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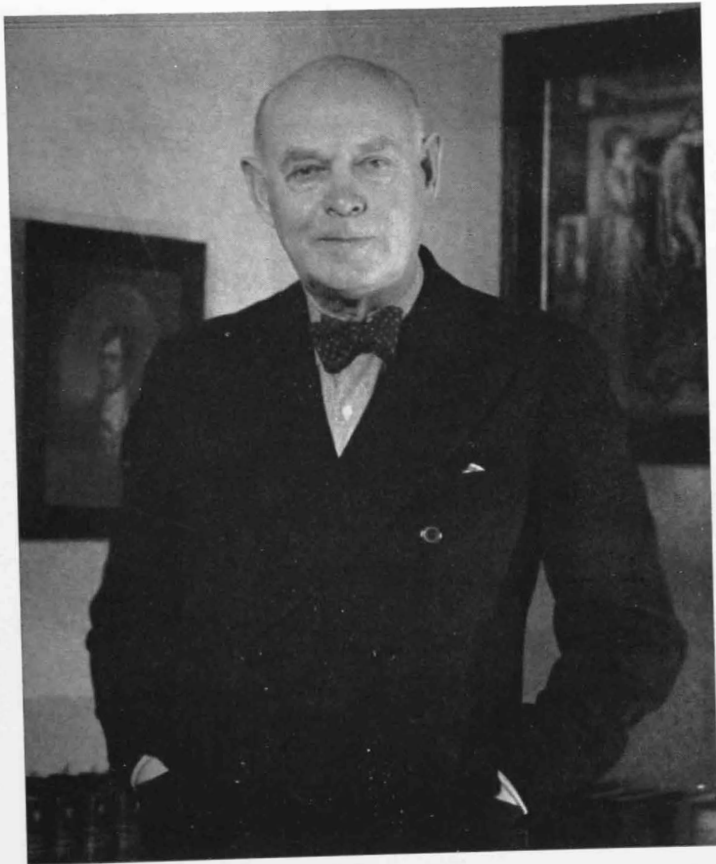
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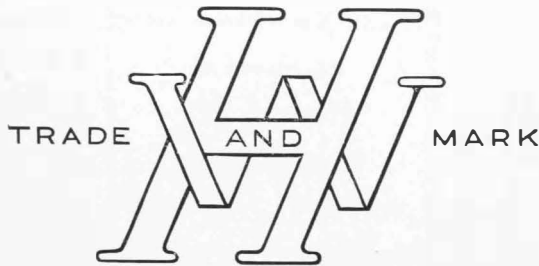
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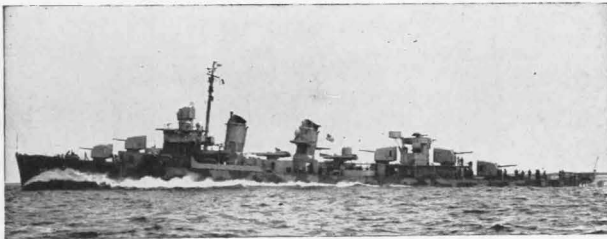
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The Cover

This portrait of Prof. William J. Wilkinson was taken in his home a few weeks ago. Little changed during the past two decades, he is the same "Wilkie" that hundreds of Colby students know, looking rather like an unpuddy Churchill with a twinkling eye and a taste in bow ties.

Fan Mail

Dear Editor: — Even though I'm enjoying peace and security back here in the States, the *Alumnus* is still my most popular piece of mail. The only drawback to returning to Colby is the fact that as a student I wouldn't get the *Alumnus*. It sure is a great magazine and I want to express appreciation for all the pleasure I have received from reading it.

—LT. EUGENE C. STRUCKHOFF, '44.
 Orlando, Fla.

Dear Editor: — Orchids to the March 1945 issue! Those eight pages of college highlights really bring back fond memories. If it weren't for the *Alumnus* I'm afraid that most of us would be very much in the dark as to the whereabouts of our classmates and friends. So, to the Editor and his staff, here's a big "Thank you" from all of us who think that the Colby *Alumnus* is tops in reading matter!

—BETTY TOBEY, '43.
 LaGuardia Field, N. Y.

Dear Editor: — I appreciate every effort that goes into making the *Alumnus* such a complete visit with Colby. For one who has never had the privilege of returning for first hand contacts, I still feel well informed and up to date on the doings of the Colby Family. That is due to the excellent work you and your staff are doing for all.

—ALICE L. BROWN, '21.
 Southampton, Mass.

Dear Editor: — After much travel and many post marks, the March *Alumnus* arrived. It's about my only Colby friend on this far western Pacific island. The cover appealed to me, as I could not but help compare the S.S. *Colby Victory* with the pictures of Mayflower Hill — another Colby Victory.

—1ST LT. ROGER M. STEBBINS, '40.
 Western Pacific Area

The President's Page



The April issue of Fortune magazine contained an interesting summary of the results of a questionnaire conducted for Fortune by Elmo Roper in collaboration with the committee on post-war planning of Yale University. The questionnaire was submitted "by personal interview to a cross-section sample of the entire adult population" with the following results.

An overwhelming majority (over 85%) favored the government's policy of providing higher education for returning servicemen. 81% wanted its sons to go to college, 73% would like to have its daughters go. About 65% believed that many who would benefit by college are prevented from going by financial considerations. Nearly the same number believed that the federal government should help needy but able young people to get an education, while larger numbers felt that state governments and private individuals should provide more assistance than they do now.

The answers to questions about the aims of college education were very interesting. The largest number believed it most important that the college prepare for a specific occupation. Next came training in ability to get along with people, then the cultivation of a desire to be a more useful citizen, then training in logic and morals. A considerably smaller number felt it most important to get a larger amount of factual information or to win an appreciation of music and art. Almost even were the votes for the following college purposes: (a) training in useful citizenship, (b) education of the general public through lectures and radio programs, (c) fitting students for positions of leadership, (d) providing scholars with opportunities for research, (e) training students in specialized fields like labor relations, (f) setting up projects to work out problems facing local communities or the country as a whole. In each case between 40% and 50% of those who responded felt that colleges ought to do more along these lines than they are doing.

On the question of academic freedom the public disapproved of outside influence on teaching procedures. Large benefactors received the greatest number of warning votes, next came the government, then graduates, then other professors, then the board of trustees. In other words, if there is to be influence, the board of trustees has the most right to exercise it. To the question whether more government support would interfere with freedom of teaching the responses were indecisive.

Our alumni will be particularly interested in the comments given by college graduates on what they liked best in their own college experiences. This is the order of the replies: (1) class discussions, (2) books, (3) informal discussions with fellow students, (4) personal contacts with professors, (5) independent work such as essays and projects, (6) class lectures by professors, (7) gainful work during vacations, (8) experience in extracurricular activities, (9) events such as lectures, concerts, exhibits, (10) gainful work while in residence, (11) associations in clubs or fraternities.

It is hard to tell what this all adds up to and of course it is hard to know in the first place how representative these answers are. But by and large it would seem to indicate that the general public approves the measures taken for veteran's education, is not particularly apprehensive about government support of colleges, believes in vocational training, will support plans for adult education and extension work, and cherishes academic freedom. What of the replies from college graduates? Would our alumni have given their experiences the same rating? At least the comparative values assigned to class discussions and to lectures appear to be in line with the trend of the times and to indicate the special advantages of the informal methods of the small college.

J. S. Roper

THE TALK OF THE COLLEGE

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED —

If we were to announce the receipt of a million dollars for endowment, it would be big news. Hence, it is big news when it can be stated that the Colby Alumni Fund has added to the college treasury for 1945 the equivalent of the income on a million dollars' worth of three per cent bonds. Furthermore, there is every reason to believe that this sum or more will continue to be turned in year after year, so the term "Living Endowment" is an apt description of the Colby Alumni Fund.

The Fund went successfully over its \$30,000 goal on the 29th of June, not counting some \$20,000 more received from alumni this year for Mayflower Hill or other designated purposes. Last year, the Fund (aided by one or two large non-recurring gifts) doubled its previous record to top \$29,000. This year more people gave more. The keynote of the 1945 campaign was that the Fund is a means "to enable educated people to help educate people." That is not a high pressure slogan, but it is real. It puts the Fund on a high plane, and it is a purpose which will be just as valid next year, and ten years hence, as now. A lot of Colby people began giving to their college these past two years, and in their hands lies the future of the Fund. If all become regular givers, the total will grow healthily year by year and, as far as helping Colby College to do a better educational job goes, the Alumni Fund is just as good as a million dollars.

CHAMP —

For years, Alumni Fund fans have been watching contenders for the class championship trail 1921 to the finish line. Two years ago, 1891 took away the prize for the largest amount contributed, but in numbers of contributors, 1921 has reigned supreme—until now. This year, good old 1921 got licked—and what a shellacking. True, the old champ did well—75 members contributed, a new record for them, and giving them second honors. But, away out there in front, we see the class of 1944, one year out of college and cocky as they make 'em. No fewer than 107 of the youngsters gave

the college a rousing \$1,041, a sum which included the balance left in their class treasury at graduation.

A year ago we editorialized on the class of 1944, the largest entering class in the college's history. The war came and only 71 have graduated as yet, but '44 has the largest number under arms of any Colby class. More of '44 have been wounded and more have been decorated than any other Colby class. It has the stuff that champs are made of — more power to them.

V-DAY —

As this is written, the United States Senate is beginning its consideration of the United Nations Charter. Before they reach a decision, many hundreds of thousands of words will have been uttered on the floor and in committee chambers. We submit, however, that they will not add up to much more than do 55 words scribbled off by a Colby man who has been on his back in hospitals for four and a half months since being wounded in four places and pulled back, more dead than alive, from a mine-clearing patrol ahead of the American advance in Germany. Writ-

ing from the Rhoads General Hospital, Utica, at the end of a chatty letter and with seriousness, but no intention of being profound, Lt. Morris Cohen, '35, reflected:

"Today is V-E Day. In the field, after an objective is taken, the first duty of the commanders is the organization of the ground against counter-attack. We've taken our objective. I hope, now, that at San Francisco the ground is being organized effectively against any possible counter-attack by the same — or any — hate-inspired enemy."

There you have it, Mr. Senator! And, if you want to be political about it, there are about twelve million men who aren't saying much, but who have been taught the same basic tactics, and are watching you with gimlet eyes to see what you are going to do about "organizing against counter-attack" the ground which they are winning and have won the hard, hard way.

MARTYRS —

The names of Francis and Gertrude Coombs Rose must be added to the honored list of Colby martyrs. Their tragic deaths in the service of Christ is told in the Necrology, and they will be mourned by many friends. Elijah Parish Lovejoy heads the list of our alumni who died for their principles, and is followed by James Perry, '11, YMCA secretary in the Near East, who was killed by brigands in Syria, in 1920, while on an errand of mercy. We pray that this list of martyrs will never grow longer.

We Point With Pride To—

T. Raymond Pierce, '98, elected National President of the Zeta Psi Fraternity of North America.

Lt. Col. Alexander A. LaFleur, '20, awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Lt. John F. Hill, Jr., '33, awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Lt. Allan Knight, '41, awarded the Air Medal and one Cluster.

Sgt. Earle K. Merrill, '44, awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

T-5 Sherman L. Rancourt, '44, awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Capt. William E. Frazier, '44, awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Air Medal with three Clusters.

Lt. Thurber E. Holt, Jr., '45, awarded the Air Medal.

TWO SENIORS — The two young people who were student speakers at the Commencement exercises — a girl from Latin America and a boy from Skowhegan, Maine — represented an interesting contrast in the types of student that Colby serves.

"Education for Internationalism," was the topic of Miss Laura Tapia, who hails from Panama City, daughter of a public official who is now Minister from the Republic of Panama to Honduras. Coming to Colby under a one-year international exchange fellowship, she remained four years, graduat-

ing with *cum laude* honors. This Spanish miss speaks and thinks "American," and would qualify as a "typical co-ed" in any group. It is characteristic of Laura that she saw her first snow in the fall of her freshman year and ended up as an enthusiastic and better-than-average skier. Appropriately, she was president of the International Relations Club. She has been a true *exchange* student, disseminating an interest in and understanding of Latin America through her student friendships and by speaking before clubs in Waterville and vicinity, at the same time assimilating an intimate knowledge of the American scene, visiting in American homes, establishing American friendships, and, through her courses, absorbing the world's culture through American channels. She aims to go into educational work in her own country, where there is a dearth of professionally-trained women educators. A hundred years ago it was not uncommon for one of our graduates to found a college somewhere in the South or West. Perhaps in the next decade or two, this pioneering young woman will be the founder and first president of a woman's college in Panama.

In contrast, William Whitemore is nothing if not indigenous. His ancestry is solidly Yankee and his forebears for generations have been good Maine farmers. To any who have studied college records, such a background is recognized as not unfavorable to top-flight intellectual achievement. Perhaps this is because few disciplines are so inexorable as the regularity demanded by dependent livestock, and a keen and conscientious boy on a farm receives a training in all-around competence that no educator, progressive or otherwise, has yet been able to duplicate for the apartment or suburban dweller. Anyhow, Bill Whitemore won a freshman entrance scholarship, immediately got himself a board job which lasted until he graduated, and attained marks which qualified him for scholarships in his last two years from the Travelli Fund of Boston. He lays out (and follows!) an exact time-table for himself — so many minutes for study, so much for relaxation, so much daily reading in French and German (looking toward graduate school), so much for this and for that — with the result that he is regarded with envy, awe and incredulity

by his fellows. With a sharp and acquisitive mind, and practically no wasted time in his whole three years (he took two summer sessions), the curriculum was just so much duck soup for Bill. Majoring in physics, he attained some phenomenal marks in science and mathematics (including five course-marks of 99 or higher!) and graduated *magna cum laude* and at the top of the class. On the side, he won a public speaking prize or two and played a clarinet in the symphony orchestra. By no means bookish, his father claims that Bill is a better man around the farm than any two he can hire. He is just as ready to argue about the economics of the Boston milk supply as about Quantum physics. Bill is going to Harvard next year, under a \$1,000 fellowship. The competition will be stiffer in graduate school, but we predict that he will not be lost in the shuffle.

A college cannot fairly pretend that any two outstanding students are typical of all, but it is a mark of a good college when there is a sprinkling of unusual personalities such as this young man and woman to serve as pace-setters for the run-of-the-campus undergraduates.

NO! — Twice within a week we were stopped on the street and asked whether it was true that another New England college was angling for Dr. Bixler as its president, so we just went in and asked the President about it. "I'm going to be right here until the Trustees fire me," he said, pounding the desk. So that's that.

LAST CLASS — To all appearances it was just like any other meeting of "History 01-02 — The Development of European Civilization." Yet, at 11:15 A.M., Friday, May 18, this was to be the last class taught by Prof. William J. Wilkinson at Colby College. (What he may do as Professor-Emeritus is another story.)

There were 56 boys and girls, mostly freshmen, in the history room on the third floor of Champlin, when Wilkie walked in and laid his brief case on the table, pulling out a folder of jumbled clippings and notes. He was wearing a fine-checked brown tweed jacket, taupe shirt and plain, harmonizing tie. As the bell rang, he looked over the room and jotted down the numbers on two or three empty

chairs. A ten-minute quiz on the outside reading, he remarked, would come at the end of the hour, and the final examination would be over the lectures and discussions. He took his stance in the middle of the platform, shot his left cuff with that characteristic arm swing of his, and announced that the subject of the hour was "Russia Since the Revolution."

"Is Russia communistic?" he asked, and immediately answered, "No, there are more traces of pure communism elsewhere today than in Soviet Russia. Socialism? Yes. But, Communism? No. Are there wealthy people in Russia? Certainly..." Having sufficiently upset the conventional notions of his students by enlarging on the present Soviet systems of wage incentives and private property, he went back to 1917. Churchill, he confided, was then calling the Bolsheviks "bloody baboons," but ten years later he "saw the writing on the wall and concluded a treaty with his good friend Stalin." While the White Russians were unsuccessfully attacking the Soviets in the west, he said, the Japanese were gnawing away at Russia from the Pacific end. "Russia has her own score to settle with Japan," he pointed out, adding, parenthetically, as if to himself, "and no doubt will come into the war against them within six months."

Wilkie lectured along in the same individualistic way that he has been doing for twenty-one years. With 40 minutes in which to burn into the minds of 56 freshmen the history of the Russian nation since "the ten days that shook the world," a lesser teacher would have frantically rushed through a mass of material, all, indubitably, important. Not so, Wilkie. Leisurely and informally he talked about half a dozen milestones — the Counter Revolution, Lenin's New Economic Policy, the first, second and third Five Year Plans, the War — taking time to stamp each phase into memory by a few significant human-interest details. His notes lay forgotten on the table as he walked up and down the platform, or stood with head thrust forward, left hand in coat pocket, right hand punching the air with a pointer to emphasize the main points, his voice rising in pitch and vehemence and his head wagging as he grew indignant at some injustice. As the tongue-twisting name of a person or place came up, he

would turn to the board and swiftly jot down the word in his own enormous and graceful print. Talking about the Urals, he yanked down a map to make sure that all knew their location.

There is nothing stilted about the Wilkie lecture. "They tried to communize the farmers," he was saying, "but old human nature kept getting in the way; they didn't want to collectivize. So Stalin committed one of the most ruthless crimes in history: the liquidation of the kulaks. A pretty tough customer, that man Stalin. It wasn't a pretty thing to do, but he got his collective and mechanized farms, and it is a good thing for us that he did, as it turned out." Always fair, never blinking at uncomfortable facts, but always insisting that the verdict be given from the long range viewpoint, Wilkie lectured on.

Looking at his watch, he said: "Before closing, I want to say a few words about Fascism. In 1923 there was a man named Mussolini. Perhaps you've heard of him. He got what was coming to him the other day." Adding, with infinite satisfaction, "Strung up by his heels!" Then, after a few cogent sentences about totalitarian Italy: "But let us not overlook what causes Fascism to arise. What does cause Fascism?" Two or three students hazarded answers. "Yes, dictatorships arise out of extreme poverty and a feeling of helplessness to do anything about it. Economic disease breeds Fascism. Don't forget that. Some things were not too reassuring about our own country a few years ago . . . widespread unemployment . . . farm bankruptcies. If you want to prevent things like Fascism, you must prevent the conditions that favor it. . . And which way will

Italy and Germany go now?" He paused, looked out of the window. "Perhaps someone lecturing on Mayflower Hill fifty years from now can give you the answers."

He stopped, picked up batches of question sheets and quiz papers, and a bit wearily stepped off the platform, handing them to a couple of students for distribution. "Answer any two, and you may leave when you have finished." All was silent, save for the rustle of pencils on paper. Some minutes later a student, and then another, and then others, got up, collected slickers and notebooks, and tiptoed out, dropping their papers on the desk. Three girls paused to whisper appreciative thanks to the professor: "It's been a wonderful course!" Wilkie acknowledged their words with a how and his little tight-lipped smile. They went out. The end of a chapter had arrived.

LOOKING OVER THE THRESHOLD

By WILLIAM J. WILKINSON, *Professor-Emeritus of History*

THE Editor has suggested that I write a brief article for the *Alumnus* on "The End of an Era" or "The Dawn of a New Era." This idea was suggested by the consideration, to use the Editor's own words, that my "retirement comes on the threshold of important historical changes." Of course "important historical changes" are always taking place. My predecessors in the history department could have written quite appropriately on a similar theme on the various occasions of their retirement during the past one hundred and thirty years. This is not the only crisis in the affairs of men and nations. Future historians, however, may pronounce it as the greatest crisis during the past century and a quarter.

I suppose that it is quite natural for those who have passed the age at which college professors retire, to look back upon the era in which they have lived with a certain nostalgia and consider a return to "the good old days" as the best cure for the contemporary evils of human society. At the time, we believed that we were making great strides in the direction of a better civilization. Too often, however, we

assumed that progress consisted in the improvement and accumulation of material things. We looked upon the miracle of the machine "and saw that it was good." Because we had the radio, airplanes, gadgets, and rode on elevators which moved silently and swiftly to the fiftieth floor without stopping, we came to the conclusion that we had arrived; that we were more civilized than our ancestors of the eighteenth or fourteenth centuries. Today that smug assumption is being challenged. Of what use are these mechanical inventions if they are to be used to destroy what civilization has created and built during the centuries. If man is not sufficiently civilized to use these products of the inventor and scientist for constructive purposes; if he uses them as engines of destruction, would it not be wiser to return to an age when men were restricted to the more primitive instruments of warfare? The basic difficulty consists in the fact that whereas we have made vast progress in the physical sciences, we have not made commensurate progress in the social sciences. The result is that we have

twentieth century guns and eighteenth century diplomacy.

In commenting on this anomaly, a recent writer asks if "we are better and wiser than the Athenians of the fifth century B.C.?" A quarter of a century ago in the midst of another world crisis a wise Frenchman said: "*Si la civilisation n'est pas dans le coeur de l'homme, elle n'est nulle part.*"

What were the faults and mistakes of the age which has just ended and in what manner can we learn from those mistakes? One of the indictments which history will bring against the generation to which I belong was our refusal to realize the truth of Wendall Wilkie's *One World*. I refer to our isolationist blindness following the First World War, and our failure to enter the League of Nations. Of course, some sections of our population were more culpable than others. My twenty years residence in Maine has led me to believe that less isolationist sentiment exists here than elsewhere in the United States. The geographical circumstance of the Maine coast facing the broad Atlantic and the more concrete fact that the

clipper ships of Bath and a score of other harbors sailed the Seven Seas has had its influence in forming an international consciousness. These sea captains and their crews by the very nature of their calling were prevented from developing the insular and parochial mind which has characterized the so-called "corn-belt." Unfortunately the "corn-belt" mentality prevailed.

The new generation, however, has renounced isolationism and all its works. Republicans and Democrats alike have shown by their action at the San Francisco conference and in the United States Senate that the new generation is determined that our government will cooperate and if necessary take the lead in striving for a new international order. Will the new charter of the United Nations succeed in its purpose? It will if enough people are intelligent enough to understand that the alternative to its success will be the cruel and devastating realities of another war. Its success or failure, according to the former Secretary of State, Mr. Hull, will be the acid test as to whether the world has suffered enough and learned enough. We have been subjected to a hard and bitter discipline during the past four or five years, but there is reason to believe that this generation has learned its lesson.

In contemplation of the era awaiting the new generation it is necessary to note a few unpleasant realities. The period following the present war will be difficult. In large sections of this

war-tortured world, chaos and turmoil will prevail. Conditions on the continent of Europe do not present a pretty picture. In France, for instance, there are signs of turbulence and unrest; which situation is aggravated by hunger and extreme want. Italy, it is agreed, has shown a greater likelihood for the revolutionary change of an extreme character than any other of the continental nations. Yugoslavia is under the control of its premier and military leader, the legendary Communist Tito. We all are aware of the uneasy stirrings in the Balkans and other sections of eastern Europe. Violence will again embroil unhappy Greece as soon as England withdraws its military forces. Belgium is another instance of the confusion which stems from the European conflict precipitated by the Nazis. The brief compass of this article does not permit anything like a discussion of the civil war which will probably engulf China following the defeat of Japan. The Chungking government which is being supported by the United States and the so-called Communist government, which in all likelihood will enjoy the aid of Russia when that mighty nation enters the conflict against Japan, envisages a future which is not pleasant to contemplate. It is here that the wisest statesmanship will be needed. In passing may I suggest to the readers of the *Alumnus* that if they desire a clear and objective analysis of this problem, they should read the short but excellent volume by Owen Lattimore, entitled

Solution in Asia.

There are and will be innumerable other problems confronting the coming generation. No sooner will the Polish problem in Europe or the problem of Manchuria in Asia be settled than equally baffling situations will appear on the horizon. At home there will be the race problem and a continuous series of economic and political crises. The cynical Louis XV, who had enough intelligence to foresee the revolution which would overtake his successor to the French throne, was accustomed to say "after us the deluge." Fortunately in America we have inherited the Anglo-Saxon tradition which enables us to solve our problems in an orderly and parliamentary manner. Unlike the French Bourbons and the Russian Romanoffs, we have not waited until it was too late to make necessary adjustments and reforms. We have as a rule followed the wise dictum of Theodore Roosevelt who once said: "Nine-tenths of wisdom consists in being wise in time." In my opinion, the great justification and merit of Colby and our other institutions of higher learning consists in the efforts which are put forth in the social science studies for the purpose of understanding the problems which will confront the graduates when they undertake to discharge their duties as citizens, and it is my confident belief that they will render a better and more intelligent account of their citizenship than did their predecessors in the era which is coming to its cataclysmic end.

SYMPOSIUM ON A GREAT TEACHER

You have to accept a good deal of responsibility for me personally, I am afraid, for I doubt if I should have got to be a prof. of history myself without discovering from your example that it was worth doing. And in the past ten years, when holding forth myself from the professorial rostrum, I have many times found myself attempting even unconsciously some pale imitation of your own substance and style. I hope you will take that as the sincerest form of flattery. After all, I have sat before a lot of professors, but never before a better one than you.

Abbott Smith, '26

London

You have been a teacher in the great tradition. Steeped in the classics, a lover of the English literary and cultural heritage, a Jeffersonian democrat and a Wilsonian internationalist, you have reinforced your lessons by the impress of your breadth of view, your tolerance of human failings, your mellow humanism, your unique personality. For you are a *man* in the great tradition as well. All who know you think of you especially for what you are. Your greatest success has been as a human being. People have often disagreed with your opinions, but they have never failed to admire you. You have been a prophet with honor in

your own country and your own time.

Norman D. Palmer, '30

At an Advanced Pacific Base

Though civilian days seem far removed from the actualities of war, still whenever I really do concentrate about the wonderful years that symbolized college life at Colby, my thoughts go back to that classroom on the third floor where history was taught in such a vibrant and living fashion. It seems practically yesterday now that I heard you say that "It's going to be a long, long war" and looking around at the audience, practically everyone was un-

able to comprehend the full meaning of your words.

Sgt. Emanuel F. Frucht, '42
Forth Worth, Texas

You enabled me to pursue a course of study not only by arousing and stimulating my interests, but also by giving me such warm, wise personal suggestions, ideas, and help. Were it not for this factor above all, I doubt that I would have ever finished college. It was due to your influence that I went on to Graduate School and continued my studying. And again, I know you were the guiding hand who gave me the chance to teach that one year at Colby — probably the most exciting and stimulating year of my life.

Even though next year and the years following you will not be physically delivering lectures from the rostrum in the history room, your profoundly beneficial teaching of the past will continue to bear dividends of tenfold, a hundred-fold and more, through the work of the students you taught whether they be conscious of it or not.

Capt. Francis C. Prescott, '38
Yale University

You brought to a relatively conservative, perhaps provincial, small college community an urbanity which was all the more provocative in such an atmosphere, and gave liberally not only of your formal instruction, but of your kindness, your guidance, your friendliness, your thoughts which were profound, your incomparable feel for humanity, and for history in its personal, social and economic context. Your support of the social changes of the last decade or more never degenerated into a diatribe against the opponent, nor was your advocacy of 'Jeffersonian' and 'Wilsonian' democracy a nostalgic, ivory tower quixoticism. Life was breathed into living things by your instinctive love and feel for the best. Were I asked what you had given me as a student, I would reply unhesitatingly that my questioning instincts were aroused, not to the point of cynicism but to an attempt to correlate seemingly unrelated events or happenings to the great picture of history with a special glance to the future. Nor was this unusual among your classes.

Sgt. Morton M. Goldfine, '37
Fort Devens, Mass.

What does it take to be a great teacher? The accompanying tributes to William J. Wilkinson will give the reader some hints. They were picked out here and there from a remarkable volume which was presented to this professor at Commencement time, upon his retirement. Bound in sumptuous blue pigskin stamped in gold leaf, this collection bears the following title page:

WILKINSON

Report on a Teacher
By
Students in History
at Colby College
1924-1945

Of the hundred or so letters from all quarters of the globe and from all classes for the past two decades, excerpts from only part of them could be quoted here, but they are typical of the vivid memories and genuine appreciation which all his former students hold for "Wilkie."

I don't want to exaggerate the importance of my work in the Empire, but for almost three years I have been engaged in "Orientation" work, telling someone else about world-wide military and political events.

In this work, what little good judgment I have I can trace to some of your classes. For one thing, you prevented me from being an isolationist, and I couldn't honestly be in uniform today if I were one.

I hesitate to say that I have a "sound slant" on foreign affairs, but I do know that my slant is a damned sight sounder than it would be if I hadn't spent a good many hours listening to you.

Lt. Dwight E. Sargent, '39
Lexington, Virginia

Our present course in Modern European is all very interesting, but it contains many chapters of infinite grief, and I sometimes feel that it could have been written differently. If you, ten years ago, could predict coming events so accurately, why could not other people have foreseen and forestalled this trouble? It may be that in the future we will study history more carefully.

Lt. John J. Pullen, '35
European Theatre

It is so all important to achieve a point of view. You and Colby have never made me feel that lack. Those books you had us read on the "other side of the question" just cannot be forgotten. And can we ever thrust from memory those discussions in which you upheld those few students who had chosen the unpopular viewpoint, or even those for which you accepted the challenge yourself when there were no champions among us for it?

Sgt. David C. Libbey, '39
Paris

One of the pleasantest memories of my four years at Colby is the course in American history which I had with you during my junior year.

American history came to life during those hours. We could see and hear the great characters whom you described living and speaking to us in the class room. I have visited many of the scenes of that war, famous buildings, battle scenes, monuments, etc., but I have never felt history live as you brought it to life in the class room at Colby.

C. Barnard Chapman, '25
Keene, N. H.

I imagine that one of the greatest satisfactions in the life of a professor is the realization that the young minds of his students have absorbed some of the knowledge which he has taught. I know that my understanding of the world we live in has been greatly increased by the things I learned from you, not only in the classroom but at those Sunday afternoon gatherings at your home last year.

Constance Barbour, '44
Boston, Mass.

The course in United States History that I took from you has colored all my thinking on political and social matters since that time. I remember in the lecture at my "Freshman orientation" in 1935 you said, "Hitler is preparing and will be ready for war in 1938. War will break out in Europe in 1938." We thought about it half-heartedly, but never really believed it until when in 1939 the shooting did start we knew that the bell for the first round had sounded at Munich in 1938; the fighters just came out of their corners in '39.

Nat Guptill, '39
South Portland, Maine

You are, to me, an inspiring example of what a "liberal" can be. Your absolute tolerance of everyone's opinions, regardless of whether they clashed with your own, has on many occasions awed me. It is a rare quality for a liberal to have — respect for the conservative. You never said to your students: "This is what you must believe! This is the truth!" You let us think things out for ourselves; you have been democratic in your teaching. We all know that that is not the easiest path to follow. You have inspired respect and admiration in all of us — conservative, liberal, radical. This alone is an incredible accomplishment. In addition to respecting the opinions of students who did not agree with you, you have led them to *think*, and in so doing you have led many to realize the necessity for social changes.

We admire you for achieving the crowning quality that can be obtained in life — wisdom.

Betty Lohnes, '45

New York City

I recall the vividness of your lectures and the descriptive powers with which you made historical characters march forth from the pages of history and live again on the platform beside you: those "yokels" who were always getting into office and gumming up the works, those corpulent Robber Barons who fraudently ruled Wall Street and sometimes bossed the Republican party and those good old Jeffersonian Democrats (how few of them there were!) whose heads were often bloody but always unbowed. I still thrill at the invective with which you tore to shreds the machinations of the political bosses and the schemes of the financial manipulators to sell America short. What I wouldn't give to sit in again on one of your lectures!

Thompson H. Grant, '32

Syracuse, N. Y.

My work over here has carried me into the field of current events and has brought home to me how solid a background I received in your classes. Your teachings made us all internationally minded and turned our thinking to channels of world cooperation.

May I express my appreciation for many profitable hours in Champlin Hall and my best wishes to you in the future.

Richard S. Reid, '44

Italy



Reading matter for his retirement was received by Dr. Wilkinson at the Commencement Luncheon. His left hand holds the bound volume of testimonial letters from 100 former students, while underneath are 16 good books, the gift of the Boston Colby Club.

About seventeen years have elapsed since I thrilled to the greatness and clarity of your lectures. For the first time history became a living subject to me. The great and weak characters of the past were paraded before me. I recall vividly your denunciation of the weaklings, the corrupt, the stupid and infamous and your exaltations of the really great persons and institutions who have left their imprints upon the imperishable record of the world.

Samuel S. Morrison, '30

New York City

If I were asked the one way in which Dr. Wilkinson has meant the most to me I would say that the one course I was able to take under him awakened an enduring interest in living history. Even eighteen years after graduation from Colby, reading Walter Lippmann reminds me of Dr. Wilkinson. A magazine article brings back the memory of students heading for the library after an hour of "Pol. Sci." to read political commentators and good magazines. In these exciting times, as I try to form accurate opinions, I find myself saying, "What

does Dr. Wilkinson think of that?" Wilkie aroused in us an abiding intellectual curiosity.

Dr. Wilkinson never used tricks or wisecracks to win popularity or attract attention. He is respected for the virile and sincere completeness with which he presented history. He is dear to alumni, not as a beloved "character" for whose eccentricities they hold enduring — and patronizing — regard, but as, in the fullest sense, a man.

Robert Waugh, '27

Berlin, N. H.

Your course in European History was one of the highlights of my college years. Most lecture courses have their periods of dullness but somehow that didn't seem to be the case in your classes. I can still remember your pointing out the sore spots in Europe which might be causes for another World War. Your prophecies have since proved true which shows that your students at least were forewarned in some degree of the present war.

Beatrice M. Palmer, '29

Dorchester, Mass.

He had a rare gift in making us raw-boned rural recruits enjoy history and of making history live for us. Historical characters became real people to love and hate and understand for their human frailties. Most important of all, he made us make up our own minds and have opinions based on facts, numbered in the order of importance: 1, 2, 3, making us get a semblance of order into disassembled sophomore minds. I have tried to imitate his manner of getting students to express their own opinions, trying as he did, to encourage the slower thinkers; but I never will succeed in being quick in detecting a "bluffer." How Wilkie could pin them down by demanding to know their proof!

Frances Page Egan, '31

Saugus, Mass.

I find myself thinking occasionally of those Monday morning New York Times quizzes which were such an integral part of his Modern European Government course and the cause for frantic perusal of that paper of a Monday morning in the Foss Hall cafeteria, with every one of us vying for the correct guess as to the probable question. "Do you think 'Wilkie'

will ask about yesterday's debate in the Senate?" "No. There were some British Cabinet changes and he sure has a soft spot for them."

I gained a love of history from his classes which I shall always enjoy, and appreciate the historical background of a history major as a basis for more fully interpreting the news of today.

Jane Russell Abbott, '41
Tuckahoe, N. Y.

Just now as I am preparing a course in American literature I find myself thinking frequently of your lectures on American history and wishing that I might return to Colby for a "refresher" course with you. The first of your courses that I took was one that began with the Reconstruction period of American history. As I listened to you I realized for the first time that my Northern side was perhaps not always just, not always noble, not always perfect. A Southern professor teaching that period of American history in a Maine college — I doubt if I was the only one suddenly shocked out of complacency and self-satisfaction! I have always felt that the point of view presented by you was an invaluable preparation for my years of teaching at a school for Negro Americans. There I discovered a third interpretation of the Reconstruction period. My own experience, sympathies, and interest are such that my attitude towards Reconstruction and the problems arising from it is not a Southern one; but thanks to the balance wheel of your course I have, I believe, a steadier, truer, saner knowledge and understanding of the subject than I should otherwise have possessed.

I thank you especially, Dr. Wilkinson, for showing me that there can be more than one side to a question; and my experience, I know, has not been unlike that of many other Colby students in your classes.

Hilda M. Fife, '26
Alfred University Extension
Jamestown, N. Y.

I enjoyed every one of the courses I took from you — everything except that 30,000 word thesis which nearly ruined my disposition and the patience of most of my intimate friends at college! After that experience I immediately studied shorthand and typing.

Even my life work of raising three energetic young ladies does not floor

me the way that thesis did, probably because there is no time limit on this job. I wish that our children might have you for a history professor when they get to college, but since that is not possible I hope I shall be capable of passing on to them some of the interest in history and in world events which you inspired in all your students.

Vesta Alden Putnam, '33
Westfield, New Jersey

There is immortality of a very vital and tangible reality. It lies in the rules and principles that we are in our daily lives and then hand down to those who have believed in us. Those are the things that abide. In this way the philosophy, the understanding, the liberal approach to all issues that you set in motion will not perish.

Edith Grearson Phelan, '26
West Medford, Mass.

My chief gratitude comes to me because of my two sons. They will be my *chef d'œuvre*. One of them is already of an age when the world's doings are of great interest. His questions put me on my mettle, and I can truly say "Thank you" for some of the answers. Your faculty for coordinating the actions of an extremely lively past with the unknown future has more than once saved me the humiliation of saying "I don't know." Isn't that the test of good teaching, that through ever changing circumstances, the same basic principles exist?

Anita Viles Kingsley, '33
Paris, Maine

You are a Colby tradition — loved and respected not only for your service to Colby as a great teacher and political analyst — but as a man who really understood young people. Just to have taught them would have been quite enough — but by your example, tolerance and inspiration became infectious. In your convictions one always found a firmness — tempered by an amazing wit and extreme gentleness.

David S. Sherman, M.D., '33
Mattapan, Mass.

Ever since the first time I had to take history in Junior High School, I have disliked it intensely. It was my "worst" subject.

Then I came to Colby and took English History from you in the summer

of 1943 — and liked it. We had to learn a lot of dates and names just as in all my other courses, but you made those kings and queens live, really live, before our eyes. You walked up and down before the class and threw out to us in the course of your lecturing, small items of human interest about each of the persons we studied. That was your way of catching and holding our interest and it succeeded; so well that I can honestly say now — I *like* history.

Grace I. Keefer, '45
East Granby, Conn.

Even though I avoided history of any description until my last semester in college, my college education wouldn't be complete without that semester of Modern European History from you. I learned more in that course than in any other one semester course during my four years at Colby.

Elizabeth Field, '43
New Haven, Conn.

Wilkie is one of the great-hearted men I have met in life; according to the most desirable meaning of man and human being, very few of this caliber are born. One can easily imagine Wilkie spending long afternoons with Gandhi and Nehru, for instance, and with mutual benefits to all concerned. A great man has shadings to his character which are a common denominator with the personal attributes of other great men. I think Wilkie has the social conscience of a Victor Hugo, and I can imagine his spending a pleasant afternoon with the great French writer, and to his credit, I can say that Wilkie is one of the Jean Valjean's in the history world, living in contention with the more numerous Javerts.

Ens. Jerry Ryan, '37
c/o FPO, New York

From the very moments of boisterous laughter to the more serious periods of meditation, life seems to be richer having known you as a teacher and friend. I remember hearing you say that some men accumulate great fortunes by selling merchandise of great wealth — other men sell great ideas. The wealth of merchandise deteriorate, but ideas do not.

Henry Bubar, '31
Monticello, Maine

Altho it is sixteen years since I studied under your leadership, I still "remember Besserabia" and think of you whenever I read the name in the news.

I have many times wondered if you have designated Hitler as the "arch assassin of Europe" which is what you used to call Napoleon, or whether that being too mild a term, you coined a more apt expression.

Grace Stone Allen, '29
Columbia Falls, Maine

In teaching my own students in high school, discussing global events and trying to prepare them for future world citizenship, I often realize how many of my ideas and concepts I owe to the foundation laid when I was a Colby freshman in History 01-02. Thus the breadth of understanding and vision you gave us in your classes is being extended to the next generation whom your students teach, many of whom may be future Colbyites.

Frances Gray, '40
Johnson, Vt.

How often in these last eventful years my thoughts have turned to you. From the time of my early puzzlement: "What is this Spanish revolution all about?" to this latest: "Is Hitler dead? Will there be a 'Hitler-legend'?" What will become of Germany?" There have been many times I'd like to have sat in on an informal lecture, informative, interest-filled, witty. Remembering how Palmerston and Disraeli became both personalities and embodiments of ideas, wouldn't I like to hear pithy comments on Churchill, Eden, Stalin, de Gaulle, Leopold, a host of others! And most of all, I'd like to hear your views on what history will think of Franklin D. Don't please retire so completely that we can't have a chance to get your observations if we are around.

Miriam Rice Schulze, '27
Danbury, Conn.

I imagine you'd be surprised if you knew the many, many times I have thought of you. It might be when I read a book that I thought you would like, or when I heard *Faith of Our Fathers* (is it still one of your favorites?), or when I came across some

reference to Queen Anne whom, if I remember correctly, you did *not* like. But most often it was, and is, when I wish I could in some small way give to my students that eagerness for intellectual exploration that you gave to all of us.

Eleanor H. Rogers, '32
Haverhill, Mass.

You used to say in rueful moments that you had a seat at the edge of the bonfire — a chance to watch it all as spectacle, the world going up in smoke. But that, of course, was not what you taught us, either in your commentary on world events in the classroom or in your actions in the community where you used to run for office as a Jeffersonian democrat. It was only your wry little joke. What you did was to keep on contending day in and day out against the forces of bigotry and hate and cruelty, the large and the small — to write your personal letter of protest to Adolph Hitler and then to meet with us as we debated racial injustices in a small discussion group in your living room. You kept on prodding us, steadily. You talked over what we'd do as delegates to a New England Model League of Nations even as you diagnosed the real League's death throes in the days when Japan was invading Manchuria and Italy attacking Ethiopia. The warm heart kept on asserting that these are still the things to struggle for; after such catastrophic failures on the grand scale we learned to look for the small beginning in the small scale here and now.

Catherine Wakefield Ward, '34
Silver Spring, Md.

Of all the classrooms in which I sat as an agitated freshman, I remember best the long room at the top of Recitation Hall. The crowded rows of one-armed chairs, the bright maps, and the figure of the man who paced up and down that shallow platform. I can see him pause to look down at some confused and eager face, and hear him say, "Did you get that, little girl? Well, remember that. That's important."

A lot of the facts and dates that were for a while caught in my notebook, underlined and circled and at

my finger tips, have escaped me now. But the echo of those words is clear, and the attitude behind them. To me, those words symbolize the most important lesson a teacher can offer — the ability to search out and to retain the significant kernels among the broken shells of information and opinion which everywhere confront us.

We can always find the fact somewhere in a printed volume, but there is no reference book to which we can turn to find tolerance, wisdom, and understanding — no reference book which will arrest the headlong flight of our prejudices with an amused smile and a kindly query: "Did you get the right thing, little girl? Was it important? Well then, remember it."

Elizabeth Fitzgerald Savage, '40
Hingham, Mass.

But in a sense, your career is only beginning, and in a sense you will never make a final appearance. For the things you taught and fought for are living with a thousand young men in every part of the world, young men in shell-holes, young men in ditches.

I speak of deathless things that live with these young men, of tolerance, of gentleness, of generosity, and decency. Without those things before them, to carry and protect, those young men would find this present war as pointless as it is ugly.

Thomas Savage, '40
Hingham, Mass.

I have always been impressed with the apt phrase, the sly humor, the penetrating analysis, the clear exposition, and the tonic effect of your lectures. Most valuable were the discussions that you promoted in the course in comparative governments, and how ably you led them. There was never any "pussyfooting" and "sitting on the fence" on your part for we always knew how you stood. I have always felt that your position was always a broad, liberal, humanitarian place well to the left of the center.

Ted Merrill, '25
Newton Centre, Mass.

I was Colby College's "colored student" who had reached his senior year, after having spent three years meandering around "sampling" most of the "fields" of the curriculum, and

"aiming" towards a degree (merely to carry on a family tradition), with no particular plan for the future. He accepted me as a "major" in his Department. I discovered, for the first time, that God will be just as grateful for the human kindness in this master teacher and first-rate scholar like Dr. Wilkinson.

Horace Lincoln Heath, '30
Austin, Texas

We look forward to a new and greater Colby on Mayflower Hill — but to many of us the grandeur of Colby has been the impact of teacher personalities upon the minds and hearts of Colby students. When our sons and daughters start bragging about Colby we will be able to favor them with a condescending smile and say, "That's wonderful, but you should have been there in my day — when Dr. Wilkinson was teaching."

Jim Whitten, '45
Derry Village, N. H.

You have given hundreds of students clear insights into understanding what was happening in our world and showed an indomitable faith in the possibilities for the future — if we work for it realistically.

B. Myra Whittaker, '35
Pittsfield, Mass.

Yet somehow I can't help but feel that — if retirement *must* come — this particular spring of 1945 is an appropriate time for it. Appropriate because today the kind of world for which you always stood is emerging from the fascistic murk which has cloaked it for the past decade. That your retirement should coincide with the emergence of this new world order based on the principles you preached is fitting.

There's a very definite cause-and-effect relationship there. I know that the bright new world would not be burgeoning today had it not been for men like yourself — men of liberal thought — who kept the flame of democracy bright and clean in America during those years when the lights were going out all over this benighted continent.

Howard O. Sweet, '36
On the Elbe bridgehead

HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED



Dr. Hoagland

Dr. Burian

Com. Smith

Mrs. Smith

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

To *William John Wilkinson*: Beloved teacher of several generations of Colby students, whose former pupils write today from battle lines all over the world to testify to your learning and insight, this college that you leave today and that you have served faithfully for so many years, will remember you not merely for your wisdom, your wit, and your friendship, but chiefly as a stalwart champion of the principles of liberalism and as a leader for whom democracy and freedom are fighting words presenting challenges to social action.

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

To *Hermann Martin Burian*: Son of a distinguished professor of physiology, student of languages, literature, and music, as well as sciences, educated in the most renowned laboratories of the old world, you have won a distinguished place in the new. In the field of ocular motility and binocular vision your work has received the praise of those of your colleagues whose judgment is most to be esteemed and you are already hailed as one of the builders of American ophthalmology.

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

To *Hudson Hoagland*: Graduate of Columbia, teacher at Clark, at Harvard, and at Cambridge in England, Guggenheim Fellow and consultant for hospitals and laboratories, at present head of the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, your own research and that of others under your direction has increased the sum of human knowledge in your chosen

field; equally important in the eyes of Colby College is the humane interest which has made you work to show its relation to other fields and to explain the agreement that must be maintained among laborers in the varied provinces of science, religion, and philosophy.

MASTER OF ARTS

To *Carl Raymond Smith*: Former chairman of Maine's Farm Security Committee and also of its Committee on Agricultural Conservation, you are now, as Commissioner of Agriculture, winning recognition from a grateful public for your resourceful administration of policies which will assure the development of the natural resources of this state. Colby College, your home for one year during your student days, now welcomes you to membership in the inner circles of its distinguished graduates.

MASTER OF ARTS

To *Ervena Goodale Smith*: For several years you labored with skill and effectiveness, first to build an association for the women graduates of this college, then to build a home for the recreational interest of its women undergraduates. Recently you have watched the Alumnae Association merge with that of the Alumni and have seen the Women's Union open its doors in unexpected ways to men. Colby College, an institution during the war emergency where women endeavor to admit men to responsibilities equal to their own, honors your steadfastness and your adaptability, and recognizes your mastery of the arts of both building and diplomacy.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

THE Alumni Council of Colby College held its annual spring meeting in the Smith Lounge of the Women's Union on Mayflower Hill on June 2. The chairman, Bernard E. Esters, '21, presided.

The following members were present: Bernard E. Esters, '21; Ruth Hamilton Whittemore, '12; G. Cecil Goddard, '29; A. Galen Eustis, '23; Raymond Spinney, '21; Ervena Goodale Smith, '24; Ruth Yeaton McKee, '37; Ethel Merriam Weeks, '14; Edith Williams Small, '02; Lewis L. Levine, '16; Miriam Hardy, '22; George E. Ferrell, '18; Dr. Ralph L. Reynolds, '06; Frank S. Carpenter, '14; A. Elizabeth Swanton, '33; Philip S. Bither, '30; Ralph N. Good, '10; Rev. Nathanael Guptill, '39; Ellsworth W. Millett, '25; Joseph Coburn Smith, '24; Cyril M. Joly, '16; Charles F. T. Seaverns, '01; Dr. Franklin W. Johnson, '91; Thaddeus F. Tilton, '20; Louis A. Wilson, '14; T. Raymond Pierce, '98; Hugh A. Smith, '20; Lester F. Weeks, '15; Newton L. Nourse, '19; Neil Leonard, '21; Elizabeth Carey, '21; Dr. Cecil Clark, '05; and Helen Carter Guptill, '39.

The report of the nominating committee was unanimously adopted, re-electing Bernard E. Esters, '21, as chairman and Ruth Hamilton Whittemore, '12, vice chairman. It was recommended to the Board of Trustees that G. Cecil Goddard, '29, be elected Alumni Secretary and that Ellsworth W. Millett, '25, be elected Acting Alumni Secretary for the year 1945-46, or until Mr. Goddard is free from his present duties as executive secretary of the Colby Fund Council.

Mr. Weeks reported on behalf of the Balloting Committee that 823 ballots had been cast, resulting in the election of the following — *Alumni Trustees*: John W. Brush, '20, Hugh L. Robinson, '18, and Marion White Smith, '17; *Alumni Council*: Seth F. H. Howes, '14, William Macomber, '27, Reginald H. Sturtevant, '21, Albert W. Wassell, '26, Doris W. Hardy, '25, and Esther French Spaulding, '16; *Athletic Council*: Wallace A. Donovan, '31.

There was considerable discussion on the question of sending the *Colby Alumnus* free to all Colby alumni, or to all contributors to the Alumni

Fund, or to those who contribute \$5.00 or more to the Fund. Mr. Levine reported that the committee which had been studying the question favored the general idea, but had decided that it would be impossible for the immediate future because of the paper shortage and other war-time restrictions. The matter was left with the executive committee with power to act.

Several amendments to the Alumni Association Constitution and other matters of a routine nature were passed. There was free discussion of a number of interesting projects among them being the establishment of a "Colby Brick Society" as a means of recognizing meritorious service by individual alumni to the college. The question of memorializing Colby's alumni who served in World War II brought out a number of suggestions. The chair appointed a committee to give this matter further thought.

A report on the status of the Roberts Union fund disclosed that at least \$42,000 is yet to be raised in view of anticipated increased building costs after the war. It was noted that there are still about 2000 Colby men, including those who have graduated since the Roberts Union campaign, who have not as yet made any contribution to the building. A committee is to study the whole matter and report at the next meeting.

After adjournment, the members of the Council were guests of the college at the commencement luncheon which was held in the dining room of the women's dormitory.

PORTLAND ALUMNAE ELECT

THE Portland Colby Alumnae elected Florence Connors Branscombe, '31, president at their annual meeting and picnic supper held at the home of Doris Donnell Vickery, '34, on June 14.

Other officers named were: Eva Alley, '35, vice president; Pauline Russell Berry, '32, secretary-treasurer; and Sara J. Cowan, '37, corresponding secretary.

Marion B. Rowe, '26, and Helen F. Curtis, '36, reported for the nominating committee.



HONORED ON 25th

Dean Ninetta M. Runnals, '08, was happily surprised at the Commencement Luncheon when this Governor Winthrop desk and chair were presented to her, marking her twenty-fifth year of service as Colby's Dean of Women.

CARTER, '11, AUTHOR OF ENGLISH TEXT BOOK

RAY CECIL CARTER, '11, supervisor of English in the Albany, N. Y., schools, is the co-author of a new text book, *Your English*.

It is in three volumes and contains an abundance of material for grammar, composition, and speech training in the junior high school. It is up-to-the-minute and applicable. The first book contains 282 pages; the second, 326 pages; the third, 417. The work has been thus described by an educational critic:

"The subject matter is comprehensive and well-planned. The material for development and drill is appropriate, interesting, thought-provoking, and attractively illustrated. Especially I commend the activities."

Mr. Carter is the founder of the National Forensic league, the only honorary society in debating for high school students, and was its national president from 1925 to 1940. He is also the director of the National Council of Teachers of English, and author of various articles in educational magazines.

MID-WEST ALUMNI MEET PRESIDENT BIXLER

PRES. J. SEELYE BIXLER attended the annual conference of presidents and principals of Baptist educational institutions held at Green Lake, Wis., June 15-19. On his return trip, he and Mrs. Bixler visited friends and relatives in Minneapolis which was Mrs. Bixler's family home.

They were guests of honor at a Colby Alumni luncheon held in the Minneapolis Athletic Club on June 22nd with Lew C. Church, '02, in charge.

On June 25th, the alumni of Chicago and vicinity met Pres. Bixler at a luncheon, and while in Rochester, N. Y., on June 27th, a group of alumni met with him for dinner.

ADDITION TO ENDOWMENT

COLBY has received the sum of \$48,988 to be added to endowment as the result of the expiration of a trust fund provided for in the will of the late Charles Potter Kling of Augusta. The direct bequest to this college from Mr. Kling several years ago amounted to more than \$750,000, making him the greatest single benefactor that this college has had.

MAINE BAPTIST GROUP USES NEW CAMPUS

THE Maine Baptist Women's Missionary Society held its annual conference on Mayflower Hill June 6, 7, and 8 with 46 delegates present.

The women enjoyed the facilities of the women's dormitory and Women's Union. The purpose of the conference was to make plans for the work to be done during the coming year.

HOSPITAL COURSE PLANNED

A SHORT term intensive extension course for hospital administrators will be offered by Colby College next Sept. 20 to 22, before the opening of the regular academic year.

Sponsored by the Maine Hospital Association, a faculty of five nationally known authorities in the field will conduct the classes. The attendance will be limited to 25 administrators and assistants, since it is desired to keep the instruction on an informal and personal plane.

EARLY MAINE ARCHITECTURE TO BE FEATURED

MAINE architecture previous to 1850 will be the subject of an exhibition at Colby College on display for one month beginning next Sept. 28 under the auspices of the Colby Art Department.

Dr. Samuel M. Green, professor of art, is collecting material for what will be the first showing of this kind in the State. The exhibition will trace the progress of home designing, churches,

and public buildings since the first settlements. Photographs, original architects drawings, and old prints will comprise the show. Later the display will be sent to various museums and galleries in other parts of the country.

"The purpose of the Colby exhibition," says Dr. Green, "is to bring to the attention of the people of Maine what a wealth of unspoiled and distinguished early architecture still exists in the state, including in many cases as fine examples of those periods as can be found anywhere else in the country."

Colby Library Notes

Rare Items from Robinson, '06

FROM Arthur G. Robinson, '06, has come a small but choice selection of 31 books, as fine a gift as the Colby Library has been privileged to receive in some time. It includes one incunabulum, one sixteenth century edition of Plautus printed in Florence in 1514, five 17th century Latin books including one Elzevir, one Americana printed in German in Pennsylvania in 1754 (a work of John Bunyan), the first edition of Hester Piozzi's *Anecdote of the late Samuel Johnson* (which sold in 1930 for \$142.50), several early 19th century American works, the first American editions of well-known English writers including Wordsworth and Bronte, and two autograph presentation copies of privately printed pamphlets of the late A. Edward Newton, famous bibliophile.

Hinds Letters

MRS. ELIZABETH HINDS REED, sister of Asher Crosby Hinds, '83, has presented 48 letters of her brother's to the Colby library.

The letters are chiefly concerned with the political activities of Asher Hinds when he was in the House of Representatives. Included are several from foreign statesmen of Austria, France, Japan and Great Britain concerning Hinds' work on the American constitution.

The most interesting group are the 23 letters from Thomas Brackett Reed. Many of these contain pointed and personal comment on political figures of the day. Other writers included are

Robert E. Peary, William P. Frye, Joseph G. Cannon, Elihu Root and James Bryce.

G.I.'s Remember the Library

FROM England, Germany and the Far Pacific the Colby Library has received souvenirs of books from Colby men.

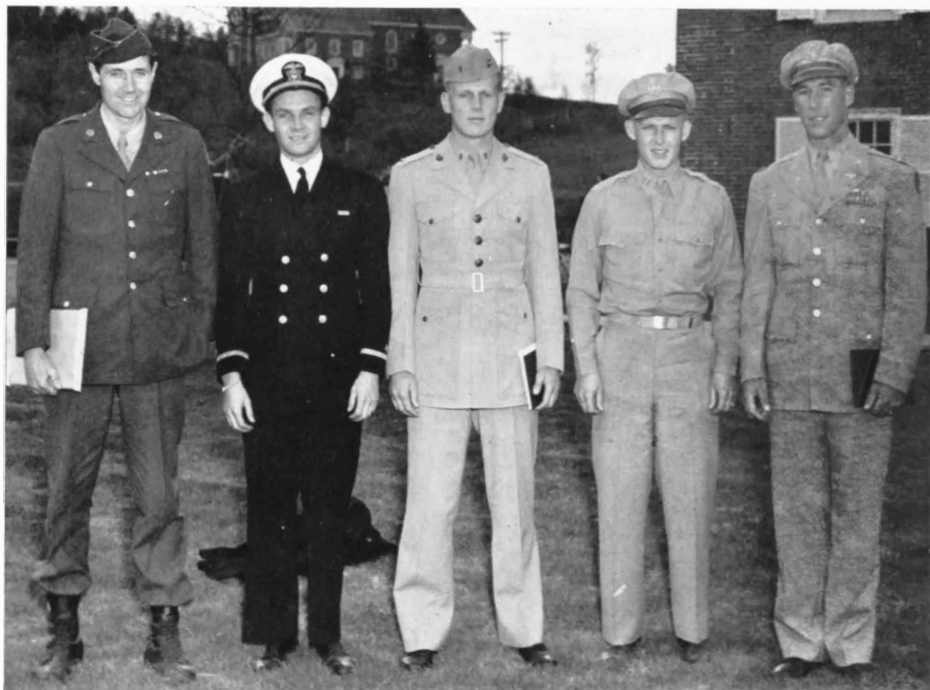
The most regular correspondent is Sgt. David Libbey whose interest in the Colby Library and the Hardy Collection has continued since his graduation in 1939. In addition to numerous interesting letters of first-hand information on present-day life in the Hardy country which Libbey has visited, he has written an account of the home of the poet where he stayed for a night. Sgt. Libbey has sent several interesting items to add to the Hardy collection, including most recently the script and program of a French production of *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* which he obtained while in Paris.

Earlier this year Chaplain Charles T. Russ of the Class of 1938 sent three Japanese books that were found on Guam. One was an atlas of Manchoukuo and the other two were field manuals for gunners.

In May the Library received a battered copy of a German commentary on the Gospels printed in Bremen in 1730. Along with it came an interesting letter from Captain Leo Seltzer, '37, who told of its being found by some soldiers in a house that had been destroyed by bombs. He persuaded the soldiers to give it to him to send to Colby.



With the Colors



BACK FOR COMMENCEMENT

Photographed after the graduation exercises on June 3rd were, left to right — Pvt. Robert Lucy, '45, liberated POW; Ens. Alexander Dembowski, '44, who has been on duty out of Boston; Marine 2nd Lt. Frederick S. Wood, who had just received his diploma; Capt. Calvin K. Hubbard, '43, AAF, back from the Italian theater; and Capt. John E. Stevens, AAF, home from the Italian theater, who also received his diploma on that day.

PRISONERS OF WAR

A SENSE of relief as word came of the safe release of man after man from German prison camps was saddened by the tragic news of one who failed to return: Pfc. Robert M. Gray, '43, (see Necrology). With only one or two yet to be heard from, the following are the facts about eight Colby prisoners of war.

The most lurid tale probably can be told by S-Egt. William P. Hancock, Jr., '44, who escaped three times from prison camps in Italy. Previous to V-E Day, his lips were sealed, but calling at the college recently to arrange for resuming his studies next Septem-

ber, Bill was able to reveal the highlights of his experiences.

His troubles started on Aug. 21, 1943, when, as a B-26 tail-gunner, he was wounded by a flak burst which demolished his gun and disabled the plane. Bailing out in the vicinity of Naples, he cracked some ribs on landing, but evaded search parties for a day before being picked up and put into an Italian camp. When the Italians capitulated, these men were allowed to escape and, taking to the hills, he got along successfully until an Italian Fascist tipped off neighboring Germans. En route to a German prison by truck, the convoy was strafed by American planes and Bill was lucky to get

nothing worse than a shrapnel leg wound. After a month in a German hospital, he was being transported by box car when a buddy, who had smuggled along a pair of wire cutters, managed to rip a hole in the side of the car and they dove out. The guards fired at them, but it was night and no harm was done. Their freedom, however, only lasted a few weeks.

Bill said that their treatment by the Germans was "correct." He was also lucky enough to be one of a group who were taken to Rome on a propaganda mission over Christmas, being given two or three fairly decent meals for a change, while having pictures taken of them. All the other men

back in the camp celebrated with the same old drab and scanty rations.

As Allied pressure grew, the Germans decided to evacuate the prisoners. In the milling around, Bill and a friend climbed into an olive tree in the camp and were completely overlooked as the POW's were marched out the gates. The fact that this tree (no bigger than an apple tree) was seemingly too small to afford a hiding place, as well as too conspicuous, is the way he explains their success. He remained motionless while two Nazi officers talked and took a smoke beneath him, and later he listened while the guards searched and shot up all corners of the barracks. Before daylight, the two climbed down, cautiously approached the barricade, and managed to spread the wires enough so that, in their emaciated state, they could wriggle thru. There followed a number of months when Hancock roamed around northern Italy, living with friendly Italians and remunerating them with notes to be presented eventually to Allied authorities. Hemmed in by the impossibility of getting over the Alps in winter, or down the carefully guarded coast, or through the solid Gothic Line, he just kept on the move until the Allied advances made the front fluid enough so that one day last July he simply walked into a village held by South Africans.

2nd Lt. Howard H. Pratt, '43, has survived the longest stretch in German prisons of any Colby man. A B-17 pilot, he crashed on German-held France early in 1943, and word that he was a prisoner of war was received in April of that year. His name has been listed among those liberated, but a report on his present whereabouts and condition has not been received as yet. He was behind barbed wire for 26 months.

1st Lt. Thomas G. Thompson, '43, reported missing in action on 23 January, 1945, was a German prisoner of war and has been liberated and arrived home safely about the 20th of June.

Pvt. Robert Lucy, '45, was a happy member of the Colby family at Commencement this June. Last October when the Yanks were hitting the Siegfried Line, he and two others volunteered for a patrol with their Colonel. "We were nosing around," said Bob, "when we came upon this German soldier who threw up his hands and

MISSING

John S. Pendleton, '39, F1c, has been reported missing since his ship was lost through enemy action somewhere in the Pacific. When last heard from he was participating in the Okinawa campaign.

said he was surrendering. As we approached, a Nazi machine gun opened fire from ambush, killing the other two privates and wounding the Colonel and myself." He had leg wounds which have apparently healed up and appears a little thin, but otherwise none the worse for the experience. They were liberated by the Russians.

2nd Lt. Harland S. Thompson, '45, co-pilot in a B-17, failed to return from a mission over Germany on August 25, 1944, and was later reported to have been imprisoned. He was liberated on April 29 and flown out of Germany to LeHavre where he was put on a "back-to-normal" diet and was expecting to sail for the States about the middle of May.

Pfc. Floyd L. Harding, '45, captured on Dec. 21, 1944, in the battle for St. Vith, Belgium, during von Rundsted's push, is now enjoying a 60-day leave at his home in Albion, and looks healthy, although following his liberation he enjoyed nine meals a day and gained two pounds daily.

FIRST OVER TOKYO?

The first Colby man to look at Tokyo since hostilities began is probably Lt. (jg) Robert S. Rice, '42, who flew a Hellcat over that city sometime last January, affording fighter cover while his mates demolished the Tachikawa aircraft engine plant about 16 miles from the Emperor's palace. Rice was a member of Air Group 3, operating off "The Fighting Lady," heroine of the documentary technicolor movie seen in many theaters. Just as if that wasn't enough excitement, Rice was aboard a destroyer during that typhoon last January which caused such losses. After completing 60 combat missions, he returned Stateside in May and has been enjoying leave at New Haven before reassignment.

Pvt. Russell F. Farnsworth, '46, was another victim of the Breakthrough, being picked up in Luxembourg on December 20th. He communicated with his family from Stalag IX-B, Bad Orb, and was later liberated and sent home, now enjoying a 60-day leave in Millinocket, Maine.

Pfc. Sherwood L. Jones, '47, (one more day and he would have been a sergeant) was with the 5th Division, Third Army, in the fighting around Metz when he was captured on Palm Sunday. Just three weeks later the advancing Americans overran the prison camp and he was liberated. Whisked home and landing in New York on April 28, he was the first of the "liberees" to visit the college. Except for some stomach trouble and a loathing for cabbage soup, he is in good health.

PURPLE HEARTS

Lt. Morris Cohen, '35, writes from the Rhoads General Hospital (Ward 122), Utica, N. Y., where he has been on his back since being wounded in the stomach, hand, face and leg by a German land mine and machine gun bullets.

Cohen led a platoon of combat engineers, beginning their "fighting, mine-clearing, flame-throwing, bridge-building, road-fixing, and Kraut-cussing" in Normandy. In the St. Lo breakthrough, they laid two bridge bypasses, including one 15 foot job in 35 minutes flat which stood up under the motor and tank strength of two divisions. After that, he was assigned to clean-up jobs on Cape Frahal, Brest, and the Crozon Peninsula, where he ran his bag of prisoners up to 141 "including one temporarily-arrogant Captain." Moving up to Luxembourg, Cohen's luck held when he survived a Kraut ambush. Thence to the Siegfried Line, southeast of Aachen, with the 8th Division, where his outfit penetrated deeply into enemy lines to clear mines in preparation for tank movements. One night in leading a squad into German territory, they accomplished their mission, but Cohen was badly wounded and carried back to safety by his men.

Pvt. Burton Shiro, '44, infantryman with the 103rd Regiment, 43rd Division, was severely wounded in feet and

DECORATED

legs by shrapnel while in action on Luzon, May 8, 1945. Now in Lovell General Hospital, Fort Devens, Mass., Shiro has both legs in casts, but expects to be up and around on crutches in a month and swears that he is going to play some more football for Colby yet.

1st Lt. Robert V. Canders, '39, was listed on a recent casualty list as "Army Wounded — Europe." He was with the 1st Armored Division.

Pfc. Frederick W. Howard, '44, suffered from shrapnel wounds in his hand in the Okinawa campaign after 71 days of fighting with the 6th Marine Division, and is in a hospital in the Marianas.

Not wounded by enemy action, but hospitalized from a plane crash is 2nd Lt. Harold L. Vigue, '44. A bomber navigator, his plane ditched off the coast of the Marianas and he suffered a fractured ankle. Harold was on the Army Hour one Sunday, being one of several men in the hospital who were interviewed on their reactions to V-E Day. Ironically, his mother was writing to him at that time and turned off the radio a few minutes previously as it was disturbing her concentration, thus missing hearing his voice.

JOINS NARROW ESCAPE CLUB

NEWS from Lt. (jg) Millard Emanuelson, '36, indicates that he can be considered a member of Colby's "Narrow Escape Club."

He was aboard a mine-sweep at the landings on Tarakan, Borneo. The Jap shore batteries zeroed them in as they came in and did not open fire until the ship was about 1,200 yards off shore. "In a few seconds," Oley relates, "they had us in flames and helpless. We abandoned ship and found more problems. The Japs fired upon us with rifles and machine guns and as we tried to swim away from shore we had to battle a current which moved us parallel to the shore." Their last view of their ship was when it seemed to disintegrate in one final explosion.

After a while some B-25's appeared and strafed the batteries and a destroyer worked them over, after which the American survivors were left to swim in peace. They were finally fished out after about two and a half hours in the water. About half the personnel survived.

Capt. David Brodie, '42

THE news (and picture) of the award of the Legion of Merit to Capt. David Brodie, '42, appeared in our February issue. Now, a censored version of his citation has been released. Capt. Brodie is a member of the Office of Special Services, what *Time* calls "the cloak - and - dagger outfit," among the stated duties of which are counter - espionage, demolition, sabotage, and communications



with the underground in occupied countries. We call your attention to the row of dots in the following citation which, we suspect, covers up one of the good yarns which will have to await V-J day for their telling.

Cairo, Egypt
8 November 1944.

First Lieutenant DAVID BRODIE, 01641538, Signal Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 15 October 1943 to 1 May 1944. He pioneered in planning, constructing and operating a large communications system in Italy . . . In conjunction with this assignment he successfully directed, by radio, the evacuation of a group of United States Army nurses from enemy-held Albania. Later, in order to test the effectiveness and range of certain types of special radio equipment, he, in cooperation with British naval authorities, proceeded by motor torpedo boat into German shipping lanes off the Dalmatian coast. Here contact was made with a German troop carrier. In the ensuing action Lieutenant Brodie maintained continued radio contact with his base and successfully coordinated the activities of the other vessels of the squadron. The results of this test, under fire, largely determined the selection of proper equipment. Through his initiative, perseverance and technical skill, Lieutenant Brodie played an important part in the war effort in the Balkans.

Lt. Col. A. A. LaFleur, '20

THE Bronze Star Medal has been awarded to Lt. Col. Alexander A. LaFleur, '20, Judge Advocate General for the 10th Armored Division, for "meritorious achievement in France, Luxembourg and Germany." The citation, signed by Col. Richard Steinbeck, Chief-of-Staff, is in part as follows:

"As division judge advocate general, Lt. Col. LaFleur by the exercise of keen judgment and professional skill rendered outstanding services in expeditiously supervising and reviewing the legal matters pertaining to this division and its personnel. . . . In addition to his normal duties he has rendered invaluable assistance in the handling of legal matters pertaining to the administration of Allied Military Government in various cities and towns of Germany."

Prior to entering service, Lt. Col. LaFleur was a practicing attorney in Portland and a former member of the Maine House of Representatives. He is a veteran of World War I.

T-5 Sherman L. Rancourt, '44

T-5 SHERMAN L. RANCOURT, '44, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the 4 April 1945 in Germany. In crossing Emser Canal to continue the attack from Ickern, a squad leader laden with a Browning automatic rifle and ammunition slipped and fell into the deep water. Seeing the plight of the drowning man, the platoon leader quickly threw off his pack, jumped into the water, and kept the man above water, but was unable to get him ashore. Another officer from the adjacent platoon jumped into the water and with great effort succeeded in moving the man toward the shore. When it became apparent that their efforts alone would fail, Technician Rancourt came to the edge of the water and the trio pulled the man to safety. This heroism by

Technician Rancourt undoubtedly saved the life of the fallen squad leader.

Lt. John F. Hill, Jr., '33

LT. JOHN F. HILL, Jr., '33, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his courage and leadership as a lieutenant of an infantry company in Germany.

The citation accompanying this award read, in part: "for meritorious service in connection with military operations in Germany from February 23 to April 20. During this period of combat with the enemy, Lt. Hill performed his duties as platoon leader of a heavy machine gun platoon in a highly exemplary manner.

"Many times his use of tracer fire to indicate targets has resulted in the elimination of enemy strong points. On one occasion his skillful deployment of his guns resulted in the smashing of an enemy counter attack. . .

OVERSEAS NEWSPAPERS

THE Editor's collection of interesting foreign and service papers was augmented in the past few weeks by: the 8th Army Corps "Under Control," and the Berlin "Volkischer Beobachter" from Lt. Leonard Caust, '43; "Free Philippines," (Leyte) from M-Sgt. Clayton Young, '39; "Free Philippines" (Manila edition with red headlines: ALLIES IN BERLIN) from S-Sgt. William Finkeldey, '43; "The Philippine Liberty News" from Ens. William Hutcheson, '44; "The Tuba Tribune," and "Coral Courier" (Philippines) from Cpl. Herbert D. Sterns, '41; "The China Lantern," and "Hump Express," from Cpl. Thomas Farnsworth, '43; the Vol. 1, No. 1, issue (with half page headlines: ETO WAR ENDS) of the Southern Germany edition of "Stars and Stripes" from Pfc. Brewster Branz, '40; a set of three historic headline issues of the Nice-Marseille and Mediterranean editions of "Stars and Stripes" — PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DEAD, HITLER DEAD, and IT'S ALL OVER HERE — from Lt. Reuben Yellen, '32; also a copy of the HITLER DEAD issue of the Mediterranean "Stars and Stripes" from Pfc. Edwin W. Alexander, '43; "The Mule" (75th Division, not

HOT STUFF, EH?

Now we know that this magazine can have more than a heart-warming effect. A letter from Pfc. Harry Levin, '44, tells of taking the February issue along on the historic crossing of the Rhine. It came in the mail, he said, on the afternoon before the crossing, so he put it in his pocket and that evening, having moved up into position to wait for H-hour, he settled down into a nice, cozy, straw-lined foxhole and read it from cover to cover and over again until darkness set in, all the time oblivious, for the moment, to the rain of steel passing over. Then came H-hour and "from then on things happened so fast that the incidents are almost a blur." The second night after that, Levin again had a chance to relax in a foxhole, this time in Germany. Exhausted and shivering, he and his buddy settled down miserably. Then he remembered *The Alumnus*. Yes, it was still in his pocket. So, he wrote, "I sacrificed my precious *Alumnus* to the flames of a small fire that warmed our hole enough so that we were again comfortable for a while, and thus ends the story of your multi-purpose Colby magazine."

Colby) from Pfc. Allan D. Sarner, '46. Capt. Calvin K. Hubbard, '43, delivered in person a bunch of papers, not available before V-E Day, from the Italian theater.

From Sgt. James L. McMahon, '44, came a complete file of the first two months of the Manila "Free Philippines" beginning with the number one issue: also copies of "The Manila Post" and "The Philippine Liberty News." Sgt. Alfred Beerbaum, '40, sent copies of "Free Philippines." A copy of "Bakshish," an 18 page magazine published in India by the 653rd Engr. Bn., comes from S-Sgt. Arthur R. Austin, '33. T-Sgt. David C. Libbey, '39, sent a stack of "Yank," and "Stars and Stripes" from France.

The Editor has yet to receive a souvenir from Tokyo, but the boys are trying. T-5 William T. Paine, '35, indicated in guarded language that he had picked up one of these in Manila and was sending it, but all that arrived

was a slip stating that: "The inclosure in this communication has been extracted as its transmission is not permitted — Censoring Officer 64." But, the Editor knows that it is merely a matter of time before someone sends a Tokyo newspaper, preferably from Tokyo!

SERVICE PERSONALS

T-5 Sherman L. Rancourt, '44, Co. F, 289th Inf., APO 451, is stationed near Fontainebleau, France, with the 75th Division of the 9th Army. This division has been designated to service the troops returning to the United States.

Capt. Frederick D. Blanchard, '23, is the Education Officer at Allied Force Headquarters in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, and his present assignment is director of instruction at the Army Education Staff School at Rome, Italy. This work is training officers from all units in Italy to become the administrative heads of the post-hostilities schools which are being set up.

Lt. Leonard Caust, '43, at present, is near Stendal, Germany, just north of Magdeburg. He writes that that is as close to Berlin as any Americans had come.

Louis M. Deraney, '44, S 1/c, now in a Disbursing Office in the Philippines, has met another Colby fellow. This time, Ray Greene, '45, and he are stationed together in the same barracks.

Lt. (jg) David Marshall, '42, writes that he hasn't seen any Colby men except Lt. Norman D. Palmer, '30, who, Dave reports, is now on Iwo Jima.

Lt. John M. Lomac, '43, has served 16 months overseas and writes that he is now "sweating out" his relief so he can return to the States.

Lt. Col. Addison C. Pond, one time member of the department of Business Administration, was recently decorated with the Bronze Star in England.

Lt. Evelyn Gates, '41, ANC, is now in Austria.

Cpl. Louis L. DiPompo '42, stationed at the 117th General Hospital in England, wrote recently of having visited Max Gate, Thomas Hardy's

home in Dorchester, England. "Mrs. Parhan, the present tenant at Max Gate, was real kind in showing me about his home. On mentioning why I was so interested in Hardy and Colby's association with him, Mrs. Parhan related that another Colby man, who fitted Dave Libbey's description, had spent a few days there some time ago." Lou also writes of meeting Pfc. Del Matheson, '43, and Cpl. David Choate, '45, in England.

Pfc. James Atwater, '44, wrote on May 23rd from somewhere in Czechoslovakia that he expected to be moving to the C-B-I front in the near future. Jim is with the 69th Armored Infantry, APO 412, and there are two other Colby fellows with him—Pfc. Paul Prince, '44, who is in the division band and the MP's, and T-5 Ed Birdsey, '45, who is a technician in the Medical division.

T-Sgt. W. Gardiner Taylor, '44, recently flew to Agra to participate in the All-India Swimming Championship Meet held at the Central India Air Depot there, May 12-13. Gardy was taken on a tour of the Agra area and visited the world famous Taj Mahal, which was spotlighted by searchlights for the first time in its history in celebration of the Allied European victory. Gardy is an Aircraft Inspector with the Air Service Command and has been in the India-Burma theatre for nearly 22 months.

Lt. Col. C. Malcolm Stratton, '33, is now the Military Governor of Oberammergau, Germany, the home of the famous Passion Plays. His address is: Hq. & Hq. Det. 45 Ord. Bn., APO 758.

Sgt. Errol L. Taylor, Jr., '43, Battery B, 977th FA Bn., APO 758, was heading for Czechoslovakia with the Third Army when the Armistice was signed. He expected to be in the Army of Occupation until replacements arrived.

T-5 Clarence R. Fernald, '40, has been transferred to a Hospital Center in Nancy, France. "We have our own French cooks and maids, with plenty of fresh eggs and steak." "Rebel" writes that Major Libby Pulsifer, '21, is stationed in the 19th General Hospital, also located in Nancy.

Cpl. Thomas Farnsworth, '43, is located in Kunming, China, with the



S'NO JOKE

Fuhrer Albert S. Snow, '23, (center) with a couple of GI gauleiters, tries out the swivel chair of an evacuated Nazi official somewhere in Germany on April 7th. Capt. Snow is with a Civil Affairs unit and may be still occupying this office, for all we know, but probably has made some changes in the interior decorations.

Public Relations Office, Air Transport Command.

Pfc. Alan Sarnar, '45, an MP with the 75th Division, got to talking with a boy who said he was with the 280th Combat Engineers at Rhineberg. Knowing that Pfc. Harry Levin, '44, was with that outfit, he discovered that his unit was just about 2,000 yards away. In spite of this, things were moving too fast and the two never did make connections. Just one of those things!

E. Wesley Perkins, '45, S 1/c, who is stationed in Del Monte, Calif., made a recent trip to the Yosemite Valley and described it as some of the most beautiful country he has ever seen.

Lt. (jg) Donald J. LaGassey, '42, who was formerly stationed in the First Naval District in Boston, has been transferred to the Naval Auxiliary Air Facility, Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Capt. Francis B. Allen, '40, has returned to this country from the Pacific theatre and may now be addressed at AAFR No. 1, Officers' Quarters, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

Pvt. George F. Taylor, '40, has been transferred from Oliver General Hospital to Co. E, 3rd Bn. Barracks 2310, Convalescent Hospital, Camp Edwards, Mass.

Lt. Charles A. Dudley, '45, is at an Instructor's School in Waco, Texas.

Pfc. Philip E. Peterson, '46, who was twice wounded in the European theatre, is now hospitalized at Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, New York.

D. Robert Kelly, '46, FC 3/c, has completed his course in Fire Control and has been reassigned to a ship in the Pacific theatre.

Charlotte B. Arey, '42, PhM 2/c, has been reassigned to Co. Nav. Tro. School, Hunter College, Bronx, New York. She is in the Hospital Corps Rehabilitation School, Bldg. M.

Lt. (jg) Robert I. Johnson, '42, may now be addressed at USN Salvage School, Pier 88, NYC.

C. J. Sansone, '28, Sp. 1/c, wrote recently that he hoped to meet some Colby men in Italy. His address is Navy No. 147 OS, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y.

Lt. Winston Clark, '38, has been promoted to first lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps. He is stationed in a Paris, France, hospital.

Ens. Lowell (Bud) Barnes, '44, writes of his new base at Fort Pierce, Fla., "We hike 8 to 35 miles each day on K-rations; swim countless miles each day; and have short liberties in a womanless town. Each day sharks, snakes, and barracuda offer threats—but all in all it is very interesting and I enjoy it immensely."

Lt. Ernest Weidul, '43, may be addressed at Box 338, WCTC, Newport Beach, Calif.

Pfc. Harold Joseph, '44, is a mortar gunner in the 43rd "Winged Victory" Division and has 16 months overseas duty. He has participated in the campaigns of New Guinea and Luzon.

Carroll C. McCleary, '31, has been advanced to the rating of Specialist (firefighter) first class, USNR.

Lt. Donald Butcher, '44, has been appointed Athletic Officer of his outfit in the Pacific theatre. Butch wrote that he expected to get back to the states sometime in July or August.

Lt. Col. Frederick K. Poulin, '37, was recently promoted to his present rank at headquarters of the 12th Air Force, Florence, Italy, with which he serves as staff dental surgeon.

Ens. William A. Reifel, '44, has received his commission in the Naval Reserve and was designated a Naval Aviator at the Naval Air Training Bases, Pensacola, Fla.

Sgt. Robert MacDonald, '46, is stationed at the 106th General Hospital, APO 519-A, in England.

2nd Lt. Fred S. Wood, '44, was commissioned in the USMC on May 23 at Quantico. Fred was here at Colby shortly after that to receive his degree.

Lt. Joseph W. Bishop, '35, USNR, is the commander of a four-man team which comprises one of the most unusual units participating in the war against the Japanese. Joe's command is officially designated as an anti-submarine warfare training unit, which travels the war zone acquainting Navy personnel with the latest methods of combating undersea raiders.

Maj. Edward Sturhahn, '30, has been appointed executive assistant to the Civil Aeronautics Administrator. Maj. Sturhahn was released from his duties with the Aircraft Scheduling Unit of the AAF at the request of Secretary of Commerce Wallace.

Capt. William E. Frazier, '44, has been spending a leave at his home in Waterville following service with the Eighth Air Force in Europe.

Cpl. John A. MacDonald, '37, was recently graduated from the 3rd Transport Service Course at the School for Personnel Services, Lexington, Va.

Cpl. Robert Daggett, '46, in a recent letter, told of having visited St. Thomas Cathedral in Leipzig, which is the church in which Bach's famous organ is located. "I played that organ," he wrote, "the most famous in Europe. It has been rebuilt considerably since Bach played it, but, nevertheless, it was there that Bach composed most of his great choral and orchestral works."

Capt. Leonard C. Cabana, Jr., '33, spent a leave at his home in Waterville recently after serving 38 months in the Pacific area. While participating in the Battle of Buna, Leonard contracted

BROTHER ACTS

Cpl. Fred O. Sargent, '42, was clerking behind the desk of the Air Corps Hotel in Nancy, France, and having a reunion with T-5 Clarence R. Fernald, '40, who was also stationed in Nancy at the 820 Hospital Center. "And where is your brother now?" asked Fernald. "Lucky guy," answered Fred, "he's in Florida, living with his wife and enjoying all the comforts of home. . . ." "Hey, how about a little service?" yelled an officer who had just come in. Fred jumped to attention, then his mouth dropped open. It was 1st Lt. Dwight E. Sargent, '39, in person, no fooling. Dwight had been flown suddenly from Washington to Paris to help set up the Information and Education school outfit. Locating Fred's address, he just dropped in to check up on his kid brother.

Another family reunion took place with the McAlary boys. They had been chasing each other all around Europe for months, but after V-E Day relaxed the pressure a bit, Pfc. Frederick B. McAlary, '43, found himself with a jeep and a little time, so he drove into the 71st area, to find Capt. Eugene A. McAlary, '35, who was with the Hq unit. But, once there, it appeared that Gene was 30 miles on at the APO. There, they said that Capt. McAlary was 10 miles off at the QM depot. At QM: "Capt. McAlary? Oh, he's gone over to ordnance." On the way to ordnance, there was Gene dozing in a jeep coming back. Fred let out a yell, Gene jumped, stopped the car and, after 37 months, on a remote road in Austria, the McAlary brothers got together.

malaria and was evacuated from New Guinea to Australia where he spent more than four months in a hospital. He later participated in the Philippine campaign where he was attached to the Judge Advocate's Office in the claims department. After a recuperating period spent in Asheville, N. C., Leonard has been reassigned to the QMC, 5th Service Command, Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

Sidney McKeen, '48, A-S, is taking

his boot training. His address is Co. 171, C-15-U, USNTC, Sampson, N. Y.

Lt. Col. Norman Lattin, '18, has been promoted to his present rank in the judge advocate's department in the European theatre.

Pvt. Melvin I. Baum, '41, has recently been inducted into the service and may be addressed Co. A, 31st Bn. IRTC, 9th Regt., Camp Gordon, Ga.

Lt. James Bateman, '43, writes that after being in the States for two years, he finally "got a break" about a month ago and "flew out to my present spot in the Pacific. It is a little island south of Japan and not too far from the China coast. The whole place is honeycombed with an amazing number of elaborate caves and we are experiencing a little difficulty in vacating the Japs. They are so well dug in that our artillery isn't much value. The line Marines have come up with an effective method of dealing with the situation. They drive up to the cave entrances under protective rifle fire and seal the entrance with bull dozers."

M-Sgt. John L. Thomas, '42, as sergeant major at the United Kingdom Base Surgeon's Office, London, coordinates the work of 100 enlisted men.

Cpl. Laurence M. Stacy, '44, is one of the first Colby men who has notified this office of his change from the European to the Pacific theatre of war.

Cpl. Stan Frolio, '44, may be addressed at Sqdn. E, 2132nd AAF Base Unit, Maxwell Field, Alabama. Stan writes of having met a former CTD student from Colby recently.

Lt. Herbert A. Perkins, '22, is attached to the Antisubmarine Warfare Department of the Atlantic Fleet's Naval Training Center, Miami, Fla.

S-Sgt. Joseph Spina, '44, has been in England for the past 2½ years as clerk for the Engineers. Joe's APO is 518-A.

Capt. John N. Harriman, '16, (SC) USN, has been retired from active duty and may now be addressed at Newtown, Conn.

William Malcolm Wilson, '33, PhM 1/c, is stationed in the Pacific area.

Capt. Charles Geer, '36, is with the 136th Evacuation hospital and is located in the town of Bad Kreuznach, Germany.

Ens. William Hutcheson, '44, stationed somewhere in the Pacific, writes of having met Ens. Bob Urie, '45, and Ens. Irv Liss, '43.

Lt. John McCallum, '44, is stationed in Augsburg, Germany, Co. C, 1269th Engr. C. Bn.

Ens. Anne E. Foster, '44, may be addressed at Wave Officer Quarters, US Naval Hospital, St. Albans, L. I., N. Y. Anne is doing occupational therapy work. She has met Margaret Star, '40, Wave Corpsman, Ens. Barney McDonough, '45, and Lt. Mary Kimball, '42.

Sgt. Leslie J. Huard, '37, is now stationed in Bamberg, Germany, with the Postal division, APO 873. Les writes that he has done some fishing in the Bavarian Alps and describes the country as about the most beautiful he has ever seen. Some of the trout he has caught measure 15 inches.

Sgt. Remo Verrengia, '44, Co. K, 157th Inf., APO 149, Germany, writes, "This place where I am now stationed is quite the stuff. We have exclusive use of a large outdoor swimming pool. When I'm not instructing in the athletic department I'm over at the pool acting as a life guard."

Pvt. Harold Roberts, '45, has changed units and is now with the Band, 42nd Cav. Rcn. Sqn., APO 403, and is stationed in Neurkirchen, Germany.

Lt. Val S. Duff, '37, reports that he is doing very interesting and constructive work with a Military Government Unit in the Pacific.

Lt. (jg) John P. Holden, '34, went aboard ship on May 13 and traveled down to Hawaii and other places in the Pacific. While in Hawaii he ran into Lt. Louis Rancourt, '36, and Ens. John F. Sullivan, '34, and they had a great time talking over the good old days at Colby.

Capt. Richard M. Crummett, '43, has been promoted to his present rank. Dick is with the 397th Bombardment Group, famed as the "Bridge Busters" and the first B-26 Marauder group to be based inside Germany.

Sgt. Donald G. Leach, '45, stationed with the Eighth Air Force Service Command in Belgium, is being transferred from the European section to the Pacific. At this writing it is not known whether Don will come home on furlough first or go directly to his new base.

Major Carroll F. Danforth, '38, has returned to this country after spending 33 months in Australia, New Guinea, and the Philippines.



FUN ON V-E DAY

When cessation of hostilities found Pfc. Frederick B. McAlary, '43, in Linz, Austria, with time on his hands, he reached into the dashboard of his jeep, drew out a two-months' old copy of his favorite periodical and settled down to a little serious reading while a pal made this snapshot.

Roslyn E. Kramer, '45, S 2/c, finished her boot training at Hunter College on May 25, and has been transferred to Aerographer's Mates School, Lakehurst, N. J.

Vol. Stephen Tilton, '43, may now be reached at the American Field Service (Det. A), APO 228, in Germany. He is with the 21st Army Group British Forces.

Lt. Allan R. Knight, '41, was recently promoted to first lieutenant in the 461st Bomb. Group, 15th Air Force B-24 Liberator unit in Italy.

Pvt. Maurice "Doc" Rancourt, '39, was recently inducted into the Army and is stationed in Co. D, 31st Inf. Tng. Bn., Camp Croft, S. C.

Robert Sparkes, '36, C.Sp., writes, "It was good news to hear that the European end of the scrap was over. I had long looked forward to getting that news, but when it came I just couldn't muster any enthusiasm. We here just stood and listened when we heard the announcement. There wasn't even a loud shout. Everyone was happy, but still grim, for we

realize that we still have a job to finish here."

Pvt. P. M. Grant, '40, is with a corps of engineers in India and "sweating out" his return to the States.

Cpl. Eddie Loring, '42, is still playing baseball whenever he can somewhere in the Philippines.

Av. Cad. Fred Jellison, '45, is receiving his pre-flight training at St. Mary's College, California.

Lt. Henry Rockiki, '44, has had some combat photo missions over Borneo and now is an assistant combat intelligence and operation officer. Recently, while driving along the road, he passed Lt. (jg) Orin Shiro, '42. He says they both slammed on their brakes and practically "screwed up all traffic."

Lt. Stanley Corey, '28, is an instructor in navigation at a training squadron for CV pilots. His station is part of the Corpus Christi Command.

Lt. Thomas W. Burke, '45, was one of the several Colby men who took part in the invasions of Iwo Jima. Tom has charge of a rifle platoon. He writes that Ens. Dana Robinson, '45, recently came over to see him. Dana is attached to the Navy intelligence and is on the same Island as Tom.

Lt. Robert Canders, '39, writes from a hospital, "It sure is good news that this part of the war is over. I missed the ending as my tank was hit on April 19 during the last push. My crew and I got out of it all right but had the bad fortune to run into some of their infantry who lost no time throwing grenades and shooting at us. I got myself splattered up a bit and am still in the hospital, but I expect to be leaving before the week is up."

Lt. (sg) William Millett, '34, was promoted to his present rank on May 1. He is with the USN Engineer Experiment Station, Annapolis, Md.

S-Sgt. Earle K. Merrill, '44, has been promoted to his present rank and is stationed in Germany in the vicinity of Nuremberg.

Lt. (jg) Philip H. McLeary, '31, has been commissioned in the USN.

Sgt. Sherman A. McPherson, '44, now stationed in Rome, Italy, writes of having met Sgt. Eddie Sarantides, '43, at the PX in Rome. It was the first time the two had met since 1943 in Bizerte. Mac has also met Lt. Richard Reid, '44, who was in Rome taking

a special course in "Information and Education."

T-5 William T. Paine, '35, is in the Philippines with an Engineer Parts Supply Company. He was able to see his brother, Capt. Stanley Paine, '37, once in New Guinea and once in the Netherlands East Indies.

Sgt. James Fox, '38, whose address is Hq. & Base Serv. Sq., 423rd Air Serv. Gp., APO 559, recently won a plane trip and a 48-hour pass to Paris from Suffolk, England.

M-Sgt. Clayton Young, '39, writes, "While on Leyte I ran into Woody Hall (Sgt. Woodrow Hall, '39) and had a number of visits with him. He is the first Colby man I have met since arriving overseas."

Maj. Thomas G. Van Slyke, '36, whose unit is somewhere in the Philippines, reports that his area is "in a sort of semi-forested area of banana

trees, mango trees, palms, etc., with a chorus of squawking parrots and chattering monkeys."

Lt. Charles T. Russ, '38, has returned to this country after 24 months of overseas service, and is now stationed at the Naval Air Station at St. Simons Island and Glynco, Ga.

1st Lt. John W. Danforth, '38, who is in the Quartermaster Corps, is stationed on a golf course in Manila, and describes it as a good and comparatively dry location.

Lt. (sg) Edwin M. Leach, '38, MC, has returned to this country after serving for 21 months in the Pacific theatre. After spending a leave at his home, he will be stationed in the Portland Naval Hospital.

Lt. Paul M. Kittredge, '39, has been selected for staff training at the Naval War College, Newport, Va., reporting

there on July 1. Paul is one of 50 men selected for the five months' course.

Pfc. Albert W. Larson, '28, is spending a 30-day furlough at his home in Waterville after serving several months in the Pacific theatre.

Capt. Roland Poulin, '31, Waterville lawyer, has recently been promoted to his present rank. He is with a Judge Advocate division in Vilshofen, Germany.

Ens. Alexander Dembkowski, '44, wrote recently that he expected to be around Boston for another two months and then would leave for the Pacific. He attended Commencement.

Lt. Andrew Bedo, '43, stationed in Bavaria, was in Paris recently where he met Lt. Hoover Goffin, '41, and Lt. Robert C. Dennison, '43. Andy is now Company Information and Education officer, organizing orientation and educational activities.

Class Notes About Colby Men and Women

1882

Bertis A. Pease writes, "At 90 years, life is worth living."

1888

Addison B. Lorimer is recuperating at the Burke Convalescent Home, White Plains, N. Y., from a major operation.

1889

Charles H. Pepper, after many weeks in a Boston hospital, returned to his home in Brookline, Mass., on May 30.

Edward F. Stevens, by appointment of President Bixler, represented Colby at the installation of John Cranford Adams as second president of Hofstra College, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.

1890

Arthur B. Patten now makes his home with his son at 722 Aldan Road, Claremont, Calif.

1896

Albert S. Cole after retiring as superintendent of schools in Grafton, Mass., was drafted to become head of the manual training department of the Shrewsbury, Mass., high school.

Henry W. Dunn, who retired as Professor in the Harvard School of Business Administration, is now engaged in research for Scudder, Stevens, and Clark, investment counsellors in Boston. His new home address is 1 Waterhouse Street, Cambridge, Mass.

Everett L. Getchell, retired Boston University professor, is carrying on full time work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, teaching English to civilians, and U. S. History to Navy men back from the South Pacific.

John B. Merrill was drafted into teaching Physics and Chemistry in Thayer Academy after having reached the age for retirement from the East Boston high school.

James M. Pike has retired from the real estate and insurance business and is now living in New Holland, N. C.

1898

At the annual convention of the Grand Chapter held in New York, June 23, T. Raymond Pierce was elected President of the Zeta Psi fraternity of North America.

Arad E. Linscott has retired as submaster of Deering High School in Portland and is at his summer home in Jefferson until October 1.

1900

Ethel M. Russell of Augusta has recently been appointed Registrar of the Probate Court, Kennebec County. Miss Russell will be the first woman in this County to hold such a high office.

1906

Cora F. Sherwood writes that she may be addressed at 15 Beckford St., Salem, Mass., after July 1.

1907

Ellen J. Peterson is a missionary on extended furlough from China, and is now waiting to go to the Belgian Congo for temporary missionary service.

Burr F. Jones, superintendent of schools in Plymouth, Mass., is also president of the Rotary Club, president of the Plymouth District of S.P.C.C., member of the Plymouth Library Board, and Executive Secretary of Committee on National clothing collections.

Alice Tyler Milner, 511 West Main Street, Cartersville, Ga., is teaching mathematics in the County High School.

1910

Mary Donald Deans has returned to her home in Keene, N. H., from the Bahamas where she spent the winter. Mrs. Deans was in Waterville for the Commencement exercises, and attended the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

1911

Rev. Delber Wallace Clark, S.T.B., was honored on May 30 on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood of the Episcopal Church. He has been chaplain of the Christian Settlement House in Philadelphia since 1940. A testimonial to his work was printed as follows: "He has given us most beautiful and stately ceremonial in our Services, and understandingly sympathetic counsel to all who have come in contact with him. Our daily Services have the dignity and charm which you usually find only in fine, large churches, and the funeral services he conducts for the poorest and most desolate are as stately and reverent as the richest member could receive in any of our largest churches.

"He also assists in the discipline and general operation of the House, supervises the conduct of the men and sees to their physical and sanitary condition, and distributes suitable clothing to those in need."

1912

Nathaniel Bacon is the service inspector for the Pullman company, and his duties include instruction of new conductors and supervision of movements of military and Naval personnel in Northeastern zone.

Anne E. McKechnie represents the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Dwight Sayward Agency in Portland. Summers she is one of the directors of Camp Wyonegonic, Denmark, Maine.

1913

Charles J. Keppel, headmaster at the Tamalpais School for Boys, resides at 1675 Grand Avenue, San Rafael, Calif.

Clara Winslow Moldenke has recently moved to Detroit, Mich., where her husband is minister of the Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

Harry Umphrey of Washburn, was recently appointed a member of the

Maine Aeronautics Commission by Governor Horace A. Hildreth. Mr. Umphrey is engaged in potato dehydration operations and was one of the Presque Isle leaders in the development of that city's airport several years ago.

Meroe Morse is leaving Waterville July 24 to accept a position in New York with the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. Her duties carry the title "Personal Service Secretary" and have to do with supplying the needs of missionaries in the field, including purchasing, shipping and accounting. She was tendered a farewell reception by the First Baptist Church and was presented with a travelling bag.

1914

Edith Washburn Clifford is still carrying on her husband's roofing contracting business. She has a daughter who has completed her work for her Master's degree in social science and has a position with the Community Service Society in New York, N. Y.; another daughter has her degree from the University of Michigan and is a cadet nurse at Ford Hospital; a third daughter is a junior at Oberlin College; and the youngest is a junior in high school and expects to enter Colby in 1946.

Marjorie Meader Burns, the well-known Marjorie Mills, is editing the women's pages of the Boston Herald Traveler and doing five half-hour radio broadcasts weekly over the New England network. She writes: "Through the program we have collected at the request of the Navy two freight carloads of pianos which they shipped to the Pacific, averaged 3000 packs of playing cards a month since March, 1944, which went to troop trains and ships, and also nearly 1000 harmonicas. The need is still great for these last two, and they can be sent to the Citizens Committee, 13 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass." She is a director of this committee.

1915

Dr. Leon W. Crockett, Charlestown, Mass., has been elected president of the Boston University School of Medicine Alumni Association for 1946.

1916

Franklin M. Dyer writes he is still with the New England Tel. and Tel.

Co., Eng. Dept., Boston, and is helping the war effort by "aiding in design of government telephone circuits plus toll plant extension work."

Eleanor Bradlee Mitchell is the vice chairman of Staff Assistant's Corps in charge of information for the American Red Cross, Worcester, Mass.

1917

Irma M. Ross is superintendent of Plummer Memorial Hospital, Dexter, Maine.

1918

Helene Boker, 617 West Ottawa Street, Lansing 15, Michigan, is director of Public Health Nursing for the Michigan department of health.

1919

Gertrude Allison Bennett is operating a fishing and hunting resort at Wilson's Mills, Me. Her son is in the Navy and her daughter has just graduated from high school.

Charles V. Anderson coaches cross country and baseball teams at South Side High School, Newark, N. J., and is the Commander-elect of the Newark Post, American Legion.

Mira L. Dolley is the dean of girls at Deering High School, Portland, Me.

1920

Carl W. Robinson may now be addressed at 3804 Tomacco Road, Richmond, Va., where he is located in the British-American Tobacco Company's cigarette factory. Carl writes that he hopes to get back to Washington as soon as the war is over.

Dr. C. Gordon Brownville, pastor of Tremont Temple in Boston, has tendered his resignation of the pastorate of this church to become effective Sept. 30, 1945, and has stated his expectation of entering evangelistic work.

1921

Laura V. Baker has completed her 20th year as instructor in modern languages at Bridgton High School.

Elizabeth Whipple Butler is the assistant dietitian in Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Her twin daughters are both married, her eldest son is in the Philippines, and the younger son graduated from high school in June and is first alternate to West Point.

Pauline Abbott has been teaching Social Studies in Westbrook since 1925. She belongs to the Colby Alumni Association in Westbrook and enjoys meeting the various alumni who attend meetings.

Clara Carter Weber, after a year of living in New York and Cambridge, Mass., where her husband, Dr. Carl J. Weber, has been doing research on a Guggenheim Fellowship, has returned to her home in Waterville.

Adelle McLoon Germano teaches the cultural and recreational courses in the school of nursing in a large hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y. She is very active in dramatic associations and in Red Cross Life Saving and was recently awarded an honorary certificate in ten fields of water safety.

Grace Johnson Grant has recently changed her address, and may now be reached at 10 Kensington Road, Concord, N. H.

Merle Davis Hamilton is one of the four women on the Citizens Committee backing the Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Foundation and Veteran War Memorial to be erected in San Gabriel, Calif., his native city.

Grace Foster is at the State Hospital in Augusta. She writes, "Life is very strenuous here as in all hospitals. We have 25 woman ward workers where we formerly had 86. I help all I can on the ward, specially with feeding the resistive and assaultive patients, and that is an education in itself. We are trying to get an 8 hour day instead of the 11 and 12 hours we now have for our workers. I spoke at the hearing for that purpose in the State Legislature and saw numerous familiar Colby faces." She has been appointed program chairman in economic welfare of the Maine League of Women Voters.

1922

H. C. Whittemore is the secretary and personnel officer of the Civilian Defense Council, Fort Lee, N. Y.

Mary Carl Taylor is teaching at Wiscasset Academy.

1923

Marlin D. Farnum is the associate secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. His daughter, Hilda, plans to enter Colby in September.

Prof. Frederick G. Fassett, Jr. resigned as editor of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology *Review*, and has accepted a new position as director of publications and public relations at Carnegie Institute, Washington, D. C.

1924

Ralph D. McLeary, superintendent of the public schools in Barrington, R. I., has resigned his position to assume the superintendency of the public schools in Concord, Mass.

1925

Russell Squire has been elected President of the Waterville Rotary Club, and began his presidential duties on July 1.

Oscar Benn holds down quite a few directorships in Houlton. He is director of the Houlton Trust Co., Houlton Water Company, Houlton Chamber of Commerce, and Houlton Rotary Club.

Marion Johnson Kinch was recently elected first vice-president of the Worcester College Club for 1945-46.

1926

Hilda M. Fife, who is assistant professor of English at Alfred University Extension, Jamestown, N. Y., is returning to Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., this summer to give courses in the summer school.

Rev. Gabriel R. Guedj has resigned as pastor of the Baptist Temple, Fall River, Mass., to accept the pastorate of the Brooklyn Baptist Temple. This church is described as being the largest Baptist Church in the New York area.

1927

Dorothy Farnsworth Bragdon is living at 35 College Avenue in Waterville — formerly Boutelle House.

Kenneth R. Copp teaches English at Davis High School and is the editorial adviser of the school paper. On the side, he still plays the trumpet in New York dance bands.

Elizabeth Alden Wassell has been elected president of the Worcester College Club for the coming year. Mrs. Wassell received her BA from Bates and MA from Boston University. She is a teacher at Bancroft School and her husband, Albert W. Wassell, '27, is the music director at Classical High School.

1929

John D. Swartz is assistant attorney general, eastern division, with offices at Foley Square Court House, New York, New York.

Nathan L. Sills is personnel director of the war production plant of Standard Motors Products, Inc., Long Island City, N. Y.

1930

H. Kingsley (Bill) Draper is assistant to the head of the Canned Food Division of the OPA in Washington, D. C.

Stanton Weed has received his medical discharge from the USA and has returned to his home in Augusta, Me.

1931

Samuel Morrison, successful New York lawyer, has his offices at 141 Broadway.

George F. Sprague is still with the Curtis Publishing Company, but now as Assistant Manager of the Subscription Field Staff.

1932

John H. Wing is the general manager of the Lewiston, Idaho, plant of Smith Canning Co. and Smith Frozen Foods.

Glen B. Lawrence, formerly of Belows Falls, Vt., has been named senior representative at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, for Pan American World Airways. In addition to his new duties, he will continue in his former position of district traffic manager at the Trinidad post.

1933

Ruth Armstrong Bickmore, Albion, Maine, is the wife of a farm manager and mother of a 16 months old girl.

Ruth Weston is the Latin instructor at Marlborough School in Los Angeles, Calif.

Howard Watson is the Accountant and Personnel Manager, Atwood Division, Farrel-Birmingham Co., Inc., and resides in Stonington, Conn.

R. Leon Williams has just completed his third session in the Maine House of Representatives where he served on the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. He is still engaged in the production of lumber and forest products which have been for war orders since 1941.

Bob Violette, one of Maine's outstanding athletic coaches, has resigned his position as head coach of all sports at Lawrence High School, Fairfield. Bob has entered the contracting business with his brother.

1934

Arnold Peabody might be called one of Houlton's leading citizens. He is president of the Chamber of Commerce and president of the Rotary Club.

Frances M. Palmer, who resides at 425 Newtonville Avenue, Newtonville, Mass., is at present employed as a dental nurse.

1935

T. S. Krawiec is the manager of Safety at Bendix Radio Company while on leave from Oregon State College. He received his Ph.D. in Psychology from New York University in February, 1945.

Ruth Toabe received her Master of Arts degree in Bacteriology in December and was awarded an appointment in Research at Indiana University.

M. P. Kleinholz is a research chemist with the Sinclair Refining Company in East Chicago, Indiana.

1937

Kenneth A. Johnson is teaching history and government at Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C.

1938

Stanley Thompson, who has recently been discharged from the Air Corps after completing 57 missions, will be employed by the Standard Oil Company in Mass. He is making his home at Wedham Street, No. Weymouth, Mass.

Edward W. Lombard has fully regained his health after an operation about two years ago and has been working with a shipbuilding company near South Freeport, Me. His father (Rev. William E. Lombard, '93), although theoretically retired, is carrying on a small church in the locality and Ed serves as Superintendent of the Sunday School.

1940

Frances Gray has been teaching languages in Johnson, Vt., High School, but expects to spend the summer at her farm in Maine. She writes of having

dined with Marjorie Day Weeks, '40, recently. Marjorie is employed by Ginn and Co., in Boston.

Mary L. Wheeler is an instructor in chemistry at Mundelin College, Chicago, Ill.

Elizabeth Perkins, who was assistant librarian at the Bates College Library this year, has returned to her home in Waterville for the summer.

1941

John J. Freme, 1 Washington Street, Caribou, Maine, is a Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Caribou School Board, and proprietor of a grocery business.

1942

Theodora Wright Weston, who has been employed as calculator in the turbine engineering department of General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y., resigned on June 1 and will teach in the fall. Her husband is still in the South Pacific where he has been stationed for 39 months.

Barbara Grant Clough is receiving the sympathy of her friends on the death of her husband, Lt. Ray Clough, who was killed in action recently.

1943

Priscilla Moldenke is doing social welfare work for the State of Maine. Her job is to visit Public Assistance recipients in eight small towns over York County.

Phyllis Young Johnson has just moved to 1112 N. Chaparral Street, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Ethel Paradis Emerson is located at Tyndall Field, Fla., with husband, Merritt. They have an apartment on the field and Ethel is working in the laboratory there.

Ressa Flewelling Edmunds has returned to her home in Easton where she is teaching English and World History in the local high school.

Barbara S. Grant is in the same reconstruction unit as Bernice Knight, '44, at Haverford College.

George A. Popper, 46 Chestnut Street, Albany, N. Y., is working as a chemist for the Winthrop Chemical Company, manufacturers of pharmaceuticals in Rensselaer, N. Y.

Betty Tobey recently transferred from the New York office of American Airlines at LaGuardia Field to Boston and is now located at the East Boston

Airport where she has charge of Reservations.

Eleanor Smart Braunmuller expects to spend the month of July in Maine visiting her family. Her husband has just received his Ph.D.

Anne Dunmore has accepted the position of teacher and vocational counselor at the Rutland Training Center, Rutland, Vt.

Hubert S. Beckwith was ordained into the ministry on June 12 at the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Cambridge, Mass. He will graduate from Andover-Newton Theological School on August 24 with the BD degree and will become Assistant Minister of the First Congregational Church in Washington, D. C., on Sept. 1, 1945.

1944

Ben Zecker, who received his degree on June 3, has enrolled at Boston University Law School. Ben writes that there is "plenty of hard studying to do. I am taking two types of law now—criminal and contract."

Gertrude Szadzewicz writes that she is living pretty much of a nomad's life traveling from city to city. She is training to do rehabilitation work for the tuberculosis patient. However, she may be addressed at her home, 72 Ward Street, Worcester, Mass., from where her mail will be forwarded.

James Springer received his DDS degree from Tufts Dental School on June 17.

Priscilla Tallman is doing social work at the Rhode Island Hospital and may be addressed at 46 Clarendon Street, Cranston, R. I.

Jane S. Bell is employed at the Bakelite Corporation as a laboratory assistant in the experimental and research laboratory.

Evelyn Gates Moriarty is down in Norfolk with Jim. They dropped into the office a few weeks ago en route to Bangor. Evie writes that the weather is very nice and that she spends a great deal of her time on the beach with other Navy wives.

Priscilla Higgins, who has been teaching at West Buxton High School, had charge of the graduation exercises on May 31.

Russell E. Brown, a student at Andover Newton Theological School, is working in Wyoming this summer for the Baptist Missionary Society. He

writes that he will be serving six churches.

Fern R. Falkenback received her M.A. from Columbia University last August and is now teaching in New York, N. Y.

Elaine Johnson Wing is the mother of a 15 months old daughter and they are residing at 1819 Marye Street, Alexandria, La.

Helen M. C. Watson is in the advertising department of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, where, she writes, "the most fun comes in the publication of our three magazines, the *Field*, the *Quill*, and *Newsweek*." Watsie was here at Colby for commencement and certainly looked the successful career girl.

Priscilla Keating Swanson may be addressed at General Delivery, Morehead City, N. C. "Puss" is married to Lt. Jarl Swanson, Jr., of the Marine Corps.

Nancy Curtis Bacon is working for Chance-Vought Aircraft doing drafting and illustration for Technical Publications. Her husband has been released from the Army and is studying at Yale. They are residing at 87 Trumbull Avenue, Milford, Conn.

Lois Peterson Johnson has moved into her own apartment on 19 Pine Street, Portland 4, Maine, and writes, "I'm just a plain housewife now and I have more to do than I ever did in an office."

Jane E. McCarthy finished her comprehensive training in merchandising at Bamberger's, Newark, N. J., last March and has been promoted to Junior Assistant to the Summer Furniture Buyer. Jane writes that she finds her work most interesting.

1945

Elizabeth Lohnes is working as secretary to Dr. Maurice Davie, head of the Sociology Dept. at Yale and director of the nation-wide Committee for the study of recent immigration from Europe. She is also attending Jefferson School two nights a week, studying Russian.

Elizabeth Chamberlain Ficker has been employed for the past year as secretary in the Contract Termination Department of a war plant in Greenwich, Conn.

MILESTONES

ENGAGED

Doris Miriam Hill, '44, of Newton Centre, Mass., to Cpl. F. Julian Oser, USA, of Brookline, Mass. Miss Hill graduated from Boston University College of Practical Arts and Letters. Cpl. Oser is stationed at Camp McKay, South Boston, Mass.

Dorothy E. Bake, '40, of Groton, Mass., to **J. Franklin Pineo, Jr., '42**, of Orange, N. J. Miss Bake is a member of the faculty of Groton High School. Mr. Pineo is Boys' Work Secretary of the Orange, N. J., YMCA.

Laura-Deane Higgins, '46, of Brookline, Mass., to Robert Stetson Shaw, USA, of Auburndale, Mass. Miss Higgins is training at the Children's Hospital. Mr. Shaw was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and from Harvard Medical School in June. He is serving his internship at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Marian Maynard of Madison, Wis., to Cpl. Edward W. Cragin, '34, of Waterville. Miss Maynard was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1937 and is a Pharmacist's Mate 3c in the WAVES. She is stationed at the Charlestown, Mass., Navy Yard. Cpl. Cragin is in charge of the X-Ray department at the AAF Redistribution Station No. 1, Atlantic City, N. J.

Jane Wooster of Bangor to Ens. Fred B. Knight, '47, USNR. Miss Wooster was graduated from Bangor High School in June and plans to enter Stephens Junior College, Columbia, Missouri, in the fall. Ens. Knight has been training as an Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer in San Diego, Calif.

Susan Betty Rosengren, '42, of Sparkhill, N. Y., to Louis H. Chisman, of Keyport, N. J. Miss Rosengren is with a New York advertising agency. Mr. Chisman is a senior student at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, N. J., and is serving as student assistant minister at St. Nicholas Collegiate Reformed Church, 5th Avenue, N. Y.

Martha Blackington, '46, to **Lt. Walter B. Maxfield, '44**. Miss Black-

ington has just completed her junior year at Colby. Lt. Maxfield is in the Air Corps stationed in Italy.

MARRIED

Juanita McKinley of Tucson, Ariz., to Lt. Richard E. Hayward, '44, of Brockton, Mass., on June 10, 1945, in Brockton. Mrs. Hayward is a buyer for a women's specialty store in Tucson. Lt. Hayward has returned to this country after service in the Air Corps in Europe.

Mrs. Genie Saunders Daly to Rev. Burton L. Linscott, '42, on June 1, 1945, in Portland, Maine.

Margaret A. Hohly of Bronxville, N. Y., to James R. McCarroll, '42, of Ridgewood, N. J., on June 23, 1945, in Bronxville, N. Y. Mrs. McCarroll was graduated from St. Mary's Hall in Burlington, N. J., and attended Barnard College. Mr. McCarroll is a junior at Cornell University Medical College.

Joan C. Sandler of Lawrence, Mass., to Ensign Jason P. Toabe, '46, Lawrence, in Pensacola, Fla. Mrs. Toabe is a graduate of Colby Junior College. Ens. Toabe recently received his wings in the Naval Air Forces at Pensacola, Fla.

Diane Z. Ferris, '43, to Wesley J. Fjeldheim, Bots'm., US Maritime Service, on March 24, 1945, in Yonkers, N. Y. Mrs. Fjeldheim attended the University of Connecticut after graduating from Colby. She is now residing with her parents in Waterville. Mr. Fjeldheim was associated in the masonry business before joining the Maritime service.

Rebecca Zombro of San Francisco, Calif., to Paul B. Adams, '46, RT 3c, on April 8, 1945, in Chicago, Ill.

Ruth Elizabeth Rosenberg, '45, of Arlington, Mass., to **Lt. Nahum Z. Medalia**, on June 8, 1945, in Arlington.

Prudence Piper, '41, of Newton Centre, Mass., to **Lt. Ernest C. Marriner, Jr., '40**, of Waterville, on June 14 in the Wellesley Hills Unitarian Church. Mrs. Marriner was recently employed

in the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C. Lt. Marriner is in the Medical Administrative Corps at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Miss Ruth Marriner, '48, served as a bridesmaid and Wilson Piper, '39, as an usher.

Ruth Holt of Melrose, Mass., to Ens. Francis B. Ward, '45, in the Baptist Church, Melrose, on June 13, 1945. Colby people at the wedding included Pfc. Richard Marcyes, '45, and Pfc. Robert Lucy, '45.

Addie Roberta Holt, '45, of Clinton, to Lt. Donald Gordon Sachs of Jersey City, N. J., in the Colby College Chapel on July 3, 1945. Prof. Herbert L. Newman, '18, (Chaplain of the 21st CTD) performed the ceremony. Mrs. Sachs is the daughter of Maude Heron Holt, '24, and Ross Holt, '18. She graduated from Colby in June. Lt. Sachs attended the Newark School of Engineering for two years before enlisting in the Army Air Corps, and was stationed at Colby with the 21st College Training Detachment. He has just returned to this country after spending 4½ months as a prisoner of war in Germany.

Gertrude Vander Poel Rose of New Haven, Conn., to Capt. Francis Calvin Prescott, '38, on June 15, 1945, in the Marquand Chapel of the Yale Divinity School in New Haven. Mrs. Prescott studied at Chatham Hall, Chateau Brilliantmont, Lausanne, Switzerland, and the New York School of Applied Design. Capt. Prescott graduated from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Harvard University, and served on the Colby faculty for a year before going into the Army. He served 22 months with the Field Artillery in the Pacific theatre. Capt. and Mrs. Prescott will reside at 239 Edwards Street while he continues his studies at the Civil Affairs Training School, Yale University. Ford Grant, '34, served as an usher at the wedding.

June O. Toulouse of Waterville to Joseph Augustus Marshall, '44, S 2c, of Waterville, on June 25, 1945, in the Sacred Heart Church in Waterville. Mrs. Marshall is employed as office manager of Day's Jewelry Store in Waterville. Mr. Marshall is attending Dartmouth Medical College.

Mary G. Goodrich, '47, of Waterville to Stephen Drake Austin of River Forest, Ill., on June 16 in the Church of the New Jerusalem in Cambridge, Mass. Mrs. Austin graduated from

Leland Powers School of the Theatre in June. Mr. Austin is a student at Harvard Medical School. Mr. and Mrs. Austin will reside at 11 Park Drive, Boston, Mass.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Knight (Frances Nason, '27), a daughter, Joellen Mary, on April 2, 1945.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Piper (Wilson Piper, '39), a daughter, Stephanie, on May 20, 1945.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Williams (Harrison Williams, '33), a daughter, Barbara Ellen, on June 12, 1945.

To Capt. and Mrs. Maurice Searle (Maurice Ortiz Searle, '40), a daughter, Elizabeth Susan, on May 27, 1945.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Rideout (Portia Pendleton, '34), a daughter, Marilyn Beth, on January 6, 1945.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Ward (Ottellie Greely, '38), a daughter, Madge Coburn, on December 10, 1944.

To Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Hall (Willette Herrick, '38), a son, Donald Eugene II, on December 1, 1944.

To S-Sgt. and Mrs. Merton L. Curtis (Merton L. Curtis, '31), a daughter, Rosemary Amber, on April 30, 1945, at Winsted, Conn.

To Major and Mrs. T. G. Van Slyke (Thomas G. Van Slyke, '36), a son, Thomas G., Jr., on March 14, 1945.

To Dr. and Mrs. James E. Fell (James E. Fell, '32), a son, James E., Jr., November 28, 1944, in Fall River, Mass.

Necrology

ARTHUR M. THOMAS, '80

Arthur Milton Thomas, retired schoolmaster, died June 3, 1945, in Middlebury, Conn., where he had been making his home for a number of years with his daughter, Mrs. Helen Thomas Foster, '14. One of Colby's oldest graduates, he was 87.

Mr. Thomas was born in Manchester, Maine, Jan. 13, 1858, the son of Marcia Safford and Jacob Brown Thomas. He entered Colby from Hallowell Classical Institute in 1876, graduating with the AB degree in 1880. He was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Colby

granted him the AM degree in 1883 and he pursued graduate work in Chemistry at Amherst and Harvard in later years. He married Miss Carrie Odiorne of Richmond, Maine, August 20, 1885.

Mr. Thomas devoted almost half a century to the teaching profession and was principal of six Maine schools. He became principal of the Richmond High School immediately following his graduation from college and in 1885 was elected principal of Houlton Academy, which became Ricker Classical Institute during his term of office. Burrage in his *History of the Baptists in Maine* states: that "Under his leadership the Institute rapidly took its place as the leading educational force in Aroostook county."

In 1901, Mr. Thomas became successively the principal of Bar Harbor high school, Higgins Classical Institute, and Kennebunk high school, remaining three years at each post. His last 20 years of active teaching were spent as associate principal of the Farmington Normal School, except for the year 1922-23 when he taught at Yali, Changsha, China.

Mr. Thomas was a Baptist and participated in the activities of the churches of this denomination wherever he was located. He was much interested in the YMCA and was a trustee of Ricker Classical Institute.

In his later years Mr. Thomas kept up his interest in college affairs and particularly enjoyed the annual Colby Alumni Meeting in Waterbury. In 1940 he had the pleasure of attending Commencement on the 60th anniversary of his graduation which was also the graduation of his grandson.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. John H. Foster, '14, two grandchildren, Capt. John Thomas Foster, '40, and Ens. Anne Elizabeth Foster, '44, and a great grandson, John P. Foster.

GEORGE R. BERRY, '85

George Ricker Berry, professor-emeritus of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, died suddenly at Cambridge, Mass., on May 24, 1945, in his 80th year.

He was born in West Sumner, Maine, Oct. 15, 1865, the son of Joann Lawrence and William Drake Berry. Fitting for college at Hebron Academy, he entered in 1881 and graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors in

1885. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Following a four-year course at Newton Theological Institution, and after a three-year pastorate at Liberty, Maine, he entered the University of Chicago as a graduate student holding a fellowship in Semitics, receiving the Ph.D. degree in 1895. He remained on the faculty there for one year and then joined the faculty of the Colgate Divinity School as instructor in Semitic languages and as professor from 1898 on. When the institution merged with the Rochester Divinity School, he continued his work at Rochester until his retirement in 1934. He was the author of nine books, besides contributions to encyclopedias and professional journals. Colby conferred the honorary degree of D.D. upon him in 1904.

Dr. Berry had a lively interest in present day conditions in the Near and Middle East. Serving in varying capacities in the American School of Oriental Research at Jerusalem for three different years, he made journeys into the surrounding regions and became familiar not only with excavations in the sites of ancient civilizations

but with social conditions in the present populations. One result of this was his book, "Old and the New in Palestine." He held a high position in the world of scholarship and education.

Funeral services were held at Hamilton, N. Y., where he had made his home after retirement, and the pall bearers were undergraduates from the Colgate chapter of Delta Upsilon.

Dr. Berry married Carrie L. Clough of Liberty, Maine, in 1893, who died in 1909. In 1913 he married Edith Van Wagner who died in 1926. He is survived by two daughters and a grandson. Another grandson was killed in action over Germany in January, 1944.

Dr. Berry's personality was well summed up in an obituary in the Hamilton paper as follows: "Born and brought up in the State of Maine, he embodied the so-called New England traits—rugged honesty in mind and heart, strong individual independence, thrift and so on. He had a gift for friendship, and with his talent for shrewd, kindly characterization of people and situations, together with the extensive range of his interests, his

circle of friends was wide and included different types of people."

ALFRED C. BLAKE, '95

Alfred Cookman Blake died at his home in East Providence, R. I., August 19, 1944, at the age of 71. He had been suffering from a bad heart condition for over a year, but his passing was very sudden.

Mr. Blake was born in Lakewood, N. J., July 1, 1873, but fitted for college at Wilton Academy in Maine. He entered Colby with the class of 1895, but only attended three years. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. After a period of teaching he became an auditor.

He led a quiet home life and spent much of his time in study. He was a member of the Haven Methodist Church, East Providence, and always keenly interested in the welfare of youth and any organization which had to do with young people.

Burial was at Brewer, Maine. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Charles Williams of Billerica, Mass.; two daughters, Miriam C. Blake and Mrs. Margaret Carlson; two sons, Cecil B.

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DR. WILLARD A. BATES, '98

Word has just been received by the alumni office of the death of Willard Asa Bates who attended Colby from 1894-97.

Dr. Bates had been a physician in Littleton, N. H., and is survived by his widow.

MALCOLM B. MOWER, '05

Malcolm Bemis Mower died June 9, 1945, in Augusta, after a long illness.

He was born in Sharon, Mass., May 28, 1885, the son of Annie E. Caldwell and Rev. Irving B. Mower. His father was for many years the executive secretary of the United Baptist Convention of Maine and a trustee of Colby College. Their residence was the house which has since become the property of the college and is familiar to many as Mower House, a residence for women students.

Mr. Mower graduated from Berwick Academy in 1901 and entered Brown University where he was a member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity. When the family moved to Waterville in 1903, he transferred to Colby from which he was graduated in 1905.

The year following his graduation he went to the Philippine Islands as a teacher in the U. S. government schools there. Later he transferred to the U. S. customs service in Manila. After this he became part owner and manager of a coconut plantation on the Island of Oriental Negros. In 1922 he returned to this country. After serving as registrar of Colby College for ten years, he purchased a farm in Vassalboro where he has since resided.

In 1933 Mr. Mower married Edith Hunt Childs, who had a wide acquaintance with Colby people as President Roberts' secretary. Besides his widow he is survived by a sister, Mrs. William C. Beale (Eunice Caldwell Mower, '04) of Eastport, and a brother, Stanwood I. Mower, '13, of Cambridge, Mass.

PHILIP L. BRADEEN, '06

Philip Lawrence Bradeen died June 23, 1945, at a Massachusetts hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Lincoln, Maine, on Sept. 12, 1879, Mr. Bradeen entered Colby from Higgins Classical Institute in Sept. 1902, but remained only one year. He was an outstanding baseball pitcher and earned the nickname, "King Brady."

Mr. Bradeen had been an accountant clerk for the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad for the past 15 years. He was previously employed as clerk for the Great Northern Paper Company for many years, and for a time he made his home in Lincoln. He was a lover of the outdoors and was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Surviving him are his wife, Anna; two sisters, Miss Edith A. Bradeen of Bangor and Mrs. Louise R. Tibbetts of Brunswick.

NATHAN B. BLACKBURN, '07

Word has just been received of the death of Nathan Bishop Blackburn on Nov. 22, 1944, at Biola, Calif. He had been inactive and in poor health since suffering a nervous breakdown about 10 years ago.

He was born on Nov. 25, 1885, at Lafayette, Ind., the son of Margaret Hail and Alexander Blackburn. Pre-

paring at Portland, Oregon, high school, he entered Colby in Sept. 1903. He only remained at Colby one year, playing on the varsity football team and becoming a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Returning to the Middle West, he transferred to the University of Minnesota and received the AB degree in 1907.

He established the Blackburn Brokerage Company in Kansas City, Mo., and later also served as sales manager for a number of accounts. He was connected with the Kansas City College of Commerce, giving lectures on salesmanship to classes in business. He was a member of the Linwood Methodist Episcopal Church, the Advertising Club, American Legion, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Blackburn is survived by his widow, Lillian Schmidli Blackburn; a daughter, Mrs. Jean Blackburn Warner of Los Angeles, and a brother, Alexander M. Blackburn, '01, of Warner, N. H.

FRANCIS H. ROSE, '09 GERTRUDE COOMBS ROSE, '11

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. Francis H. Rose were shocked to read in the metropolitan papers of June 2nd that these two Colby missionaries in the Philippines were among those in a group executed by the Japanese on Dec. 20, 1943.

The announcement was made from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society only after permission had been received from the State and War Departments which had held up the news until the island of Panay had been fully occupied by our troops and all danger to other Americans was over.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose were connected with the Central Philippine College of

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Iloilo. When the Japanese took the island soon after the capture of Corregidor, some of the Americans at the college surrendered to the invaders and were interned at Santo Tomas. Others, including Mr. and Mrs. Rose, decided to flee to the hills. There, according to a letter which they smuggled out, they had lived in grass huts near a spring, attending daily services at a chapel built in a "beautiful deep dry gorge with great trees growing in it." Seats, altar, pulpit and lectern were cut out from rocks and fallen trees. On Easter, 1943, there were 100 worshipers, American refugees and natives, and a 13 year-old American boy "was baptized in a beautiful shady pool in a little mountain river."

A number of the persons in this hideaway were brought to safety by submarine. Although their only activities consisted in giving medical aid and religious instruction to Filipinos, the Japanese learned of their existence and sent out search parties over and over again. Finally, a guerrilla officer under torture revealed the hiding place. On December 19, 1943, the Japanese soldiers found the camp just as preparations for Christmas were underway. Everybody tried to flee, but when the women and children were captured, the men returned to surrender. The next day, 11 missionaries and a nine year old boy were executed. Filipino friends later visited the scene and gave them Christian burials. The

announcement stated that it is planned to leave them where they are buried, on a remote but beautiful spot high on the Island of Panay.

Francis Howard Rose was born March 30, 1884, at Norwich Town, Conn., the son of Flavia Buck and Frank R. Rose. At Colby he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and was prominent in debating and public speaking activities. It is ironical to note that he won first prize among the commencement speakers in 1909 with an oration against war.

After three years at Newton Theological Institution, from which he received the B.D. degree, he was ordained into the Baptist ministry at Lowell, Mass. In Sept. of that year he was united in marriage to Gertrude Hazelton Coombs, '11, and in Nov. they sailed for the Philippines as missionaries under the American Foreign Baptist Board.

For the next five years, Mr. Rose taught at the Jaro Industrial school, Iloilo, being acting principal the last two years. They returned to the U. S. in 1917 for a furlough and remained for four years while Mr. Rose studied at Teachers' College, Columbia University, for the Master of Arts degree and then served on the faculty of Virginia Union University at Richmond for two years.

Returning to Iloilo in 1923, he joined the faculty of the Central Philippine College where he remained,

with the exception of the years 1929-30 which were spent in graduate study at the University of Chicago earning the Master of Science degree and some credits toward a Ph.D. In 1930 he was made professor of Zoology at the Central Philippine College and served as acting president in 1931-33.

This college had a student body of about 850 and besides the four years' courses leading to the B.A. or B.S. degrees had a preparatory department. Mr. Rose was one of the mainstays of the institution for, besides teaching courses in English, Zoology, Bible and Ethics, he was the financial agent of the college and raised considerable sums of money for new buildings and improvements. He was also the architect for all of the new buildings and had charge of the construction of about half of them. On the side, he wrote and composed a number of hymns and songs, while a good many of his poems were published in Philippine periodicals and one or two set to music. He was a member and chairman of the Philippine Reference Committee, at one time the governing body of the Philippine Baptist Mission. In 1936, his 25th reunion year, Mr. Rose received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Colby.

Gertrude Hazelton Coombs was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Irving Wesley Coombs. She was born in Bristol, Vt., Feb. 21, 1885, and attended Rob-

George H. Sterns, '31

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Herbert D. Sterns, '39

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inson Seminary, Exeter, N. H., and Tilton Seminary, N. H., before entering Colby with the class of 1911. She was a member of the Chi Omega sorority and graduated *summa cum laude*.

Associated with her husband, she taught in the Central Philippine College and with him studied for the Master's degree at Columbia in 1918. In recent years she had been teaching courses in French, German, and Mathematics, as well as performing the duties of treasurer of the college and treasurer of the convention of the Philippine Baptist Churches, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose crossed the Pacific four times and once came home by way of India, the Holy Land, and Europe.

They are survived by a daughter, Elinor Virginia, born in 1919, a graduate of Oberlin College in 1941, and now Mrs. Donald W. Flierl of 3930 Main St., Eggertsville, N. Y. A son died at Iloilo in 1926 at the age of six. Mr. Rose's mother is living in Norwich Town, Conn.

PFC. ROBERT M. GRAY, '43

 After hearing from their son in a German prison camp that he was uninjured and in good health, the parents of Pfc. Robert Maurice Gray have recently learned that he died on March 19, 1945, while a prisoner of war. Pfc. Gray was with Co. B, 275th Infantry, and was taken prisoner just before Christmas during the Rundstedt breakthrough in Belgium. He had been in Europe only three weeks.

The family has learned from one of Bob's comrades who was captured with him that they were imprisoned at Stalag IX-B at Bad Orb, and that Bob was sent out on a labor battalion about February 12 and he did not see him again.


Born in Schenectady, N. Y., April 18, 1922, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Gray, he later lived in Sheldon, Vt., and fitted for college at Mt. Hermon School. At Colby, he majored in Business Administration and was one of the outstanding and well-liked members of his class. His extra-curricular interests centered in the Glee Club and he also won a Varsity "C" for being manager of football in his senior year. He was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

PVT. PHILLIPS B. PIERCE, '45

Notice of the death in action of Pvt. Phillips B. Pierce, '45, was printed in these columns last January, with the date given as November 19, 1944. His parents have now been informed by the War Department that Pvt. Pierce was killed on October 23, and have asked that this correction be made on all official lists. He was also awarded the Purple Heart posthumously, so his name should have been included on the roll of Colby men receiving decorations and awards in the last issue.

Pfc. Gray enlisted in the Army of the United States on July 5, 1943 at Newark, N. J., and was inducted on July 25. After a few weeks at Fort Dix, he was sent to Camp Fannin, Texas, for his Infantry basic training. For a brief time he was with the Army Air Corps with a training group at Sheppard Field, Texas, but was then reassigned to the 70th Division and took further infantry training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., going overseas sometime in November.

LT. HOWARD F. ROWELL, '43

 Lt. Howard Franklin Rowell, AAF, reported missing in action over France on June 7, 1944, has now been listed by the War Department as killed in action.

Lt. Rowell was pilot of a P-51 reconnaissance plane which was last seen over the Cherbourg Peninsula flying directly into a terrific barrage of anti-aircraft from merchant vessels in Bay de la Seine.


Lt. Rowell, the son of Olive Mae Bristol and John E. Rowell, was born in Waterville on August 31, 1921. He prepared for Colby at Waterville High School and entered college with the class of 1943 in Sept. 1939. He was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, and played on the football and basketball teams. He also played in the college orchestra and band, and was very popular in local circles.

Lt. Rowell entered the service in March, 1942, and received his pilot training at Army Air Bases at Santa Anna, Calif., Merced, Calif., Las Vegas, Nev., Luke Field, Ariz., and Tallahassee, Tenn. He left for overseas service in October, 1943, and was

flying his 17th mission when shot down. He had received the Air Medal, and was a first lieutenant at the time of his death.

Surviving him are his father; two sisters, Ruth E. Rowell, '40, and Mrs. Eleanor Rowell Dorsett, '33; and one brother who is in the Navy.

LT. JOHN E. MCCARLEY, '44


 1st Lt. John Edwin McCarley was killed in action near Bras, Belgium, on Jan. 15, 1945, and was buried in Meuse, France. He was attached to the 347th Infantry Regiment of the 87th Division and had been overseas for four months.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Murdock H. McCarley of Port Chester, N. Y., he was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on June 12, 1920. Graduating from the Port Chester high school, he entered Colby College in the fall of 1940 and remained until February, 1941. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

After leaving Colby, Lt. McCarley was employed by the American Felt Co., Glenville, N. Y., and entered the service in March, 1942. He trained at Fort Jackson, S. C., was commissioned after attending Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., and received further training at Camp McCain, Miss., before embarking for overseas.

Surviving besides his parents is a sister, Norma W. McCarley.

PFC. RICHARD W. SIMPSON, '45

 Pfc. Richard Walter Simpson was killed in action on Okinawa on May 4, 1945, according to word received from his parents. He was a member of the First Marine Division.

Pfc. Simpson was born in Bangor, October 9, 1922, the son of Florence Goodwin and Clarence D. Simpson, who now reside in Dixmont. After graduating from Hampden Academy, Maine, he attended the University of Maine before entering Colby in the fall of 1941. He was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity.

He enlisted in the USMCR in March, 1942 and was called to duty on July 1, 1943. He took his training at Camp Lejeune, N. C., and went overseas last February.

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