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There is no easy way to open this column, but I must inform the class of the death of a fine Classmate, Lt. **Mike Brown** from 34th company. Mike died during an aircraft accident in the Indian Ocean on August 5th. For those of us that knew Mike as a Napster or as a company mate, he will truly be missed. Our class condolences to Kathy Lee, Mike's wife and to his family.

My mail has caught up to me and I must apologize for missing last month but I was somewhere between Annapolis and Texas. We live about 10 miles north of Dallas and our new phone number is (H) 214/423-0461, (W) 214/995-1500. Some of you may be stopping at NAS on a cross-country. Give me a call and update me on your news. I guess you can't get away from the old place; I have met three USNA grads in the same department here in Texas Instruments and my officemate is Don Fiorino, a '77 West Point grad. It also appears that many of you read *Shipmate* and have responded to my request for news.

An update on the doctors among us: **John Gerhard** writes from California to announce that **Bill Adsit**, **Tom Diggs**, **Tom Husiman**, **Jerry Leninger**, **Harry Meyers**, **Keith Munson** and he himself completed their internships at Balboa on June 30th. Bill and Jerry have orders to flight surgeon training in Pensacola and Harry is slotted for undersea medicine training in 1983. Tom Diggs and Tom Husiman are going to San Diego-based ships, USS TRIPOLI and USS JUNEAU respectively. Keith selected the Second Marine Division at Camp Lejeune. John Gerhard graduated from Harvard Medical School last June and was married to the former Laurie Ansley the same month. He has orders to USS RANGER in Australia as a flight surgeon with CVW-2. Laurie is expecting their first.

My old youngster roommate has left the Navy and moved back to his booming hometown of Vestal, New York. . . **Ed Yetzko** has a job as an engineer with IBM. Ed's wife Lynn is keeping busy with their two-year old, Erin, and working part-time as a nurse. **Pete Misiewicz** and his wife Hollis had twins this Spring but no details of where they are now. **Mike Trueblood** and his wife Karen may have the record though, with triplets born last April. Brian, Matthew and Heather have an older brother, Jonathan, who is two. Mike is stationed at the public works center in Norfolk. **Terry Hopkins** is stationed with the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton and **Harry Donigan** spent a few weeks in Lebanon with the 32nd Marine Amphibious Unit assisting in the departure of the PLO.

Sean Rice is at fleet combat direction systems support activity in Virginia Beach. He is working with the NTDS programs for the 963 class. Sean married the former Katie Peterson last month in Fort Story, Virginia. **Alan Richardson** wrote to update us on his tour in SILVERSIDES (SSN-697). He just completed his engineer qualification and is now weapons officer after having served as sonar officer and then MPA. **Mark Slivka**, also served aboard SILVERSIDES until June when he resigned. **Doug Briganti** and wife Joni are stationed at COMFltTraGru, Pearl Harbor. Doug is an assistant engineering department head and they are expecting their second child next month. Joni's brother **Rob Prodoehl** and his wife Debbie are sta-

tioned at USNA in the seamanship and navigation department. **Dave Coss** and wife Laura are in Norfolk with HG-6 flying H-46s. Dave just returned from a deployment onboard CONCORD along with **Brad Lewis**.



John and Nonie Bird

John Bird and wife Nonie spent the Summer in Connecticut at SOAC school. Ninie returned to homeport Charleston to continue her 5th grade teaching job and John is going back to sea aboard the SIMON BOLIVAR. I guess this is a rare picture of the two together! **Bob Eves** is deployed aboard USS THORN (DD-988) in the Indian Ocean. His wife Denise sends the family picture, although young Robert is 18-months old now. Bob and Denise are in Virginia Beach after a tour on the West Coast as hangar deck officer aboard an LHA. He is currently in HSL-34. Bob has two brothers at USNA now, Matt '84 and Alan '86.



Jeff Patterson, Scott Fontaine, Steve Geises

Jeff Patterson has been the guard officer at Marine Barracks Rota, Spain, for the last two years and sees many a Classmate on the way to the Mediterranean. Recently his two roommates stopped by for a photo and probably a few cold ones. **Scott Fontaine** is the Lamps helo detachment commander on a frigate out of Mayport and **Steve Geisen** is the chief engineer. Jeff and wife Kathy have two children, Patrice (3) and Jeff (1). Jeff saw **Bob Vasser** recently. Bob is flying A-7s and hopes to transfer to fighters soon.

Mark Diunizio is in grad school at Monterey, California, and recently celebrated his cousin's commissioning into the LDO program. Also present was Mark's brother Jim who is XO of LAFAYETTE. Carl Moore and his wife Cheryl were in Rota, Spain, where Carl was stationed as a C-130 pilot. Unfortunately, he hurt his back at SERE school and the condition has worsened to the point of becoming permanently grounded. Since then he has applied for transfer to the CEC and should be back to the states before the end of the year. Carl has had occasion to see a few Classmates in Rota also. **Jerry Bennett** dropped in on his H-46 while out chopping off KALAMAZOO. **Dave Hayes** also passed through on his way home and out of the Navy. Dave and Marie are settling in West Chester, Pennsylvania, with their two girls.



Bob and Denise Eves

Ed Anderson just carrier qualified down at Kingsville, Texas. **Shan Delmar** is assigned to CONSTITUTION in Boston and recently married. **Randy Franke** has graduated from medical school and is on the West Coast.

Bill Frost writes from his second year at Duke Law School. **Gary Beaver** has graduated from Duke and is at Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island.

Chris O'Connor, stationed with the Marine Barracks in Iceland, married Mari Gail Olson, a music teacher at the DOD school there in July.

Bill worked at the 2nd Marine Division legal office this summer and sat next to **John "Boots" Bukauskas** who is in his third year in law school at South Texas School of Law in Houston. Word has it that John, his wife Gay and two sons are doing great.

Dave Walters was married in March. He and his wife Wanda are stationed at Cherry Point where Dave flies A-6s for VMA-332. Dave has been going to schools and running into Classmates. While at FAC school in Little Creek, Dave saw **Ollie Read** who is stationed aboard VIRGINIA as navigator **Jim Rowan** got his navigator wings and got married in August at the USNA Chapel. **Wayne Vanderschuere** left the Marine Corps in June and is working as an electrical engineer at Edison Electric. **Dave Walter** and **John Bukauskas** are looking for **Mike Frick** and **Ron King** (3rd Company). Anyone with a clue contact John at 9539 Spiralwood, Houston TX 77086.

That's all for this issue. Now that everyone has my new address and I'm out here in Dallas, I'll expect a lot of mail. Hope everyone had a good Homecoming so send mail and pictures so everyone can share.

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