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Talk about feeling great! I'm on board the Eddy Mac right now, on 27 January, in Lisbon, Portugal, and I have the duty. You may ask, why does he feel great? Well . . . this is my last inport duty day on the ol' Sweaty Eddy! We get underway day after tomorrow for Gaeta and that's where I get off and head for home! Ah . . . sweet as sugar!

After moving out of housing in Mayport, Maggie and I will take Kyle and Florie to visit grandparents in Maryland. Meanwhile she and I will head for Virginia Beach and hunt for a place to live. Lotsa fun! (Necessary evils!) Once a place is found and procured, our family will be off Washington State to see my folks.

I plan to report to Dam Neck in mid-March. I hear that the **Neil Tollefsruds** are there too. Ah, shore duty . . . the rejuvenator!



Pat and Michele

Actually this column will be short and sweet. Due (I'm sure) to the mass confusion caused by moving/transferring I've misplaced a couple of letters. Never fear! They *will* be found. The one letter I will relay is from **Pat Gottschalk**, which I received today, herewith partially quoted.

"I just wanted to write you to give you a little update that includes a lot of '75 types. I got married to my long-betrothed Michele on 16 December 1978 at USNA Chapel. Swordbearers included: **Mark Bumgardner** (flying P-3s out of Brunswick), **Dave Herbein** (SSN out of New London), **Eric Guerrazi** (FCO in YARNELL with me—I'm ASWO), **Steve Harmon** (just got transferred in November from navigator en YARNELL to USNA Seamanship/Tactics division), **Roger Still** (assigned to BUPERS), and **Dick Feckler** ('76-DCA in YARNELL). Ushers also included **Donn Northup** (intelligence watch officer at the Pentagon) and **Mark Lamboni** (first lieutenant in THOMAS C. HART). It was a great reunion for a lot of Classmates who haven't seen each other in a long time. The 'distance travelled to attend the wedding award' went to **Chris Neilson** (flying C-130s out of Rota) who caught a MAC flight from Rota to attend. The reception was at the O Club in the yard and it was a lot of fun except that I didn't eat or drink anything because I was so busy talking to people and getting my picture taken. We received a lot of beautiful presents and the wardrobe of the Happy Harry (YARNELL) gave us two complete settings of our china. We went to Orlando,

Florida, for our honeymoon and saw all the sights there (Disney World, Sea World, Circus World, Busch Gardens, etc. . .). Now we have moved to Charleston because the YARNELL is going through ROH in Charleston Naval Shipyard. By the way, got a chance to see **Bobby Conrad** (CIC in BLAKELEY) who was going to go to Monterey in ops analysis in February. His wife Monica and baby girl Stacey are doing well too. Enclosed is a picture of Michele and me listening to our wedding on tape—my brother taped it (he was best man) so that we could keep it. Hope everything is going OK for you so good luck. By the way, our new address is 3367-2 Mountainbrook Avenue, North Charleston SC 29405."

Sorry there's no more this month. I'll dig up those other couple of letters for next time. Keep those cards and letters coming! And speak to me about your feelings on a reunion in '80! Also speak to Classmates who are delinquent in their Alumni Association dues. C'mon, it doesn't hurt that bad! Until next month, *CIAO!* (*Practicing for Gaeta . . .*)

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This month, being after the holidays, has been slow for correspondence, but I do have some news to report. I'm also having to write this article more than a week early because I'm going to Yuma, Arizona for a month with HMA-269.

All is well here at New River—**Steve Clark** just reported aboard last week and will be flying the CH-46 with MAG-26. **William Brown** is currently at Fort Drum, New York, with a detachment that went up for cold weather training. He and I got the word that we would be pulling out of New River in June to report overseas in July.

Don Bringle sent some news from aboard USS CONSTELLATION. He's flying F-14s with the "Fighting Checkmate," VF-211. Also aboard are: **Mike Dailey**, flying S-3s with VS-37; **Mark West**, flying E-2s with VAW-126; and **Emery Chenoweth** and **Dan O'Brien**, flying helos with H3-6. Don also heard from **Rick Neidlinger** who is in the F-14 RAG at Oceana. He says that **Skip Zobel**, **Gary Hentz**, and **Tom Bakke** are also there and are preparing to deploy with NIMITZ soon.

I received a letter from **Doug Schaus** who is aboard the USS SAN DIEGO (AFS-6). Congratulations are in order for Nancy and **Ed Jeter** who are the proud parents of a baby girl, Elysa, born in November. Ed is an aviation supply officer at MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina. **Sam Hauge** is deployed in the Med with VF-103 aboard SARATOGA; they left in September for a seven-month cruise. **Bob Caulk** is flying A-7s; he and **Craig Thomas** recently purchased a house in Hanford, California. **Pete Rollins** pinned on his dolphins in November and shortly thereafter went on his first extended deployment aboard USS PARGO. He and Patty are still living in New London. **Byron Iverson** married the former Michelle Dunn, a navy nurse, in September and should now be headed for flight school in Pensacola after serving aboard USS SAN JOSE (AFS-1).

Fred Johnson dropped me a line from Beeville, Texas; he, Sharron, and Michelle will be staying there awhile. After receiving his wings in November, Fred got orders to stay in VT-24 as an instructor pilot for 18 months.

From the Navy Hometown News Releases I received the following news: **Larry O'Donnell** is now with 2nd Force Service Support Group at Camp Lejeune; **Gary McConnell**, who is fire direction officer with 1st Battalion, 11th Marines at Camp Pendleton, recently took part in Combined Arms Exercise 1-79 in the California desert; and **Mike Edwards** has departed for an extended WestPac deployment aboard USS DECATUR homeported in San Diego.

Finally I heard from **Steve Gray** who is aboard USS BYRD. He sent a postcard from France; he should be on his way home from the Med soon.

Best wishes to all for continued success. Keep in touch.

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Apologies to **John Stalnaker** for not including his name in the Jan./Feb. issue as a member of the SWOS Championship Football Team.

I swear there must be something wrong with the mail system, or none of you guys know how to write.

I did hear from a few people. **Ken "Waldo" Waldie** wrote to say that members of '78 & '77 led the SWOS basketball team to the base championship. Players included: Scott Stoner, Tim Golden, Bob Engle, Roy Cranford, Wilber "Magic" Ervin, Paul Hubbard, and Ken Waldie. Some reserves included: Jeff Long, John Varney, Ralph Janikowski and Admiral Bill "Ricketts" Staub.

Speaking of basketball, congratulations to **Chris Dougherty** and **Bobby Scott**, who made the Marine Corps All-East Team and played in a service tournament on the West Coast.

Mary Stalnaker wrote a pleasant letter to say that **Faris Farwell** was married, but forgot to mention his wife's name. Congratulations to the Farwells.

Brian McCormick is playing lacrosse for a club at P-Cola along with **Curt Maszun**, **Terry O'Brien**, **Ken Law** and **Charlie Dawson**. Teams in Washington are bidding for **Steve "Jock" Maloney's** skills. Actually, they just want the inside track to obtain the rights to **Jim "Tall Daddy" Schulson's** contract.

Dave Buss is working on his image—that of a book worm, as he strives for the A-6 community while **John Mathre**, **Al Jaquith** and **Jim Small** want to fly the kitchen sink, and are hoping for P-3s.

Some news from fun one. **Mark Hubal** still

has a wild party or two when he is not sleeping. **Mark "Podad" Poston** is still trying to figure out how to get the MOS he wants out of the Marine Corps.

Dale Allison, a former beater and blower, is working for Navy Air Systems Command in Arlington while **Jim McLean** is working on his master's in aerospace and should be completed in July.

Pete Craig and his fiancée, **Beth Drey**, stopped by on their way to San Francisco and the rough life of an officer on a reserve frigate. An August wedding is planned.

John Cohoon and **Barbara Dixon** are planning on a wedding in May.

To keep my better half happy I'll inform all of you that the former **Linda Duley** decided to set me straight as we were married on the 3rd

of March. Some Classmates in attendance included **Jim and Tracy Degree**, **Steve Maloney**, **Mark Bolin**, **Mike White**, **Dave Barile**, **Bill and Farah Fawcett Fell**, **John and Sue Wissler**, **Bill Yeager** and **Tom Sudbeck**.

Can't write what we don't hear about. What happened to all of you company reps? Hey, **Maurice Tosé**, my address is in *Shipmate* now.

Chapter News

DEADLINE: For June—10 April; for July-August—10 May

ANNAPOLIS

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LGen. **L. F. Snowden** USMC, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Marine Corps, expressed the regret of Gen. **Louis H. Wilson** USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, when he spoke to one of the largest meetings of the Annapolis Chapter of the Alumni Association on 14 February. Gen. Wilson was presenting the Marine Corps budget in Washington and sincerely regretted that he could not make the luncheon, but had a worthy representative of the Corps in LGen. Snowden. A veteran of 37 years in the Corps with 14 years service in Washington alone, LGen. Snowden assured his audience that the Corps was in good shape. As regards budgetary matters, Congress was checking carefully on fiscal responsibility, and the Corps was requesting some items that have been ignored or brushed aside as unimportant for the Corps' success in battle. Primarily among these is the AV-8B aircraft for VSTOL operations; if this advanced plane is denied the Marines, they will discard the Harrier aircraft.

Other machinery considered important are the LVA assault landing vehicle, at present available but at extremely slow speeds. The LVTX, an experimental landing vehicle, is still being worked on.

As regards personnel in the Corps, they are indeed an elite group. Over 80% of the enlisted members are high school graduates and the morale and production of the 189,000 strong Marine Corps will permit a lessening in numbers of the Corps, doing better with fewer. Recruiting has been a problem though and getting tougher as eligible men and women decrease with the population and as attractive offers are made in civilian life for the type of person that the Corps is seeking. In addition there has been some resistance on the part of certain school officials who do not want their schools to be visited by any military organization.

The theory has been advanced that the Corps is an anachronism and that no amphibious role will be played in any future warfare. That this view is not universal is obvious in the fact that Gen. Wilson has just been made a full partner of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

LGen. Snowden indicated that the Corps has been fortunate in having as its Commandant Gen. Wilson, who will be transferred to the retired list in June of this year. In 1975 when Gen. Wilson came to the job, the Corps, and

all the military, were in a letdown after the Vietnam conflict. The tail end of the draft had maintained in the service many "anti-establishment" individuals who did not wish to conform to the system. On the theory that quality was a better standard than quantity, Gen. Wilson indicated that the dead wood would be removed, and 23,000 men were discharged from the Corps in one year. LGen. Snowden indicated that he did not wish to see a draft reinstated, but did feel that all 18-year-old men and women should be registered for service to the Nation, not necessarily in the military, but with a high priority for those that volunteer for this duty. Finally, he stated that the Corps has always recognized the fine quality of officer that the Naval Academy has furnished and will continue to furnish for the future.

BOSTON

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On Saturday, February 3, the Boston Chapter enjoyed a wonderful evening with our wives at the Hanscom AFB O'Club. We were more than pleased that we had a total attendance of 30 Shipmates and 29 Wives.

Our special thanks went to **Dave Carroll '53** for handling the logistics, arranging for the best roast beef seen in this area for over five years and ensuring that we had a picture-perfect day with no snow, sleet, or rain!

During the evening **Dan Donovan** welcomed one and all, and announced that the Class of '57 was the big winner for most Classmates in attendance. **Spoof Spoffard '30** was the senior alumnus of the evening. I am also pleased to announce that the wives have decided to start getting together for lunch occasionally. Their first meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 15, at the Cottage Crest in Waltham.

A couple of reminders to all Alumni in the great Northeast—don't forget we meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Fantasia Restaurant in Cambridge; and, if you haven't heard from **Curt Wakeman**, please get in touch with him.

CHICAGO

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After the wicked blizzards, shake your cabin fever by attending the up-coming meetings:

Thursday, 19 April—Luncheon on board Columbia Yacht Club clubship in Monroe St. Harbor.

Thursday, 17 May—Luncheon at Como Inn, Chicago

Friday, 15 June—Evening pool party (coed) at 260 E. Chestnut St., Chicago.

After the summer lull, we'll have an active fall schedule with bus-and-box lunch specials for both the Notre Dame and Illinois-Navy football games. Newcomers to the area get on our mailing list so you can join us for these outings.

(Submitted by *Walt Rose*.)

FLORIDA SPACE COAST

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On 20 January 1979, the Florida Space Coast Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Melbourne Beach Steak House. Officers for 1979 were installed: **Raymond A. Harrell '27**, president; **Charles Eisenbach '36**, vice-president; and **Joseph R. Tucker '38**, secretary-treasurer. Present at the meeting were: **Louise and Red Day '25**, **Ginny and Joe Elmer '47**, **Sally and Russ Hart '29**, **Betty and Jack Hinman '40**, **Mary and Bob Lee '34**, **Gene and Tom Murphy '39**, **Doris and Gil Richards '33**, **Betty and Sully Sullivan '27**, **Marge and Jim Vradenburgh '31**, **Ruth and Cid Wildmen '19**, **Tish and Dick Dole '22**, **Lurline and Chuck Eisenbach '36**, **Margaret and Ray Harrell '27**, **Squidge and Dave Holmes '43**, **Mary and Chuck McGivern '38**, **Grata and Red Orbeton '45**, **Dee and Joe Tucker '38**, **Iris and Sam Watson '43**, **Pat Mottern '42**, **Morris Smellow '25**, **Louise Gallery '28**, **Shryl Norton '41**, **Phyllis Smoot '26**, **Cynthia Holley '30**, **Helen Sanchez '30**, and **Alice Vaughn '33**.

Members of the Chapter and newcomers in the area are urged to contact **Capt. Joseph R. Tucker USN (Ret.)**, 201 Deland Ave., Indianalantic FL 32903, for information on the next get-together. Also, golf representative for the Chapter is **Capt. Charles F. McGivern USN (Ret.)**, 730 Rosada St., Satellite Beach FL 32937, and all those in the local area may register with him for participation in the tournament.