



DANIEL CARROLL PAYSON

1943

Daniel Payson entered the Second Form in 1938 and graduated *cum laude* in 1943. In his Sixth Form year he played on the second Old Hundred football team and rowed stroke on the third Shattuck crew. One of his chief interests was the S.P.S. *Pictorial*, of which he was successively Assistant Advertising Manager and Literary Editor. He was a quiet, friendly boy, industrious and competent.

Payson did not wait to be called up under the draft. He joined the Army, August 3, 1943, having volunteered immediately after his graduation from St. Paul's. After basic training at Fort Benning, he was sent to Brooklyn College in the A.S.T.P. During the next three months, until the A.S.T.P. was given up, he maintained an average of 97. Then he was transferred to the Infantry and sent to Shreveport, Louisiana. After further training at Camp Breckinridge, he went overseas in October, 1944. He served on the Western Front with the 291st Regiment, 75th Division. He was killed in action near Saint Vith in Belgium, January 17, 1945, at the age of nineteen.



THOMAS CHAPMAN ALDRICH

1942

In 1942, during the second half-year, the Supervisors in Foster were Tim Aldrich and Jared Ingersoll. In 1944, both were killed in action, Ingersoll in Italy, Aldrich on Leyte.

Aldrich entered the Fourth Form in 1939. In his Sixth Form year, besides being a Supervisor, he coached the fifth Delphian football team. He took an active part in numerous school societies, played on the Delphian hockey and squash racquets teams and was S.P.S. tennis captain. He was a quiet capable boy, a good scholar and an excellent public speaker.

After a half-year at Yale, he was inducted into the Army, November 25, 1942. He was stationed for a time at Camp Kearns and at Selfridge Field, then was transferred to A.S.T.P. and sent to study engineering at Wayne University, Detroit. Six months later the A.S.T.P. began to break up, and Aldrich went into the Infantry. After training in Oregon and California, he went overseas in July, 1944, a Pfc. in Company E, 383rd Infantry, 96th Division. He landed on Leyte, October 20, 1944, in the first wave of the invasion.

Early in January, 1945, Morgan Aldrich, who was in the Air Corps, went to Leyte and got a pass to go see his brother. He wrote at once in a letter to his parents: "When I called their headquarters, the Company Commander told me Tim had been killed on Dec. 15th. This was the first I knew of it. I wanted to find out more so I went on up there. He was on patrol duty in the middle of the afternoon on the 15th when they suddenly ran into quite a pocket of Japs. In moving from one place to another, Tim was hit by a machine gun. I

talked to a boy who was three feet from him and he said that the bullets entered his chest right at his heart. Tim never knew what hit him. Reinforcements came up and they wiped out the Japs. I went up to see the place. It is about four miles from the end of a road which is being cut into the hills now. Tim is still there. The platoon dug a grave and there is a white cross marking the spot. . . . I talked to some of the boys. They found who I was, and came up all along to say how sorry they were. Each tried in his own way to tell me how much he and the company thought of Tim. That company has suffered very heavy casualties."