



JOHN PINKNEY MURNANE

1939

John Murnane entered the Second Form in 1934 and graduated in 1939. Between his Third and Fifth Form years, he spent a year at Le Rosey in Switzerland. He played on the second Old Hundred hockey team and was a member of Le Cercle Français. He was an intelligent, agreeable, studious boy, much interested in foreign countries and peoples as well as in his immediate surroundings and in his friends. He spent two years at Harvard, entered the Air Corps in December, 1941, and, after training at Turner Field, Georgia, was commissioned Second Lieutenant the following July. He went overseas in September, 1942.

In New Guinea, Murnane was Navigator of a B-17 in the 63rd Bomb. Squadron, 43rd Bomb. Group. He was awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. On the morning of May 8, 1943, his plane was flying over the north coast of New Guinea, bound for Wewak. Over Nubia it radioed that it had sighted an enemy convoy. No further word was received. Intensive search gave no indication of the circumstances under which, or the place where, the plane came down. For over two years Murnane and the rest of the Fortress's crew were listed as missing. After the war, they were reclassified as lost in action.



CHARLES STEELE VON STADE

1939

Charles von Stade went into the Army in February, 1942, was commissioned Second Lieutenant at Fort Riley, and after several tours of temporary duty in the United States, was assigned to the 93rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, with which, promoted First Lieutenant, he went overseas early in 1945. On April 10, 1945, he was killed in action in Germany.

Like the rest of his family, von Stade was an excellent horseman. He rode in several Hunt Race meets, and he had an 8-goal handicap in polo. In 1941, when he was twenty-one years old, he played on teams that won the National 20-goal, the National Open and the Monty Waterbury Cup championships.

Von Stade spent six years at the School. He won his S.P.S. twice in baseball and twice in hockey. Those who were present at the Christmas Services in his Fifth and Sixth Form years remember not only his unusually beautiful voice, but also the eloquence with which he sang the part of one of the three kings in the pageant. Those solemn words, expressive of the majesty of sacrifice, acquire an even more poignant meaning as Charles von Stade is remembered, who sang them so well and who, genial, light-hearted and gay, at the age of twenty-five laid down his life.

Married to Sarah W. Clucas in January, 1942, just before he entered on active duty in the Army, he left a son, Charles Steele von Stade, Jr.