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14 February, 1963

Brigadier R.G. Stilwell,
Commandant of Cadets,
Headquarters United States Military Academy,
West Point, New York.

Dear Dick:

Many thanks for your nice letter inviting Margaret and me to be your houseguests for the West Point weekend.

We will be delighted to accept your invitation. We have enjoyed many happy weekends at West Point. But there is something very special about this one. We are so glad we are going to have a chance to see you and Alice again. There is a whole year of news to catch up with and so many things to talk about. Your visit last year was much too short.

We are planning to arrive Friday afternoon between four and five.

Margaret and I send our best wishes to you and Alice.

Sincerely,

Reg (Sawyer)

Father Spiesman

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Queen of Heaven Rectory

my dear Gen Stilwell!

May Santingale send you

your greeting news for a most happy Birthday

on the 24th. That date is a Sunday and on

my Mass on that day I will be pleased to

ask the Dean Ford to Bless + Watch over you

✓ Your loved ones - Fr Spiesman

25 February 1963

Brigadier General J. W. Stilwell
USA Support Group, Vietnam
Drawer 100, APO 143
San Francisco, California

Dear Joe:

You were certainly prescient in your Christmas Card greeting! I reckon there is going to be a fair amount of confusion in Saigon (and I hope in Hanoi) from the first of May onward. It has seemed inevitable that we would one day be stationed together - and I can't think of a better place.

Needless to say, I am excited about the forthcoming assignment. And my enthusiasm has rubbed off on Alice and the three youngest children who will accompany us. I know Saigon somewhat and believe I have a reasonable picture of the situation in Vietnam. It all adds up to a wonderful, challenging tour. I would guess that you and I would be working quite closely together - and I sure look forward to that.

The course at the FSI is a must! I tried to finesse it but to no avail. Perhaps I can earn some brownie points with my instructors when I skip school to make the graduating address at the Special Warfare Center!

Had hopes of getting airborne qualified here before departure but the D/A said no. However, I am informed that one can take an authorized airborne course in Vietnam. Can I count on your assistance in this matter? You fired me up on the sky diving bit and I want to get with it.

Alice joins me in the warmest wishes to Myra and you. We are delighted at the prospects of being with you.

Most sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

P. S. Please tell that fine young aide of yours (Calvin) that I send a warm hello.

21 February 1963

Colonel Gilbert E. Strickler
CSD Headquarters MACV
APO 143, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Marie and Strick:

It was real good to hear from you. We reciprocate your feeling: Alice and I are delighted that we will be again rubbing shoulders with our old pals, the Stricklers. It will be a great wrench to leave West Point which is part of my heart, but I am really enthused about the prospects of my new job. I hate to miss a war and since no one can be a troop commander in Vietnam, Operations is the plum.

I am awaiting word from MACV on the optimum timing as regards the movement of Alice, Billy, Barb and Di. This is, of course, the basic planning factor to be resolved. Beyond that, I already have a host of detailed questions and will continue to generate them. Some will be addressed to Frank Osmani and Frank Miller, the latter being an old friend and classmate. Others I would like to shoot at you; and, with your permission will start forthwith.

One of the key ones is what to do about our lovable two year old spring spaniel. Do you have Skoshi with you and how is she doing? If you think that my guy would be reasonably comfortable in Saigon, we would sure like to bring him. Is there any quarantine period and what kind of shots are required?

Marie, I am sure Alice would appreciate your advice in two principal areas: minimum essential scales and types of women's and little girls wearing apparel to be brought from the States; and, secondly, the business of towels, linens, and other essential housekeeping appurtenances. Remember, Marie, that, unlike the Stricklers we are poor folk!

Although I have sought advice from several people, I would like your views on the need or desirability of bringing our 1961 Ford Galaxie sedan. I appreciate that any driving will be entirely within the cities of Saigon and Schlon and, therefore, a big car might not be required. Others have told me that government-owned or leased cars are normally available for officers of my level. And so I have considered disposing of the car and

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possibly buying a small foreign job when I get there.

Apart from the foregoing, I would appreciate any listing by you of critical items which are not normally obtainable locally and which therefore should be part and parcel of our outshipment. You might include your experience in electrical appliances which need to be converted to 50 cycle for proper operating efficiency.

I will be going to the Interdepartmental CI Course at the FSI (Arlington Towers) for five weeks beginning 11 March. I have already alerted the Glue Factory on the question of briefings during times in my schedule which are otherwise free; they all seem reasonably happy that I am going to be the J3. I suspect that I may need to lay over at CINPAC for a couple of days orientation and would therefore judge that I would see you during the last week in April. My hope is that Alice and the children will be with me. Mention of the children raises the question of Lycee - is it still operative in Saigon? Billy's knowledge of French is adequate to enroll him in that school if it is as good as I have been led to believe. Do you have any views on the relative merits of that school and the U. S. Army's run of it?

Things are sure hectic here and I, therefore, will abruptly end. I apologize for the extent of my questions and hope you won't find the fielding thereof too onerous.

All the best from all of us.

Devotedly,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

21 February 1963

Major General Lyle E. Seeman
C. G., USA Training Center (Engr)
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Dear General Seeman:

I have just come to the abrupt realization that I owe you an important letter.

As you may possibly know, I will stand detached from here as of 9 March and two days later will initiate preparations for assignment to Vietnam where I am scheduled to be General Harkins' J3. This development has required cancellation of my entire Founders Day program and the development of alternate arrangements therefor. It follows that I will not be able to make the planned luncheon on 14 March nor see anything of Fort Leonard Wood. I regret this very much and hope that you are not inconvenienced too much. A question of a substitute does not arise because the revised schedule will leave Fort Leonard Wood uncovered on the night of the 14th.

It goes without saying that I am delighted with the challenge of my new job: the problems are immense but so is the support from the DoD and above. I will be succeeded here by Mike Davison (USMA '39), a soldier of the highest caliber and a wonderful choice for the assignment.

With warmest regards to you and yours,

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

4 February 1963

Brigadier General Alexander D. Surles
AC/S, Programs & Operations
Allied Forces, Southern Europe
USN 510, FPO, New York, N. Y.

Dear Day:

Belatedly, but nonetheless sincerely, I extend heartiest congratulations on your nomination for promotion to major general. This is a richly deserved recognition of your splendid accomplishments and, more importantly, of your future promise. You must be justifiably proud of the great confidence the Army has explicitly reposed in you.

If this means early reassignment - and it may well - I sure hope that you get Divisional Command. But whatever the new responsibilities and environment, I'm confident you will find high professional challenge and personal satisfaction. And, it goes without saying, you will turn in a superb performance.

Alice joins me in warmest wishes for a maximum of success. All the best, Day!

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

2 February 1963

Dear Charlie:

I liked your letter to the Editors!

Personally, I think that Boroff destroyed himself, even as a self-styled expert, by the conclusions/recommendations with which he finished his third article. No thinking American is going to swallow the thesis that the way to improve the Academies is to eliminate the military, physical and moral components of the curriculum. Or the concept that specially trained "long hours" will, in the future, give guidance to the 'stupidly' brave!

It was inevitable that, being the guy you are, you would take up the cudgel publicly. We admire you for it.

My best to Mrs. Stevenson; and may all things good continue to be your share:

Devotedly,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

Memo From:

1/31/63

Major General Charles G Stevenson, Ret

108 Elm St

Sayville, N.Y.

Clark -

This may sound too much like a legal brief with its quotes, etc but I wanted to get it off my chest!

I sent copy to Gen Westmoreland who wrote back that he agreed with me. There are three letters on Boroff's article in the Feb issue all favorable to USMC.

Best Regards

Charlie

Major General Charles G. Stevenson Retired
108 Elm Street
Sayville, Long Island, N.Y.

18 January 1963

The Editor
Harper's Magazine
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Dr. Boroff's conclusion on his article on West Point in your December issue is way off base. The article reflects a preconceived notion on his part that a West Point education is inferior to that obtained in a civilian institution. Apparently, nothing that he learned about West Point in preparation for writing his article could change his made-up mind. He did say some nice things about the Military Academy. In fact, they far counter-balanced the few problem areas he mentioned. His conclusion that "Academically West Point is a second-class college" is not supported by the facts many of which he himself set forth in his article.

Dr. Boroff over-emphasized the desirability of the instructors at West Point possessing Doctor's and Master's Degrees. He cast aside what he concedes to be the superb moral and character building training which is an important ingredient of a West Point education.

In these times, our Nation certainly needs graduates of higher institutions of learning who have had the best possible education to tackle the complex technological and sociological problems which will confront them. The officials at West Point can give statistics to prove that the Military Academy is in the first rank of institutions, producing graduates possessing the high quality education needed today.

Over and above that, however, the Nation's and the world's greatest asset is through human resources, not machines. Our colleges need to produce highly educated individuals who also have the ethics and character to know how to lead human beings in the preservation of our way of life and the making of a better world.

It is my understanding that Dr. Boroff spent about two and one-half days at West Point one year ago. This was prior to the time of the "Farewell Address" of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur to the Corps of Cadets and others at West Point on May 12, 1962. General MacArthur set forth in imperishable prose the moral virtues which West Point must seek to inculcate in its cadets, as exemplified by its motto, "Duty-Honor-Country." The motto, parenthetically, is mentioned in Dr. Boroff's article only in a quote of a Plebe, and Gen. MacArthur's address was not mentioned at all.

The unnamed Plebe, quoted, captured the essence of "the overarching spiritual West Point," (the words of Morris Schaff, Class of 1862), when he told Dr. Boroff: "Duty, honor, country - that's what holds us together."

Ted Berkman, a Cornell Phi Beta Kappa, and author of "Cast A Giant Shadow" the biography published last August, of Colonel David "Mickey" Marcus, Class of 1924, (who died in the Israeli-Arab War of 1948), while doing research for his book, visited West Point one year prior to the time of Dr. Boroff's visit. In "Cast A Giant Shadow" Berkman wrote: "It is not necessary to be a chauvinist, or even a sentimentalist to be caught up in the atmosphere of earnest dedication that pervades West Point. It is necessary only to be an American. x x x Although it is a military institution, its buildings and monuments reflect not so much the battles of the past as the causes for which they were fought and the great men who led them. x x x The American past is alive at West Point. x x x Such is the effect of mere exposure to the Academy. To those who are saturated with its influence - day in and day out, with an intensity matched in few other areas of experience x x x, the effect is overwhelming. A whole dimension is added to their living - a dimension that most of us in the hard-driving salesman's culture of the 1960s never have an opportunity to acquire. x x x The ancient Hebraic virtues of social responsibility, personal integrity, and national loyalty were echoed in the West Point motto of "Duty, Honor, Country."

With respect to the motto, Gen. Mac Arthur said in his "Farewell Address:"

"The code which these words perpetuate embraces the highest moral laws and will stand the test of any ethics or philosophies ever promulgated for the uplift of mankind. Its requirements are for the things that are right and its restraints are from the things that are wrong. The soldier, above all other men, is required to practice the greatest art of religious training - sacrifice. ***** Your guidepost stands out like a tenfold beacon in the night - Duty - Honor - Country. You are the heaven which binds the entire fabric of our national system of defense. From your ranks come ~~together~~ the great captains who hold the nation's destiny in their hands the moment the war tocsin sounds. The Long Gray Line has never failed us. ***** This does not mean that you are warmongers. On the contrary, the soldier, above all other people, prays for peace for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war. But always in our ears ring the ominous words of Plato, that wisest of all philosophers, 'Only the dead have seen the end of war' "".

Dr. Boroff wrote in his article that "the military establishment's task is to deter war, not to wage it, and when waging war, to contain it." He went on to wonder "if the traditional arrangements still make sense." General MacArthur told the cadets that their mission "remains fixed, determined, inviolable - it is to win our wars."

Probably, Dr. Boroff considers all of the above sentiments to be what he calls West Point's "self-inflated rhetoric." Is a good thing for the future of our country that West Point has a faculty composed of instructors, with or without graduate degrees, who subscribe to the philosophy of General MacArthur and not to that of Dr. Boroff. I believe that in the light of the results which West Point has produced for the nation in the past one hundred and sixty years, the great majority of the American people will support Gen. MacArthur's, Ted Berkman's, and the lowly Plebe's recently expressed views of West Point, and not those of Dr. Boroff.

Yours very truly,

Charles G. Stevenson
CHARLES G. STEVENSON

Major General, Ret.

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21 January 1963

Colonel W. R. Sawyer
Vice Commandant and Director of Studies
Royal Military College
Kingston, Ontario

Dear Reggie:

As we move deeply into the Winter Sports Season, our thoughts turn to that special weekend in March when we will have the privilege of hosting the representatives of the Royal Military College.

General Westmoreland has already extended a general invitation to Brigadier Spencer, the officer complement, and the cadets. But, I want to particularize on one point. Alice and I want very much to have the Sawyers as our houseguests in order that we may reciprocate, in some small degree, for the magnificent hospitality and warmth accorded us last year. We, therefore, hope very much that Margaret and you will be members of the party, and that you will agree to be our houseguests.

We look forward to seeing you on that occasion and to renewing and deepening our fine friendship of one year's standing.

Colonel W. R. Sawyer

21 January 1963

Alice joins me in kindest regards to the wonderful Sawyers.

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets



DER OBERBÜRGERMEISTER DER STADT KAISERSLAUTERN

18 December 1962

Brigadier General
Richard G. Stilwell
Headquarters United States Military Academy
Office of the Commandant of Cadets
West Point, New York
USA

Dear General,

I take the liberty of extending to you and Mrs. Stilwell our kindest greetings and the very best wishes from Kaiserslautern for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mrs. Sommer and myself always like to remember the pleasant hours we spent with you together. Kaiserslautern is more and more growing into a big city. We would be very pleased if we could welcome you again here some day.

As a small gift I am forwarding to you the Secret-Seal of the Community of Kaiserslautern from the 16th Century. May it bring you some pleasure.

With personal regards, I am,

sincerely yours,

Dr. WALTER SOMMER

Lord Mayor

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for info.
Charlie

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108 Elm St., Sayville, LI, NY

26 December 1962

Major General W. C. Westmoreland
Superintendent
U. S. Military Academy
West Point N Y

Dear General Westmoreland:

Confirming the information I gave you after the ceremony at West Point last Friday, Commander Post advised me last week that he had heard from his brother and nephew out West and that they were agreeable to his turning over to the Library, not only papers of General De Trobriand, his great grandfather, which I delivered to Mr. Weiss in October, but also the General's nine Civil War diaries and other papers, which are important original Civil War source material. The diaries are written in French, and although small, they describe, immediately after the battles, General De Trobriand's actions in the Battles of Chancellorsville (in which he commanded the 38th N.Y. Vols), Gettysburg (in which he commanded the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division), (Gen. Bixney, III Corps, Gen. Sickles) and many other battles of the Army of the Potomac. He used this material in writing his book "Four Years with the Army of the Potomac, which is now in the U.S.M.A. Library.

Commander Post informed me that he expects his brother to visit him in January or February and would like very much to have his brother accompany him to West Point in order to make the formal presentation of the De Trobriand papers to you for the Library. Commander Post advised me that he will write to you very shortly in connection with the matter.

With warm personal regards and best wishes for 1963.

Sincerely,

CHARLES G. STEVENSON
Major General, Ret.

P.S. Inclosed is biographical sketch of Gen. de Trobriand. You will note that after the Civil War, he was commissioned colonel in the Regular Army and commanded first the 31st Infantry and then from 1868 until his retirement in 1879, the 13th Inf., in the West and at New Orleans. He is buried in the cemetery of St. Ann's Episcopal Church here in Sayville, of which Commander Post and I are both members.

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By William R. Hutton

Personality Profile

De Trobriand--Latter Day Lafayette

ASKED to name a French nobleman who served as a general in the United States Army, most students of American military history will quickly recall the illustrious Marquis de Lafayette who was commissioned major general in the Continental Army at 20.

Another French nobleman came to New York in 1841. A true French baron who later succeeded to the title of Count, Regis de Trobriand left his titles behind. He married Mary Mason Jones, daughter of the president of the Chemical Bank, and became music and drama editor of "Le Courier des Etats Unis," the French language newspaper still published in New York.

Before his death at Bayport, Long Island at 81, De Trobriand had become the only Frenchman except Lafayette to attain the rank of major general in the Army of the United States. He deserves to be better known for his valor in the Civil War, his leadership, tact and firmness in dealing with post-war problems as a colonel in the Regular Army and his literary attainments.

THOUGH the son of a general in Napoleon's Army, De Trobriand had no military background of his own. A few days after First Bull Run he was called from his newspaper desk by officers of the 55th New York State Militia who elected him their colonel. The unit was known as the "Gardes Lafayette" because it was composed principally of men of French descent in New York City. The regiment's chief function, like many other militia units of that day, had been to attend banquets, parades and the like, in full regalia. The 55th had adopted a uniform copied from the French Army consisting of a red-topped kepi or cap, blue coat and red trousers.

Under De Trobriand's command, the 55th (re-named the 55th N.Y. Volunteers) quickly lost its nickname of "Garde La Fourchette" or "the fork wielders" and was transformed into a real fighting unit. Its first battles were in the Peninsular Campaign. The regiment participated in the siege of Yorktown and the battle of Williamsburg where it and its Colonel received their baptism by fire. While the 55th fought at Fair Oaks and Malvern Hill, Colonel De Trobriand was absent, seriously ill with what he called "swamp fever," probably a form of malaria.

ON Sept. 16, 1862, the 55th was assigned to the 1st Division of the

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3rd Corps, the late Maj. Gen. Philip Kearny's old division. The final battle of the 55th under Colonel De Trobriand was Fredericksburg on Dec. 13, 1862. After it, the regiment was reduced to about 200 men from its original strength of 800.

In January, 1863, the remnants of the 55th were consolidated with the 38th New York under De Trobriand. The 38th was engaged for 24 hours of incessant fighting at Chancellorsville on May 2-3, 1863. The 38th participated in a night counter-attack which helped slow down Stonewall Jackson's famous flank attack. De Trobriand was congratulated by Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, commander of 3rd Corps, who promised him promotion.

He did not receive Senate confirmation of his promotion to brigadier general of volunteers until



Maj. Gen. Regis de Trobriand in his uniform as colonel of the 55th New York Volunteers, formerly the 55th New York State Militia. (Photo courtesy Brig. Gen. Charles G. Stevenson, adjutant general, New York State Guard)

eight months after Chancellorsville. Tired of waiting, at his own request he was mustered out as a colonel in November, 1863 and went home to New York to await Senate confirmation—which finally came in January, 1864.

AFTER Chancellorsville, De Trobriand served as a brigade commander in the rank of colonel. On the second day of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, his brigade (3rd Brigade, 1st Division, 3rd Corps) was at the apex of a salient established by his division (Birney's) pursuant to the orders of General Sickles. Colonel De Trobriand with two of his regiments (the 5th Michigan and 110th Pennsylvania) and no reserves held a wooded hill for three hours against heavy Confederate attacks.

His other three regiments (including the 40th New York which contained the survivors of the 55th and 38th Regiments) were sent to assist the brigades on the right and left. Relieved by Zook's brigade of the 2nd Corps, Colonel De Trobriand joined one of his regiments, the 17th Maine which was fighting in the wheatfield on the left of the hill. In his words, "We charged through the wheatfield driving the Rebels back to the other side of the stone wall."

That was his brigade's last effort of the day. It lost over one-third of its strength.

In November, 1863, Colonel De Trobriand commanded the leading brigade in a successful passage of the Rappahannock River in the face of the enemy at Kelly's Ford. He received thanks and commendation from General Meade, commander of the Army of the Potomac, for the gallantry displayed in the crossing, seizure of enemy's trenches and the capture of over 400 prisoners.

GENERAL DE TROBRIAND'S first assignment after his promotion in January, 1864 was to command of the garrison and the defenses of New York City under Maj. Gen. John A. Dix. After six months, he requested transfer to the Army of the Potomac and was given command of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 2nd Corps. He fought at Petersburg, Deep Bottom, Hatcher's Run, the Jerusalem Plank Road and the Boydton Road. His brigade led the attack which forced the passage of Hatcher's Run. Later, he fought again at the Boydton Road and

then at Jetersville. Here he took command of his division when General Mott, the division commander, was seriously wounded. He led the division in the battles of the three closing days of the war which ended in Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Mustered out in January, 1866 as a brigadier general and brevet major general, U.S. Volunteers, De Trobriand retained the U.S. citizenship he had taken on entry into the Army—though he sailed for France with his family, where he started work on his book about the war, *Four Years with the Army of the Potomac*.

In October, he was notified of his appointment as colonel in the Regular Army. After completing his book, he returned to the United States to command the 31st U. S. Infantry then stationed at Fort Stevenson in what is now North Dakota. He was one of only 25 colonels selected by Lt. Gen. U. S. Grant to be kept in the Regular Army after the war. Later he was appointed brevet brigadier general, U.S. Army, in recognition of his Civil War service.

TRANSFERRED in 1868 to command the 13th U.S. Infantry in Montana, he organized a successful campaign against the Piegan Indians and thereafter served in Wyoming and Utah. In Utah he settled a grievance of the Mormons so satisfactorily that they gave him a painting of Brigham Young.

This is now in the home of his great-grandson, Cmdr. Charles K. Post, U.S. Naval Reserve, Retired, in Blue Point, Long Island. Other family relics and heirlooms of General De Trobriand, including his commission as brigadier general, U.S. Volunteers, signed "Abraham Lincoln," have been donated by Commander Post to the State Military Museum maintained by the New York Division of Military and Naval Affairs in the State Capitol in Albany.

WHEN a crisis arose in France in 1870, General De Trobriand was offered a general's commission and a high command in the French Army but preferred to remain an American, and to serve at a remote western frontier post, as a colonel in the U. S. Army.

Transferred with the 13th Infantry to New Orleans where he handled Reconstruction troubles, General De Trobriand decided to make that city his home after retirement from the Army in 1879. There he wrote *Military Life in the Dakotas* which is a valuable reference book on the "winning of the West."

He spent his summers alternately in France and Bayport, Long Island, where his daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Post, lived. He died on July 15, 1897 and is buried in St. Ann's Cemetery, Sayville, Long Island.



4 January 1963

Dr. Walter Sommer
Lord Mayor
Kaiserslautern, Germany

Dear Dr. Sommer:

It was a great pleasure and honor to receive your warm letter and the Christmas greetings it contained. We are overwhelmed by your gift of the 16th Century Secret Seal and shall always cherish it, both as a remembrance of our wonderful association with the Sommers and as a lucky talisman.

Colonel Plahte was kind enough to send me a picture and account of the presentation of my well-worn cap. I might add that I feel a considerable amount of pride in having a very small part in the implementation of your concept of memorializing allied cooperation and solidarity. During these past several years and in many ways you have played a tremendous role in bringing about mutual understanding and harmony, and thus strengthening western culture and ideology. My heartiest congratulations to you.

This Christmas, probably our last at West Point, has been a wonderful one for the Stilwells. Among other things, all of us went to Vermont for a few days of skiing, the cold weather notwithstanding. It is our fervant hope that Mrs. Sommer and you had an equally pleasant and joyous holiday.

Dr. Walter Sommer

4 January 1963

We know that one day we will return to Europe and to Germany. When we do, one of our very first projects will be to meet with Mrs. Sommer and you either in Kaiserslautern or elsewhere to the end that we may deepen and extend the bond that has grown up between us. Until that moment, Mrs. Stilwell joins me in the warmest wishes to you both that the year 1963 brings to all the Sommers much success and happiness.

Cordially,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

Der Oberbürgermeister der Stadt Kaiserslautern

18 December 1962

Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
Headquarters United States Military Academy
Office of the Commandant of Cadets
West Point, New York

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With personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Walter Sommer
Lord Mayor

18 December 1962

Mr. Francis L. Swanson
618 Walnut Street
Lockport, New York

Dear Mr. Swanson:

As a Western New Yorker myself, I was more than usually proud of your son's stellar performance in the track meet with the Harvard Freshmen. He won the mile with a time which was just two seconds off the plebe record; he was close to the record in winning the thousand; and then because the team needed him, he returned to anchor the 2-mile relay which won the meet 58-51. Considering that this was the first competition of the year, his feats rate as remarkable.

Francis has done equally well outside the athletic area. His high standing in the first aptitude ratings have earned him an appointment as Regimental Adjutant over Plebe Christmas. Cadet Mayer and I are convinced that he will forge an outstanding record within the Corps of Cadets, while preparing for his career as an officer in the United States Army. You have considerable reason to draw satisfaction from his accomplishments to date.

The odds are that Mrs. Swanson and you will be here for a portion of the Christmas vacation. It will be our pleasure to meet you then.

Meanwhile, let me take this opportunity to extend warm wishes for a most Joyous Christmas Season.

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets



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21 November 1962

Brig Gen Richard G Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
West Point, N. Y.

Dear Dick:

I found your letter of 14 November 1962 awaiting me Friday night when I arrived home from Albany. Your letter crossed in the mails with a letter that I wrote to you on Thursday.

Mair and I want to thank you deeply for your warm and friendly good wishes and sentiments toward us. I am greatly honored to be the recipient of such high praise as you wrote about me. I really don't deserve it because I only was doing "what comes naturally," so it could not be considered above and beyond the call of duty, deserving of the high encomiums that you have given me. Nevertheless, I appreciate what you have said more than words can say. Your praise is especially meaningful to me because it comes from you, whom I admire as an officer and a friend and because it comes from you as a top representative of our Alma Mater.

Mair joins me in thanking you again and in sending her kindest personal regards to your wife and yourself.

Sincerely,

Charlie

CHARLES G. STEVENSON
Major General, Ret.

3 December 1962

Rear Admiral E. D. Stanley, Jr.
Office of the Comptroller
Stop - 68
Department of the Navy
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Emery:

A carbon copy of a letter to you from Jim Daly indicates that you have received - or are about to receive - the \$10.00 which you and I wagered on last Saturday's game. My congratulations to the victor!

Frankly, we were decisively beaten. Our team did its collective best; just wasn't good enough.

I hope you are enjoying your new assignment, although I should imagine you were happier in a command billet. Too bad we could not get together whilst you were still in this general area.

All the best to you and yours,

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

December 1, 1962

Dear Admiral:

Enclosed herewith is my personal check for \$30.00. This check covers the result of the Army- Navy game, and you are a winner.

As you will recall, this covers the monies that I have held for your wager with General Stilwell at \$10.00 apiece, i. e., your \$10.00 and General Stilwell's \$10.00, and the \$5.00 wager between you and Colonel Mert Singer.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to General Stilwell and Colonel Singer.

Sincerely,

Jim Daly

RADM. E. D. Stanley, Jr., SC, USN
Office of the Comptroller
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Department of the Navy
Washington 25, D. C.

cc: ✓ Brig. Gen. R. G. Stilwell
Colonel M. Singer

Bel. Sorry We Lost, Jim



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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14 November 1962

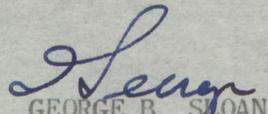
Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

Dear Dick:

Just a brief note to express my sincere gratitude for the many courtesies you and Alice extended to Mary and me over the weekend. This was the first time we have been back to West Point for a football game since graduation and except for the outcome of the game the weekend could not possibly have been more pleasant. We are overcome with admiration at the finesse and skill with which you people have West Point do things.

Again my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,


GEORGE B. SLOAN
Colonel, GS



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COMMANDING GENERAL, N. Y. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

15 November 1962

Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
U. S. Military Academy
West Point, New York

Dear Dick:

You will see from the copy of the inclosed letter to Mr. Price, the leader of the 199th Army Band, which you saw perform at Camp Smith last summer, that he played me out of active military service in proper style, the words of "Army Blue" in my case being: "I bid farewell to Army Blue and don Civilian Gray."

Herewith is copy of the September-October issue of "New York State and the Civil War" containing my article on "New York at Antietam" at the end of the issue.

Before leaving Albany, I want to say how much I enjoyed working with you on various mutual projects involving the National Guard and West Point. It was a privilege and a pleasure. I hope to see you and Mrs. Stilwell before you depart for other pastures.

My address after Friday will be: 108 Elm Street, Sayville, L. I., New York.

Best personal regards to your wife and yourself.

Sincerely,

CHARLES G. STEVENSON
Major General, Ret.

14 November 1962

Major General Charles G. Stevenson
108 Elm Street
Sayville, Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Friends:

As we indicated earlier, Alice and I were deeply distressed at our inability to be present at the 14th Regiment Armory for the review and other honors tendered the Stevensons last Saturday night. I know it must have been a colorful and moving ceremony. I know, equally, that the several events could not possibly have been adequate to the debt owed you.

The United States Military Academy, no less than the State of New York and the Army National Guard, are the losers by your retirement from public life. In all your prodigious work you have been so selfless that your output, your initiative, your invaluable help in all quarters have been taken for granted. But now that Charley Stevenson is no longer about and on call, what an abyss will develop! Modest as you are, you must realize down deep inside that you will be missed terribly. And the same goes for Mrs. Stevenson - your lovely, understanding and competent lady.

Major General Charles G. Stevenson

14 Nov 62

For our part, we thank you for all that you have done for the Academy, the Corps and for the members of the garrison. You certainly represent the finest tradition of the loyal and devoted alumnus; this Alma Mater has had no son more dedicated nor more alert to ways and means of enhancing the Academy's reputation and prestige.

We hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you both from time to time. Most of all, we pray that only things good will be your collective lot in the years ahead. May your cups runneth over with the success and happiness you both so richly merit.

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

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GRACE D. COLE, EXEC. DIR.
ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH ASSOCIATION
MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK

October 3, 1962

Mrs. Richard Stilwell
Qtrs. 101
West Point, New York

Dear Mrs. Stilwell:

The West Point Chest X-Ray Survey has been completed. A total of 1,587 availed themselves of this free service offered by the New York State Department of Health and the Orange County Health Association.

We greatly appreciate the assistance which you so generously rendered in this project. Without your cooperation this number could not have been X-Rayed.

Thank you for your interest in this community service, which was financed in part by the Christmas Seal Campaign.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Grace D. Cole
Grace D. Cole
Executive Director

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26 April 1962

Colonel Charles E. Sullivan, Jr.
Senior Air Force Representative
U. S. Army Command & General Staff College
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sully:

I have refrained from answering your note of 25 March until I had had an opportunity to survey the landscape.

For reasons that you yourself predicted, Chuck will not enter via the Presidential competition. He is qualified in all respects but he ranks too far down in the total list of people who took that particular route; there are only 29 vacancies this year in the Presidential category and Chuck was well below 100. Perhaps he did better in the competition for appointment to the U. S. Air Force Academy. What follows is based on the assumption that he will be a candidate for admission to the United States Military Academy in the Class of 1967.

Quite apart from whatever success you may have in securing a Congressional nomination/appointment for Chuck he can double his odds for admission via the competitive route by competing for the vacancies available to the Reserve components. Every year there are as many vacancies for the Reserve components as there are in the Presidential category; and the competition therefor is less stiff. To establish his eligibility for competition for Reserve vacancies, Chuck must enlist in the Reserves - or join the National Guard - prior to 1 July of the current year (the criterion is that the individual concerned must have completed one year of service in those categories prior to the date of entrance into the Military Academy). Enlistment in either does not prejudice his opportunity to continue to compete in the Presidential category.

Conversely, enlistment in the Reserves need not prejudice his enrollment in a college, a course of action which you will undoubtedly suggest to him. It is quite possible to have Chuck enlist under that particular section of the Reserve legislation which authorizes him to defer his commitment until he has completed his undergraduate schooling. I suggest that you contact the AG of the College for specific information in the premises.

Colonel Charles E. Sullivan, Jr.

26 April 1962

All of this adds up to the following recommendations:

- a. That Chuck go on to college - one with a solid mathematics course (because this is what he needs most),
- b. That he enlist in the Reserves prior to 30 June and thereby establish his eligibility for continued competition in both the Reserve and Presidential categories, and
- c. That, meanwhile, you leave no stone unturned to find some Kansas Congressman who will give him either a principal or first alternate. In this connection, you might start with the gentleman who owns the Sixth Kansas District.

I hope the foregoing will be of some assistance to Chuck and to you. If your son can make the grade, we will be delighted to have him as a cadet - confident that he will turn out to be as excellent a soldier as is his father.

All the best to you and yours,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

15 April

Air Force Section
U. S. Army Command and
General Staff College
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
26 March 1962

Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
United States Military Academy
West Point, N. Y.

Dear Dick:

Many thanks for your kind letter of 23 February, which I have not answered pending receipt of grades on college entrance board examinations which Chuck has taken in January and again in March.

I am pleased to report to you that Chuck has taken the medical and physical examinations and I feel sure has qualified in that he has even passed the flight physical for the Air Force Academy. I am not so pleased with the results of the college entrance board exams. His verbal aptitude is 601, with math aptitude 472, on the January '62 test. He has taken the tests again in March and I do not have the results of these exams to date, although he requested that West Point be furnished a copy of these grades.

I feel extremely bad, and personally responsible, for the poor showing this lad has made on the math aptitude score, due to the fact that I placed him in a Catholic high school here in Leavenworth when we came here because he had no mother and I felt the smaller school with the nuns would be beneficial to him, and in turn because the nuns are normally excellent teachers. During our tour here he has taken math courses from lay teachers who have been hired by the school each year. I want to stress "each year" because actually the school has gone through the system of hiring and firing new math teachers each of the four years we have been here. This of course is reflected in the grades he is now getting upon completion of the tests.

In physics and chemistry, related math subjects, where he has had the Sister and Principal of the school teaching him, he is an "A" student, and for this reason has indicated that if he is not successful in going to one of the Academies he intends to pursue a civilian course in either chemistry or physics. Before we left Washington he competed as an eighth grade student for Gonzaga College Preparatory High School in D.C. and placed 91st out of 997 students.

I am sure, with the grades noted above, he will not be successful in the Presidential Appointment. I sincerely hope that there may be some other avenue of entrance for him, as I am sure that if he is allowed to enter the Academy he will certainly stick. I have interviewed eighteen boys during the past year who are interested in any one of the Service Academies, and,

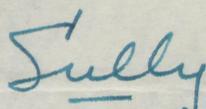
trying to evaluate them honestly, I would place Chuck third among the eighteen. We have one youngster who is a sergeant's lad and another lad who is the son of a retired officer, who are honestly more highly motivated than Chuck. Every youngster is influenced differently by environment, background, etc. These two lads I am sure will end up serving in the Armed Forces regardless of the way they enter the Service. Chuck is highly motivated. However, he feels strongly that he would like to have one of the military academies as a background rather than accepting a commission through the ROTC route. Of course this means that he is interested in the Prep School if he cannot get the appointment any other way this year.

I am leaving here this Thursday for an approximately three-weeks trip to Europe, hence will not be back until Easter weekend. I had intended not answering your letter until I received the second set of Chuck's grades. However, in view of the three-week period I will be gone, I felt I should give you this report prior to departing Fort Leavenworth. Harry Lemley just left the College last week for a prolonged trip to Vietnam, and General Johnson has asked me to go to Europe to observe an exercise with one of the Army colonels here on the staff. Not having been in Europe for several years, I view the trip with mixed emotions, particularly at this time of year. However, I am sure once I am started I will find it very interesting and worthwhile.

I am not sure how much personal assistance you can give Chuck in this area. However, if there is anything at all you can do to help this lad enter the Academy this summer I would certainly appreciate it; I am sure he will make us a fine officer.

Betty joins me in sending our warmest personal regards to you and Alice.

Sincerely,



CHARLES E. SULLIVAN, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Senior Air Force Representative

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September 19, 1962

Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

Dear General Stilwell:

We are pleased to enroll you as a member of The American Academy of Political and Social Science as of May 1, 1962, and we trust that you will enjoy many fruitful years of association with our organization.

One of the privileges of membership is to receive THE ANNALS, which appears six times a year. In addition, we are sending you with the compliments of the Academy, a copy of an earlier volume entitled, "Agricultural Policy, Politics and the Public Interest."

We hope that it will be possible for you to attend the meetings held by the Academy, notices of which will be published from time to time.

Very sincerely yours,

James C. Charlesworth
President

19 September 1962

Brigadier General Charles G. Stevenson
The Adjutant General and Vice Chief of Staff to the Governor
Division of Military and Naval Affairs
112 State Street
Albany 7, N. Y.

Dear Charlie:

I owe you many letters. In writing this one, I am embarrassed by the fact that it constitutes a single reply to many.

You have been extremely kind and thoughtful in complimenting my cadets, in providing information, in making arrangements and in sending me a wealth of valuable background material on the New York National Guard and on its illustrious forebears. How anyone as busy as you can find the time and energy to do all these things continually amazes me. Would that I had your drive and momentum! I am quite serious about this, Charlie, you are a very remarkable person and a tremendous asset to the State of New York.

We are well launched into the academic year and things are moving smoothly. The Class of 1963 is wearing its mantle of leadership with aplomb! And exhibiting real sense of purpose, high standards and commendable imagination. It promises to be an extremely good year. Corps spirit is rising perceptively as Saturday, the 22d, approaches. If you come up - and I hope you do - you will see and hear an unusually cohesive cheering section.

I have a copy of the Marcus biography and have delved into it sufficiently to find it highly interesting. I am aware of the fact that you had quite a hand in its development.

This letter may seem to be without theme. Its real purpose was to express my sincere appreciation for your deep and abiding interest in the Academy, and for all you have done for the Corps and for me in

Brigadier General Charles G. Stevenson

19 September 1962

the several years of our acquaintance. Some day, someone will give you the Distinguished Medal and other accolades you so richly deserve.

Mrs. Stilwell joins me in the warmest wishes to the Stevensons. May only things good be your collective share.

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

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11 September 1962

Brigadier General Robert F. Seedlock
U. S. Army Engineer Division, Missouri River
Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 1216
Omaha 1, Nebraska

Dear Bob:

I received your letter of 31 August in which you requested help in getting Walter lined up as a counselor at the West Point Boys Camp.

I asked the USMA Special Services Officer, Lt. Colonel H. G. Jones, what arrangements might be made, and he indicated that he would forward a Camp Staff application blank to you with instructions for completion. Colonel Jones will file Walter's application upon receipt and screen it with others during the spring.

Colonel Jones advised me that when Mr. Miller, the Camp Director, makes his final selection, Walter will be notified of the results. Judging from Walter's past experiences in camping, I would suspect that he will be in good standing when the selection for counselors is made.

I do not anticipate being in Omaha any time soon, but if I am, I'll certainly get in touch.

Best regards,

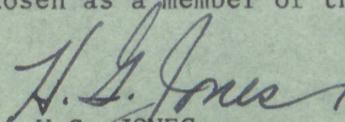
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Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

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Brig. Gen. RG Stilwell
Commandant of CadetsFROM
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6 Sept 1962

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I forwarded a Camp Staff Application Blank to General Seedlock with instructions for completion by his son. We will file his application upon receipt and screen it with the others during the spring season. When Mr. Miller, the Camp Director, makes his final selection, General Seedlock's son will be notified whether or not he has been chosen as a member of the Camp Staff.


H.G. JONES
Lt. Colonel, AGC
Special Services Officer

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Richard G. Stilwell, Brig Gen, USA

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U. S. ARMY ENGINEER DIVISION, MISSOURI RIVER
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 1216
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31 August 1962

Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
U. S. Military Academy
West Point, New York

Dear Dick:

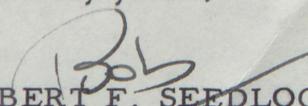
We have been out here since April when I took over from Bill Shuler. It is a wonderful Division, and I hope if you ever pass through Omaha you will give us a buzz.

Last summer Walter had a wonderful session at your excellent Boys Camp. He wanted to be a Junior Counselor this summer but age caught him and he wasn't old enough. As I recall, he had to be 15, which age he won't reach until next spring. He has mentioned several times his desire to serve as Junior Counselor.

I would be grateful if you would pass the word of his interest to whoever is in charge of making up the Counselor roster for the summer of 1963. Name: Walter Norton Seedlock, Sophomore at Creighton Preparatory School, Omaha, Nebraska. He has just finished a session in the Rockies at Camp Saint Malo. He learned a lot about mountain climbing and horses, plus winning three medals for rifle markmanship.

With warm regard, many thanks,

Sincerely yours,


ROBERT F. SEEDLOCK
Brigadier General, USA
Division Engineer

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER

22 August 1962

Brigadier General Richard G. Stillwell
Department of Tactics, USMA
West Point, New York

Dear Dick,

I appreciate your taking the time to write me on 2 August explaining the action you have taken concerning the possible assignment of Major Whan to the USMA faculty.

I am sure that Major Whan could make a significant contribution in either the Department of Military Art and Engineering or in your department. He is a student of history, a top notch administrator and a splendid writer.

I leave this fine post for a month in Washington at the Military Assistance Institute in September. My port date for Korea is 2 October. Should you come that way, let me know. I will be with KMAG as Senior Advisor to the 1st ROK Army at Wonju.

All best wishes to Westy, you and the Corps for a successful 1962-63.

Sincerely,

ROBERT H. SCHELLMAN
Brigadier General, USA
Asst Division Commander

Suggest 2 July 62

19 June 1962

Brigadier General Charles G. Stevenson, NYArmyNG
The Adjutant General & Vice Chief of Staff to the Governor
Division of Military and Naval Affairs
112 State Street
Albany 7, N. Y.

Dear Charles:

I am most apologetic over the unwonted delay in replying to yours of 7 June and in confirming my verbal acceptance of your invitation.

I shall be there at the appointed hour and will stay through the evening meal. I regret that I cannot, at this writing, be firm on Mrs. Stilwell's plans. Having long since given me up as a "work addict", she is tentatively scheduled to take a short vacation with the youngest of the brood. I should know definitely her availability by 2 July and will call your staff at that time.

With warm thanks for your kind invitation, I am

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

Camp Smith
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PE 7-7878



STATE OF NEW YORK
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DIVISION OF MILITARY AND NAVAL AFFAIRS
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7 June 1962

Brig Gen Richard G. Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
U. S. Military Academy
West Point, N. Y.

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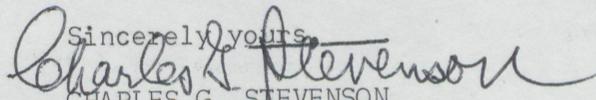
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The presentation would take place at evening parade and a review of the cadets of the Empire State Military Academy and of the students in the Non-commissioned Officer School to be held at 1740 hours. The review will be followed by supper.

We suggest that you arrive at Camp Smith at about 1500 hours in order that we may give you a briefing on the operations of the two schools and take you on a tour of the facilities and activities.

Will you please confirm that you and Mrs. Stilwell can accept this invitation.

My wife and I enjoyed immensely our two days at West Point Tuesday and Wednesday and thank you for your contribution to the occasion.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES G. STEVENSON
Brigadier General NYArmyNG
The Adjutant General and
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June 8, 1962

Brig. General Richard G. Stilwell
Commandant
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

Dear General Stilwell:

It was most kind of you to arrange for Marie and me to sit in General Westmoreland's box at the June graduation exercises.

Our inability to accept your kind invitation was a real disappointment. I tried to postpone an important business engagement in Chicago of long standing. However, there were too many persons from different states involved to make it feasible. Please accept our thanks and express our appreciation to General Westmoreland.

With all best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

Bill

WILLIAM S. STUHR,
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3 July 1962

General C. V. R. Schuyler, Ret'd.
State of New York Executive Department
143 Washington Avenue
Albany, N. Y.

Dear General Schuyler:

Just a note to tell you that I have received and accepted Mr. Herter's invitation to become a sponsor of The Atlantic Council. I thank you for alerting me on this matter and for describing, in some detail, the scope of the Council's activities. As you well know, I will do everything to assist the evolving programs because, like you, I am convinced that the future of the West - and indeed the world - depends upon the closest possible integration of Europe and America.

Please give my best to Mrs. Schuyler and tell her that having occupancy of the Commandant's house at long last, we hope the Schuyler's will come to see us soon.

Devotedly,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets



C. V. R. SCHUYLER
COMMISSIONER

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES
143 WASHINGTON AVENUE
ALBANY, N. Y.

June 22, 1962

Colonel Richard G. Stilwell
U. S. Military Academy
West Point, New York

Dear Dick:

In a few days you will receive a letter from Christian Herter enclosing a brochure on the Atlantic Council of the United States, and inviting you to become a sponsor of that organization. Mr. Herter, as our Chairman, is devoting a great deal of his time to the Council's activities.

I am writing this note to urge that you will give very special thought to Mr. Herter's invitation. It seems to me that the Atlantic Council, bringing together as it does, three former groups which were active in Atlantic Community affairs, has a high potential for useful endeavor. Given adequate citizen support, it can carry on a wide range of projects, beyond the scope of government programs, in the informational, educational and related fields, - all directed toward a better understanding among citizens of our Western World and a strengthening of our Community bonds. I am convinced that this is an organization worthy of the support of anyone truly interested in these objectives.

The Council will receive a very limited amount of financial support from one or two of our larger Foundations. In the main, however, the scope of its operations, and thus its real usefulness, will depend on the interest and support it receives from Community-minded individuals.

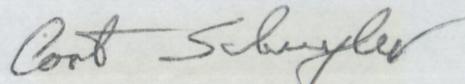
Colonel Richard G. Stilwell

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Please don't bother to answer this note. I know you are much too busy. But I do hope you will be interested enough to join us in this effort. I can assure you that any donation you may find it possible to make will be gratefully appreciated by all the officers and directors.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. V. R. Schuyler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

C. V. R. Schuyler

MACC

25 June 1962

Colonel David G. Sherrard
617 Lakeview Drive
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Dave:

Thank you for your letter of 15 June and your interest in General MacArthur's speech. This speech was a great and moving experience for all who had the privilege of hearing General MacArthur deliver it. It now becomes a part of our West Point heritage and history.

His speech was distributed last month to every cadet and will be distributed to the new Class of 1966 upon their entrance. The Association of Graduates is distributing it to our graduates throughout the world.

I trust you are enjoying your assignment in Washington and hope that you can again visit the Academy during the coming year.

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

MANPOWER

Dear Dick,

Recently read General MacArthur's farewell address
in U. S. News and World Report.

Could this not be reproduced and sent to every
graduate and be given to every cadet upon graduation?

Regards,

Dave
David G. Sherrard
Colonel, U.S.A.

Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
West Point, New York

COPY - original handwritten

19 June '62

Brigadier General William T. Seawell
Commandant of Cadets
U. S. Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Bill:

I am sure you are finding - as is traditional here - that there is no respite for the Com. Our summer three ring circus started the day after Graduation.

Main purpose of this note is to express my dismay over the May edition of Talon. I frankly consider the caricature on page 18 to be in bad taste - the sort of thing that Officer Advisors ought to spot and stop.

I don't suggest that there is no room for good nature jibing of each other - from cadet-cadet point of view. But this one strikes at the entire institution.

Some time ago, I saw fit to recapture The Pointer from English Department monitorship. The results have been salutary from the point of view of both cadet staff and myself.

Captain Glidden, USAF, comes to us with the highest recommendations. I hope that we will be able to concert plans for him plus one of my organic Tacs to transfer to USAFA next summer in return for a member of your team. Thereby initiating the annual exchange which we all agree to be better for liaison, informational exchange, and the like.

Hope you get a bumper crop of young men in the Class of '66.

All the best,

Dick Stilwell

Dear Admiral Emory Swope

(over)

COMMANDING OFFICER
U. S. NAVAL SUPPLY CENTER
BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY



Dick -

Is this a promise ??

I'm a bit tardy with my reading, but
Represent Paul sounds encouraging to me.

NEWSWEEK

30 APRIL 1962

SPORTS

FOOTBALL:

Genius at Work

In his huge, walnut-paneled office at 7:45 one morning last week, Paul Dietzel, West Point's new football coach, picked up a brush and carefully painted a small, light-blue circle on a big chart. "A light-blue circle means a boy's missed more than half his assignments," said Dietzel, explaining his intricate coloring system of grading his players' performances. "That boy with the light-blue circle deserves to win his letter—from our opponents."

Light-blue circles have been popping up all too often on Dietzel's charts, a distressing thing for a coach who is face to face with college football's greatest challenge. Midway in his all-important first spring practice at West Point, Dietzel, winner of 45 of 72 games in seven years at Louisiana State, must figure out how to build Army into the force it had been under Earl (Red) Blaik from 1941 through 1958. "We've got 103 boys out for football and we've got only twenty spring practices to find out what they can do," says Dietzel, who once served under Red Blaik as a line coach at Army. "After the first practice, I was sort of satisfied. After the second practice, I was scared. After the third, I was in a state of shock. Since then, I've sort of fluctuated in between."

Cushioned by the semi-security of an estimated \$20,000-a-year, five-year contract, and free use of a \$100,000 home, the 37-year-old coach has a master plan. "This year we'll make do with what



Dietzel: Bandits at the Point

we've got," he said. "But four years from now, we'll have a real good football team, one that will win more than 75 per cent of its games." For smooth-talking recruiter Dietzel, the rebuilding program begins next fall. The salvage program has already begun. Dietzel is working as many as eighteen hours a day, studying scrimmage films, grading player performances, organizing practice schedules, coaching on the field, and planning every predictable detail for the season ahead.

"I've never seen such a tireless worker as Paul," says assistant coach Chuck Klausung. "I was in the office at 6:45 one morning recently, and he was already there. At noon he eats at his desk and then he works far into the night. He's a gifted artist. He makes football a beautiful picture the way he describes plays to the kids. Right now, he's got their morale higher than a kite."

Army may need more than morale to win games this fall. Faced with one of West Point's worst talent droughts in

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*Dietzel's predecessor, Dale Hall, lost eleven of 29 games, including three to Navy, and was fired.

Rear Admiral Emory S. ... (Oxco)

COMMANDING OFFICER
U. S. NAVAL SUPPLY CENTER
BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY



20 May 62
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twenty years (eighteen lettermen and no stars back from a 1961 squad that won six and lost four), Dietzel, who used three platoons to build a championship team at LSU, has a solution: Use three platoons at Army.

China Wall: "It's our system of football and it's been very good to us," said Dietzel. "We're going to do it here and never look back. Having more people playing is always great for team morale. When we take 38 men on a trip, there are no hangers-on. Everyone is a starter." He smiled the smile that once earned him the nickname of "Pepsodent Paul." "Besides, I wouldn't coach a team without Chinese Bandits."

Named by Dietzel from a "Terry and the Pirates" cartoon about mean, vicious men, the Chinese Bandits were made famous by LSU's undefeated team of 1958. They were defensive specialists who typified Dietzel's rugged style of football. Besides the Bandits, West Point, following the LSU formula, will have a Go team, made up of offensive specialists, and a Regular team, made up of the squad's eleven top men who can play both ways.

Will three platoons be enough to beat Navy? "I think that stuff about beating Navy and losing the rest of your games for a successful season is bunk," said Dietzel. "We've got nine games to worry about before Navy." For Paul Dietzel, perfectionist, only ten victories is a fully successful season.

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Rear Admiral Emory Stolley

COMMANDING OFFICER
U. S. NAVAL SUPPLY CENTER
BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY



20 May 62

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COMMANDING OFFICER
OF THE NAVAL AIRCRAFT CENTER
BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY

It was good to meet and visit
with you.

I trust we'll meet again before
long, maybe we can get together with the
Algers.
Regards.

Emory



COMMANDING OFFICER
U. S. NAVAL SUPPLY CENTER
BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY

21 June 1962

Dear Dick,

Presumably you have seen -and maybe had a hand in-
the NATIONAL OBSERVER's treatment of General MacArthur's
talk at West Point.

The old boy may deny it but "that eloquence of diction,
that poetry of imagination" hasn't left him yet.

All the best.

Cordially,

E. D. STANLEY JR.

Brigadier General R. Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
U. S. Army Academy
West Point, New York

19 February 1962

Brigadier General William T. Seawell
Commandant of Cadets
U. S. Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Bill:

In the name of the Department of Tactics, let me congratulate the cadets of the Air Force Academy on their victory in pistol competition last Saturday.

We are a little disappointed at losing to an aggregate of 1375 - but that is a real good score when the best that the opposition could muster was 1370. The match scores in no way detract from the clear cut nature of your win; you beat us fair and square. Perhaps, too, you helped us in defeating us: my intuition is that our loss to the Air Force will give us the proper determination we need to win over the Navy Pistol Team this coming Saturday.

The courtesies and hospitality accorded Captain Bowen and team are deeply appreciated. We look forward to the opportunity to reciprocate next year.

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

Air Force Section
U. S. Army Command and
General Staff College
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
1 May 1962

Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
United States Military Academy
West Point, N. Y.

Dear Dick:

Many thanks for your kind letter of April 26 and for the recommendations contained therein. I am pleased to inform you that two of your recommendations are being carried out, and the third I will certainly look into. Chuck will enroll in a local university and will pursue an engineering course, with the required math and physics courses. We are also working on a Congressional appointment for him next year, which leaves only the recommendation concerning his enrollment in the Reserves prior to 30 June for consideration. I can assure you that I will investigate this and will discuss it with Chuck.

I want to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to answer a father's inquiry. However, knowing you as I do, it is exactly what I expected you would do. I am sure that if he is not successful in entering one of the Academies he will probably end up with a commission through one of the ROTC programs, thus will probably enter the Service anyway.

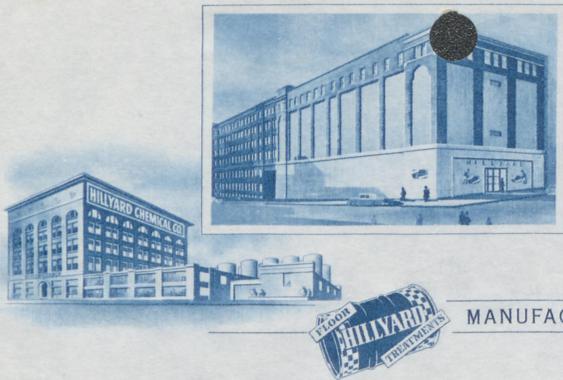
Many thanks again, and please convey my very best to Alice.

Sincerely yours,

Sully

CHARLES E. SULLIVAN, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Senior Air Force Representative

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March 15, 1962

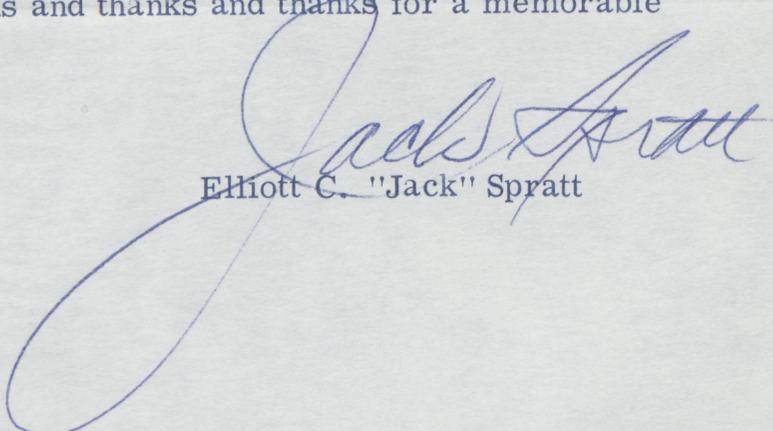
Richard G. Stilwell
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets
Headquarters United States
Military Academy
West Point, N. Y.

With your autographed picture on my "Wall of Fame", my prestige has gone up so much that even in the face of the fact that I am retiring December 31st of this year, I am asking our President, Bob Hillyard, for a raise!

Since your picture is the instigator of the campaign, if you would like to "cut-in-on-the-spoils", take a trip to Leavenworth -- the Post, not the "Pen" -- and we will drive down, pick you up and bring you to St. Joseph for delicious steaks or roast beef!

Thanks heaps and heaps and heaps for the picture, but especially thanks and thanks and thanks for a memorable evening.

ECS:hp


Elliott C. "Jack" Spratt

HEADQUARTERS
JOINT UNITED STATES MILITARY MISSION FOR AID TO TURKEY
APO 254, New York, N. Y.

FEB 5 1962

Dear General Stilwell:

Thank you very much for your letter of 19 January and the accompanying photographs of General Messinger. We are delighted with them and they will serve as useful material in our party plans.

Although we have not yet heard from Colonel Coyle, we are looking forward to additional possibilities which may be revealed by a perusal of the Twenty-Five year book.

Thank you again for your courtesy in helping us out in this project.

Sincerely,

Frank Sackton

FRANK J. SACKTON
Brigadier General, USA
Chief, Army Section

Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
Headquarters United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

2 March 1962

Mr. Elliott C. Spratt
Hillyard Chemical Company
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Jack:

Attached is the picture you requested. Your scalp is much better protected than is my own!

Be assured that if we ever get to Missouri (afraid I can't make the All Star game), we will take you up on your most generous offer.

Meanwhile, all the best from your many friends here at the Military Academy.

Sincerely,

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a/s

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets



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February 27, 1962

Richard G. Stilwell
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets
United States Military Academy
West Point, N. Y.

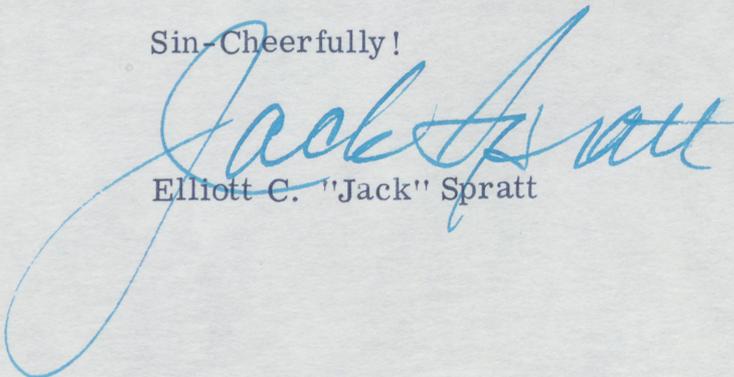
Thanks heaps and heaps and heaps for the picture!

→ How about having Public Relations making another print and autographing it for my Wall of Fame?

If you and Mrs. Stilwell are ever anywhere near St. Joseph, please stop over so we can entertain you, show you where we stopped Jesse James and started the Pony Express, and prove to you that the best, juiciest, and most delicious steaks are served in St. Joseph.

Take good care of yourself and --

Sin-Cheerfully!


Elliott C. "Jack" Spratt

ECS:hp

MAGG

23 February 1962

Colonel Charles E. Sullivan, Jr.
Air Force Section
U. S. Army Command & General Staff College
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sully:

I am extremely embarrassed about the delay in answering your important letter of 2 January. Inexplicably, it was lost in the welter of paper, having reached me at a time when my mailbag was extremely heavy.

First, let me say that I am delighted about Betty and you. Intuition told me that I should have addressed the card to Colonel and Mrs - because you had briefed me on budding plans when I saw you last. Anyhow, it was wonderful news and I know it will be the best that could have happened for both of you and for the children.

With regard to Chuck, the only thing I can say at this time is that it is essential that he qualify during the examining session up coming mentally, medically and physically. Irrespective of his place on the Presidential Competitive List, he then becomes a fully qualified candidate. This gives Chuck and you the remainder of the spring to hunt for a congressional vacancy somewhere in these United States. I may be able to give you some discreet tips - although I by no means promise such assistance since we guard this information quite closely for reasons of overall importance to the Academy. He may, of course, - and this should be our hope - win a Presidential; all good luck to him in this respect. In any case, let me know how he has made out in his college boards and the other categories; you should have this information by mid-April.

Make one note now. Should he not gain acceptance into the Class of 1966, he should enlist in the Reserves prior to 1 July. He can do this without prejudice to college and it will establish his eligibility for competing for the vacancies allocated to the Reserve components. Alternatively, he could enlist for two years as a Reservist and go on to the West Point Prep School.

I can imagine how busy you are at Leavenworth; and you, of course, have a wonderful boss. Everyone is busy these days; there is no grass growing under my feet.

Mrs. Cronan

Colonel Charles E. Sullivan, Jr.

23 February 1962

Alice joins me in the warmest regards to Betty, the children and you.

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

Air Force Section
US Army Command and
General Staff College
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
2 January 1962

Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
U.S. Military Academy
West Point, New York

Dear Dick:

Many thanks for your nice Christmas card and well wishes for the New Year. I did not send you a card this year as I was not sure whether you had received my letter of congratulations or exactly what had broken down in the communications channel between us.

I was particularly happy to receive your card this year from you and Alice in view of the fact that Betty, the nice gal you met here last year, changed her name to "Mrs." during October. This puts a Mom back in our house again, which we have needed for over seven years. I am sure that you remember her, and you can both be assured that you will be on our Christmas card list for all future years. And I sincerely hope that this will not be the only time during the year that we hear from you.

Chuck, my oldest boy, is taking the Presidential Competitive for West Point this spring, although I do not think that he will be well enough qualified to receive a Presidential Appointment, as they are very difficult to win. His verbal aptitude tests on the college entrance board tests are fairly high, but he has been blessed with two poor math teachers in high school and it is showing up on the tests which he is now taking. I am not sure whether he can be appointed under a candidate-at-large or selected for the prep school at this time. However, I hope to look into this very shortly. If you have any advice on how I can help him enter the Academy, I would certainly appreciate it. He has been very active in baseball, basketball, and football through high school, and has maintained a high "B" average except for two math courses. His physics and chemistry grades are excellent, where he has had an excellent instructor. I am told by the principal of the school that he is in the top 10% of his class. I feel sure that if he were able to enter the Academy he would be successful and would make us a fine officer. However, being admitted is the big problem during these days of extreme competition. Any advice that you might have will be appreciated.

Things are pretty much the same here at the College and we have stayed on an extra year at General Johnson's invitation. I was scheduled to leave this summer for an attaché assignment; General Johnson requested that I be extended and my service concurred. He, along with General Lemley, is

making many changes at the College, and as far as I am concerned, in that they are more joint-oriented and teaching the facts of life, they are much more palatable to me, as you can well appreciate.

Again, our very best wishes for the coming year.

Sincerely,

Sully

CHARLES E. SULLIVAN, JR.
Colonel, USAF

20 February 1962

Mr. Elliott C. Spratt
c/o Hillyard Chemical Company
St. Joseph, Missouri

Dear Mr. Spratt:

I want to express my personal thanks for the considerable effort you made to be present for the special ceremony honoring Johnny Roosma on 10 February. It was a distinct pleasure to have you as our guest; and your appearance here gave substance and meaning to the presentation. It also demonstrated in a very concrete manner your contributions to and support of sports in general and basketball in particular.

We are still chuckling over your many gimmicks! I especially want you to know I have occasion to use the "crying towel" most effectively vis-a-vis my subordinate commanders and staff officers.

Attached is the only photograph taken on the occasion; you might like it for your files. Most lamentably, none of the ones of Johnny turned out.

Mr. Elliott C. Spratt

20 February 1962

Mrs. Stilwell joins me in warm wishes to you and yours.

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets



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February 11, 1962

Gracious Host-

For a wonderful evening, - a fine well served supper - (dinner to you sir) - thoughtful, pleasant acquaintances and well planned, nicely executed arrangements
THANKS!

Yes and for an exciting Basketball game that came within 9 points of being a happy one -
More thanks!

With deep appreciation

To General R. G. Stilwell
U.S.M.A
West Point, NY
Ernest C. Spratt

19 February 1962

Colonel W. R. Sawyer
Vice Commandant and Director of Studies
Royal Military College
Kingston, Ontario

Dear Colonel Sawyer:

Mrs. Stilwell and I are delighted with your most gracious invitation to be your guests over the weekend of the traditional Royal Military College-United States Military Academy competitions. We look forward to renewing and extending the all too brief contact with you both last year; on that occasion I was not a member of the official party.

Although the Stilwells are natives of Buffalo, and in earlier days were frequent visitors to parts of Ontario, we have never been to Kingston. Thus, we relish the chance to get to know the Royal Military College, its cadets, and its officer complement

The forthcoming weekend will certainly be the highlight of the winter season for both of us. We will, incidentally, be traveling with the Westmorelands by plane.

Colonel W. R. Sawyer

19 February 1962

Thank you very much for your kindness. And the warmest wishes to Mrs. Sawyer and you.

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets



ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE
KINGSTON, ONTARIO

13 February, 1962

Brigadier General R.G. Stilwell,
Commandant of Cadets,
Headquarters United States Military Academy,
West Point, New York, U.S.A.

Dear General Stilwell:

My wife and I would be delighted if you and Mrs. Stilwell would be our house guests for the West Point/R.M.C. hockey week-end 3 March.

I understand Brigadier Spencer has sent to West Point the detailed plans for the week-end. If you should find it convenient to drive up earlier we would be very glad to see you.

We are both looking forward to meeting you and Mrs. Stilwell and catching up on our news from West Point.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

(W.R. Sawyer)
Vice Commandant and
Director of Studies

6 March 1962

Brigadier G. H. Spencer, OBE, CD, ADC
Commandant, Royal Military College of Canada
Kingston, Ontario

Dear Brigadier Spencer:

This is not an easy letter to write for it is difficult to put into words the extent of our indebtedness to the officer and cadet complement of the Royal Military College. One moves about a bit in twenty-four years of soldiering and thus develops a reasonable frame of reference against which to gauge hospitality, courtesy, and the like. Neither Alice nor I have ever experienced anything which topped the warmth, friendliness and dedication to wants and whims of guests that was accorded us the weekend recently past.

Mrs. Spencer and you were superb as hosts. I shall never quite understand how the two of you - given your attendant responsibilities as heads of College and community - accomplished everything. Yet, this you did with grace, aplomb, and seeming ease. No wonder, then, that we enjoyed to the hilt every successive activity, that we felt among real friends from the very outset, and that we came away feeling a special attachment to the authorities at our sister institution. The memories of that 48-hour visit will never fade.

The reaction of my cadets is identical. The cheering section, headed by Cadet Martin, has been loud in its praise for all that

Brigadier G. H. Spencer, OBE, CD, ADC

6 March 1962

was done for that contingent. Those 30-plus cadets were a last minute addition, thanks to your beneficence; they represented a distinct and unprogrammed overload. Given this situation, they are still incredulous about the magnificent way they were handled. I shall be besieged from this point forward for authority to dance until dawn at all our future hops! On the plus side, they have vowed to pass on to their successors the lessons they learned from your cadets about graciousness and hospitality to visitors.

Alice and I want to iterate our deepest thanks to Mrs. Spencer and to you for your many kindnesses. It is hard to single out any one activity from amongst the many but we are especially appreciative of the splendid buffet at your quarters immediately prior to our departure. Our continued hope is that we will be able to reciprocate in proper fashion when we see you both a year hence. In the meantime, it will be our aim to extend the friendship we feel we have established with the Spencers. Above all, it is our earnest wish that all success and happiness will attend you both throughout your present assignment and the distinguished ones which are certain to follow.

Most sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

MACC

7 September 1962

Brigadier G. H. Spencer, OBE, CD, ADC
Commandant
Royal Military College of Canada
Kingston, Ontario

Dear Brigadier Spencer:

For several years there has been mutual interest in increasing the scope of activities in which cadets of the Royal Military College and the United States Military Academy compete annually. Such additional activities - presently pistol and debate contests - give added zest to, but should always be overshadowed by, our jousts on the ice. The colorful and exciting weekend, characterized here as the "RMC Weekend", is eagerly awaited by our cadets and the personnel of the post.

It is my understanding that a ski meet was considered last year and that you were kind enough to invite our ski team to come to Kingston for a dual meet; unfortunately, weather conditions required cancellation of plans. Meanwhile, our rifle team has long been desirous of arranging a match with your team.

General Westmoreland and I cordially invite you to bring a team of skiers and your rifle team to West Point on the occasion of your programmed visit next March. We would be delighted to host these additional representatives and would welcome the opportunity to extend our friendly competition into these new areas. We hope you will consider this invitation on its own merits; there is no suggestion that these events should recur annually or that the Royal Military College is in any way committed to return engagements in 1964. If, on this basis, you are in a position to accept, details can be worked out by our Officers in Charge of the Ski and Rifle Teams.

MACC
Brigadier G. H. Spencer, OBE, CD, ADC

7 September 1962

Please convey my best wishes to Colonel and Mrs. Sawyer and accept for Mrs. Spencer and yourself the Stilwells warmest wishes.

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

U. S. ARMY ENGINEER DIVISION, MISSOURI RIVER
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 1216
OMAHA 1, NEBRASKA

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2 February 1962

Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

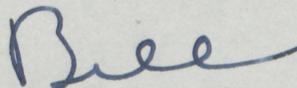
Dear Dick:

Many thanks for your kind congratulations
on my recent good fortune. It was nice of you to
take the time to remember me.

Tell Jannarone that I hope his new coaching
staff turns out tops, and that we no longer have to
suffer the humiliation of recent years.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,



W. R. SHULER
Brigadier General, USA
Division Engineer



31 January 1962

Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
Headquarters United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your very flattering congratulations, which are among the nicest I have received. I keep waiting and hoping for a nice comfortable situation in which there won't be so much to live up to, but people like you make it difficult . . .

We assume that a reassignment is in the offing, but have no idea what it will be. I would have been proud to have been considered for the spot you hold, but I'm afraid they know me too well. Just so it's not Washington, we'll be happy.

Sincerely,

H. G. SPARROW
Brigadier General, USA

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

30 January 1962

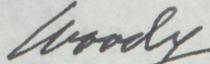
Dear Dick:

I must say it was wonderful hearing from you. Sincerely, I hadn't expected the honor. I knew I had tried very hard and tried to do a good job but I didn't feel it in my bones. How remote all this seemed back there as a field advisor in Vietnam for two years!

Jacky and I too wish that you and Alice had been here so we could have broken out a bottle of champagne together. Maybe we can get together next June when we arrive for the 25th reunion of the Class of 1937.

Dick, it was especially heartwarming to hear from an old pal, and let me tell you it feels good to be on board with you.

As ever,



W. W. STROMBERG
Colonel, GS
Director of Organization
and Training, ODCSOPS

Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

30 January 1962

Dear Dick:

Thank you very much for your most flattering note of 25 January. Believe me no matter how inundated I might be I would certainly surface to say thanks for "them kind words."

Judy joins me in sending our best to you and Alice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynn", is written over the typed name.

Lynn D. Smith
Colonel, U.S.A.

Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
Headquarters
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Fort Devens, Massachusetts

17 January 1962

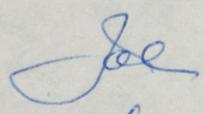
Brigadier General Richard Stilwell
Commandant of Cadets
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

Dear Dick,

Thank you for your letter of a couple of weeks ago. Yes, you did send me a Christmas card but I am glad that you had that old feeling because it is always nice to hear from you. I certainly thank you for your congratulations on my permanent status, but I have found no information or confirmation of this at all, anywhere. Anyhow, it is a nice thought and even if these things never happen, I can appreciate friends pulling for me.

You can imagine we are pretty messed up right now with all this Bull about forming a division with the Brigade. You might get a kick out of the fact that we are forming a cadre not to go to Fort Carson, but to remain here for the reorganization of what is left. No one in the chain of command agrees to this way of doing business, and this includes us, Fort Devens, First Army, and CONARC, but the Department of the Army has ordered it. As a personal point of interest, we now know that Ralph Young will remain at Devens (at his own choice) and will command the Artillery Battalion that remains here.

Very best,



J. W. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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24 November 1961

Brigadier General M. W. Schewe, Ret'd.
Commandant of Cadets
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear General Schewe:

In answer to your letter of 9 November, the following information will, I hope, assist in solving your organization problems at VPI.

The underlying principle involved in assigning duties to cadets in the various classes here at West Point is an orderly development from the state of the complete subordinate (Plebe) to top positions of responsibility and leadership. This is accomplished by assigning duties in the following manner.

1. Our Third Classman or sophomore, like yours, is assigned a relatively minor role and holds no permanent cadet rank. A Third Classman's duties fall into these general categories:
 - a. Cadet in Charge of Quarters for a 24-hour period approximately once every six weeks.
 - b. Inspector of Fourth Classmen at meal formations (plebe chaser). In this role he is supervised by a Second Class cadet.
 - c. Subdivision or assistant subdivision inspector in the absence of First and Second Classmen.
 - d. Rotational leadership duties during his summer training as platoon, squad, and patrol leader in tactical field exercises and as platoon sergeant and squad leader in the summer camp administrative organization which is a provisional battalion. These responsibilities will be increased during this coming summer by assigning Third Classmen to all non-commissioned officer jobs in the provisional battalion.
2. A Second Classman in our system is assigned duties during the summer months as a squad leader in New Cadet Barracks. During the

Brigadier General M. W. Schewe, Ret'd.

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academic year he will serve as an assistant squad leader (corporal) for three to four months. This assignment is rotated during the academic year to permit all Second Classmen to serve as corporals.

3. The First Classman occupies all leadership positions from brigade commander through squad leader (sergeant) during the academic year. During the summer months he occupies the more important positions and is assisted by the lower classes as indicated in paragraphs 1d and 2 above.

The assignment of leadership positions within the Corps has fluctuated over the years. At one time Third Classmen were appointed corporals. This system placed responsibilities in less experienced hands and tended to dilute the authority of the First Class. We believe the present system best meets our goal of progressive development of the individual while providing the Corps with the most experienced leadership available.

I am inclosing an extract from our official Regulations of the United States Corps of Cadets on the Specific Administrative Duties of Cadets. If I can furnish you any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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a/s

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

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3 November 1961

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: The Honorable Elvis J. Stahr
Secretary of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

1. To assist me in the preparation of the two Special Studies you directed, your Office arranged for the services of three qualified officers. One such individual was Lieutenant Colonel Jesse Ugalde of the Second Missile Command, made available by the Commanding General of Fort Carson, for a five week period beginning 11 September 1961.
2. Colonel Ugalde brought to this small task force a superb background of knowledge and experience, born of his earlier duty with the Special Warfare Center, his immediately preceding assignment in Headquarters Pacific Command where he was the key planner for unconventional warfare and related activities, and his overall distinguished service as a Combat Infantryman and Command Aviator. His intimate grasp of operational problems, his keen appreciation of the political and military situation in the several Asian nations, and his understanding of working relationships within and between U. S. Country Teams, Theater Headquarters, and the Joint Staff made him indispensable to our group. He had the rare knack of being able to shift, quickly and effectively, from painstaking analyses of minute operational problems to equally thorough consideration of broad policy matters. He was highly articulate and persuasive in the presentation and defense of his concept and views; and extremely facile in the development of position papers. Because he knew, at first hand, what the man on the ground could and could not be expected to accomplish, he was a tremendous steadying influence throughout our work and the individual on whom we relied principally for feasibility tests.
3. His intense interest in the field of activity under scrutiny translated into most admirable motivation and spirit. Throughout the inordinately long hours which characterized the final two weeks of the team effort, he was the first man at his post and the last to leave. Severe and continued pressures neither disturbed him nor brought any perceptible lowering of his initiative

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or efficiency. He was prepared to tackle any assignment, large or small; and accomplished all with dispatch and thoroughness. He never ceased to generate ideas and proposals, remarkable for their originality and realism. He demonstrated, in a convincing manner, that he was the type of officer one could count on under all circumstances.

4. In every respect, his performance was truly outstanding. I am frank to admit that, without the magnificent assistance of Colonel Ugalde, our reports would have suffered in comprehensiveness and quality. He is richly deserving of the commendation explicit in this letter.

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

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3 November 1961

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: The Honorable Elvis J. Stahr
Secretary of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

1. To assist me in the preparation of the two Special Studies you directed, your Office arranged for the services of three qualified officers. One such individual was Lieutenant Colonel John Mohl of the Joint War Plans Division, Directorate of Strategic Plans and Policy, made available by the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations for a five week period beginning 11 September 1961.

2. Colonel Mohl was, from the outset, a most valuable member of this small task force. His thorough knowledge of the organization for and details of Army and Joint planning, of United States and Allied force structures, and of the functioning of the Army Staff were of immeasurable help. Similarly, his painstaking analyses of past and present machinery for and approach to planning at the national level gave our group an appraisal of problem areas which was basic to our work. Given his excellent relationships within and without the Army Staff he was able to secure with dispatch the needed answers or documents. He was objective and persuasive in the exposition and defense of his views; and effective in the development of working papers. One of his greatest contributions was putting our field of inquiry into proper perspective.

3. Throughout, his sense of dedication was of the highest order. During the final two weeks, an 18-20 hour day was the norm and the pressures continuous. Despite this, his initiative, spirit and energy never flagged. I particularly appreciated his steadiness, buoyancy and willingness to pitch in and help on any problem. This is the kind of man one wants nearby in combat and especially when the going is rough.

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4. In every respect, his performance was truly outstanding. I am frank to admit that, without the magnificent assistance of Colonel Mohl, the reports would have suffered in comprehensiveness, quality, and timeliness. He is richly deserving of the commendation explicit in this letter.

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

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2 November 1961

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: The Honorable Elvis J. Stahr
Secretary of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

1. To assist me in the preparation of the two (2) Special Studies you directed, your Office arranged for the services of (3) qualified officers. One such individual was Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Kinnes of the Special Warfare Division, Directorate of Strategic Plans and Policy, made available by the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations for a five week period beginning 11 September 1961.

2. Colonel Kinnes brought to this small task force a superb background of knowledge and experience, born of his current duties in the Special Warfare Division, his preceding assignment in Vietnam, and his overall combat infantry service. His power of almost complete recall, his excellent working relationships within and without the Army Staff, and his consequent ability to secure, with accuracy and dispatch, the needed answer or document made him indispensable to our group. Beyond this, he had the faculty of detaching himself from operational details and of viewing the future in broad and objective terms. He was penetratingly thorough in his analyses, articulate and persuasive in the exposition and defense of his views, and highly effective in drafting papers. It was not easy for him to be at once a regular member of a staff element under survey and party to the survey itself. His performance and conduct in these concurrent capacities was uniformly exemplary; he deserves tremendous credit therefor.

3. His intense interest in the field of activity under scrutiny translated into as high a motivation as I have ever encountered. Throughout the inordinately long hours which characterized the final two weeks of our work, his energy and spirit never flagged. The term "spark plug" characterizes him admirably. Severe and continuing pressures neither disturbed him nor brought any perceptible lowering of his initiative or effectiveness. He never ceased to think. He continued to generate new proposals and new ideas

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until the very eve of the completion of our work. Significantly, his proposals were always excellent, were pretested for feasibility and reflected deep understanding of the art of the possible.

4. In every respect, his performance was truly outstanding. I am frank to admit that, without the magnificent assistance of Colonel Kinnes, the reports would have suffered in comprehensiveness, quality, and timeliness. He is richly deserving of the commendation explicit in this letter.

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

3 October 1961

Brigadier General Robert H. Schellman
Assistant Division Commander
Headquarters First Infantry Division
Fort Riley, Kansas

Dear Bob:

I regret the delay in answering your kind note of some three weeks ago. Delivery was delayed due to my movements between two CPs. At home base on weekends only for I am heavily involved here on a special survey for the Secretary.

We appreciate your words of commendation. Naturally, our pride in the Rifle Team is unbounded. I reckon you know that it was the first time we have won The Minute Man Trophy; likewise the first time a cadet has been intercollegiate champion (to show his versatility, Martin is also a Star man and the Glee Club soloist!). The Minute Man Trophy was formally tendered to Secretary Stahr (my immediate boss, ad interim) ten days ago at Fort Myer.

Can imagine how busy you are with the burgeoning Big Red one. Have congratulated classmate, Jerry; 38 really hit the jackpot. We have just lost our team doctor, Captain Huston King (one of the country's foremost ear specialists) to the Station Hospital--a bad break for us and for him but your gain.

Developments these last few weeks will make major changes in the pattern of assignments opted for by the Class of 1962. It should result in a wider spread of the graduates--and this is real good.

Pull for us Saturday. I rate our chances against powerhouse Michigan as good. The team and the Corps are both up. I am taking any and all bets on the Army-Navy game.

All the best to you and yours,

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets
U. S. Military Academy

HEADQUARTERS FIRST



INFANTRY DIVISION

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER

12 September 1961

Brigadier General Richard G. Stilwell
HQ United States Military Academy
Office of the Commandant of Cadets
West Point, New York

Dear Dick:

My congratulations to you and the Corps on the fine showing the USMA marksmanship group made at Camp Perry, Ohio, last month. Everyone here is delighted to see the cadets competing and doing so well.

Our 5th Infantry, as part of the Army Range Battalion, supported the matches at Perry. Colonel Russ Reed and his people were much impressed by the representatives you had there.

We are mighty busy here with our new mission. The division is approaching full strength in equipment and personnel. Advanced combat training and test plans call for off-post unit training at Camp Irwin, Fort Sill and Fort Carson. This ADC job is the best I have ever experienced. You can tell the first classmen that a real challenge awaits them in the units with the new equipment, demands for mobility and dispersion and the demands for hardening our rather soft youth.

Hope we have some gridiron success this year, such as walloping the Navy!

Please give my regards to General Westmoreland, and Harvey Fraser. All best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Bobs
ROBERT H. SCHELLMAN
Brigadier General, USA
Asst Division Commander

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10 August 1961

Mr. Elvis J. Stahr, Jr.
Secretary of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have just received your letter of 28 July, reference The Army Distaff Foundation.

Actions and programs designed to acquaint the garrison and civilian leaders in surrounding communities with the objectives of the Foundation, and to stimulate aid thereto, fall primarily within the province of the Superintendent. I know that General Westmoreland has already written you in this regard. Nonetheless, I wish to assure you that my officers and I will support fully the initiatives of the Superintendent with respect to the Foundation and will assist in every way possible to further the effectiveness of this splendid organization.

With highest esteem

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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28 July 1961

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear General Stilwell:

Recently I met with Lieutenant General Leslie R. Groves, United States Army, Retired, the President of the Army Distaff Foundation, and discussed the mission, objectives and progress of the Foundation. As you know, construction of the residence hall is proceeding rapidly and the Foundation staff is processing the applications of widows of Army officers who will enter the hall soon after its completion.

General Groves is concerned with the matter of continued financial support for the Foundation. We are aware, of course, that the Department of Defense cannot provide financial support for this Foundation. The very worthwhile mission of the Army Distaff Foundation, however, makes it deserving of continued support by the Army through efforts of Officers Wives Clubs and similar organizations.

I have learned that several Civilian Aides are assisting in gathering contributions in their communities through their contacts with individuals and business organizations. Other Civilian Aides in your area may be able to assist if they are acquainted with this matter and invited to participate in whatever program you may develop. Insofar as fund raising is concerned, I am in agreement with General Groves' personal view that selected social events usually are more successful over a period of time than are the short, frequent donation campaigns.

I know that the Army has given splendid support to the Foundation since its establishment. Your continued interest and support in such manner as you consider appropriate would be most encouraging to this very worthy cause.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Elvis J. Stahr, jr.
Elvis J. Stahr, jr.
Secretary of the Army

Brigadier General Richard C. Stilwell
Headquarters
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

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14 August 1961

Brigadier General and Mrs. John F. Smoller
Headquarters, 8th Division Artillery
APO 34, New York, N. Y

Dear Sue and Jack:

It has taken me an inordinate amount of time to express my real deep appreciation for all that you did to help and entertain me some ten days ago. My only explanation - and a partial one at that - is the pace of events since waving good-bye at the air strip. I hope to catch my breath over the Labor Day Weekend when I take Alice to the Adirondacks on a nostalgic revisitation of the locale of our honeymoon twenty-three years ago.

Both of you can be justly accused of actions 'above and beyond'. You gave me the kind of reception which is normally reserved for old and close friends. In fact, I left Baumholder with the genuine feeling that I had known the Smoller's intimately all my adult life. I mean this as the highest compliment I could phrase - and I hope you will accept it as such. It is no wonder that the personnel of your command - and I was at some pains to check this - is so genuinely devoted to you both.

That Thursday was the finest day of my entire trip: Partly because I saw more of First Class Field Training and the role of my cadets therein, partly because it was so relaxing to be with you. My only regret is that I committed the unpardonable sin of keeping my hostess waiting for lunch.

Please accept my most sincere thanks for your hospitality and many kindnesses. I only hope that Alice and I can reciprocate adequately in the not too distant future. And, please accept warmest personal wishes, in which Alice joins, for a very large measure of success and happiness in the days and years ahead.

Gratefully,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

MACC

14 July 1961

Dr. Walter Sommer
Oberburgermeister
Kaiserslautern
Germany

Dear Dr. Sommer,

I was honored to receive your kind letter of 6 July; and happy to have the confirmation that you are still the Lord Mayor and in fine health.

Your invitation to dinner on the evening of 2 August is deeply appreciated. I have delayed my reply because the details of my itinerary are being developed by Headquarters, Seventh Army. It now appears that I shall be free that evening and consequently accept your invitation with gratitude. It will be a privilege to renew acquaintance with your family and my old friend General Spengler.

In the unlikely event that my schedule has been changed in any way, I shall be made aware of this fact upon my arrival at Frankfurt on 23 July. I would then communicate promptly with you by telephone.

Mrs. Stilwell, who I regret to say will not be accompanying me, joins me in the warmest wishes to your delightful wife, your daughters and your son. I look forward with great anticipation to seeing you, my distinguished friend.

Very sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets



DER OBERBÜRGERMEISTER DER STADT KAISERSLAUTERN

6 July 1961

Brigadier General
Richard G. Stilwell
Headquarters US Corps of Cadets
US Military Academy West Point
New York, USA

Dear General,

To my great pleasure I have been informed by the US Headquarters at Stuttgart that you intend to visit us at Kaiserslautern on 2 August 1961. Mrs. Stilwell and you are cordially welcome to us. May I already ask you today to be our guest on this day at a dinner at 1830 hours, at No 114 Paffenbergstrasse, Kaiserslautern. A sketch of the location of our house is enclosed. If it could be possible I would appreciate a short confirmation. I would also like to invite to this the new Commanding General of the 32nd Artillery Brigade, General Spengler.

With very best regards to Mrs. Stilwell and you, I am,

very sincerely yours,

Dr. WALTER SOMMER

Lord Mayor

U. S. ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

12 April 1961

Colonel Richard G. Stilwell
Office of the Commandant of Cadets
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

Dear Dick:

Thank you very much for your congratulatory letter of 4 April. My nomination came as quite a surprise but I am sure I will recover in good order.

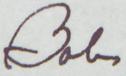
Helen and I are looking forward to the future with much interest. We learned today that we go to the 1st Division at Fort Riley in July.

May I offer my belated congratulations to you on your forthcoming promotion and on your pending assignment as Commandant of Cadets. I can think of no one I would prefer to see in that important spot than you and I consider you most deserving of your promotion. I had fully expected it to come sooner.

Please convey my best regards to General Westmorland. Helen joins me in wishing you continued success in your new responsibilities.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,


ROBERT H. SCHELLMAN
Colonel, Infantry

16 March 1961

Colonel Robert E. Seedlock
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
Director, Plans and Programs
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bob:

The congratulations are reciprocated. It is an honor to be on the same list with you.

I have already effected the change: Your son's camp application now carries my name as the local sponsor. My boy, Bill, aged 12, will be attending the same camp throughout the four weeks of its existence. We expect Frank Besson's boy as well as the youngest of the Ed Rowny's. The same camp supervisory staff is due back and, therefore, it should be extremely well run.

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Colonel, Infantry
Deputy Commandant



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

13 March 1961

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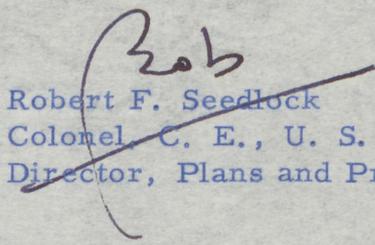
Dear Dick,

Bert Connor has my son, Walter's application for West Point Summer Camp. He now finds that he cannot put his name on the application, nor can Phil Eliot who is apparently leaving also.

Would you be kind enough to stand up for Walter. I promise he won't be any trouble!!

Many thanks and heartiest congratulations on your well-deserved promotion.

Sincerely,


Robert F. Seedlock
Colonel, C. E., U. S. Army
Director, Plans and Programs

Colonel Richard G. Stilwell
Commanding Officer
2d Regiment,
Corps of Cadets
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

P.S. I'm sending Bert a copy.
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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY
COLORADO

9 May 1961

Colonel Richard G. Stilwell
Deputy Commandant
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

Dear Dick

We can thank Captain Clinton Granger for our being able to locate each other. By providing me with the 1960 Register of Graduates, Clint gave me the opportunity to locate you.

By the way, my very warmest congratulations on the star to come next month as I understand, also, on the new assignment as Commandant. Now I know where I can get a job if I need one. No, seriously, I have never imposed on friendship for that. In fact, Dick, I have never listed my attendance at West Point on my military records form, because I wanted to achieve my ratings and promotions without possible outside assistance.

If Congress sees fit to legislate OGLA this year, I shall receive my Majority during FY 62. Otherwise, I shall probably retire as a Reserve Major with 20 years active service come November 1967.

Sure hope we can get together either there or here, and the sooner the better. I have been to West Point only once since my assignment began here in 1958. Then I just drove through the post on my way to New York Military Academy for a presentation. It might be that I shall be in your area early in July, but nothing definite is known at this time. I do hope to see you before the next Army-USAFA football game, though.

I understand Roberdeau is a Colonel in USAF, but I have always managed to miss him. Used to see some of our classmates while with USMA Prep School at Stewart AFB, 1946-51. I could go on for quite a while, but your eyes would give out.

If you are out this way, be sure to call either phone on attached card.

Most sincerely



RANDOLPH E. STEVENS
Captain, USAF
Assistant Director, Candidate Advisory Service

23 June 1961

Brigadier General Joseph W. Stilwell, Jr.
Commanding General, 2d Infantry Brigade
Fort Devens, Massachusetts

Dear Joe:

Thank you for returning General Clark's paper. I am sorry I caused you this inconvenience; I acted automatically as this is the first time in several years that I have received a communication presumably addressed to you.

I am delighted to see you in command of a Brigade. Tom Yancey is extremely proud of the readiness and esprit of that organization and I know it will prosper under your stewardship.

We have just posted Lt. Colonel Ralph Young to Fort Devens (he is on leave enroute) to command an artillery battalion in the 2d Infantry Brigade. Ralph was a Company Tac initially and, for the last two years, S-1 of USCC. He is a top notch officer in every respect and is ably supported by a charming and competent wife. I am sure that you will find that team a tremendous asset to your command, professionally and socially.

The Camp Buckner training program will, as is traditional, be ably supported by elements of your Brigade. A Battery of the 3d Howitzer Battalion will be the training vehicle for artillery instruction and elements of the 29th Evac will also be on hand. I hope your schedule will permit you to spend a day or so here, not only to look at your units, but also to observe the Buckner program overall.

I am grateful for your kind words, Joe: I guess I am about the luckiest guy in the U. S. Army. The challenge is to live up to the trust

Brigadier General Joseph W. Stilwell, Jr.

23 June 1961

that has been so explicitly posed. We will do our level best.

Alice joins me in the warmest of wishes to both Myra and you.

Most sincerely,

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Deputy Commandant



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Col. B. G. Stillwell
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

Dear Col. Stillwell:

The presentation of 1960 Freedoms Foundation Awards for the New York City area will be made in ceremonies in the Board of Governors Room of the New York Stock Exchange, 11 Wall Street (2nd floor) on Monday, April 17th at 2:30 p.m.

You are cordially invited to be present at that time to receive the George Washington Honor Medal Award which has been designated by our distinguished 1960 National Awards Jury for your outstanding public address, "The Challenge of the Profession of Arms."

Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, President and Admiral Felix B. Stump, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Freedoms Foundation will make the presentations.

Please fill in the enclosed post card and return to us as soon as possible so that we may complete the arrangements.

Cordially yours,

Tom Sawyer
W. C. "Tom" Sawyer

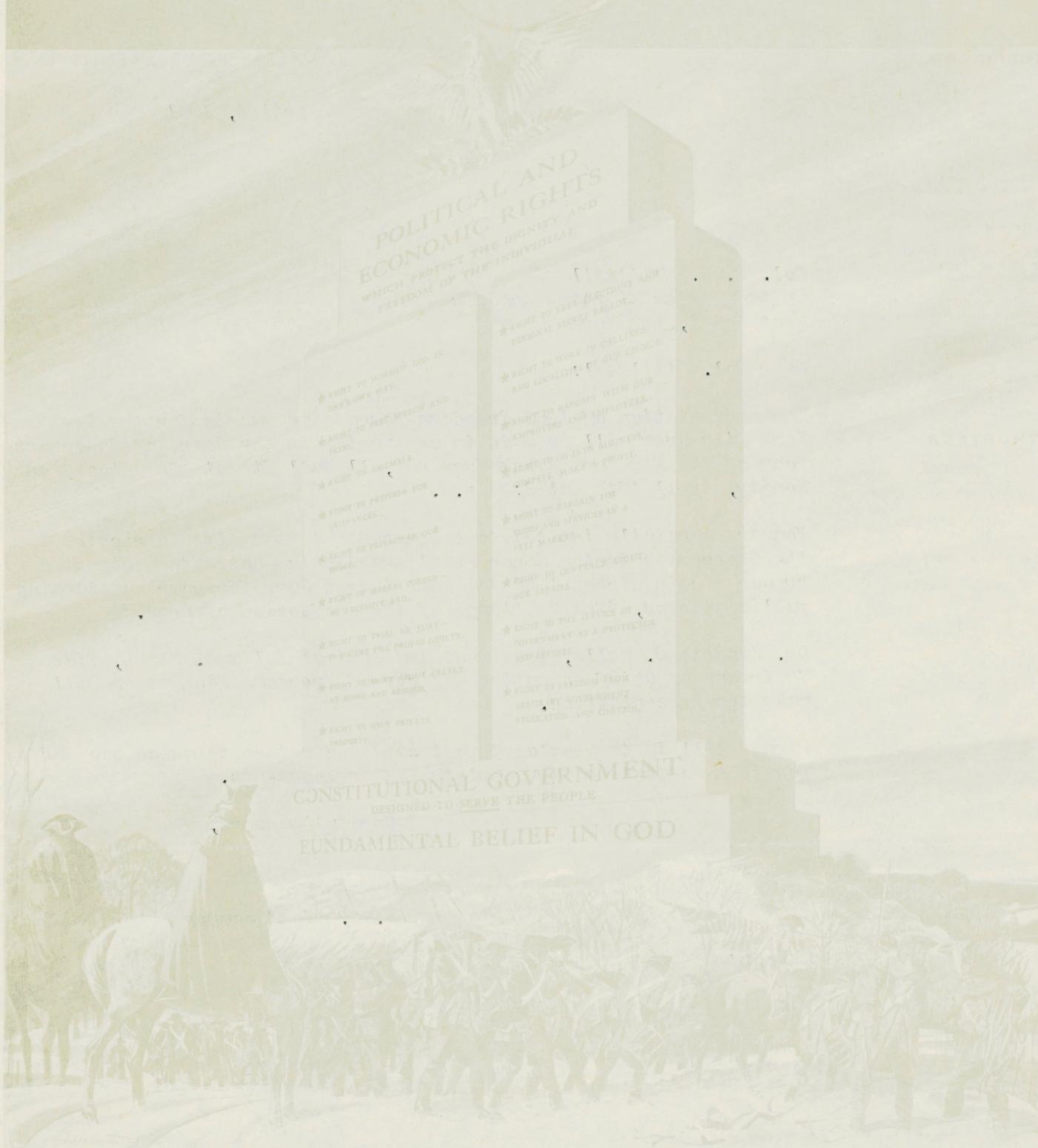
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