



CRESWELL GARLINGTON, JR.

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Creswell Garlington, Jr., entered the Third Form in 1936. He played on the second Delphian football team and he rowed on the third Halcyon crew. Graduating in 1940, he went to the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, where he elected the business administration course. During his three years there, he took an active part in intramural sports, in spite of his small size, and maintained a high standing in his studies.

Inducted into the Army, he was sent to Officers' Training School at Fort Benning. He graduated first in his class, was commissioned Second Lieutenant, May 2, 1944, and assigned to the 84th Division at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. He went overseas in September. Wounded December 1, 1944, in action in Germany, he died two days later during a blood transfusion in an evacuation hospital.

In the Second World War, Creswell Garlington, Jr., was one of two Alumni of St. Paul's to be awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. The posthumous citation follows:

"For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, as platoon leader, Company 'I,' 335th Infantry Regiment, from 29 November, 1944, to 1 December, 1944. Second Lieutenant Garlington's platoon was temporarily stopped during an attack by the fire of four enemy machine guns approximately three hundred yards away. He crawled forward and with hand grenades eliminated two of the positions, while a member of his platoon eliminated the other two. Later the same day, he and one of his

men broke up enemy patrols which tried to infiltrate through their lines. On 30 November, 1944, during an enemy counterattack, he and four of his men crawled to an advantageous point and killed or wounded sixty of the enemy. On 1 December, 1944, Second Lieutenant Garlington carried a wounded member of his platoon through intense enemy artillery fire to a place of safety. While directing the fire of his men, an artillery shell hit approximately ten yards away. While at the aid station he insisted that others less seriously wounded be treated first and tried to show his men the position of a concealed enemy machine-gun."

When Garlington died, his twin (and only) brother, 2nd Lieutenant Henry Fitch Garlington, '41, was a prisoner of war in Germany. A fighter pilot, he was shot down and captured June 5, 1944, near Rome, and released at the end of the war. Creswell Garlington, Sr., '06, awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in the First World War, served in this country in the second, and died at Savannah, Georgia, March 11, 1945.