Albert MacClellan Barnes, III

1933

Albert Barnes spent four years at St. Paul's, entering as a Second Former in 1928 and leaving in 1932 to complete his preparation for college at the Hun School. He rowed on the Hun crew which went to England in the summer of 1933 to compete in the Henley Regatta.

At Yale, Barnes rowed on the Freshman crew and later on the Pierson crew, of which he was captain in his Senior year. He majored in Government and graduated in 1937. He was completing his final year of law at the University of Michigan when he enlisted in the Army Air Forces.

After his induction in 1942 at the Pre-Flight School at Santa Ana, California, Barnes was sent to Officers' Candidate School at Miami Beach, Florida, where he was commissioned Second Lieutenant in January, 1943. The following March he was graduated from the Air Intelligence School in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Sent overseas in June, 1943, with the 51st Fighter Squadron, he served as Intelligence Officer in the Galapagos Islands and later in the Panama Canal Zone. He was promoted First Lieutenant in March, 1944, upon his return to his squadron, after completing a short course of instruction at Orlando, Florida, and visiting his family on leave.

Two months later, on May 5, 1944, Barnes was en route to Washington, D. C., on a special mission. Off the coast of Florida, the transport plane in which he was travelling collided with a bomber in practice flight, and he was instantly killed.