Kona Village Resort, Hawaii for Tim's Christmas vacation. I got my weight down from 198 to 180 but recent American plan trips have me back to 187. When Tim gets in college we may just take off and visit all the group in a VW mini-home.



"He's an impressive chairman of the board but he's only a figurehead . . . I happen to know he only gets \$1.80 an hour."

27 R. J. NORTON Wife MARCELLA 1 boy and 1 girl in grammar school, 1 girl in high school and 1 in college, 1 boy and 2 girls out of school
Biggest problem: Nader and those of his ilk

5 FRANK NOVAK Wife BARBARA JEAN 1 girl in high school, 2 boys and 1 girl out of school, 2 grandsons
Message: Hello Everyone ! It is amazing how you keep these letters going every year. Always good to get them.
Biggest problem: Inflation

14 BILL PARROTT Wife TIDI 2 boys in college, 1 boy and 1 girl out of school
3 granddaughters Biggest problem: Not having a good silver dollar

24 DAVID L. PIPER Wife CARLYN

Message: I sure enjoyed the visit TURKINGTON and I had on his visit to Seattle from Homer, Alaska. We should have a reunion sometime soon.

The 1945 picture of David and Carlyn was sent in this year by Neil KLEIN

Your editor telephoned Seattle - David & Carlyn were out but her Mother reassured him this photo was o.k. to use



38 ROSS POLLARD Wife MARY 1 boy in high school, 1 boy and 1 girl out of school, 1 2 yr. old granddaughter
Biggest problem: Economy - also the lack of leadership and the lack of public confidence in the integrity of our political officials

Message: My oldest son Chip has given up the life of an international ski-bum traveling Europe and South America to the more confined territory of Florida as a Towle salesman. Mary Jane, our daughter, has returned to Amesbury after helping husband George thru college in Keene, N.H. Granddaughter, Jessica, was born a couple of days after BILL & NANCY MITCHELL ended a visit to our home in Oct. '72.

Duncan, our youngest and also our biggest, is a freshman in high school where he is playing tailback on the football team. We are expecting great things in both football and track. He is showing great promise as an artist.

Mary and I are both fine Mary has granddaughter, Jessica, every Friday. She works Saturday & Sunday to rest after chasing the energy bundle all Friday. I have been extremely busy doing free-lance artwork at home. I haven't left Towle - I'm trying to do both and with the economy the way it is I appreciate the added income. But I'd like it better if there wasn't quite as much freelance work to do.

Thanks Ed for your note on Noxtec's attempt to take over Towle. Many stockholders were contacted throughout the country on behalf of Towle and it is refreshing to know of their support. Also the personal and family ties with people from far reaches of the country with people here in Newburyport. Best Regards Ross

33 BOB POWELL Wife BIBIAN

Message to The Whole Group: A happy 1975 to all the men in the group - their wives and families. Thanks for continuing to send out a great Newsletter. Biggest problem: Run-A-Way INFLATION

45 DR. CHARLES H. PUCKETT JR. Wife SARAH MARTHA

16 JOHN R. ROBINSON Wife BUNNY 1 girl out of school - a new business phone no. Message to all the NAG Group and families: John and I join in wishing you all love, peace, prosperity & health. We have sold our home and are in the process of moving. Will send new address to Ed in case any of you get to Fla. and want to visit us. We plan to rent for a year while I work with an architect on our new home we plan to build. We've discovered, having lived in Fla. for 12 years that a formal L.R. & D.R. are not needed at all. We plan 3 large bedrooms - hugh kitchen & spacious family and game rooms plus a 2 car garage. Blueprints bore John so that's why I will be doing the planning. I've enrolled in an Interior Decorating course & will receive a diploma in March. I may seek employment but whether I do or not I'll have much fun doing our own home.

John and I plan to take a Berlitz language course together, Spanish, as it is common in Fla & it is also a step forward in our self improvement plan. I didn't get to do some of the things I'd planned to do this year as I have a herniated disc in my back & spent 4 months in bed in the hospital. I'm facing back surgery but we're putting it off as long as possible as we have so much living to do.

Real estate has been way off this year and John feels lucky to be employed at all for many people in the business aren't. We can see some improvement in traffic the past month, but still not many buyers. John remains in good health & is as usual a smiling happy good natured person. He gets better looking all the time - has much grey hair at the temples & it looks really great. Love that man !! We lost our little poodle " Fuzz Buzz " in January. He was 9 years old and had been ill for 3 years. We miss him. We have a new 6 mos. old puppy, Button and she's a Maltese, weighs 5 lbs.

Our daughter Sherry is living in Ft. Lauderdale and will marry in Dec. Her intended, Tony, is a C.P.A. & is a nice person & shares her love for cats. She has 2 kittens. We'll be busy from now thru Dec. moving & going to a wedding. Would love to hear from any or all of you. Stay Fluffy ! Bunny Robinson

39 DR. CHARLES SADOFF Wife BEVERLY 1 boy and 1 girl in high school, 2 boys in college, 1 boy out of school A new business phone no.

Message: WILL COCHRAN for President ! Just finished reading the '72 Newsletter again & I sure like the way that crazy Dr. thinks and writes. Maybe because we see things alike ?

Biggest problem: President Ford - last year the CROOK next year the CLUCK! Your editor, aged 62, asked Charles: If you have a cure for old age I could use it now and the rest of the group before long. He answered: No " cure " on the horizon yet, but most people still seem to prefer it to the alternative.! Chuck.

12 GEORGE R. RYMAL Wife JUANITA ATRELLE (HALLIE) all new address in Bartlesville, Okla. 1 girl in high school

Message: Y'all - despite the news media 1974 has been a good year - you heah, y'all - ! In Feb. I moved, in April Hallie & Dana moved and in Aug/Mrs. Allen (mother-in-law) to Bartlesville, Okla. We all love it here and hope to stay out our town in one place. The job with the Area Chamber of Commerce is just perfect and the people are even better. As in the past, an open invitation to all for a short visit. Since I remember some of you "squirrel hunters" pretty well, I'm not about to extend a long invitation. Everything you always wanted in this life is available in this little city on the Caney River in the midst of Green Country. Come see it ! You will be mighty glad you did.

GEORGE RYMAL continued
 Surely wish you would come down and see the most fabulous fall tourist attraction in the U.S., WOODROCK, the show place ranch, wild life preserve, museum which was started by Frank Phillips, founder of Phillips Petroleum. Bartlesville is the kind of city I guess I've looked for all my life. It has enough sophistication to make it interesting but isn't so large that one is lost in the masses; it's small enough so that being neighborly is expected but not so small that everybody knows everything about everybody. Since Phillips and the Reda Pump Division of TRW are headquartered here we enjoy an education level unmatched per capita with any community in the world. We have enjoyed a very healthy economic growth since I arrived in February. Construction of Englehardt Chemical & Minerals new 35 million zinc plant has started, two Phillips subsidiaries have had major expansions, the Bureau of Mines, Energy Research Center has experienced major growth, and our residential unit starts have nearly doubled 1973 totals in the first 10 months of this year. Across the board the Bartlesville Area is doing very well indeed. We don't claim any credit but as the feller says "it happened on my watch" and in this business that doesn't hurt! Good luck and God Bless



Daughter Dana
 Hallie (Mrs. Allen) George
 Daughter Dana in back,
 Hallie, Mrs. Allen, George

48 C. K. RAUSCH Wife SHIRLEY 2 girls in college, 1 boy in military, the U.S.S. America in Norfolk, 1 girl married
 Greetings. Another great year for us and a busy one. We wouldn't want it any other way! Busy hands are happy hands!
 Our 2 year old granddaughter is the greatest blessing to us. Jennifer Kay Koplinski lives in Bolingbrook, Ill & we make it a habit of seeing her fairly often, What a happy child she is and a vocabulary you wouldn't believe. Sorry! You'll just have to put up with this bragging. Those of you who are grandparents will understand.
 We celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary in June and hope to make a trip to Germany in the Spring of 1975. It's hard to believe that we have four children & not one is really very close to us (distance). We have one in Minn., Ill., Ohio, & Virginia. They will all be home for Christmas & this makes us two happy people. We are a very close family !!
 Ken plays violin in the Wilkes Community College Symphony Orch. & really enjoys it. He also enjoys being the manager of the Convenience Foods Division of Holly Farms, but most of all he enjoys being Pa Pa to Jennie.
 Keep this as a season for loving & remembering. Thank you so very much for this newsletter. God Bless each & Every One of You. Love, Shirley Rausch



JENNIFER

34 ROBERT P. (SHAKY) SHEAFFER Wife POLLY 1 girl in high school, 1 girl married
 Message: Sorry to hear about DRAGOO & FLANAGAN not responding. (Editor's note: Flatbush did this year) Everything in Delaware is great - business & health fine. Still playing lots of golf here and in N.C. I can't seem to find any presentable photos of my family. I look the same of course! Sorry I missed you when I was in Chicago last week - next time. Regards to all SHAKY

31 LEONARD SKREBA New home phone 617 544 6168 2 boys & 1 girl out of school, 1 grandson, 1 granddaughter

Message to "HASH" I won't call you a Republican or anything that isn't nice but it takes you a long time to memorize "Shore Leave" and "Eagle Squadron". My ex-wife only read the first 14 chapters of Shore Leave. (Editor's note - believe Hash refers to PALMATIER - hope he replies next year)

Biggest Problem: Convincing ourselves that the officeholders are truly acting for the best interest of all of us even after they fill their pockets

Will save you the agony, I'll type this one! Your reminder time snuck up on me again.

Well it was a bad year for crops and politicians but the roads here in Wendell are getting better. One local Selectman wasn't re-elected and died so the good ones got tired of hearing me yell about the taxes going up and the roads getting worse. I believe Massachusetts is widely known for its bad roads, alcoholics, and adulterers. I can avoid the latter 2 but the roads affect everyone.

I believe the past few years has brought to light the amount of truth of the word "idiot". Dr. Funk wrote a book over a decade ago entitled "Meanings of Words and Their Romantic Origins". The word "idiot" was originated to refer to those people not elected to public office. Dr. Funk's sub-note comment "meaning us, the people that put them there". No wonder Henry XXXX Clay said "I'd rather be right than President. I would imagine that all politicians are guilty of things in various degrees but Nixon got caught.

Bill, my oldest son brought my grandchildren up for a few days in September. He's a Comptroller for American Occupational Therapy Association (Tax Consultant in evenings). Len jr. is considering the Navy if the political situation doesn't ease up things for Architectural Engineers. Lynn Marie has been accepted at the Boston Conservatory of Music but has been working for a bank in D.C. daytimes and playing 3 nights a week in a nite club. Was expecting her up here this year but I guess she decided to "relax" for a while after high school.

As for me, have been employed for over a month but it may not last too long. Still have my good friend "skipper". At least he's glad to see me every night and it doesn't have to be payday.

Thanks again for the letters Ed, Happy New Year everybody.

8 JOHN A. SNARENBERGER Wife TAM . 1 boy in college, 1 girl married, 4 granddaughters

Message: To Everyone Somebody must be coming to Florida this year - stop and see us

Biggest problem: Conglomerates - Anti Trust Laws should be enforced!

We asked John & Tam: Did you get any customers from last year's newsletter. They answered: Not a contact - must have been the mythical fuel shortage. We had a great season despite adverse conditions.

47 CAPT. HOWARD H. SOESTER USN Wife EDITH

We got a 33' travel trailer this summer and had a very enjoyable trip to San Francisco Bay Area via Yellowstone, Tetons, Jacksonhole, Wyo., Ore., Calif. We were transferred to Treasure Island, Calif. where I took command of the Navy & Marine ResTra Center 15 October. We purchased a home in Concord Calif - 4633 Wilson Lane. When we get more settled we hope to touch base with some of the group from this area and we extend an open invitation for any members to do the same when in the San Francisco area. The Soester welcome mat is always out. Have a Merry Holiday Season P.S. T. I. is only 10 minutes from downtown San Francisco. Happy hour 4 nights a week.

We had our trailer custom built by Road King, New Paris, Ind. Full bath in back, twin beds in center, 12000 BTU Air 110 & 12 V plus gas ref. Jackknife sofa - plenty of room to visit the grandkids for as long as we want - then we can move on. We copied a Holiday Royal for about half the price. It's just great for what we had in mind after retirement but a little too large for traveling every day as so many places can't take a 33 ft. trailer. - P.S. I'm definitely retiring June 30, 1976

41 CDR. JOE SOWAR USN/ RET Wife BONNIE 1 boy in college, 3 boys & 1 girl out of school, 1 grandson and 3 granddaughters

Message to BOB BEAUMONT : The way you gadabout around the world and just stay ahead of behing crisis in such places as Cyprus and Ethipia makes one think that you don't realize your age - slow down.

Biggest problem: I'm sure most will say inflation, but I think that the problems of the rest of the world may be our biggest.

Bonnie and I are just fine, and Washington doesn't change much even though Presidents come and go. Two of our five are married and a third will bite the dust next month. It's things like sons and daughters getting married and grandchildren coming along that makes one think he's getting over the hill, but even though I told Beaumont to slow down, I really think we ought to all keep plugging along at as quick a pace as possible so that whatever is behind us will always have trouble catching up. Joe

42 AL SPARLING Wife NORMA 1 boy in grammar school, 2 in high school, 4 boys and 1 girl out of school, 2 grandsons

Message to: JOE WALL: Norma and I were in Boston last weekend but we didn't call you because we don't like you. If you ever get to Providence please do the same for us. To ART PHINNEY: If your birthday is Aug. 5 then we are twins, but I am smarter and better looking than you. To PAUL MANNIX: We enjoy your brother Joe on television. To Ed Moore: Thanks for your continuing efforts to keep us heroes together.

As BILL HORNE wrote, Charlestown NAS has passed into history and is being proposed as the site of a new nuclear power plant. NAS Quonset Point is also deactivated and is now being used partly as an assembly facility for Electric Boat in their new submarine program. Since we occasionally do subcontract work in these areas I get to visit the places familiar to us all. The buildings at Quonset still stand but there are no people and no noise. The great Giant of fond memory has been put to sleep.

Son Michael was married this year bringing the count now to 3 gone and 5 (boys) left at home. The house, at times, seems almost empty. We are all in good health but my teeth hurt sometimes. Business is off some, but not too bad, we have enough work to get thru the winter. I am still flying but not as much as I would like.

Best regards to all,

Al and Norma Sparling

4 WILLIAM J. SPEERS Wife MARTHA 1 boy & 1 girl in college, 3 boys & 1 girl out of school, 2 grandsons & 4 granddaughters
Biggest problem: Inflation - I agree with Ford on that
The editor sent two questions this year to our legal eagles ART POTWIN & BILL

1) With JFK, LBJ, R M NIXON, G. FORD - Do you think we have had too many Navy presidents?

2) Or is it just bad when they are both Navy and a lawyer?

BILL wrote:

Answering your questions, I'm sure Art would agree:

It's not because they were Navy

It's not because they were lawyers (I don't think LBJ was)

It's not because they were Navy and lawyers. It just couldn't be - those are all good attributes.

It just could be because they were Navy and lawyers and presidents. It's the presidency that gets them into trouble. Also I don't think JFK was that bad and I just think that Ford may change the image.

Martha was curling in a ladies' bonspiel at one of the clubs in the Chicago area a couple of years ago, and said the F.R. Moore Co. sign was a landmark of where to turn from their motel to the club each day. She reacted properly, and said she almost stopped in to make your acquaintance. I assured her another time she should. Then I recalled your charms with the ladies back some 30 years ago and reversed that suggestion. Or have you slipped to such an extent it would not have been necessary? Bill

Editor's reply: It serves me right. I sent Art & Bill that irritating question to stimulate a reply and look what Bill threw in for good luck. It wasn't censored out because though preposterous it was flattering. Pay no attention to Bill, Martha.

29 JOHN H. TERJELIAN Wife SHIRLEY 1 boy and 1 girl in pre-school, 1 girl in grammar school, 2 boys in high school, 1 girl in college
(Editor's note: I'm sorry I spelled your name incorrectly in the mailing list last year) John has a new address & phone numbers this year.

His message to All Good Fortune and Good Health

Biggest problem: Indifference

In March 1974 an envelope arrived with an Air Force Post Office cancellation and a return address to American Embassy P.O. Box P, San Francisco . John thanked us for the newsletter and wrote:

For the past two and the next month I am in Cambodia on TDY. It is not the same Cambodia I visited in 1960. Alas, it has changed from a quietly prosperous little country of very simple and humane people to a ravaged country of many tens of thousands of homeless, fatherless refugees. And saddest of all they don't want to fight, don't know why they are fighting, and yet it goes on.

Where next, I wonder ...

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M. J. TURKINGTON Wife NORMA 1 girl in high school, 2 boys, 1 girl out of school
Biggest problem: Inflation, no doubt, domestically. Reassessment and action on international responsibilities otherwise.

TURK's letter is on the next page just as he typed and sent it in - don't miss it

50 JOHN S. WAGNER Wife HETHA 1 boy and 3 girls out of school, 2 grandchildren

Message to JESSE LINDSEY: Always appreciate your calls from airport when you come thru St. Louis - but next time let me know ahead of time so we can have one together !

to FRANK WADELTON I have told our mutual friend here to let me know when you are in St. Louis again for a board meeting so we can get together

November 10, 1974

Hello Ed,

First, new P. O. Box No. is 233.

An eventful and busy year is drawing to a close. In spite of increased responsibilities to the business managed to enjoy a little more outdoor activity this year than we have in the past few. Probably because most of the kids have gone now, and we didn't realize that we'd be left with more free time. Norma and I, with two other couples, took a canoe trip through some of the back country. Probably should call it a marathon race, as we hit more lakes and portages than we really had time for, but still got home wonderfully refreshed though dog tired. Fantastic fishing all along the way, beautiful scenery, lots of hard work, refreshing sleep and excellent company. Plan to do it again as soon as possible in a more leisurely fashion. Didn't get in as much local fishing as I'd like, but have a respectful poundage of salmon, etc. in the freezers for the winter. Also got my moose again this fall, so we're set with our red meat supply, and our garden produced enough vegetables to help combat the inflationary trend. All of which makes Alaska a wonderful place to live. I wonder sometimes how much longer it's going to last. More and more people moving into our part of the country even though there's no basic economic structure to bring them here. Must be the scenery and the weather. The larger cities like Anchorage (225 miles Northeast of Homer) are bustling, primarily from the oil and related activity, so I suppose the human animal is finding his way down here just "to get away from it all".

Spent a good couple of hours about a month ago talking with Dave Piper in Seattle. Had looked him up before when I'd had occasion to be in Seattle, but he was always out of town. Also spent a few busy days in San Francisco area during the world series, but didn't have a chance to do any calling around to the old prop jockeys in that area. Speaking of props, happened to be thumbing through "Air Power" magazine at the drug store a few months ago and came across a full page pic of the F4U5N that I flew off the Boxer during the Korean engagement, old Nan Peter 6. Want to write to the magazine to see if I can get a glossy print. As I recall, Howard Soester and John Mills were in VC-3 with me during that period of time. Speaking of the Corsair, looks like an ex-marine fighter pilot will be our new governor - Jay Hammond. Compared notes with him a few weeks ago, and found he went through the same chain of training bases I did, but some months later.

Still hoping that some day soon we can get that reunion organized. 1975 will be thirty years since we broke up the outfit! Meanwhile Ed, many many thanks for all your work in keeping us still somewhat organized. Lots of WW-II people I meet are amazed at what you've accomplished with the Newsletter, and now that we are all older and inclined to reminisce, are somewhat envious of our ability to make contacts with each other.

Got to get home to repair the barn and some fences before winter snows ~~xx~~^{set} in, so will close this note. Maybe get a chance to enclose some pics before I mail this. Also a beautiful day, so want to try to have some time left to hit the river for some steelhead.

So thanks again for all your trouble and effort. If you or any of the gang ever find your way up here, the latch is always open for fishing, hunting or drinking.



M. J. Turkington

7 FRANCIS B. WADELTON Wife MARJORIE R. 1 boy and 2 girls out of school
Biggest problem: No change - our enemy, the Communists

19 ROBERT R. WELP Wife PAT 1 boy & 2 girls in grammar school, 1 girl in college, 2 girls out of school
Biggest problem: Democrat control of House & Senate

JOHN R. WILLIAMS IS LOST letter to Hayward address came back - Editor tried phoning but old number disconnected and the only other J.R. Williams telephone information could give me was not our man. Can anyone help find him?

3 W. E. WILLIAMS Wife DORIS M. 2 boys out of school, 3 grandsons, 1 granddaughter. Note business phone number this year
Message: Ed I missed you at your office by 10 minutes. Keep up the good work the letters are looked forward to each year Wally
Biggest problem: Why ask for problems, look on the good side

10 H. E. WOLFE Wife ADA 1 girl in high school, 3 girls out of school all new addresses this year
Message: Ada & I wish our best to the Group 53 "heroes" and their families. Had my 50th this year. Its hard to believe it was 30 years ago when Group 53 was active !
Biggest problem: Inflation & Recession.

15 DONALD B. WOODCOCK Wife MARGARET 1 boy in college, 1 girl out of school
Message: To the newsletter: Must complete or it will be side-tracked and answered too late. No sailing but lots of boating. Spent a week on Trinity Lake and got in lots of bass fishing. Also have done lots of ocean and river fishing for salmon. Just got finished smoking some.

Our kids are both married. Son is at school of Pharmacy and daughter lives next door with her husband plus a large dog - 2 horses and numerous cats. At least we have someone close by. Had a very busy summer working part time and trying to solve food problem by canning all available food stuffs.

I know if Don would sit down & write he'd have something more of interest than I, but at least its an answer. Ed if you're ever in Willits come on up its about 3 hours on up highway 101 Don & Margaret

44 DR. PAUL G. KUEHN Wife BARBARA 2 girls in grammar school, 1 boy in high school, 1 girl in college
Biggest problem: Are you kidding ? Where do you start ?
No more toothaches this year - a few hours in the dentist chair fixed that (& him). Each year Paul gets busier, I don't know how he does it (we just have to find the answer to this cancer business !) He manages to keep his cool - must have learned that flying in your air group. We didn't get to Hawaii or Greece - now we are looking forward to Switzerland & San Francisco. (I can dream, can't I?) Paul's second love is still golf, the older he gets the lower his handicap (3). He won the local hospital cup tournament for the 6th year in a row. Would you believe he played today ? (Nov. 24th-temp 40°)

Our daughter Kathy is a Junior now at the Univ. of Rochester Nursing School and loves it. Our son Steve is looking for colleges next year and he has been nominated for a Morehead Scholarship at Univ. of North Carolina, its a 4 year full tuition. Suzanne is in 8th grade and an avid gymnast. Carolyn is in 3rd grade and an avid everything. I have launched into a career in Real Estate. As soon as I started, it finished ! Oh well ! We really enjoy the newsletters. Paul always wonders why MOXLEY doesn't write, he would love to hear about what he is doing and has done. Thanks & Merry Christmas Barbara

LAST MINUTE ADDITIONS NOT IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

JACK CRYSLER Wife MARGARET

This is from their 1974 Christmas card so your editor should have had it in the correct place: Dear Ed: What better incentive could there be to write in time for publication than your well designed newsletter; (I appreciate your recognition of the wife's deep interest in the annual round up of news) and yet we again missed the deadline. Our family status has not changed, kids advanced a year in school, expenses advancing to the point of pain. Jack weathered his first hospitalization - a detached retina successfully repaired. We hope the slow grinding of the mills will soon mean impeachment of Nixon; the grotesque tapes charades are too much but they demonstrate how blatantly devious he is. Thank you again Margaret Crysler

Editor's note: Christmas cards from those who haven't made the deadline are appreciated as they reassure us that your address is o.k. Adding a note like Margaret did is a great idea to provide some news for the next edition - so let's hear from those who missed this year.

BOB BEAUMONT PAT also wrote on 1973 Christmas card: Dec. 13, 1973 Bob took your letter off to the Mid East with him so lets hope it gets back in time for the annual event. We have enjoyed it so much over the years. We sometimes go the Amsterdam thru Chicago & then to Mid East. He has been in Jordan, Turkey & Iran for the past five weeks and of course ran into an old Navy type pilot that he had been stationed at Whidbey Island with. They each thought the other had aged ! ! ! I wonder if the much talked of reunion is a good idea after all. It could be a shock for some. Pat Beaumont

LAURIE WILLAMSON - the late Bob Williamson's daughter left Newsweek in 1974 to to to Cornell for her MBA degree. Bob and your editor were classmates at Dartmouth and this news comes from the 1934 class secretary.

IF YOU HAVEN'T ANSWERED THIS YEAR HERE

IS A CHANCE FOR YOU TO SIT DOWN NOW AND

GET SOME NEWS IN FOR THE 1975 EDITION

Who does the article on the right remind you of?

Who were our pilots that scared the Marines into turning off their searchlights?

Who were the ones who emptied the outdoor movie at Barbers Point? And of those who passed that drunk test with flying colors?

What ground officer decided he didn't want any more flight pay after a dunking in the Pacific?

The new sea manners also mean "no more thumping" of Soviet ships, one pilot aboard the America regretfully notes. Thumping is flying low over the water at supersonic speeds and across the bridge of an unsuspecting vessel, startling her watch officers. "So we thump our own ships now," says Lt. Richard Powell, a pilot with Attack Squadron 86. "I thumped (the U.S.S.) Columbus (a cruiser) the other day. Scared the hell out of them," he says.

Photo-reconnaissance aircraft probably have the closest contact with the Russians. Photos pinned up in the Roosevelt's intelligence briefing room show Russian sailors lined up on the deck of a cruiser stripped to shorts for calisthenics and shading their eyes as they peer at the American helicopter. Above their heads is the antenna of a fire-control radar, the real subject of the photos.

Adm. Murphy says he would like to exchange visits with the commander of the Soviet fleet aboard the Little Rock and the Soviet flagship, which is a submarine tender. "It's not to be chummy—just professional," he says. "I think it might have been helpful if during the crisis we could have met !

Send to Ed Moore, 7230 N. Caldwell, Niles, Ill. 60648

THE U.S. NAVY 1934/1974

By Stuart B. Barber

The Navy I used to read about in *American Boy* in the late '20's was an all-Annapolis outfit that seemed to be obsessed with battleship gunnery practice and crossing the T.

Today, the Navy is an outfit that buys \$15 million supersonic fighters, and one-man bombers that deliver 5 tons at 700 miles, for its dozen 80,000-ton carriers. It operates well over 100 massive nuclear submarines, 41 of which constitute the nation's least vulnerable and thus most convincing nuclear deterrent force. It wants to build an even more formidable missile submarine force, at something over a billion each. Its groovy young Chief of Naval Operations subscribes wholeheartedly to the modern mumbo-jumbo of "systems analysis", and his shop is infested with civilians practising that lucrative pseudo-science. And the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is a naval aviator (an old boss of mine).

It was a long time in between.

Those were years of continuous internal power struggle, yes. But is was not *just* for prestige or institutional power; never underestimate the stakes and principles involved. Nor the skill, training, ingenuity, devotion, courage, and broad-gauged patriotism of the career officer corps.

While the gunners were refining the art of shooting at target rafts back in the '20's and '30's, a bunch of cocky aviators with convictions were developing the dangerous art of flying flimsy little planes from primitive carriers; and some more dour types were figuring out, the hard way, how to make those little submersible contraptions effective over the vast distances of the Pacific. While the Navy has often put down its innovators, it has usually at the same time had the sense to give them house room and freedom to experiment and prove it out. It was mainly these innovators who beat Japan at sea and in the air.

I came into this in 1942, the draft hot after me, finding myself by circumstance a USNR officer assigned to develop the statistics and analyze the results of carrier aviation in the Pacific war. Over four years I found myself becoming, with the numbers as a base, a principal celebrant of carrier aviation's achievements and potential, a constructive critic of its youthful crudities, and a caustic critic of the hokum and ruthless empire-building pretensions of the Army Air Forces. My basic statistical work of 1942-46 brought an invitation in 1947 to modernize naval aviation's postwar statistical operations, as one of the first non-clerical civilians on CNO's staff. My collateral interests came with me too, and the damned civilian started making waves, fortunately along lines my blue-suit bosses approved.

Well, 25 years later, some of these battles are won, perhaps too well. Carrier aviation has grown up. The heresy of 1947, that it should become an equal component of national tactical air power, is now accomplished fact. The USAF pretension to operate all aircraft and all nuclear weapons has been deflated, as has the premise of big bomber supremacy. The USAF push (abetted by some naval aviators) to virtually abolish non-nuclear strategies and weapons was fortunately stalled in the '50's, and buried in 1961, though it was a near thing at times. And finally, unification of the services has, after long battles by the Navy, come to be interpreted and administered in ways which inflict fewer rigidities, and keep more options open, than some original concepts.

Today's Navy, in which the carrier aviators seem to have nearly overriding power (except that the submarines, with

Ed Moore got this from his 40th reunion classbook - Dartmouth 1934. Stu was an ACI officer on Ford Island in 1945 - Stu didn't remember doing it but Ed thanked him again for keeping one of our ACI men from being sent back out before he got any leave - Ed's memory isn't too good either - he can't recall for sure who it was - Ed was in personnel at Ford Island then.

Rickover, run their own private navy their own way), has long since learned the lessons of air power. It has been too busy fighting Korea, Vietnam, the Air Force, and the battle of the budget, however, to have fully absorbed the lesson that German submarines almost did in our side in both World Wars.

One can well argue that there would never be a non-nuclear war at sea between U.S. and USSR. But a nation increasingly dependent on oil and ore imports had better not risk being unable to defend its sea lifelines, and those of its even more sea-dependent allies, except by threats to blast Moscow.

Having spent over 15 years working mainly for the carriers, and having graduated in 1956 to the No. 2 job in a new office (my idea) for projecting balanced *all*-Navy goals for the future, I found myself by the early '60's increasingly trying to alter the naval balance back from air striking power toward sea control, and imaginative new approaches to anti-submarine warfare. When I finally threw in the towel in 1970 after 21 years in the Pentagon, the Navy's new non-aviator boss was starting to push in this direction. But this issue is still in doubt.

Also in doubt is our entire military posture for the future. As a 10-year believer in "no more Vietnams", I have some hope. But long efforts in 1965-70 to promote the concept of using sea control - blockade, quarantine, and interdiction - as less bloody and disruptive than land warfare for controlling the export of insurgency, fell on deaf ears, and still would today.

Plotting goals for future defense, with lead times of 5 to 10 years or more, involves the infinitely complex integration of men, machines, new technology, dollars, strategy, tactics, politics, and what the other side may have and do, with all too many unknowns in each area. The only thing absolutely clear is that this is not a world in which it is safe to lack power. It is possible to find, much later, that you have been grievously wrong, as I was in supporting, pre-1964, some of the basic concepts that led to Vietnam, and in many lesser matters. I have often marvelled at the pretensions of a former economics major operating as a civilian gadfly among the highly selected survivors of long, rugged, seagoing and flying careers. But no one person can shove such a massive institution where it doesn't want to go. The most he can hope to accomplish is to devise some possibly better ways to get there.

In hindsight, pushing broad concepts and program rebalancing was absorbing, possibly of some indirect influence, but not visibly productive. The principal specifics that thus far let me accept those pension checks with good conscience are rather a couple of new ship types (not yet built), and the Indian Ocean base at Diego Garcia (the outcome of a 1960 dream of mine, plugged for 10 more years). Whether even these contributions were for better or worse only the future will tell.

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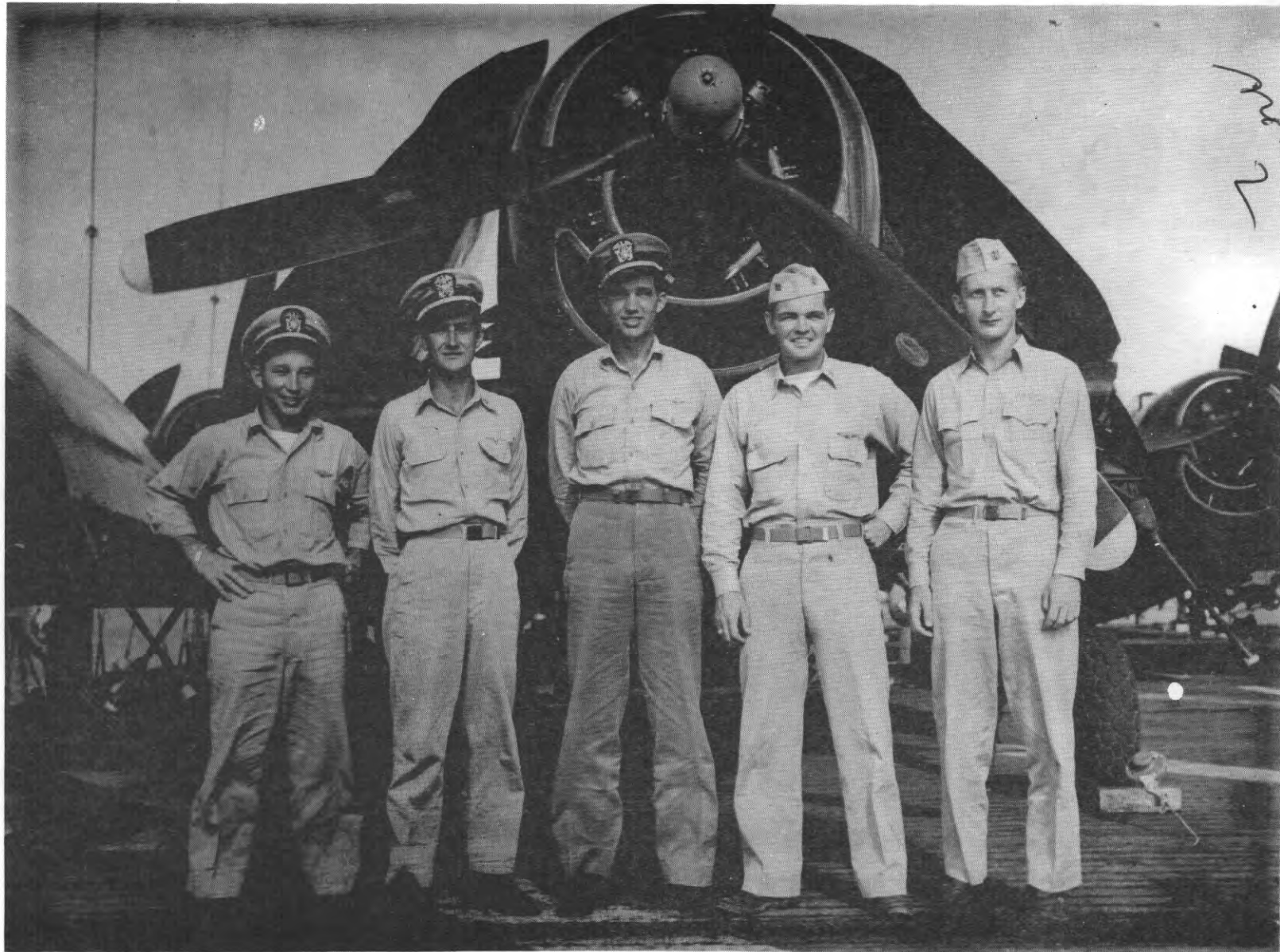
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