ALLEN MOORE GEISSLER

1926

Commissioned First Lieutenant in the U.S.A.A.F. April 24, 1942, Allen Geissler was attached to the Interceptor Command at Mitchel Field until his death in line of duty, September 5, 1942.

At St. Paul’s, where he spent five years, Geissler was Delphian football captain. “Handicapped by a most painful shoulder injury,” wrote the Horae, “he led his club team by means of his quiet courage, and even when forced to retire from the game, his personality remained with the team.” He also won his S.P.S. in football twice and his club letter in hockey, baseball and squash racquets.

After two years at Harvard, Geissler went into business, at first with Albert E. Ashforth and Company in New York. He became manager of the Household Finance Corporation’s Brooklyn office, and later, in 1937, President of the White Star Petroleum Corporation.

At Mitchel Field, Geissler’s duties were primarily administrative, but he also made many operational flights. On September 5, 1942, he was accompanying a pilot about to flight-test a reconditioned plane. The plane crashed just after the take-off and both men were killed.

AUSTIN DAVID SCOTT DAVIS

1923

In his First and Second Form years, Austin Davis more than once sang a treble solo in the Sunday anthems, and all who heard him must remember the rare power and beauty of his singing. Later he sang bass in Mr. Knox’s choir and when still a Fifth Former he was captain of the S.P.S. hockey team.

In 1941, he and his wife and three young children were living in Hawaii where he was Honolulu Manager for the Universal Carloading and Distributing Company. When Pearl Harbor was attacked, he was at once called to active duty: he held a commission in the Field Artillery Reserve since his graduation from Princeton in 1927. He served with distinction during the tragic confusion of the days that followed. The shock and the strain proved too much and he died very suddenly on December 26, 1941, of coronary thrombosis, though he had been in good health and was only thirty-eight years old. His loss was keenly felt in Honolulu, both by his business associates and by his fellow-officers. After his death, the old Y.M.C.A. building was renamed after him.

The children of Austin and Helen Walsh Davis were Austin, Jr., eleven at the time of his father’s death, and two daughters, Marleen and Faye Davis.