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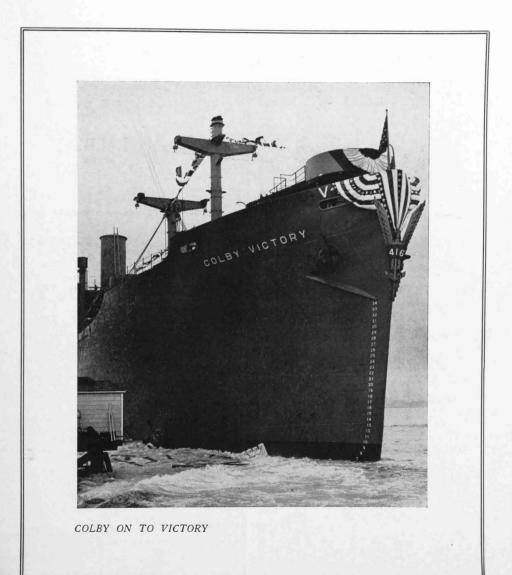
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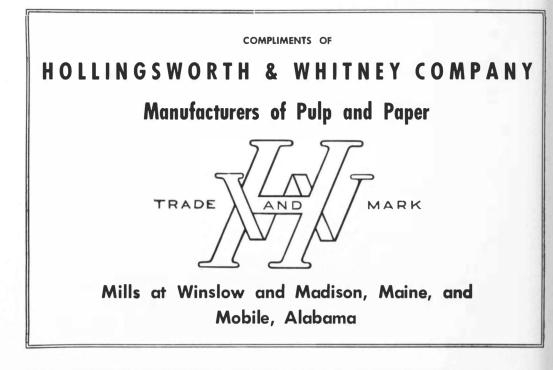
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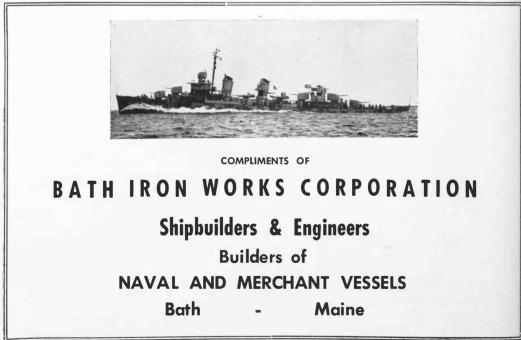
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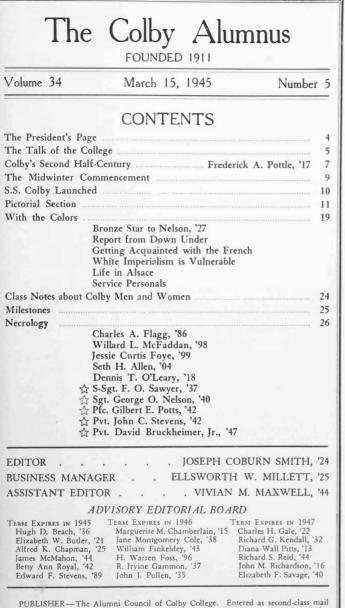


# A Directory of Friendly Firms









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## Fan Mail

Dear Editor: — The November issue of the *Alumnus* just arrived and the world suspended for 15 minutes while I quickly glanced over it. Before long, however, every word will be read probably many times. The football article has already helped me win an argument with a Bates man in my unit regarding the 1941 game.

- PFC. WILLIAM FINKELDEY, '43. Philippines

Dear Editor: — The November issue of the *Alumnus* came in last night and I can't remember ever enjoying one more. It's the first I've seen since my channel crossing last summer, and I was definitely not "au courant." The only interruption of my cover to cover reading was for fire missions. Killing the Hun must come first, even before such obvious pleasures. Tonight, if light is available, the issue will stand a re-reading.

- PVT. BREWSTER A. BRANZ, '40. With the Third Army

Dear Editor: — I got my November copy of the *Alumnus* and have read it all already although I only received it yesterday. But, as soon as one comes I always stop whatever I am doing and proceed to devour the contents and I don't stop until I have read it all. I really enjoy reading them. I particularly enjoyed the article on football.

—T-Sgt. Sherman A. McPherson, '44. *Italy* 

Dear Editor: — I wish to express to you my appreciation for the receipt of the *Alumnus*. I can assure you, it is eagerly anticipated and read, not only by myself, but by my fellow officers, all of whom I am proud to say, have long known of our school, and of some of its illustrious alumni, to wit: "Colby Jack" Coombs.

– ENS. ROBERT E. TIMMINS, '45, Fleet Post Office USNR. San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Editor: — Just want to let you know that I have been receiving the Colby *Alumnus* regularly, and that the boys in my outfit, as well as myself, have enjoyed it very much.

- PFC. RICHARD D. GOODRIDGE, '44. Germany

# The President's Page



Some visitors who have had a chance to study college life on many different campuses told me recently that they were particularly impressed here by the frequent use of the expression "Colby Family" on the part of those with whom they talked.

The more I watch the life of our college community the more convinced I become that it is not a mere sentimental phrase but stands for an actual working relationship. We are a family here at Colby in the sense that faculty, administration, and students share a common set of aims and take a common pride in Colby achievements. I believe it can be said also that each group has a larger degree of confidence in the others than is found in many colleges. At least, as I observe the atti-

tudes taken by students and members of the faculty toward one another I feel the presence of an interest and at times an affection that makes for a kind of coöperative living that one does not always see in an institution of this sort.

The result, of course, is an immeasurable enrichment of our life together. Teachers teach better and students learn better because of it. Education becomes a friendly exchange of opinions instead of a set of facts to be memorized. The process called "guidance" and "counselling" which on some campuses is made very stiff and official becomes for us simply a matter of an informal visit of teacher and student before or after classes, or at home in the evening. Democratic procedures of various sorts appear naturally in a community where rules are made in an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding.

A large institution can develop this priceless quality in its social life only with the greatest difficulty. Even a small institution may easily lose it. We must be particularly on our guard lest something happen to interfere with it here as we move to our new surroundings on Mayflower Hill. Yet the danger will not be great so long as the alumni continue to remind us that this is the kind of college they want to see continued. The letters we receive from servicemen bring out with particular emphasis what membership in such a family may mean in troubled times like these. Apparently it is a real anchor to windward for many of them. The more aware our faculty and students become of this the more sure they will be to maintain this special tradition.

Family life brings not only duties but rights. Those of us who are here on the campus keep reminding ourselves that alumni have their rights as well as their responsibilities. Frequently we ask the alumni for help and we have yet to be disappointed. But we are concerned that this shall not be a one-way relationship. While the war is on, our chances of being of real use to our alumni are rather slim. But when better days are here we expect to make arrangements so that the influence of the college will reach out to Colby men and women everywhere. The complete possibilities of family life are realized when all the members share not only the penalties of sickness but the benefits of health.

J. S. Bix en

# THE TALK OF THE COLLEGE

DELUGE - As we start coasting down the other side of Winter's hump, our thoughts begin to leap ahead to next year's prospects and so, falling into step with Dean Runnals the other day we asked her what was the outlook for students for next fall. The outlook, it appears, is almost uncomfortably rosy. Whereas two years ago she had 39 applications at this time of year, and 68 applications last year, her file is now bulging with 125 or so. "Do you mean to say that the applications have been doubling each year?" we asked. She nodded, happily. Doing a bit of lightning mental arithmetic (ahem!) we eyed her sternly. "Do you realize," we asked, "that if this keeps up for ten years, you will be receiving applications at the rate of more than a quarter of a million a year, or about 100 per officehour, day in and day out?" The Dean did not even blink. "It will give us rather a good chance for selec-tion, won't it? " she beamed.

SURPLUS - Seriously, the everincreasing number of admission applications poses some real problems. About 50 girls will graduate next June and a certain number of others will fail to return in the fall. But this will leave accommodations for a possible 75 girls out of the 300 or more who will have sought admission by that time. Besides the 200 girls who are living on the Hill (in quarters originally planned for 150) we now have Foss Hall and Dunn House completely filled. What the college authorities must decide is whether to limit drastically the number of entering women to 75 or so, or to put some of the other college residences into commission. Mower House, Dutton House, Foster House, and the former Mary Low Hall are all standing empty. What was originally known as "Ladies' Hall," subsequently as the Phi Delt House, and during our recent Army experience as the Infirmary, is also a possibility. Not beyond the bounds of speculation is the utilization of the empty fraternity houses on the campus.

The excess of applications also has other headaches. When it becomes necessary to deny admission to qualified girls, it inevitably happens that toes are stepped on and feelings hurt. Apparently, nothing that can be said in these columns or elsewhere can persuade an alumnus that a place can not be made for his daughter even if she applies after all rooms have been assigned, nor will some Colby teachers realize that even their star pupils may have to be put on the waiting list, no matter how it breaks the heart of Dean Runnals. "To avoid disappointment," as the current advertisements so often say, it is not a bad idea to follow the example of Gordon ('42) and Betty Barter ('43) Richardson who lost no time in registering their infant daughter in the class of 1962.

**B**ULL FIGHT — Do you remember the Bull Fight in the Waterville Opera House? This memorable occasion was brought to light by a letter from Gordon Ferrie Hull, professor of physics at Colby from 1898 to 1903, (now professor-emeritus at Dartmouth) and verified by Charles Hovey Pepper, '89. It seems that Mother

# We Point With Pride Jo—

Major Charles P. Nelson, '28, awarded the Bronze Star.

M|Sgt. Clayton E. Young, '39, awarded the Bronze Star.

Lt. Morris Cohen, '35, awarded the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart.

Capt. Maurice O. Searle, '40, awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

Capt. Duncan L. Cushing '43, awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

Pfc. Arthur W. Greeley, '47, awarded the Purple Heart.

S-Sgt. Frederick M. Drummond, '44, awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and one Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal. Pepper (known to all the older generations of Colby folk) was raising money for some good cause and young Charles, who was just home from a sojourn in Spain and all filled up with the lore of the Spanish national sport, suggested a bull fight. She agreed instantly and asked Charles and Professor Hull to put on the entertainment. Faculty, students, young townspeople — all threw themselves into the project with enthusiasm.

The night arrived, and the Opera House was sold out. The curtain went up to reveal the back of the stage banked with an "audience" of beautiful Spanish senoritas (none of whom was more bewitching, so it is reported, than Josephine Prince Drummond). As the band played airs from Carmen, there entered a parade of dignitaries which moved across the stage-the berobed clergy, the picadors, the toreadors, and the matadors - all in dazzling costumes. When the last bullfighter had taken his position, in came the bull. A literal analysis of the beast would have yielded the following elements: two boys, Prof. S. K. Smith's buffalo robe, slats for neck and tail. and an elongated pumpkin with wooden eyes, nostrils and horns. Bounding in, the bull was startled at the burst of applause. He came to the footlights, deliberately inspected the musicians, the audience, cocked his head at the galleries. Then he waltzed around the arena looking for trouble. It was not long forthcoming. The picadors on their hobby horses rode up and goaded him into fury. He charged first one and then the other while the banderillos dashed frenziedly around with ribboned darts to draw him away from the cornered horsemen. Finally the matador, in all his glory, took the stage. Waving his red petticoat - pardon, scarf - he deftly avoided the infuriated charges of the maddened bull as excitement rose to a climax. Finally, he took his fencing foil, and, to the shrieks of the senoritas, thrust it into the beast. The bull staggered around the stage spurting blood in the share of a long roll of red flannel, sank to the ground, gazed reproachfully at the audience and, with a few convulsive spasms of his flyswatter tail, expired.

The audience by this time was weak with laughter, the music had long since died down to a drum beat as the wind instrumentalists gave up trying to control their facial muscles, and, wonder of wonders, "Judy" Taylor, the Old Roman of the granite visage, was seen grinning broadly, his shoulders shaking. All in all, the Great Waterville Bull Fight was an event long to be remembered.

HARDY - It is a poor month when we cannot report a new bit of Hardiana. This bit comes from Pvt. Stanley Levine, an amiable character of the class of 1944. Stan was in Germany with the "Yankee Division" in Patton's Third Army where he "managed to get shot up good and proper," last November. He was patched up in Paris and flown to a hospital in England, not far from Oxford. Although limping and swathed in bandages, he is now able to roam around, and delights in exploring the old university town. As our story opens, Stan is conversing cozily with some cronies in an Oxford pub. Sooner or later, inevitably, the words "Colby College" pop out. "I was no end surprised," writes Stan, "when a very proper British officer standing nearby put down his bitters and, turning to me, asked if I knew Dr. Weber at Colby. So we spent the next hour on Hardy and Weber and the Colby Collection. Later I inquired at Blackwell's and Parker's, two venerable bookshops near Cameron, and they knew of Dr. Weber there. When I left, you may be sure that they knew about Colby as well."

Just additional evidence that, as some maintain, Colby is "the best known small American college in the British Isles."

VETS — Letters from undergraduates in service occasionally contain a rueful note about "when we old men" come back to college to finish up. They may cheer up. The Alumni Catalog shows that veterans of the Civil War were straggling back to the campus for years. Two men graduated in the class of 1875 — ten years after peace — at the ages of 27 and 31, respectively. And they had no "G.I. Bill of Rights" to make it easier, either. A CORN — Somewhere in Europe today there is a pile of 2,000 typewritten pages written in French by a Belgian Egyptologist on English literature. And why bring that up? Because it has a direct, although somewhat attenuated, connection with Colby College.

The story goes like this. Some years ago, Edward F. Stevens, '89, then Librarian of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, was introduced to Prof. Jean Capart, custodian of the Royal Library of the Palace at Brussels. The distinguished visitor was interested in a project of Mr. Stevens for publishing an edition of Trollope suitable for libraries, as an example of what should be more widely done, and also in Mr. Stevens' publication of an "Alcove List" of English classics which are available in satisfactory editions. Prof. Capart was sufficiently interested to take back with him copies of both publications. The curtain now falls to indicate the passage of ten years. The other day, from out of liberated Belgium there comes a postal to Mr. Stevens from Prof. Capart. "You have been my blessed teacher in general literature," he writes, and goes on to explain that during the dark months of the occupation he spent his time in reading all of the English classics listed in the Stevens "Alcove List" that were obtainable and, in addition, compiling biographical and critical comment on each one for a forthcoming book which may well take its place as the definitive work in French on English Literature. Thus, as has been noted before, do great oaks from little acorns grow.

**D**HI BETE — It was a unique Phi Beta Kappa initiation in January when two new members were added to the roster of Colby scholars. One was Elizabeth Lohnes, top-ranking senior, who had accelerated her course by summer work and so was about to take her degree at the midwinter Commencement. The other initiate was unavoidably absent, due to pressing business off the island of Luzon. Efthim Economu attended Colby for three years before entering the Navy V-12 program, taking his training at Bates and Columbia preparatory to a commission as Ensign. His marks at Colby averaged well over 90 and, although a French major, he continued

to do superior work in the Navy courses. Although such action was unprecedented in the history of the local chapter, it seemed entirely justifiable to award Economu the Phi Beta Kappa membership which he would undoubtedly have won had the war not interrupted. Hence, there was a pleasant and poignant moment at the exercises when the boy's father, Mr. Themistocles Economu, a local greenhouse proprietor, stepped forth to receive the coveted gold key. Seldom has it been received with more feeling.

GRANDSONS - Yet another proxy incident occurred at the mid-winter Commencement. When it came time for the ten seniors to stand up to receive the Latin charge from President Bixler there was a buzz of whispering as Professor - Emeritus White was seen to arise with the graduating class. The grapevine soon passed around the explanation that he was standing for his grandson who was graduating in absentia. No one was prepared, however, for the extra fillip of human interest that came with Dean Marriner's announcement: "The diploma of Ensign Douglas Nelson Smith, United States Naval Reserve, will be received by his grandfather, Professor-Emeritus Clarence H. White, who, 59 years ago, received his own diploma from the hand of President Bixler's grandfather, then president of Amherst College."

HEADLINER - The incident on which we based our innocuous item last month about Prof. Gordon W. Smith snowshoeing out to Mayflower Hill with examination papers, received far more attention in the outside world. We have at hand clippings from as far as Omaha, Neb., and Richmond, Va., and it is interesting to note what the headline writers did with the story. Here are some: "Exams, Like Mail, Must Go Through;" "Professor Shows up on Snowshoes; " "Colby Mayflower Hill Campus Isolated; " "Campus Blocked by Snow but Exams are Held;" and "Professors are Like That." But one of them confused us for a moment: "Hardy Professor Fools Students." We read that one twice to make sure that it did not concern Dr. Weber.

# COLBY'S SECOND HALF-CENTURY

P ERHAPS we may say now .... that the college is fairly founded. It has funds enough which it never had before — to sustain it on its present scale of operations without drawing upon the principal. And, being self-sustaining, it has the appearance of permanence. We want, however, not only permanence but progress. To stand still in such an age and country as this is tantamount to going backward. Everything else is moving, and unless we move, we fall behind.

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These words about Colby, though they have a very modern ring, were not written yesterday. They are part of the semi-centennial address delivered in 1870 by James Tift Champlin, then President of the College, and one of the ablest men ever to hold that position. Their wisdom is indicated by the fact that they may be taken as a text for developing the entire history of the institution.

Of all Colby presidencies, Champlin's was probably the most far-reaching in its achievements. The times were strangely like those we are going through today. When he assumed the Presidency in 1857 (he had been Professor of Greek and Latin for sixteen years before that), Waterville College had three buildings in bad repair, and an endowment of less than \$15,000. The number of students was discouragingly small: in 1859 there were only 86 men in the College. Champlin got the enrolment up to 117 in 1860 and to 122 in 1861. Then came the Civil War and the work was undone. The student body almost disappeared, and it did not come back when the war was over. There were times in the decade from 1862 to 1872 when about all the instruction given was in the Collegiate Institute — what is now Coburn. As late as 1871 there were only 55 students, considerably fewer than there had been twelve years earlier when Champlin took over. We have seen wars and depressions, but nothing so discouraging as that.

Champlin was not discouraged. At Commencement of 1864 — the War had still a year to run — only nine

#### By Frederick A. Pottle, '17

The author, who is Professor of English at Yale, was asked to compile material for a historical pamphlet to be used as a mailing piece in the Mayflower Hill Completion Campaign. Characteristically becoming interested in getting below the surface of his subject, Dr. Pottle produced the accompanying thoughtful analysis of the second half-century of Colby's history. Since the booklet could only use extremely abridged and altered portions of his material, the Editor believed that our own Colby family would enjoy reading this study as originally written. The author wishes to acknowledge many obligations to Whittemore's "History of Colby College,' and Soule's "Colby's President Roberts." This is the first of two installments, the next one dealing with the contribution of President Roberts to the upbuilding of Colby College.

men received degrees, and two of those degrees were awarded *in absentia*. But Champlin announced the Colby gift: \$50,000 if \$100,000 more were raised. It was raised, and Mr. Colby's gifts finally aggregated nearly \$200,000. Champlin built Memorial



President James Tift Champlin

Hall (1867-9) and Coburn Hall (1870-3); increased faculty salaries by twenty-five per cent (at a time of shrinking enrollment: think of it!), introduced the B.S. degree, and opened the doors of the College to women. This sounds like a "business-man president," but he was at heart a scholar and a teacher. In an address delivered at his funeral the President of Bowdoin marveled at the fact that while he was doing so much to found the College financially he could find time to write so many books. While Professor of Classics, he had published grammars of Greek, Latin, and English, and had brought out two standard editions of Demosthenes. The noble Latin inscription on the Civil War memorial was composed by him. During the period of his presidency he published four learned texts in Philosophy, Ethics, and Politics, following them, after his retirement, with a volume on the Constitution of the United States and his Selections from Tacitus, which long remained a standard text in American colleges. As he lay partially paralyzed in his long final illness, his son-in-law one day heard him talking to himself and asked him what he was talking about. "Political science; the importance of Christianity to the world; and Tacitus how I should like to teach it again! My Tacitus is the best book I have written, I think."

When, in 1885, Abner Coburn's final bequest of \$200,000 was added to the Colby endowment and the generous sums which Governor Coburn had already given the College, it seemed that Colby was secure. It had ample endowment, dignified and attractive buildings — probably as good as any to be found in a New England college and a handsome and convenient site. And it had a faculty which without exaggeration may be called remarkable. Champlin's successors — Robins, Pepper, Small, Whitman, and Butler, provided a teaching staff worthy of his beginnings.

The decade from 1890 to 1900 was clearly, so far as intellectual distinction is concerned, the Golden Age of Colby history. During that brief period the College had on its faculty. besides the two Presidents, Albion W. Small and Nathaniel D. Butler (both of whom taught classes), Shailer Mathews, William A. Rogers, and William S. Bayley. Small, Mathews, and Butler were annexed by the young and powerful University of Chicago as professors and ultimately as deans; Bayley, after sixteen years at Colby, was called to the University of Illinois, where he became head of his department (Geology); Rogers, astronomer and physicist, was a scholar of international reputation who worked with Michelson and Morley in devising methods of precise measurement, and was a Fellow of the Royal Society. Small and Rogers are in the Dictionary of American Biography, and Mathews certainly would have been if he had not lived past 1935, the date at which the work terminates.

But it would be unfair to the facts to list only men who gained fame outside of Waterville. William Elder (Chemistry), John B. Foster (Greek), Edward W. Hall (Modern Languages and Librarian), Arthur J. Roberts (English), Samuel K. Smith (Rhetoric and Logic), Julian D. Taylor (Latin), and Laban E. Warren (Mathematics and Art) form a group which, for solidity of character and ability as teachers, it would be hard to duplicate in any college at the present day. All but two of them were Colby graduates, and all of them devoted their entire mature lives to teaching at Colby, with periods of service extending from twenty-eight to sixty-three years.

There was, then, no failure to heed President Champlin's warning so far as the essential business of the College as an educational institution was concerned. Yet any observer would be very bigoted in his loyalty if, reading the Colby history, he did not discern a sharp and alarming deterioration setting in at the turn of the century. The causes first become apparent in the term of President Butler. The College, which had seemed so prosperous only ten years before, was in serious even desperate — financial straits.

For this one basic reason may be given. The expense of conducting a college, because of the revolution wrought in the curriculum by the introduction of the elective system, was



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suddenly and enormously increased. Colleges could survive only by a large increase in student fees or by doubling and trebling their endowment. Practically, since no college has ever been able to get money enough to be able to live on its income from endowment alone, both things had to happen. There had to be more students and

more capital endowment. In President Small's time the student body numbered 184; in President Whitman's, 206. This was a respectable enrollment for a nineteenth-century college with its restricted "classical" program and small faculty (Bowdoin at the same period had only 229 students), but it could not support the greatly

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enriched curriculum which the elective system demanded. The appointment as presidents of men like Small and Butler, with their experience of universities at home and abroad (Small studied at Berlin and Leipzig and was a Ph.D. of John Hopkins; Butler had been Professor of Latin and then of English at the University of Illinois, and Director of University Extension at the University of Chicago) naturally led to the broadening of the curriculum and the increasing of the size of the faculty. But student enrollment, instead of increasing, began to fall off. The site was rapidly becoming less attractive. Maine - a state of small population - had too liberal a provision of colleges for a day when the majority of men and women attended an institution near home. The old denominational loyalties which had sent conservative Baptists to Colby, liberal Baptists to Bates, and Congregationalists to Bowdoin, were breaking down. The rapid expansion of the School of Liberal Arts of the University of Maine with its lower fees and less troublesome requirements for entrance, drew heavily on a source of supply already too limited. In the face of this, a very considerable increase in endowment would have been necessary to keep the institution in a state of health. And the endowment did not even remain stationary; like the student body, it declined. There were annual deficits and worse. Dr. Whittemore, whose book, like all official histories, suffers from a determination to speak well of everybody, hints darkly at "investments in the West" and the "dishonesty of a trusted agent." The administrations of the Golden Age all showed themselves unable to avert the disasters which Champlin predicted if the College stood still.

Consider our buildings for a moment. Champlin, at his retirement in 1873, left the old campus with most of the buildings it has today. The gymnasium (replacing a cheap wooden structure erected by him) was built in 1870. Shannon Observatory was added in 1889. Chemical Hall (we should never have abandoned its proper name, "The Alumni Chemical Building") followed in 1898. Foss Hall was opened in 1904. These were all good, solid, honest structures worthy of the original "bricks," but an allowance of four buildings for thirty-two years and six administrations seems rather meagre. Thereafter, until the erection of the fine Alumnae Building in 1929, no new structures appeared at Colby except the two jerry-built dormitories, Roberts Hall (1913) and Hedman Hall (1915), both paid for out of income, and the Field House (1931), a frank and ugly makeshift.

On the side of endowment, the picture is even more discouraging. Incredible as it seems, Abner Coburn's bequest of \$200,000 was the largest the College received from 1885 to 1929, when the Champlin bequest of \$300,000 was received. In President Pepper's time (1889) the endowment stood at \$505,767. When President Roberts started the Half-Million Campaign in 1916, it was actually less (\$452,026).

Colby had to be pretty much refounded, and the achievement (which is still going on) has been the work of three men, each, one may reverently say, furnished by Providence to perform a different task. The three are Arthur J. Roberts (President from 1908 to 1927), Franklin W. Johnson (President from 1929 to 1942), and Julius S. Bixler (President from 1942 to a date which we hope very far in the future).

(To be continued)

#### ST. PETERSBURG MONTHLY MEETING

T HE Colby College Alumni Club of St. Petersburg, Fla., held its annual meeting and monthly luncheon at the Detroit Hotel on February 3, with thirteen members and two guests present.

Reelected to office were Ralph E. Nash, '11, president; Edwin A. Russell, '15, first vice president; Donald E. Putnam, '16, treasurer; and Antoinette Ware Putnam, '16, secretary. Caro L. Hoxie, '96, was elected second vice president and Donald E. Putnam was made representative to the Alumni Council with Nella Merrick, '00, as alternate representative.

Announcement was made of the coming visit of President and Mrs. Julius Seelye Bixler.

Those present were: Mary Blaisdell Belknap, '01; Emma A. Fountain, '96; Martha Meserve Gould, '96; Olive Robbins Haviland, '96; Caro L. Hoxie, '96; Nella M. Merrick, '00; Margaret Buswell Nash, '12; Ralph E. Nash, '11; Effie Low Patch, '05; Antoinette Ware Putnam, '16; Donald E. Putnam, '16; Mary Bickmore Tefft, '96; and Elvia H. Yorke, '99. Mrs. Edmund R. Barton of Waterville, Maine, and Prof. J. F. Nelson were guests.

- ANTOINETTE WARE PUTNAM, '16, Secretary.

### THE MIDWINTER COMMENCEMENT

T HREE service men and ten graduating seniors received A.B. degrees at the mid-winter commencement of Colby College, on February 3. Honorary degrees were conferred upon two.

The Commencement Address was delivered by Dr. Morton Scott Enslin of Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa., taking as his subject: "A Breeze in the Tree Tops."

Dr. Enslin pointed out that serious as the present world crisis may be, it is far from the first time that "barbarians" have threatened the civilized nations with extinction. Speaking of the overthrow of Greece, many centuries ago, he said: "It is hard to believe that today there is more at stake, that civilization stands more at the cross roads than in that drab decade of long ago."

Sometimes the barbarians conquered, Dr. Enslin warned, adding that "in every case, the culture that fell—superior though it was in externals to the rude barbarians who brought it low—was desperately ill. A flabbiness had developed, a complacency, a softness. But that is only part of the picture. The conqueror, in turn, was ultimately conquered by the vanquished.

"Cities can be destroyed with battering rams or with block-busters, cathedrals can be crushed into shambles. But ideas, customs, those intangibles of life that we so easily overlook, they are of sturdier stock. They persist. This is an honest universe; values cannot be destroyed." Deploring the study of history only from the short-range viewpoint, Dr. Enslin said that this appeared to him as "unfortunate and calculated to turn the unwary student into an eager Mr. Fixit straining to get out and apply his monkey wrench to the loose connection. And this is tragic because such students are doomed to cruel disappointment. After all, despite all the emphasis on the child in recent years, there is still a place for the mature adult."

The speaker urged that colleges lay emphasis "not on what lies under the headlines in tomorrow's paper, but on what will in all probability be true twenty years from now. A college education is valuable in proportion as it fits a man or woman for no particular job, but has given him a poise that cannot be shaken, an ability to use tools which will not lose their edge, and the stamina to take gruelling punishment and still keep going."

#### Honorary Degrees Conferred

President Julius Seelye Bixler conferred honorary degrees as follows:

Doctor of Divinity to Dr. Enslin, "a graduate of Harvard, with a doctor's degree from the same institution and a degree in divinity from Andover Newton Theological School, professor of New Testament Literature at Crozer Theological Seminary, for years you have been the chief moving spirit in the councils of the American Theological Society. Under your editor-ship the Crozer Quarterly is rapidly becoming one of the most readable as well as one of the most scholarly journals in its field. Less than six weeks ago your work as a productive scholar was recognized in your election as President of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis.'

Doctor of Science to Dr. Julius Gottlieb of Lewiston: "Graduate of Harvard with a doctorate in medicine from Boston University, Fellow of the American College of Physicians, Pathologist for the Central Maine General Hospital and organizer and leader under the auspices of the Bingham Associates of the hospital's School of Technology, your work for the State of Maine has received recognition in medical circles throughout New England as scientific, educational, and animated by a high-minded concern for the public good."

#### List of Graduates

The service men who received their degrees on the basis of collegiate work taken during their Naval training were: Midn. Lowell E. Barnes, East Sebago; Ens. Ralph W. Hilton, Damariscotta Mills; Ens. Douglas N. Smith, Worcester, Mass.

Seniors receiving their degrees were:

Marjorie Merrill, Waterville; Helen F. Gould, Walpole, Mass.; Hope Mansfield Jahn, Ipswich, Mass.; Lydia J. Tufts, Oneida, N. Y.; Roslyn E. Kramer, North Adams, Mass.; Lucille M. LaGassey, Millinocket; Mary E. Lohnes, North Weymouth, Mass.; Emily M. Stocking, Williamstown, Mass.; Charles E. Pinansky, Portland; Leslie W. Howland, Unity.

Miss Lohnes received "cum laude" honors in general scholarship.

# S.S. COLBY LAUNCHED



#### Dr. Averill speaking at ceremony

A LETTER from the United States Maritime Commission in January brought the information that Colby was one of "the forty oldest colleges and universities" to be honored by the naming of a Victory ship soon to be launched from one of the West Coast yards.

Soon after came word that the S.S. COLBY VICTORY would be launched from the Terminal Island yards of the California Shipbuilding Corporation on February 13. The Colby Alumni Office immediately circularized the Colby people of the Los Angeles area with information about obtaining passes to the launching.

When the big day arrived a good number of alumni were present, al-

though no list was kept of those present. The exercises began at 10:45 A.M. with a welcoming address by Mr. L. A. Copeland of the Shipbuilding Company. Dr. George G. Averill, chairman of the Colby trustees, responded. Then, the christening was performed by Mrs. Knefler McGinnis, wife of the Commanding Officer of the Terminal Island Naval Air Station, and the big steel ship slid into the water to applause and whistles.

Denis E. Bowman, '93, one of those present, wrote that " it was a time of joy and inspiration."

Mrs. Dora Knight Andrews, '92, reported that "simple as was the program, it was impressive and satisfying. Full justice was done Colby's honorable history as an institution on learning and as the mother of notable men who canably served our nation."

From Wallace E. Bruce, '86, comes a more complete report: "The ceremony was short but impressive, from the Invocation, a fine talk by the Corporation's publicity man and master of ceremonies, the short but comprehensive address by Dr. Averill, to the release of the towering bulk of the great ship by acetylene torches cutting the final metal bands that held her from the final plunge into the water and her career of service.

"It was all very interesting and instructive. What we saw seemed vast, but when one thinks that 14 such operations are going on constantly, and one ship is launched and ready for outfitting every 71 hours at this yard alone, the whole problem of war and supply looms more than ever into the incomprehensible."



c|o Postmaster New York City

Dear Editor;

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How about devoting a few pages in some future ALUMNUS to the new buildings on Mayflower Hill? Also, if some of the co-eds happen to be in them, why that's all right, too.

- Pvt. G. I. Joseph, '46.

O. K., Joe. Here they are. The cuts are borrowed from a recent Colby booklet for prospective women students. When you come back we intend to have not only the buildings shown below, but also a few more of those shown above. Mayflower Hill has been called a "dream campus," so you may look at these pictures — and start dreaming. — Editor.





Classes in Modern Dance (right) or in skiing (below) are highly pleasurable methods of achieving balance and coordination.





Field hockey is the major fall sport for Colby women.





At home at college



Nothing to read?

# An Album of



Summer at the Outing Club



Flying high



Faculty-



Commencement



The Colby Mascot in snow



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With the Bixlers frequently as guests, the Sunday after-dinner coffee is a pleasant custom. Below: future journalists edit the weekly " Echo."

At right: getting out the monthly news letter to Colby men and women in the armed forces is one aspect of the varied program of good works conducted by the Student Christian Association, under the genial leadership of Prof. Herbert L. ("Pop") Newman.











Adelaide Jack, '47

Faith Jones, '48

Jane Farnham, '45

Phyllis McKiel, '48

Katherine McCarroll, '45



Nancy Jacobson, '46

Elizabeth Wood, '44

Barbara Blaisdell, '44

Shirley Martin, '46

Mary Shepherd, '47













#### DETAILS THAT MAKE FOR PLEASANT LIVING

The new women's dormitories contain many features that make them the equal of any in the country in comfort and attractiveness. From top to bottom, left: each floor has its own lounge such as this; full length mirrors are in every corridor; a suitcase closet takes care of bulky luggage. Center: the lounge in Louise Coburn Hall; a corner of the dining room; "Dunny" in the new spic-and-span infirmary. Right: every room has a house phone; these chairs are standard equipment; even the closets have all the gadgets.









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#### BRONZE STAR TO NELSON, '27

C ITING "the manner in which the combat man trusts his judgment," the commanding general of the 8th Air Force awarded the Bronze Star to Major Charles P. Nelson, '27, Intelligence Officer of a B-17 Bombardment Group, sometime last November.

Major Nelson, a lawyer in civil life, and former City Solicitor for Augusta, has recently returned to this country on furlough and visited his wife, Elizabeth Gross Nelson, '28, and his father, Hon. John E. Nelson, '98, of Augusta.

The text of his citation follows:

"Charles P. Nelson, Major, Air Corps, U. S. Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 February 1944 to 30 September 1944. For meritorious service as Intelligence Officer of a B-17 Bombardment Group in connection with military operations against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operations. During the initial stages of preparing the 457th Bombardment Group for combat, Major Nelson planned and organized the Intelligence section to a high degree of operational efficiency and in twenty-one days presented the first combat briefing. Although the per-sonnel under his jurisdiction lacked training and combat experience Major Nelson undertook to train them in all phases of Intelligence. Through persistent efforts he organized his section to operate with a high degree of efficiency and qualified to perform the arduous tasks required of them.

"Major Nelson is considered by many to be as well informed as any Intelligence officer serving in combat. The 457th Bombardment Group benefits by his wide scope of knowledge and further by his manner of presentation of the combat briefing. Perhaps his greatest achievement in combat is the manner in which he has presented himself and the manner in which the combat man trusts his judgment and opinion. He has their complete confidence and without question his achievements have materially aided in the successful operation of the Group. Major Nelson has in addition directed



MAJOR CHARLES P. NELSON ... organized intelligence ...

the performance of the Group Photo and Photo Interpretation sections to a high degree of success.

"The unceasing efforts, devotion to duty and high degree of Technical skill displayed by this officer over a long period of time are worthy of the highest commendation and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

#### MISSING

Pfc. Robert M. Gray, '43, has been reported as missing in action, but his parents have been unable to obtain further details.

Cpl. Gerald Katzman, '46, has been reported as missing in action since October 3 in the North African theatre of war.

Pfc. Robert Lucy, '45, is reported as missing in action although no details have been received.

#### PRISONER

Pfc. Floyd L. Harding, '45, reported in the last issue as missing in action, has written to his family that he is a prisoner of war in Germany. THOUGHTS ON FAR COUNTRIES

Ever since the advent of Professor Wilkinson, a great many Colby students have gone out from this college extremely "international-relations-conscious." The war has served as a graduate course in geo-politics and not a few of the boys are taking advantage of their travels to learn something about other peoples and are gaining insight into the place of America in "One World." Excerpts from four representative letters follow.

#### Report from Down Under

G ENERAL MAC has done it again and is in Luzon. He certainly has accelerated this war. Five months ago I could not possibly visualize myself sitting here in this island so soon. Mac is a hop-skip-and-jump man. The Japs may have strengthened all the islands around New Guinea but he just ignored them and trapped them all.

Since my arrival in Australia I've gained one-half stone in weight (seven pounds), due to the large quantities of food I've consumed. Boy, have I been eating! Haven't done so well since leaving home. My acquaintance with foreign currency is increasing. In one place we traded with French currency, in the Netherlands Indies with Dutch gilders, and now with pounds and shillings. It takes a little time to adjust one's self, but not long.

I have my shirts and trousers drycleaned and pressed daily and have had a pair of low shoes all shined up. It feels good for a change as I haven't had a crease in my pants for two years until now. We have hot water in our room to shave with, and hot showers. This trip has sure helped a lot.

Australians feel that Americans are needed to straighten out and advance their country. There are few roads connecting the cities, and most of those are gravel. Everything else is the same way and there is a great deal of dissatisfaction with the politicians now in the Australian parliament. The people in Australia consider Roosevelt one of the greatest men in history. What we do back in the USA is felt here, these people are so dependent upon us.

- Sgt. James F. Kavanaugh, '42.

Getting Acquainted with the French ROM Normandy east there's been

plenty to see, but what I appreciated most was to study the people, their clothes, customs and standards of living, and the difference in the people and their speech in the various departements. Certainly tourists "making the cities" never get to know the French as one does when he lives in a neighboring hedge row, buys eggs, shares field rations, uses pumps and fires, drinks with them and generally speaking passes time with them "en One sees the difference becausant. tween the Norman farmer and the city-dwelling Frenchman who patronizes the black market and manages one way or another to keep ends meeting. There are a thousand and one families that one remembers, from the family that bought and cooked your steaks near the beachhead, to the ones east of there who wined and dined you in their country maison, and those still further east who were, if not unfriendly, then at least non-committal as to likes or dislikes. I did learn to speak French tolerably well, enough to be an interpreter on occasion, have washing done and make acquaintance without too much trouble. In passing, I might mention a pleasant interlude spent when bivouaced in the famed Bois de Fontainbleau and a person had time to inspect the Chateau there.

However. lest the above make it appear that life here is a picnic, please remember that all the above mentioned took place last summer and now the life is not quite so pleasant. I'm with the Third Army so you can probably figure about where I am, though I can't mention it. There's snow on the ground with accompanying cold and it slows up all operations. My own opinion is that by next Colby Commencement formal warfare will be ended, the recent German counterattacks notwithstanding. I had hoped to celebrate my fifth year out in a better way but that in itself will be enough for me.

- PVT. BREWSTER BRANZ, '40.

#### BATAAN PRISONER FREED

"Have just been recaptured. Am in good health. Happy days." This message radioed from Luzon on February 6 brought relief and joy to the family and friends of Capt. Vaughan Shaw, '31, who has been in the hands of the Japanese ever since the fall of Bataan in April, 1942. Previously, word forwarded through the International Red Cross had brought information to his parents that he was alive and a prisoner, and two post cards from him had been received in recent months.

Capt. Shaw, native of Littleton, Me., was in private medical practice in Daytona Beach, Fla., before the war. Previously a member of the Marine Corps Medical Reserve, he was called into service in 1941 and went to the Philippines. He was stationed at Ft. Stotensburg when the Japanese invaded the islands and was believed to have retreated with the American forces into Bataan before being captured.

#### White Imperialism is Vulnerable

THE pitiful destitution of the Filipinos that met us two and a half months ago has given way to a lush period of prosperity. The arrival of American troops has greatly increased the Filipino's standard of living, but aside from this factor, the more I look around the more I realize that, no matter how harsh the Japanese occupation may have been, the plight of these people could never have been as bad as that of Europe. The reason is that this island, despite the tropical heat, the continuous rain, and multitude of diseases, is amazingly fertile. For the coastal plain which contains almost a million people (the central part of the island is mountainous, volcanic in origin, and sparsely inhabited) raises crops that are found in temperate as well as tropical and subtropical climates. Such a condition makes politics an insignificant influence on their lives, and if the Japanese had only taken advantage of this fact, apathy would have been the best the United States could expect from the Filipinos. As it is we face a situation that is far more delicate than we face in Europe, and if our actions here in the Orient

are half as inept as in the other theatre, the defeat of Japan will not be the solution of the problem.

I have read a great deal of the propaganda that the Japanese had circulated in its "co-prosperity" sphere and it makes one realize how potent a weapon the enemy possesses, one which pales the German New Order into insignificance. The Anglo-Saxon in the Orient is vulnerable in so many ways that we will need every resource of a democracy as well as the cooperation of Japanese blundering if we are to succeed. Fortunately, we have made an excellent start in the Philippines, but we have only to look at China today and perhaps the re-assertion of the still dormant British and Dutch imperialistic interests to make us realize how hazardous our position still is in the Orient.

- T-5 LAWRENCE S. KAPLAN, '45.

#### Life in Alsace

AM in Alsace now, in a little village. The people speak German of an entirely strange accent - Alsation. Well, all these places here had their quota of Nazis. Some were open sympathizers - the ones who held public office while the Germans were here. Some others kept quiet, and no one knew where they stood. With the former, there was little trouble. When we came in they were arrested or put under surveillance. The others well, you know how it is - not enough proof against them, reasonable doubt and all that. Well, now when Jerry started his push, these hidden Nazi were sure that the old masters would be back, and openly showed their hands, one way or another. What a swell break for the CIC. Now these Nazis are found out, and Jerry did not come back.

The poor people in my little village were of course awfully scared. To most of them — they had been open handed in their welcome to us — a new Nazi occupation would have meant death. So no wonder the 5th column almost succeeded in getting these people to run away, and clog up the road like in '39 and '40. My little detachment was lucky. The people in this village have gotten used to coming to us for advice, and we advised them to stick around and not to believe any rumors. A few of them did take off nevertheless, but came back shamefaced, a few days later. Very interesting times, these.

The other day a couple of Jet-propelled Nazi planes came over. They came gliding in, almost quite noiselessly. Our ack-ack engaged them, and they took off! Vertically! That was an awfully interesting thing to see. I don't mind if I don't see it too often though. They make a noise like the old Anzio Express used to make — a very disgusting noise.

We eat pretty well, once in a while we supplement our GI rations with local delicacies. Had some Hasenpfeffer yesterday. We had some rabbits soaked in wine for two days, and then roasted them. The people often invite us to their homes for meals, and the meals they serve do not help me at all to keep in "military trim."

- LT. ANDREW BEDO, '43.

#### SERVICE PERSONALS

Lt. Richard S. Lovejoy, '39, writes from somewhere in the Pacific theatre, "Boy, will it ever be good to get back there to Colby again! It will be even more beautiful to see the new Colby, but, believe me, the Colby I know and went to will always hold a spot in my heart that will never die out."

George E. Ulman, '44, S2|c, who enlisted in the Navy last August, has finished his boot training at Sampson, N. Y. and is now stationed aboard a ship in the Pacific.

Pfc. Harry Levin, '44, has recently sent in a change of address and is now somewhere in Luxemburg with Patton's Third Army.

Capt. Duncan L. Cushing, '43, writes from Italy that he has seen Colby only once since leaving in 1941 and that time from the window of a B-24. He also adds that his bombardier, Lt. Myron W. Carnahan, had his army college training at Colby in the 21st CTD.

Pvt. David S. Zadek, '45, located in Alonogordo, New Mexico, is with the AAF and is now flying without an instructor but still going to school to learn about combat.

Capt. Leon J. Braudy, '39, was recently promoted to his present rank and is stationed in Kansas. Leon is still Finance officer of the 76th Air Service Group.

#### "I FOUND MYSELF THINKING OF COLBY"

From Pfc. Syd Paris, '45, comes a grim note: "For several damn dark hours we thought we had less than one chance in a billion of coming back alive; the murdering, butchering Heinies had us cut off. It's amazing how the human mind reacts. Several times I found myself thinking back to past Colby days. God must have been with me, because I find that I'm back from Germany."

Syd wrote from England where he is a patient in Ward 18, Hospital 409, APO 314.

S-Sgt. Dan Scioletti, '43, is still down in the Philippines' and just waiting for the end of the war to come back to Colby.

Cpl. Eddie Loring, '42, after spending a few months in New Guinea, has moved on to the Philippines where he finds it very nice to see a bit of civilization once more. "Our area is right on the beach in a palm grove. It is beautiful at night and most of the boys go in for a swim each day after work."

Ens. Robert E. Urie, '45, writes while at sea, "I'm in command of my own ship and am assigned to the amphibious forces, but we seldom see an actual invasion. Mostly, we unload ammo ships which makes up for what we miss in the actual assault." Bob reports that there is one other Colby fellow in the same flotilla, Ens. Ron Farkas, '46.

Cpl. Thomas W. Farnsworth, Jr., '43, writes from China that he has taken up dramatics as a career. At least, on New Year's night he and the Red Cross girls put on an old time "meller-drama." He and a musical buddy even went so far as to compose a song for the show entitled "The Moon over Mayflower Hill."

S-Sgt. Roland I. Gammon, '37, returned to Jacksonville a few weeks ago after a six weeks' tour of B-29 centers. He expects to go next to the overseas bases and his reports will eventually be found in the official AAF history. At Jax, he met Major Stan Washuk, '37, who had just returned from India.

Pfc. Richard E. Parsons, '45, has been transferred to the artillery and is with the Marines overseas. George A. Ober, Jr., '45, AM2|c, writes from Hawaii that he has had a chance to go to Honolulu but "it's a good place to keep away from as far as enjoying yourself goes. The beaches are pretty nice but really not as nice as the ones on the coast. I think they will have to go a long ways to beat Maine for a tourist's paradise."

Comdr. Charles W. Weaver, Jr., '30, was recently promoted to his present rank. He writes, "Still on the prowl with Admiral Turner after an interesting 1944. My sea duty stint has passed the three year mark."

Lt. Allan Knight, '41, went over to Italy in grand style. It seems he and his crew flew over in their own plane. He spent Christmas Day in Tunis and was able to go on a tour of Carthage which he described as very interesting.

Alta S. Gray, '41, Sp (T) 2|c, was transferred recently from Rhode Island to the Dept. of Seamanship and Navigation, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Her job is teaching the midshipmen celestial navigation by use of the marine sextant. She writes of Annapolis, "As you can imagine, it's a wonderful experience being here. WAVES are quite a rare thing at the Academy so we are not forced to live in barracks as usual. I'm beginning to feel like a civilian, almost!" Alta may be addressed at 1422 West Street, Annapolis, Md.

Pfc. Richard H. Rogers, '47, has entered the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla. Upon completion of the 17 week course he will be commissioned as a second lieutenant of field artillery.

Ist Lt. Leland Burrill, '39, is interning at the Baltimore Marine Hospital, a USPHS establishment.

Lt. Richard Reid, '44, has sent in his latest address clo Postmaster, New York City.

Pfc. Paul Feldman, '34, is in London where his outfit is building prefabricated houses for the victims of the German bombings.

T-5 Errol Taylor, '43, writes, " I've left Italy for good and am now in France. We came in on D-Day and our big guns have been hammering the Krauts ever since."

Cpl. David Choate, '45, writes an interesting card from England. "I visited one of the other general hospitals here in England and saw Dick Marcyes (Pfc. Richard Marcyes, '45). I took several letters (Colby) and copies THE COLBY ALUMNUS

of the *Alumnus* along and he was tickled pink to see them. I haven't seen him for two years and after his return from Germany as a patient we had a great reunion."

Lt. Arthur S. Spear, '36, went over to the European theatre in August and is now in Holland.

Capt. Antonio Bolduc, '41, was recently promoted to his present rank and is stationed in the Philippines.

Capt. H. Kammandel, '38, writes from the Philippines, "At present we are constructing our hospital soon to be in operation. I'm doing general surgery and in charge of all patients receiving penicillin."

Pfc. Arthur W. Greeley, '47, is recuperating in a general hospital from wounds received in Italy.

Capt. Frank Record, '38, was promoted to his present rank sometime in November.

Lt. Robert H. Talbot, '41, has been assigned to the Boca Raton Army Air Field, Boca Raton, Fla., and is still flying B-24's.

Pfc. Richard T. Dunphy, '46, although somewhere in France, has been appointed a principal to West Point and expects to enter the Academy in July.

S-Sgt. Everett Cole, '36, ran into T-5 Roger Tilley, '37, while in Holland. Roger, he writes, is now working as interpreter in the town Major's office.

Recent additions to the Editor's collection of foreign service papers include: "Sortie" from Lt. Reuben A. Yellen, '32; "You Name It" from Capt. Howard Pritham, '36; and "Mapaso Imprenta" (in the Philippines) from Pvt. Perley Leighton, '43.

Sgt. William L. Mansfield, '44, has been home and feels himself very lucky to be back after a tour as tail-gunner on the C-B-I front. He was wearing one of those jackets with a message to the Chinese on the back, just in case he had to walk home sometime. Security precautions are very strict in his outfit and practically all of what he talked about is on the hush-hush list.

Charles Kramer, QM 2-c, '46, was able to visit the college for his sister's graduation and took the opportunity to come into the Alumni Office and run over the service list to see what Colby fellows were on ships that he saw now and then.



#### WEARERS OF THE "C"

Already in training for future Colby football teams is Red Lee Junior who proudly wears his "C sweater," the gift of Portland sports editor Bud Cornish. Also in picture is Lt. John H. Lee, '30, physical training officer at Craven Center, Bremerton, Wash.

Lt. (jg) Robert S. Rice, '42, wrote that he had quite a time in that January typhoon in the Pacific. After nearmisses for months, Lt. (jg) Clifford Came, '42, came for a visit one day.

Pfc. Frederick B. McAlary, '43, has been transferred from a G-2 unit to a Public Relations Office. Fred writes that his work involves rewriting unit releases, conducting correspondents and photographers on tours of the fighting areas and routine "leg work." "I find the work extremely interesting. We act as the clearing house for all Division publicity and news releases, working with the various Press and Radio Services, STARS AND STRIPES, YANK, ARMY TIMES, and the different correspondents covering this sector. It affords me, not only a great deal of practical experience in writing and publicity work, but a chance to work with some of the best journalists covering this theatre of operations and to get a very realistic overall picture of the whole effort on the Western Front."

Pvt. Howell Clement, '47, AAF, has completed his basic training at Kessler Field and is waiting to be shipped on to advanced training. He says that he has passed the exams for combat crew, but doesn't know whether he will be a pilot, bonibardier, or navigator trainee.

2nd Lt. George L. Beach, Jr., '41, who was recently promoted to his present rank, writes of this promotion, "In the middle of all this excitement over here on the Western Front, for some reason or other, the Government saw fit to make me a gentleman and officer under the title of 'shavetail'."

M-Sgt. Clyde Skillin, '33, has been promoted to his present rank. He writes that he is still "touring Europe. Last cities of note: LeHavre, Antwerp, Ghent, and Brussels."

Lt. Norris E. Dibble, '41, is still stationed in Hawaii and writes that he has been there for 20 months now.

Capt. Leo M. Seltzer, MC, '37, is still in Belgium. "We're now working in a large and beautiful former Belgium Hospital. When we arrived here the Jerries were just ten miles away!"

Pfc. Patterson Small, '44, writes, "By very clever planning on somebody's part we've managed to hit every rainy season on both sides of the equator, and here we have (rather had) an occasional typhoon to relieve the monotony. However, somebody slipped up horribly on this last maneuver for the weather now is as dry as a bone, the nights arctic and days blistering like never before. I was wondering, during the business on 20 October, just how many Colby characters or Dekes there were nearby or zooming around overhead. Didn't think about it too much, though, I was a little rushed. - - - Some fun, hurrah for the 1st Cav. Div."

Cpl. Donald E. Sterner, '44, writes that he recently visited the University of Edinburgh, but much prefers Colby.

Lt. Harold L. Vigue, '44, is stationed with a CCRC Crew in the Pacific theatre.

Pfc. Richard D. Goodridge, '44, now in Germany, reports that his outfit has "tasted the soil of four different countries: France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany, and has had the honor of fighting with three armies so far. They are the Canadian First, and the 9th and 1st US Armies."

Sgt. Remo Verrengia, '44, has been sent to a rear area hospital in France because of more trouble with his ear. He writes that he expects to be reclassified to another branch of the service.

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Lt. Henry Rockiki, '44, has been sent overseas and reports, "All we've done since we've been here is hunt bananas, pineapples, and butterflies, and dodge falling coconuts."

Lt. (jg) Millard Emanuelson, '36, was recently promoted to his present rank. "Ollie" is now stationed in the Philippines and took part in the invasions of Mindoro and Luzon.

Pvt. George Flint Taylor, '40, who is located at the Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Ga., at present, received a fractured back in Germany last October and after being in several hospitals in France and England was returned to the USA in January.

Pfc. Dominick Puiia, '44, USMC, is now stationed somewhere in the Pacific theatre and just waiting to take a shot at the Japs.

Pfc. Harold Roberts, '45, stationed in Luxemburg with the Third Army, wrote on Feb. 9 that he was "living a very soft life for front line troops. I suppose one day this life will end but we're certainly enjoying it while we can."

Lt. (sg) Charles Lord, '42, was recently promoted to a senior grade lieutenant at Quonset, R. I.

Lt. Gladys Rodriguez, '38, has been serving overseas with the Army Nurse Corps for over a year. She reports having met several Colbyites over there.

Sgt. Robert W. Maxwell, '44, has completed  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years overseas as a member of the 15th Air Force B-24 Liberator group in southern Italy. He has worked as administrative clerk and chief of his squadron's technical supply section. His work consists of supervision and distribution of aircraft equipment used in maintenance.

Lt. Sam B. Warren, '42, has been assigned to a new Summer Class Destroyer which was commissioned in New Jersey recently.

Lt. Robert C. Dennison, '43, was promoted to a first Lt. in October and is at the present time stationed in Paris. He writes that he bumped into Lt. Hoover Goffin, '40, who is also stationed in Paris with the office of Strategic Services.

Charles V. Cross, '43, BM 1-c, now stationed in Philadelphia for a short course in Damage Control, has met several old Colby classmates in the course of his travels. The first was

#### BAD BREAK

First, Charles E. Cousins, '46, S 1-c, broke his leg in an accident. Then he planned a Christmas reunion with a Colby friend (name and place censored). Then the cast was removed and he broke his leg again. It is to be hoped that he will now start getting some good breaks. Chuck is in the Submarine Service, with a relief crew.

"Sid Rauch, when we took a load of soldiers from England to Africa in 1943. The second person was Pres Barry. During D-day at Normandy his ship came along side us to transfer wounded soldiers. He left in a hurry so we didn't have time to talk at all. Thanks to the Colby *Alumnus* I was able to find Evan MacIIraith in Naples. I left my old ship in December after spending 2½ years on her. In that time, I made four D-days in the European theatre of war, and am now probably headed for the Pacific."

Lt. Col. James Davidson, '30, is another Colby man stationed in Paris and has charge of the employment of civilian personnel.

Sgt. Ned Porter, '42, who is also stationed in Paris, says of this city, "It's a gay and beautiful place. On the surface it does not seem much changed from the way I remembered it in the old days."

Major John A. Nelson, '27, has been promoted to his present rank and is now executive officer of the former

#### MY, FANCY SEEING YOU HERE!

A card from Sgt. Donald G. Leach, '45, says: "Belgium: T-Sgt. Tom Lindsay, '45, bailed out and landed in my lap, practically." Period. End quote. Full stop.

There should be a law against aggravating the Editor by a little hint like that when it is just the kind of a story that he would give his eye teeth to get. All we know from Tom is that he was first radio operator on a Fortress and had 24 missions behind him at last report. We must say, however, that Colby men will do most anything for the sake of dropping in on their classmates. L'Hospital Beaujon in Paris. This is a base hospital for the US Army and said to be the most modern hospital on the European Continent.

Edward M. Hooper, '38, SSM (L) 2|c, is serving aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific where he has been on active duty for the past year.

Major Elmer M. Tower, '18, returned from two years of overseas duty recently and at the present writing is visiting his family in Ogunquit. He will report to Atlantic City on March 8 for reassignment.

Capt. Maurice O. Searle, '40, is now flying C-54's on the crescent run to Paris and took a good look at Waterville on his last flight East. Coming back he droned through the soup all the way, on the night we were having the worst blizzard of the year. Any wounded Colby men who may come home by air should keep track of their progress over the U.S., as this beam takes them right over Colby. "Ritz" spent 18 months in the C-B-I theatre, flying the Hump into China, also making some emergency flights to Imphal when that campaign was in progress and some trips to Kweilin just before its capture by the Japs. He went over a Second Lieutenant and came back a Captain, with a Distinguished Flying Cross, and an Air Medal and Cluster. While in Paris the other day he looked up Sgt. Edward B. Porter, '42, and reports a most enjoyable four hours of talk about old times in Waterville. Ned is with a Model Making Detachment. Searle also bumped into Prof. Lougee's brother Larry who happened to be spending a leave in Paris.

Lt. (jg) Dana A. Jordan, '33, is gunnery officer on board a Merchant ship sailing out of New Orleans, La.

Lt. B. D. Currier, '44, who is stationed at Cherry Point, N. C., writes of having met Bud McKay, '44, down there and talking over old times with him.

T-Sgt. Sherman A. McPherson, '44, is stationed with the Allied Force Headquarters in Italy, assigned as a clerk with the Information, News and Censorship section.

**Cpl. Ronald Livingston, '43,** writes from New Guinea, "There is a mountain only two miles from my tent on which there still are Japs. They are cut off from their bases and are with out food or ammunition so will eventually starve to death or surrender."

# Class Notes About Colby Men and Women

#### 1891

Lyndon L. Dunham and Mrs. Dunham are again spending the winter at Gulf Stream Hotel, Lakeworth, Fla. "Tim" may be found on the golf links every day where he plays a good game but hopes to improve as he gets older.

#### 1899

Rev. Harold L. Hanson continues as the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Claremont, N. H. His residence is at 24 Severance Street.

#### 1908

l. Ross McCombe is practicing law in New York State with his main office at 665 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

#### 1911

Esther Robinson Harvey resides in West Hartford, Conn., and, in addition to her home duties, finds time to serve as emergency nurse at a local hospital and to maintain an active interest in music, both voice and piano.

Albion Blake, who conducts an insurance business in Waterville under the firm of Charles K. Mathews and Co., is a director of the Allied Mutual Insurance Co., and member of the local Board of Registration.

Rev. Delber Wallace Clark is resident chaplain and vice president of the Christian Settlement House, Philadelphia, Pa. His son, Robert, is serving overseas with the 54th Armored Infantry Battalion.

Miss Beulah E. Withee continues her career as a teacher in the Erasmus Hall High School, Brooklyn, N. Y. Beulah is recording secretary of the Maine Women's Club of New York, and spends her summers at Fayson Lake, in the foot-hills of the Ramapo Mts., N. J.

#### 1913

Crary Brownell is still hustling around trying to keep his factory running and his war orders all filled. He has one son in the Navy and another in the Merchant Marines. His address is Moodus, Conn.

Royden K. Greely writes that he manages to keep busy by supervising two schools and teaching V-5 and V-12 at Wesleyan during the summer. He is also the County Director of the Connecticut State Teachers' Association, Vice-Chairman of the Local Veterans Advisory Council and the Ration Board.

#### 1926

Albert Wassell will start studying for his doctorate at the University of Iowa on June 9.

Mrs. Lerene Rolls Mowatt may be addressed at 644 St. Mary's Street, Bronx 54, N. Y., Apt. 4-1. She writes that she considers taking care of her husband, two sons and one daughter " a big job."

#### 1928

Donald P. Cobb has a Western Auto Associate Store in Bridgton, Maine, and a lively daughter for the class of 1964 at Colby. He is also the president of the Bridgton Chamber of Commerce, an office which he has held for three years.

#### 1932

Burrill D. ("Red") Snell of Augusta has opened the B. D. Snell Tire Company on 300 State Street, formerly the Holt-Snell Tire Co. One of his associates is a classmate, B. M. ("Mose") Johnstone, who was recently honorably discharged from the US Army.

A. J. DeMiceli is teaching at South High School, Newburgh, N. Y. Mr. DeMiceli is also a 2nd Lt. in the New York State Guard, commanding the Machine Gun Platoon.

#### 1933

Vernon L. Bolster, who makes his home in New London, N. H., with his wife, Edith Hoskin Bolster, '33, and son, is the headmaster of New London High School.

#### 1936

Robert B. Merrill is the principal of Anson Academy, North Anson, Maine.

#### 1937

Phyllis Jones Oechslie writes that she is kept rather busy taking care of her two year old daughter, Shirley, but manages in her spare time to do some dress making, church work and doing her hit for the war drives. Whenever films are available, she added, she carries on with her hobby of photography by collecting pictures of her daughter to send to her husband who is an electrician in the Navy.

#### 1938

Helen Lewis Hooper is working in the office of the Boston Machine Works Co. in Lynn, Mass., while her husband, Edward M. Hooper, '38, SSM (L) 2|c, is serving aboard an aircraft carrier in the Pacific.

Dr. Alonzo Garcelon has been appointed Dental Officer for the State of Maine and has his headquarters in Augusta.

#### 1939

Fletcher Eaton is working as a loftsman in the engineering department of Chance Vought Aircraft at Stratford, Conn. He may be addressed at the YMCA, New Haven 11, Conn.

Mary Esther MacBride has been working at the Bath Iron Works for the past two years. She writes that the office in which she works deals with the complete outfitting of Destroyers. She has also met several alumni who also work at the Bath Iron Works.

#### 1940

Glenyes W. Smith has completed over four years of teaching. She is still at Standish, she writes, and likes it as well as ever. Her address is RFD, Alfred, Maine.

Mary Bonnar is still working for the New York Public Library. She is also studying four nights a week at Columbia. Her address is now 438 W. 20th Street, New York City.

Ruth Rowell has accepted a new position as Post Librarian at Camp Upton on Long Island.

#### 1941

Eddie Quarrington has an editorial position on the Boston Herald and also does Red Cross publicity in Boston. He is now the proud father of a baby girl.

#### 1942

Janet Pfleger has been accepted for admission to the Smith College School for Social Work, and will enter there in June.

Natalie Mooers Daggett is living with her folks in Ashland. She writes that her 20 months old son, Peter, saw his Daddy (Lt. John Daggett, '41) for the first time in December while he was home on furlough from Italy.

Virginia Duggan is the first woman in the history of the General Electric Company to hold the position of Engineer Expediter. "Gina" works in the Boston office.

June VanDerVeer Lamb (Mrs. Trevor Lamb) is now living in Winthrop, Mass.

Marlee Bragdon Hill has completed the novel on which she has been working, but writes that there is still a great deal of work to do on it. She is now working as assistant editor on the Fawcett house organ and enjoys her work tremendously.

#### 1943

Ruby Lott Tucker writes that she is having a wonderful time with her new daughter, Susan Louise, and that the baby is now on a peas-carrots-spinach and cereal diet.

Geraldine Fennessy Parker is living at 6324 Magnolia St., Phila., Pa., Apt. B, with her husband George, '42, and new son, Dennis Milton. She writes that she'd love to have any Colby people in Philadelphia or visiting there drop in to see her. The Parker telephone number is Tennessee 1139.

#### 1944

Louise Callahan Johnson reports that Bud's ship was in port recently and they spent almost three weeks to-gether. While in New York, Kelly writes she had lunch with Jane Mc-Carthy at Bamberger's where Jane is learning to be a junior executive. "She looks like a million — a trim business woman in a neat gabardine suit. We had a great time discussing Colby and 'just a year ago' when the ECHO was our greatest worry. How things change! I also saw Virginia Hall Calahan who is doing claims adjusting for Liberty Mutual in New York City. She also looks wonderful and like all the war wives spends most of her time writing to her husband. I think that they plan to return to Colby after the war so that Johnny can get his degree."

Nancy Pattison, 419 Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Ill., is at present a case worker in the Home Service Department of the Red Cross. She writes of her work, "We deal with the servicemen, veterans of World War I and this war, and their families. It is surprising the number of problems that arise when the serviceman is away from home. And the majority of these problems are handled by the Red Cross." Pat is also doing work in some of the Army hospitals in the city and canteen work. "One day," she writes, "while I was pouring coffee at the canteen, one of the boys hesitated. I looked up and to my amazement it was Cal Dolan. Last fall I ran into Clayt Currier who had just completed his training at Abbot Hall."

Stanley Short, formerly attached to the Medical Detachment at Fort Devens, has now been discharged and is living at 1163 Boylston Street, Boston 15, Mass. Shortie is a student at Tufts College Dental School.

Maxine Merrill is now residing at 51 Pearl Street, Augusta.

#### 1945

Lucille LaGassey has accepted the position of Physical Education instructor at Bridgton High School, Bridgton, Maine.

Marjorie Merrill has been appointed an Assistant Librarian at the Waterville Public Library.

# MILESTONES

#### ENGAGEMENTS

Prudence Piper, '41, to Lt. Ernest C. Marriner, Jr., '40. Miss Piper is employed in the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and Lt. Marriner is stationed at Carlyle Barracks, Pa., as transportation officer.

Katherine Glazier, '41, of Fairfield to Cyrus W. Davis, '40, of Waterville. Miss Glazier attended the Maine School of Commerce in Portland after her graduation from Colby and is now employed in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue in Augusta. Mr. Davis has been honorably discharged from the US Army and is night superintendent at the Berst-Forster-Dixheld Company in Oakland.

Florette Hebert of Waterville, to Sgt. Henri W. Ball, '45, of Lincoln. Miss Hebert is employed in Waterville. Sgt. Ball has just returned from India and is awaiting reassignment at Atlantic City, N. J.

#### MARRIED

Ruth Shirley Drapeau, '46, of Augusta, to Philip Edward Hunt, BM I|c, USN, of Brunswick, on Feb. 22, at the bride's home. Before coming to Colby, Mrs. Hunt studied for a year at the Augusta General Hospital Kiwanis laboratory and later took a special course at the Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston. She is now laboratory and X-ray technician at the Franklin County Memorial Hospital in Farmington. Mr. Hunt has just returned to this country from active duty in the South Pacific theatre. Frances Barcley, '45, to Lt. Ernest G. Oxton, AAF, at the bride's home in Newtonville, Mass. Mrs. Oxton will receive her degree in June. Lt. Oxton was graduated from Northeastern University and is now stationed at Fort Dix, N. J.

Phyllis W. Johnston of Thompsonville, Conn., to Ens. Alden D. Ridley, '44, on Feb. 3, 1945.

#### BIRTHS

To Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Anthony S. Mignery, Jr., (Florence M. Perkins, '42) a daughter, Marjorie Ann, on Feb. 2, 1945, in Norfolk, Va.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Houghton, Jr., (Charles E. Houghton, Jr., '35, and Winnifred White, '36) a son, Charles E., III, on June 26, 1944, in Boston, Mass.

To Lt. and Mrs. Hoover Goffin, (Hoover Goffin, '40) a son, Peter Lewis, on Nov. 29, 1944.

To Pvt. and Mrs. Lawrence N. Gray, (Lawrence N. Gray, '35) a daughter, Barbara Nelson Gray.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Maren, (Ruth Hendricks, '40), a son, James Hartley Maren, on Feb. 12, 1945, in Baltimore, Md.

To Mr. and Mrs. Louis Principe, (Louis Principe, '42) a son, William Frederick, on Feb. 23, 1945, in Brockton, Mass.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Brown, (Laura May Tolman, '36) a daughter, Kathleen Laura Brown, on June 19, 1944, in Scotia, N. Y.

## Necrology

#### CHARLES A. FLAGG, '86

Charles Albert Flagg, 82, died at a nursing home in Lynn, Mass., on July 25, 1944.

He was born in South Berwick, Me., on January 22, 1862, the son of Mercy Joy Grant and Ebenezer Hill Flagg. Entering from Berwick Academy, he attended Colby for two years with the Class of 1886, and was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

After a few years in business, he entered the Railway Mail Service and was a Government employee for 36 years until his retirement in 1927. Always interested in civic matters, he was a well-known resident of Swampscott, Mass., and was at one time the chairman of the school committee.

In 1888 he married Sarah Mason Eveleth who survives him, as do a son, four daughters, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

#### WILLARD L. McFADDAN, '98

The death of Willard Lowell Mc-Faddan occurred at his home in Waterville on February 1, 1945.

He was born in this city February 11, 1876, the son of Andrew L. and Florence Totman McFaddan. After attending local schools he entered Colby and graduated in 1898. While a student he excelled in tennis and, together with William O. Stevens, won the State Doubles Championship. He was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity.

After a study of law, he was admitted to the Maine Bar in 1900, later devoting himself to business pursuits, becoming buyer for the Atherton Furniture Company and later the owner of their Waterville store.

Surviving are his widow and two sisters, Miss Zaidee F. McFaddan and Mrs. Elizabeth Cragin, both of Waterville.

#### JESSIE CURTIS FOYE, '99

Mrs. Otis W. (Jessie Curtis) Foye died at her home in Dorchester, Mass., on Jan. 20, 1945. Funeral services were held from the Dorchester Temple Baptist Church in Boston, Mass., with Rev. William B. Chase, '99, of Buckfield, Maine, conducting the services.

Mrs. Foye was born in Southbridge, Mass., graduating from the High School there as Valedictorian in 1895. She entered Colby with the class of '99. While at college she met Otis W. Foye, '98, whom she married in 1901. While at Colby she was affiliated with a group which later became Chi Omega sorority.

After serving two churches in Connecticut, Rev. and Mrs. Foye moved to Somerville, Mass. In the ten years she lived in that city, Mrs. Foye was active in Camp Fire Girls' work and was cofounder of the Somerville Women's Federation of churches, serving as Vice President. From Somerville they moved to Dorchester in 1919.

In 1914, Rev. and Mrs. Foye were accredited delegates to the World Baptist Alliance Convention held in Berlin, Germany. At this time, they visited eight different countries, enjoying the Passion Play at Oberammagau. During their married life they covered some 30,000 miles across this country attending conventions.

Mrs. Foye was a director of the Woman's Baptist Social Union; Woman's Auxiliary of Baptist Hospitals; City Mission Society; and a member of the Dorchester Women's Club and the Daughters of America.

Besides her husband she is survived by a son, Lt. Comdr. L. Curtis Foye, MC, USNR, serving at Chelsea Naval Hospital; a daughter, Mrs. L. N. Hutchins (Eunice Foye, '31) of Ossining, N. Y.; and six grandchildren.

#### SETH H. ALLEN, '04

The death of Seth Harold Allen occurred at his home in Columbia Falls on February 15, 1945, after an illness of several months.

He was born in Centerville, Maine, on December 2, 1877, the son of Eben F. and Julia Smith Allen. He fitted at Kents Hill where he won state-wide recognition as a track athlete and came to Colby with his chum, Arthur W. ("Spud") Palmer, largely through the influence of William H. Farwell and Willard H. Rockwood, both of 1902, who were Kents Hill alumni. At Colby he became a member of Zeta Psi, played end on the varsity, and continued to star as a dash man, setting college records in the 100 and 220 vard dashes which stood for a good many years. He gave up college, however, after one year.

In 1902, Allen married Lucy M. Leighton, sister of Frank H. Leighton, '04. Entering business life in Columbia Falls, which had been his home since early boyhood, he was for many years manager of the Pejepscot Paper Company mill in that town. Later he helped organize a blueberry packing syndicate known as the Pleasant River Canning Company, serving as its president for 25 years. He also conducted a general insurance business.

Active in town and county affairs, he long served as chairman of the board of selectmen and board of

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assessors. He was at one time member of the State Legislature. He was a trustee of the Methodist Church, a Mason, and member of the Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Allen died in 1941, and he is survived only by a sister, Miss Bernice E. Allen, and some more distant relatives.

#### DENNIS T. O'LEARY, '18

Dennis Thomas O'Leary died at his home in Turners Falls, Mass., from a sudden heart attack on January 19, 1945.

Born in Turners Falls on December 23, 1893, the son of Daniel and Mary Day O'Leary, he was a graduate of the local high school and attended Colby for four years. He was teacher and coach at the Greenfield High School for a number of years and in late years had been an inspector at the Greenfield Tap & Die Corporation. He is survived by four sisters.

#### S-SGT. F. O. SAWYER, '37

Frederick Olin Sawyer, Staff Sergeant in the United States Infantry, was killed in action in Belgium on January 19, according to word received by his wife from the War Department.

He was born July 2, 1913, at Sherman, Maine, and attended the schools in that town, although his family then moved to East Millinocket. Sawyer entered Colby in September, 1932, and remained until February, 1934. He was pledged to the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

He was employed at the Hollingsworth & Whitney plant in Winslow for a year, later operating a filling station in Yarmouth and working in the South Portland Shipyards. Entering service in January, 1944, he trained at Camp Blanding and went overseas last July.

Sgt. Sawyer is survived by his widow, the former Angelina Taddei of Winslow who is now employed in Washington, by his mother, Mrs. Minerva Toussaint of Sherman, and by his brother, Kenneth Sawyer, '32, of East Millinocket.

#### SGT. GEORGE O. NELSON, '40

Sgt. George Olaf Nelson died on January 11, 1945, in the Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, Washington. He had been taken ill at Lathrop, California, treated in the hospital at Auburn, California, and then transferred to Spokane.

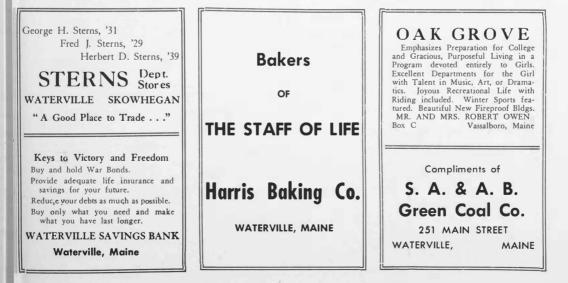
Nelson was born in Wethersfield, Conn., on June 23, 1919, but his family moved to Monson, Maine, where George attended Monson Academy, making an outstanding record. He was a winner of one of Colby's State of Maine Competitive Scholarships and entered Colby in the fall of 1936. Nelson was a Dean's List student, but was not able to return after his freshman year for financial reasons. Entering business, he was employed at the Pratt and Whitney aircraft engine works in East Hartford. He was inducted into the Army at Hartford on February 2, 1944, and went to Fort Devens and then trained at Camp Lee, Virginia, until being sent to the West Coast last May. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Nelson of Monson.

#### PFC. GILBERT E. POTTS, '42

Twice wounded in battle, Pfc. Gilbert Evans Potts was killed in action on February 3, 1945, according to a dispatch sent by the War Department to his wife. He was with General Patch's Seventh Army somewhere in the Strasbourg area.

Potts was born in Orange, Mass., on April 11, 1920, and attended Mount Herman School for Boys, entering Colby in 1938. He majored in sociology and participated in track and cross country, also earning a large share of his college expenses.

Graduating in 1942, he had won a scholarship to Boston University for graduate work, but went into the Army in July of that year. Most of his training was done at Ft. Meade, Md. He went overseas early in 1943 and participated in combat as an infantryman in North Africa, Sicily,



Italy and France. He received the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster for wounds received in the Italian campaign and in France.

Prc. Potts is survived by his widow, the former Deborah Stillings, '41, who is living in North Andover, Mass., and by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Potts of East Northfield, Mass. A memorial service was held for him in the Trinitarian Congregational Church of East Northfield on February 25.

#### PVT. JOHN C. STEVENS, '42

Pvt. John Curtis Stevens was killed in Loraine on November 19, 1944, according to word received from the War Department by his parents. He had first been reported missing on Nov. 15. Pvt. Stevens was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart medal, which has been received by his parents.

The son of J. Kenneth and Norma Glines Stevens, he was born in Lake Placid, N. Y., later moving to Portland where he graduated from Deering High School and attended Portland Junior College for one year, entering Colby in 1939 as a sophomore. "Little Jack," as he was sometimes known to distinguish him from his classmate, "Big Jack " Stevens, was an honor student and a skilled skier. Perhaps his strongest interest, however, was in the question of peace and he was chairman of the Peace Commission of the Student Christian Association. Graduating in 1942, he registered as a conscientious objector and served as a hospital orderly in the New York Hospital while awaiting assignment to a Conscientious Objectors' Work Camp. The college has no record of his activities from that point until word was received that he was overseas with an infantry regiment and, a few weeks ago, the news of his death.

#### PVT. DAVID BRUCKHEIMER, JR., '47

News of the death of Pvt. David Bruckheimer, Jr., is contained in a newspaper clipping received in the Alumni Office. The date is slightly indefinite, the statement being that he "joined the Ninth Army on December 26 and was killed after four days of action."

Bruckheimer is the youngest Colby man to lose his life in battle. He was born on January 30, 1926, in New York City, attended Scarsdale High School and entered Colby for the summer term in June, 1943. Talented and versatile, David played in the First Violin section of the Colby-Community Orchestra, made the informal basketball team, and played third base on the baseball team last spring. He was well-liked and, in the words of one of his friends, "He was very much a part of life when he was very much the center of attraction."

After completing three semesters of college work, Bruckheimer joined the Army soon after the close of the term last May. After 17 weeks of basic training and a ten day furlough, Pvt. Bruckheimer went overseas on November 27.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Bruckheimer of Scarsdale, N. Y., and a younger brother, Foster.



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