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A full seabag of mail this month. Our first offering is from **Jeff Grover** who writes:

I don't know if many Classmates remember me, but I was one of a group of bilgers in 3rd Company that treated USNA as a junior college and bailed out after Youngster year. I live in the Monterey area and regularly use the NPS library to browse through the Class news in *Shipmate*. News about the 3rd Company had been sparse until the recent offerings of **Steve Nimitz**. I finally decided to correspond as a result of his fine articles and my own New Year's resolution.

I am now married with a nine year old son. As a self-employed engineer, I have done overhaul related work on RANGER and FORRESTAL as well as some vibration monitoring work on helicopters for NavAir. Over the past ten years I have maintained limited contact with a few Classmates. **Paul Gary** graduated from Rice University and is a Shell Oil geologist in New Orleans. **Tim Strange** graduated from S.M.U. He has been working in commercial property management in the Oklahoma City area. Tim keeps in touch with **Paul Weidlsbach** who is currently in the Klamath Falls, Ore. area. See you all at the twentieth and we'll get Army next year!

Vanessa and Mike Seifert are also on the West Coast. Mike is Chief Engineer aboard LONG BEACH which just spent six months in overhaul in Bremerton, Wash. He is busily preparing for deployment. **Venessa, Robert (12) and Mark (9)** are helping dad celebrate his command selection. Mike is due to take command in 1994.

Mike Agor has taken command of the fast-attack submarine MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL. Previous tours for Mike have included tours aboard ULYSSES S. GRANT, BLUEFISH and BERGALL. **Bill Osterndorff** is enjoying his command tour aboard NORFOLK. He has also served aboard NEWPORT NEWS, ATLANTA and JOHN MARSHALL.

Mike Freeman, Ordnance Officer at the Yorktown Naval Station provides us more change of Command info as he writes:

Just wanted to report that we had a good Class of '76 turnout when **Lyal Barclay Davison** (32nd Co.), assumed command of ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG-51). Lyal and I have remained close friends through the years as we spend every other tour in the same home port. I've always considered him one of the finest naval officers ever and think it fitting he now commands Adm. Burke's namesake ship.

The change of command ceremony was the most professional and memorable I've ever attended. VAdm. Kihune was the keynote speaker. Mrs. Burke intended to attend but declined at the last moment due to health concerns. Lyal's ladies were simply beautiful. His wife Debi has the face and voice of an angel. Daughters Kate and Teri share their mom's good looks.

Among those Classmates in attendance were: **Robert Butt**, working on the Joint Staff in J36, Nuc Ops; **Rick Carper**, Chief of Staff, Office Naval Research; **Brad Mason**, Engineer Officer, GEORGE WASHINGTON; **Mark Nesselrode**, Joint Staff at the NMCC; **Scott Pugh**, Chief Staff Officer, SubRon 6; and **Bill Sanford**, COMOPTEVFOR.

Steve Nimitz also attend Lyal's change of command and passes that after several phone calls to AT&T information to Nebraska, he finally located **Steve McWilliams**. "Tiny" McWilliams (all 6'5" of him!) left the Navy some eight years ago. Moving back to his home state of Nebraska, Tiny now works for the Omaha *World Herald* newspaper and resides in Fremont.

Don "Ken Doll" Bringle has taken over the Fighting Blacklions of VF-213, a Tomcat squadron home based out of Miramar, but currently out to sea aboard

ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Don's father, Adm. Bush Bringle, a famed Naval Aviator still "Revvin with the Class of '37" was in attendance along with **Bill Bigham**, **Alex Cobble** and **Skip Zobel**.

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Welcome to March! Always a good time of the year because we finally emerge from the Dark Ages!! Spring is just around the corner—time to start planning the yard projects!

Many of you may have already heard about or have accessed the Alumni job bulletin board "Over the Wall". This is a terrific service where everyone can benefit. Unlike other network systems, this one is FREE!! More importantly, it provides an outstanding opportunity for you to keep on top of job prospects commensurate with your earning potential. *Shipmate* has run several articles concerning this service, but I would like to fill you in on the latest news. To access the bulletin board, dial 1-800-982-8762 via your computer (MacIntosh or IBM compatible system)—the network automatically operates up to 14.4 KBaud (that is with any 300, 1200, 2400, 9600 or 14400 Baud modem). Just follow the instructions and you are online! For first time users, your initial access is administrative. Four to six hours later you will be able to go online. According to Nancy Gorham, the system administrator (husband Chuck is the Class of '76 President), the purpose of this wait is to verify your Alumni status to preclude system use by non-grads. Subsequent accesses are limited to 30 minutes in order to prevent running up the 1-800 telephone bill. Its great because you can download the board into your system and review it at your leisure. Over the last year, 40 individuals have been placed out of 200 posting. Not bad for the first year of operations! Within the next 6 months, they hope to make available an on-line resume writing program that will facilitate job placement as well as expertly preparing a resume. This convenience, coupled with increasing bulletin board use will significantly increase opportunities and placement in 1994—all this without an increase in Alumni Staff. Give it a try!!

The only Class news I have to report is **Rich Self's** change of command last November. Rich, one of our first Classmates in command, is CO of GRAYLING (SSN-646) out of Charleston, S.C. For those of you headed to command, please drop me a line or add my address to your change of command invitation list so I will be able to report the great news! Finally, I've included a picture of most of the 17th Company members in attendance at the reunion.

Keep the cards and letters coming! Until next month, happy trails . . . **Bill**.



Mark and Marion Diunizio, Ann and Roy Bosarge, Karen and Julius Caesar, Bill and Jane Millward, Dan Smith and Ann Pickard, Time and Susan Lorentz, and Pete and Ann Green

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Another New Year's resolution just went down the tubes . . . yeah, it's the eleventh hour and I'm sitting here doing my term paper—which in this case is this column. It's all just a ploy actually. I'm not that disorganized or procrastinative. It's just that with the still flat economy I'm doing my best to support technology development (yup, we've a NEW fax at the office) and commercial businesses (and yes I'm gonna use FEDEX). As usual, there is always an explanation . . . Note, I didn't say an "excuse." As we all learned during Plebe summer, there are *no* excuses. But then as we all learned from Watergate, Irangate and election campaigns, there *are* mitigating circumstances, best intentions, and "clarifications of positions." The most prevalent reason is, as you can tell by the return address, that we've moved. Actually, it seems like we're *still* moving what with all the still unopened boxes, continuing rearrangement of furniture and misplaced letters and objects. So only now that I'm reasonably settled in can I get through the stack of unfinished mail. So bear with me, some of this is a little dated. But here goes . . .

I noted in last month's *Shipmate* column that a photo of **Charlie Sottomayer** and company was published but that the text of his letter wasn't. I'll take the brace up for putting the editorial staff in the position of trying to scan onion typing paper at the last minute. Hey Charlie, ever hear of a word processor or computer? Get with technology! Anyway, let me try to make up for it by getting off my lazy fantail and recounting the details of his letter. Charlie is alive, well, married (!!!!!), and living in the Banana Republic of Panama. In 1991, he was dragged off a perfectly good war cruise with VAQ-14 by his detailer and shipped to U.S. Southern Command. He's currently working in an acronym rich environment, with a definite Army flavor. [Uggghh!] His office is something called USSC J-3DDD, which translated means he's with the "Dudes Doin' Drugs." Actually, they're the "good guys" who coordinate the various national counterdrug efforts in Latin America. You know, the one's that keep popping up in the newspapers due to one fiasco or another. (Like the C-130 incident over Peru several months—yup that was just one of their's!) If you pull out your December '92 *Shipmate* you'll see a picture of Charlie and D cubed guys working hard (Pool Party). The '78ers among the USNA grads who took the time to crawl out from under the keg to take that memorial photo were: Charlie, **Chuck Miller** and **Brian Roby**. Chuck works with Sotto in the Triple D. He spends most of his time burning up the phone lines "coordinating"

with embassy folks in Venezuela, Brazil and Paraguay. At the time, Brian was TAD there with his E-2C squadron; flying missions out of Howard AFB; trying to hunt Cessnas and Pipers. Brian was the squadron Maintenance Officer but Charlie couldn't remember if it was VAW-122. Other than brief road trips to various Latin American countries, things are pretty calm for Sotto. His wife, Gretchen, writes for the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama. They were married in December 1990 in Oak Harbor, Wash. during his VAQ-141 tour. Charlie reports no kids yet but quite a few FAM workups. If things go according to plan, They'll probably leave Panama this spring or summer and move back to NAS Whidbey Island. He's not sure if he can hack the cold weather anymore. Up 'til now, dressing up for him meant having to wear long pants and a *subdued* flowered shirt. Life in margaritaville, he says he could get used to it. . . Well, I hope this has made up for the glitch, Charlie, and that you don't wait another decade and a half to write again!

Since last August, Elizabeth, Allison (3) and Steve "Derwood" Kinney have been in Newport, RI, while Steve attends the golf and grab school at Naval War College. For the first time ever they're living in military quarters! (in their case, a housing area called Fort Adams) Despite its "vintage" (there are still a parts of the old buildings from WWI and WWII), there are some advantages. They can walk to the beach and marina and have lots of wildlife—raccoons are regular diners in the Kinney garbage can! (The other wildlife, Steve's Classmates and study group are probably regulars at the Kinney bar!). '92 had a rough ending for the Kinneys. Steve's mom, Rosemary, died of a sudden heart attack on 6 November. She had just retired from her nursing career and had moved with her husband, Tony Thorn (a Classmate of Steve's late father, '51) to Hagerstown, Md., where they had started building their dream house. Those of us who knew "Mom" are especially saddened by the news. On top of that, Elizabeth's grandmother mother passed away 2 weeks later. Still, '93 does hold promise for a happier year. After graduation in June, they'll go to Stuttgart for a three year tour. The exact job has yet to be pinned down. Unless the detailers lied and change their mind (That wouldn't ever happen!), they expect to have fun in Germany. With the Alps only 150 miles away, skiing is a must—especially for old "Jean Claude" Kinney! Guests should start saving up for the European vacation. They hope to make the rounds this summer to see family and friends before the overseas departure and add that if anyone gets up their way to please look them up. There's a sleep sofa in the study and Cheers is just 1½ hours away in Boston. You can reach them at 30 Jackson Court, Newport, R.I., (401) 849-5547.

As last year ended, John Ehlers was wrapping up his XO tour on SUNFISH with many fond memories—especially his and Patty's prolific visit together last March in Italy during his six month deployment. His "arduous" deployment to the Mediterranean included port visits in France (2), Gibraltar, Israel, Sardinia, and Italy. Although it was more like a cruise than deployment, he was definitely looking forward to his first Christmas home since 1988. On 14 December, they received the best present of their lives—the birth of Mary Kathryn, 8 lbs. 2 ozs. and 21 inches of joy and mid-cruise visit madness. I'd say that rendezvous in Italy was *definitely* prolific! By now they're at their old Homestead—9 Edgewood Drive, Norwich, Conn. 06360-6736, 203 886-2287 and John is on shore duty at "Devron 12" (?).

This June, Laure' and Mark Ferguson are expecting a sibling for Andrew (1½). Laure' continues to successfully balance home and professional life, as she works part-time at the Department of Commerce as a Foreign Industry Analyst in the area of export controls on telecommunications equipment. As for Mark, he just can't seem to keep out of a radioactive



Elizabeth and Steve Kinney



Mark and Andrew Ferguson



The Sudbecks

environment! After a very successful tour on DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, serving as the officer responsible for the operation of the ship's nuclear propulsion plants, Mark is now in the Pentagon with the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs!! He'll be working primarily with the Senate and House Armed Services Committees in the formulation of the budget. It'll be an exciting time with a new administration and the many changes taking place in the Navy. He says it's also a culture (and sticker!) shock to wear a suit to work each day rather than a uniform. They expect to be in Washington for about two more years, after which we will head off for his first command tour. In the meantime, their door and guest room in Burke, Va., are always open!

In passing, I got a Christmas care from Elisabeth and Dave Bruce. From the return label I see that they're in Virginia Beach. Dave has been resorting to pen and ink changes to amend the mailing labels to read Cdr. instead of LCdr. I guess either the pay hasn't kicked in yet to afford new ones or that Elisabeth is like most wives who order a bazillion of those things and we spouses are left to resort to inking out letters until we die! Hey, I know the feeling Dave. But don't buy a new house just to change the address label. Also in the "just know where they are living from the return address" category are the Glen Flanagans. They're back in Woodbridge, Va., which means that Glen is probably doing another pennance tour in the Pentagon. You know how it is—once the Navy knows you can figure your way around the building, you can be sure you'll have orders back there! A couple of cards also attested to the continued "safe existence" of Pam and Scott Rodgers and their daughters Kelsey and Allyson in Roswell, Ga., and Alicia and Randy Duncan and their kids Sean, Lindsey, Patrick and Scott in Geneva, Fla. Susan and John Casey are living in Annapolis. John is teaching Physics at the Academy, as if the mids aren't confused enough!

Getchen, T. D. and Tom Crowley are still in Norfolk Va., but oh so very briefly!! Very liekly, as this comes to print Tom has successfully completed a house search and moved the family up to the Washington, D.C., area. After a successful tour as XO of MISSISSIPPI, Tom reports to work at Naval Reactors.

Barbara and Glen Ives and their three boys, Glen Christopher, Matthew Francis, and John, are in the Jacksonville, Fla., area. To be precise, they're living at what probably is the most nautical address in our entire Class—on Lighthouse Court, in Neptune Beach, Fla.! It's only a short commute (15 minutes) for Glen and, as Barb puts, a "rather contemporary, typically Floridian home about 1 mile from the ocean." The proximity to the boys' school, the base and Glen's work, and the beach, not to mention that the backyard borders a small lake, and wildlife (the turtles and ducks have already learned where to find a good home cooked meal) more than make up for the ribbing I'll give him for his address. Glen completed his flag "secretarial" duties at HelWingsLant last October, packed up his pad and pencil and entered transition training from SH-2s to a *real* helicopter, the SH-60B Seahawk. (Why yes, the guys who write my paycheck *do* make that helicopter. . .) Glen says it's really enjoyable being back in the cockpit and flying for a living once again. By now, the transition should be complete and he has taken over as XO of the "Proud Warriors" of HSL-42. As for Barb '80, she "manages" to stay busy being a full-time Mom and drilling with the Navy Reserve. She beat Glen to the command slot when she took over as CO of NORA-1274, an oceanographic/meteorologic unit in Jacksonville. Still, being room mother for 2 classes and an assistant in the third, PTA, and years of experience in juggling the boys schedules, not to mention keeping Glen's, makes being CO a piece of cake! It also helps that she's got a good crew behind her, but I still say being a mom has got to be one of the toughest billets around! Glen added that Homecoming was especially fun last year. Lib and Craig Diffie showed them a grand time that weekend (being the Supe's Flag Sec' has its perks.) and it was terrific seeing good friends like John Rudder, Dennis Reilly, Drew Mulhare, Scotty Eckert and Bob Schermund. Some folks Glen had not seen in a long time included: Billy Burke (OCA Wash., D.C.), Ray Kwong (booming in the construction business), Terry O'Brien (Joint Staff, D.C.), Joe Martin (6th Flt.), Bruce Carter, (INTEL, AM Embassy, Paris, France), Scott Godfrey (Flying Delta), Lanny King (2nd Flt., Norfolk), Gary Leaman (Space Command, Cold Springs,) Jay "Jaybo" Boland (Bupers), Big Bob Destafney (HQM), and Eddie

Reid (Harris Corp.),—they all look great! Well if that isn't a plug for this year's Homecoming—and our 15th Year reunion—I don't know what is!

Last July, (the 11th to be exact) **Misti and Art Athens** added another member to the family, Katherine Ann. Her arrival makes it a half dozen and ties Kathleen and **Jim Byers** for the most kids, as far as I can tell. [No, Misti, I'm not promoting a competition!] Art's wrapping up his studies at the Army's School of Advanced Military Studies in Fort Leavenworth, Kan. When he finishes up this summer they'll be off to Cherry Point, N.C. for service with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.

Annette and **Tom Sudbeck** and boys, Joshua (10½) and Tom (9½), are still homesteaded in Virginia. Suds is also wrapping up his extended student tour at Quantico. Tom's orders were changed from California to Okinawa, so they'll head out to the land of the rising sun for a 3 year tour when he completes the Command and Staff College's second year, SAW program (School of Advanced Warfighting) this June. Annette mentioned that the mid-life crisis bug hit Tom last year. Yup, to prove that he's just as in shape as Annette (NOT) and validate once more the theory that "I may be older but I can also be just as stupid as when I was young," Tom ran in last year's Marine Corps Marathon. He did ok, I must confess, and finished in the top 200 Marines with a time of 3:43:22. Annette said he looked "great after the race"—but how did he FEEL?! (But then, it's better to look good than to feel good, dahling!) Perhaps the real motivating factor for his success were the cheers of his family. As Annette put it, "We made a "GO SUDS" sign so he could spot us out of 20,000+ people. The ironic part was that all the runners thought I was serving beer and would yell—alright—SUDS!" Until they move, Annette's still staying active by substitute teaching in the county schools, teaching Step/Aerobics classes and proving to her bigger Sudbeck men, that they may all be taller, but mom's tougher.

Lita, Erik (8), Brandon (6) and **Lee Yarberry** are living in St. Louis, Mo. Lee left active duty and joined Alvey, Inc. as a Project Manager in October, '91. He kept the road hot the first of last year and the airlines busy this past summer. Despite the "road-work" he was able to complete his Master's Degree. Over Thanksgiving, while driving to Alabama, Lee spilled hot coffee on his left foot and ankle. He was still recuperating over Xmas, from the 1st, 2nd and nearly 3rd degree burns and could wear a shoe and walk without crutches. As Lita put it, "What some people will do to keep from hanging the outdoor Christmas lights." I'm sure one of his presents from Santa was a no-drippy cup! In spite of his "below" in G-2 with the Java, this January he joined the local Marine Reserve unit as the *Intelligence Officer* (S-2)! I know, go figure. Anyway, he's still waiting word on when he can pin on those gold oak leaf clusters. Besides the unit drill routine, he'd also gotten involved with the local Toys for Tots program and volunteered to help as needed. Lita continues to volunteer for local Red Cross Chapters and intends to pursue her Master's degree soon.

Julie, Ashley (9) and Anna (10 months) and **Brad Richardson** got out of that "terrible weather in Joliet, Ill. To let Julie tell it:

[We] finally moved south to Little Rock, Ark. (Yes, I know, home of Bill Clinton, but that's not our fault!!) We've settled in nicely and bought in a beautiful neighborhood. I'd forgotten how nice Southerners are! We moved in on a Friday, by Saturday we'd met all our neighbors and were invited to Sunday dinner the next day. We've joined an active church, (the same one Hillary goes to and no, we haven't run into her) . . . Brad has always told me every time that we've moved that we'd be there between three and five years. We've moved every two and a half! I married a Marine expecting to see the world and we didn't go anywhere. J & J [Johnson and Johnson] has plants everywhere so I guess this

is the way we'll travel around. I draw the line at Canada and any third world countries, though.

One last quick note—Congratulations to Ann and **Ken Bowersox** on the birth of Matthew Douglas on 26 October. It's been a busy year for Sox and Annie, between his first space flight and the addition of Matthew. They're looking forward to the challenges that all new parents face and Sox is hoping to get another flight on the shuttle. As he realizes that new parenthood can not only mean a lot of joy but a lot of sleepless nights too . . . He may want that space launch just to get some rest! Well, good luck to you and Annie.

In closing, let me remind you again about **Drew Mulhare** and **Dennis Reilly's** '78 Golf Outing at Ford's Colony in Williamsburg, Va. at noon on Saturday, 24 April. Those interested should contact Drew at home 804 258-3995 or at work, 804 258-4230, or Dennis at home 703 690-8548 or at work 703 690-8252. No prior golf experience is necessary—they'll take scratch golfers, duffers, excavators and nature hunters (always in the rough)! Sign up and enjoy the camaraderie of friends and family in the day's activities. Those who sent me pictures of your kids, thanks. They're cute but the house rule is that the picture has to include a member of the Class. So that means you, or the milkman, (if he's a '78er). I've still a couple of letters and notes from Classmate sightings but they'll have to wait 'cuz I am literally out of room. 5 Pages (close), double spaced. Topped Off & Launchin', spot 4!

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Membership: 93%

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If you have also lost lots of sleep wondering what the heck happened to the Idaho teacher back in 1880, she was finally found alive after being kidnapped by a UFO. And those darned martians left their "alien brain probe" attached. I sure could have use one of those during my celestial nav final. Anyway, we can all breathe a big sigh of relief knowing that she's in stable condition at the Boise Jiffy-Lube getting the brain probe removed. Whew, thank goodness the *Weekly World News* folks are the hard hitting, nothing but the facts sorta people that care about the truth or you would have no comedy intro whatsoever this month (like there's ever been one in the past).

Well all right, the Russell family has some info to pass. Vicky had a baby boy on 28 December. His name is Jan Christopher and he got here just in the nick of tax time. We're calling him Chris (it's a long story) and he's doing great with an enormous set of lungs that help keep Mom up almost every night. Bryan likes him because he things Chris got him a cool train toy when we brought Chris home. Bryan's Cocker Spaniel attention span paid off this time. Notice how I'm getting sappy and sorta going on and on. That's a little taste of what happens when Mr. Mailbox isn't full of stuff from yun's. I can break out the photo album and make every one of you suffer through all one hundred pictures of Bryan's first birthday, and don't think I won't. I think I hear the sounds of pencil sharpeners right now so on with the show.

Mary and **Steve Squires** sent a Christmas card with a superb picture of their son Robert. Thanks you two and hope all is going well.

Bridget and **Craig Majkowski** sent a card and their annual family update AND a great family photo. Some of the highlights of last year includes Craig and Bridget's handshake with President Bush and Bridget's handshake with President Clinton. Craig is doing well at Abbott Labs/Diagnostic Divi-



sion having received a few promotions and hitting the links once a week with his company pals. It sounds like Bridget stays busier with the three kids Leigh Ann, Alex and Lauren every year. Bridget, thanks for the update and the picture.

Bryan Williams sent an update and some info on a few lost Classmates (remember BD, the Home Office doesn't have their address, that's all). **Rob Buttrich** lives in Milton, Fla. Rob works for Singer in the simulators at Whiting Field. His wife's name is Carol and they have two daughters. **Jerry Hyde** is currently the M.O. at VP-16 in NAS Jax. He is supposed to have orders to VP-30 as the training officer. He and Judy just had a new little girl last September. Now the Hyde's have a boy and a girl. Bryan is working at an engineering activity south of Pax River where he is also finding time to work on his Master's in Computers, this being his first shore tour and all. This must be considered hardship for a P-3 guy losing all those TAD checks. Ouch! The Williams' two daughters, Shandy Blair 4 and Kiah Summer 2, will probably be glad to have Dad around despite the huge slice on the income. Bryan also reminded me that he too was up on stage with yours truly during the Plebe summer talent show. I was in such a fog at the time, I just remember feeling REAL stupid and wanting the whole thing to be over with. Bryan, thanks for the update and don't forget to get a hold of Frank to help with the Fifteenth.

Karen and **Harry Murphy** sent a nice card and update. Their daughters Laura (7) and Jennifer (3) are keeping Mom and Dad physically fit, in addition to their two businesses. Boo has a fencing/decking/remodeling business in the Chesapeake area and Karen has a huge mail order company called Custom Cross Stitch. Harry still hangs out with his Reserve bubba's once a month but has no more "on the briny" stints like he did while on active duty. Boo, Karen, thanks for the info and congrats on your success!

Speaking of success, Sylvia and **John Joliffe** sent the Home Office a birth announcement of their third child, Jennie Elizabeth. She was born on 20 December. John also made mention of his monetary success. I'd pass it on to the rest of you all but you may have the same reaction I had and try to hang yourself in the garage too. Suffice it say, John buys the first two hundred rounds at the Fifteenth. John, contrats to you and Sylvia.

Linda and **Al Whiting** sent their most recent and most accurate change of address for us 26th company folks as Al "Tripe the Ph.D. Fantastic" at Cambridge. Send your updates to #4 Herrick House, Wychfield