



PARDEE MARSHALL

1931

Pardee Marshall entered the Fourth Form at St. Paul's in 1928. He played football, rowed on Long Pond, became an Editor of the *Horae* and graduated in 1931 *magna cum laude*. Dr. Drury in recommending him for Yale described him as "bright, friendly, trustful." He won the Keep Prize in American History, and, concerned with his country's future as well as its past, he wrote "A Lesson in Preparedness" for the *Horae*, a very interesting prophecy of the Second World War for a boy of seventeen to have written more than ten years before Pearl Harbor. He joined the R.O.T.C. at Yale, was commissioned in the Field Artillery Reserve, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, had a brilliant record in the Columbia Law School and began practicing law in New York. In January, 1941, he entered on active duty in the Army.

For two years Marshall was Commanding Officer of Battery F, 186th Field Artillery. He went to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill and to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, and graduated from both with honors. He became Plans and Operations Officer of the XX Corps Artillery and went overseas in February, 1944. About a year before, he had been married to Virginia Moreman Lindsay.

Landing in Normandy on July 19, with an advance echelon of his Corps, Marshall took part in the Third Army's drive across France, the breakthrough to the Rhine and the campaign of Central Europe. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Croix

de Guerre. He died in Thuringia, April 19, 1945, of injuries received the previous day while on forward reconnaissance.

The first part of this book¹ contains passages from letters of Pardee Marshall written during the advance of the XX Corps from Saarlautern, through the Siegfried Line, across a tributary of the Moselle to the Rhine. The objectiveness and the thoughtfulness of these letters bespeak Marshall's keen, perceptive mind, aware of the great significance of the events in which he played his part, dedicated to the cause for which he gave his life.

¹See pages 16-18.