Doctorates Given

Embry-Riddle will bestow two Honorary Doctorates and the Gill Robb Wilson Education Achievement Award along with several awards to outstanding individuals at the graduation ceremonies at Peabody Auditorium, Saturday, April 21.

Mr. John R. Allison, Vice President of the Northrop Corporation, will be presented a Degree of Doctor of Aeronautical Science Honoris Causa; Mr. Ladinus J. Fils, Professor of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering at Oklahoma State University, will receive the Degree of Aeronautical Engineering Honoris Causa.

Mr. Allison has served as Assistant Secretary of Commerce, President of the Transit Van Corporation of Redwood City, California, and is presently Vice President of the Northrop Corporation. In addition, he has served as a member of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and as a member of the Secretary of Defense Policy Board.

Mr. Fils is being honored for his contributions to the field of aerospace engineering. He has been an active leader in his profession since 1976 as an hydrodynamicist, Engineer, Production Engineer and College Professor. Additional work includes consulting for an Air Force research program evaluating analytical aerodynamic techniques and the "Nile" project of 1954.

The Gill Robb Wilson Education Achievement Award will be presented to Dr. Martin E. Strickler for his efforts as Federal Aviation Administration Special Assistant for Education. The award will be presented by full scholarship to a senior student and the President's Award--both recipients to be announced during the ceremony by Mr. Hunt. More than 200 students will be receiving their Bachelor of Science Degrees, Ratings and Certificates in the first of three graduation ceremonies of the year at ERAU.

On April 6, 1973, Embry-Riddle held career day for all the graduating students.

The day began with a tour of the campus:

9:15 Leave Administration building
9:20 Arrive at Maintenance Technology Facility
9:40 Lunch by Dormitory
9:45 Arrive at Gill Robb Terminal for tour
10:15 Leave Gill Robb for Academic Complex
10:15 Assembly in rooms 108 & 201
10:45 There was a group meeting with all the company representatives.

After the meeting, the students were able to circulate throughout the two rooms.

Out of the companies expected to turn up, only five didn't make it, an unexpected turn out.

There were eleven students that were interviewed for engineering jobs by Mr. Richard from General Electric, Mr. Clark from Paine Field, Mr. George from Beech Aircraft, Mr. Strother from Montgomery Ward, and Mr. Moore to give a film presentation.

We also now have a pre-conference program set up with two companies. They are Montgomery Ward and Jacksonville Port Authority.

Mr. Robert Doyle of Kansas

The workshop will be open on April 12 with a keynote speech by the real Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon.

Before You Go

Leaving ERAU Whether permanently or temporarily your move is in order you must leave your forwarding address with Dean Spears office.

The effective date of departure and your return date are important.

Mailbox combinations are changed during the break.
THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This will be the last opportunity that I have to congratulate all the graduating seniors. Good luck to all of you in your future endeavors, and I hope you will find time to write back and let us know how you are doing.

Graduating Seniors Note: If you have not yet stopped by the Phoenix Office, please do so now. You must submit to them your yearbook and any additional charges due for your yearbook.

SGA Dance: The last dance of the trimester will be held on April 14, 1973, at the Desert Inn. Starting time will be approximately 8 p.m. The Phoenix Office will have a ticket which will provide, without delay, continuous music for your dancing and listening pleasure. Admission will be the same as usual, B.Y.O.B., shirt and tie, faculty and administration welcome.

Parents Weekend: As most everybody already knows, the week of April 14-21, 1973, is loaded with all kinds of activities for students who are interested to attend. First of all, the last Alumni/Parent Dinner Dance will be held the evening of April 19, starting time at 7 p.m. and a buffet dinner will be served at 8 p.m. The quest of honor will be our Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Sprague. Please note that the location has been changed from the Greek Community Center to the Community Hall, which is located across the street from the Florida Power & Light Company Building. You can get more details on this dance by contacting Betty Pond in the Administration Building. Tickets for the dance can be purchased at the Special Activities Office, the lobby of the Administration Building, or at the Library in Building A. I urge all students to attend, I think you will enjoy it very much.

Parents Golf Tournament: The annual Parents Golf Tournament will also be held in conjunction with Graduation Weekend. The Golf Tournament will be at Tomoka Oaks, on Friday, April 20. All students are invited cordially to participate. Once again, you may contact Betty Pond for further details.

Fishing Tournament: The same weekend will find the Parents Association hosting the "Smiling Jack Deep Sea Fishing Tournament." This will be conducted on Saturday morning, April 21. Prizes, awards, and lots of fun are being offered in all of the above mentioned activities.

The organization and likewise, I think the organization can be an asset to the individual. This is a great organization for a person to begin to establish friendships and routines in preparing for the leap from the classroom to the "real world." I encourage each of you to go to a meeting and make up your own mind. If you are interested, I can arrange for Bludworth, Box #487 or the Daytona Beach Jaycees' office at 253-0360 and someone will pick you up and bring you to the meeting. Also, I think you will like it!" Bo Bludworth

Letters To The Avion

Calculators

I disagree with Mr. Dines letter regarding the use of calculators. In regard to his first objection, that not everyone can afford a calculator, I suspect that he has not researched his subject. For example, a medium-priced calculator, the Craig model 4501A for instance, lists at Sears for around $180.00. Can you be had for no money down and only $19.00 per month ($35 per year)?

Is this unaffordable? Ward's has a unit for under $70.00, which works out to $5.00 per month. ($5.00 per month buys a $100.00 line of credit at Ward's).

Secondly, Mr. Dines asserts that "by-pass...plugging abilities of the four basic operations haven't being learned from grammar school, what are you doing in college? What you have to be concerned with is education is concerned with study habits, working operations, but indeed, the method in which you set up these numbers, setting up the problem if you like working it, is foremost. Calculators relieve the drudgery, and allow more time to concentrate on why, not how. This is the heart of math." I think that Mr. Dines is right here, the line of reasoning, what I think will be away all tables, log, trig, etc.

Jaycees

As a student who is interested in helping others, I want to inform the students of an organization which I feel will be beneficial in helping young men starting off in the business world.

The organization that I am referring to is the Daytona Beach Jaycees, which is an organization devoted to improving the community and developing its membership for civic leadership and business advancement.

As the new President of this organization, I am extremely interested in getting the BRSO students involved. I feel that the students can be a tremendous asset to the organization and likewise, I think the organization can be an asset to the individual.

News And Views From The Editor

In the past, it's been the custom for the outgoing editor to leave a letter to the incoming editor's name in the paper. This has been the practice for some time, and I think it's a good idea.

Now, I have made some changes during my tenure, but I don't feel like bothering with them now. The name is in print. There's no need to bother with it.

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by Terry F. Gardner

Vice-President Richard S. Kane had left our valiant warrior, The Gray BattleShip, Black and Blue Baron, in Deland at the Daytona Beach International Airport, as he found himself in the midst of a precarious predicament... An engine failure over the beach, his engine emitted a systemic staccato of coughs, barks, and wheezes. In sheer desperation, he grabbed the nearest lever, hoping to at least let someone know of his plight. Inadvertently, the microphone cord caught on the fuel selector valve, and pulled it back to the "BOTH" position, where it should have been. By the first place, Ted had neglected this during his usual thorough pre-flight inspection.

Like a newborn baby, the engine started its life with a sigh of relief, and Ted roared off once more with a narrow escape. He had not learned much from this episode as usual, but was mentally exhausted enough to hang around on the base.

Throttlebottle couldn't understand why no one had noticed the engine failure that he did. Most of the other dudes actually preferred it this way. A few were faithful to the adage, but a large majority, like Humpty-Dumpty dogmatically claimed that the aviation industry was wide open with jobs aplenty. Yes, anyone with 300 hours of C-172 time could easily land a right seat position with the airline of their choice. Ted wasn't interested any- way, his sole ambition being to fly as little as possible. In fact, most of the pilots, students, he planned to hang around only as long as the old man's money held out. Ted's landing at the airport was uneventful for a change, but he was quite surprised to see all his old friends lined up at the ramp for a hearty reception. There was Captain Cept. C. Popout peering out from behind a butt cap, Fran Flapop, Tubby Tromp, Tommy Twerp, S.B. and Junior Globulous, Wilbur Wopnop and even old Ted himself, who dropped by to check out all the excitement.

As usual, Ted didn't get in too much trouble. By mid-afternoon, he had been hung from the nearest VHF antenna and had a temporary out of the corps. Purely by accident, Fred Frydink, administration coordinator, ran into Throttlebottle's IBM card with his golf shoes, punching the proper holes in the card so that Ted passed the course old as "A". We all know the story. Throttlebottle grew up to be an instructor for Humpty-Dumpty's W.W. and loved it so much he hung around for thirty years, still in the hopes of one day becoming an assistant super- visor.

Now for the question that everyone's been asking, who is Theodore S. Thorp, Jr.? Well, one of these fine mornings when you awake to sweet wings and make like a bird, take a look in the mirror and ask yourself..., "I wonder if he meant...?"

dan Burke

They tapped the腾飞 keys in the Thursday. Just like any other Thursday, Ted was at the University President's residence. Like many other universities and college admissions, Embry-Riddle has a "President's Resi- dence" which is mainly used as an entertainment center for visiting VIP's and students.

Last year alone, the house had over 3,000 visitors with at least 100 people using it each day. Every university club or organization can use the house for a party once a trimester, providing they are in good standing.

Mr. Hunt lives in the servant's quarters adjacent to the house. This way, Mr. Hunt can get some work done if a function is going on in the residence.

The house was built in 1931, by artist Richard Dona Marcor, designer of the residence, who died ten years ago.

S.B. Gardner

Before Embry-Riddle purchased the building, it had a few minor modifications made to it by a previous owner. The school got the money to purchase the residence from an an- doned fund. This fund helped Embry-Riddle purchase Commander and Daytona Beach Aviation.

Back in 1971, the house was purchased for $164,000. Today, the market value has already gone up to 3 times in 10 years, it is estimated to be worth about one million dollars.

Upkeep of the house is very minor. Just a housekeeper and a maintena- nce director is needed. The gray color of the house was the color which was on it when purchased. Eventually, an avocado or desert brown will replace the gray which will help the appearance of the residence.

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Duane Allman: An Anthology

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This album is a col-
lection of the works of a great artist. Duane Allman, a man in a lifetime guitarist who
no matter what he was told to play, asked to play, showed what to play or chose to play
by himself, remained in focus without overwhelming
the session, the song, the group, or the act
with a solo over his own.
The album divides Duane's sound into four parts. The first part centers around his role as the
president of the band at Rick Hall's Muscle Shoals recording studio where all of the non-Memphis heavy
rock sounds were being recorded. Songs like "Sweet Little Angel," "It's My Own Fault," and "How Blue Can You Get?" taken from his Hourglass days, suggest Duane as a
piercing, directionless lead guitarist with chops that easily overshadowed his Bloomfield
Johnny Winters, or Clapton.

Part two consists of Duane's experiences as backup musician for Jery With Aretha ("The Weight") and King Curtis ("Games People Play"). Not to mention the Laidlaw session where Duane and Playboys' lead guit-
artist of the year, Eric Clapton.

Phase three incorporates more of his backup.

Duane plays with Boz Scaggs ("Loan Me a Dime") and John Paul
Hammond (Willie Dixon's, "Shake for Me") not to mention an accidental
gig on Delaney and Bonnie's,"To. . .From," "Livin' On the Open
Road." Duane also worked
with Johnny Jenkins to play "Bollie Stone" and "Down Along the Cove.
Mean Old World" is a previously unreleased duet with Duane and Eric
Clayton. Duane exercis-
his vocal cords for the first and last time recorded in "Goin' Down Slow.

The fourth and final phase of the album is his days with his bro-
ther Gregg with the All-
man Brothers Band. It is
the sound that made them famous, with
numerous hits, "States-
boro Woman," from the Fillmore set and Gregg's "Wor-
nering.

played are "Stand Back" from the "Eat A Peach" album and "Dreams" from the first album re-
leased. The album is
ended with "Little Mar-
tis," a two minute duet with Duane and Dickie Betts from the "Eat A Peach" album.

The album comes complete with a 16 page booklet written by Tony
Clogger who knew Duane

Duane and the Allman Brothers
band well. The Hourglass and album is an inter-
esting look at a great artist, lost but whose
spirit goes on and on:

"To know such a person as Duane, which there
on can only be one, as a brother seems to me, to
God given privilege. He
greatly affected by life
and style with his love and his
Long live the spirit of
brother Duane Allman.
Gregory L. Allman

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On Becoming Self-Actualized

by Sid Dines

Every one of you can change your learning ability nearly overnight by changing your reaction time an equal amount, and thereby increase efficiency with which to perform any and all tasks. Increase physical and mental ten- sion, increase alertness, and thereby increase productivity, perceptual awareness, and well-being in the process, as well as quit smoking.

There is a way: Major General Franklin M. Davis, commandant of the U.S. Army College, knows it; so does R. Buckminster Fuller, En- gineer, Architect, Philo-osopher, and recipient of more than 25 honorary degrees. The President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Dean of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvey Brooks also knows the secret. In fact, the number of people learning to think and do by means of this effort, no change in life style, and is easy to learn.

The practice of T.M. is turned to the welfare of India so they could experience the clarity of mind, courage, strength, and increased efficiency which it provides. This technique was lost for centuries but has re- cently been recovered and is now being taught world-wide by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

Medications requires no kind of belief. There are no special rules. The techniques are not mystic nor involved. It is not yoga, concentration or contemplation. It is not even visualization or visualization - but simply the instruction.

As Maharishi tells us, a systematic procedure of "turning the attention toward the subtle levels of mind, transcends the experience of the subtlest states of thought and arrives at the source of the self.

This is not just another fad. The extent of its present use, the scientific research being conducted, and the number of people endorsing it all claim otherwise.

The practice has been used by St. Almonium Company, the Strategic Air Command, scientists at the Houston Space Center, astronaut Russell Schweickart, Wall Street brokers, Army generals, and State De- partment officials. The Chicago law enforcement mar- rine passed a resolution calling for all educa- tion in the state to study the practice. General Franklin M. Davis urged the Army that the top medical Doctors are studying the effects of T.M. on such varied ail- ments as high blood pressure and drug abuse.

Studies of the ef- fects of T.M. on drug users were particularly impressive. Of 143 mar- keted per cent stopped and 15 percent reduced use. Those who used hallucinogenic drugs, 86 percent stopped and 14 percent decreased use. And of the 42 hard drug users, 86 percent stopped and 14 percent decreased significantly.

Recently, Mr. Ron Henshaw of the Students International Meditation Education program was on the ERAU campus lecturing on the Science of Creative Intelligence (SCI) which is the over- all science of T.M. it applies to. If sufficient recognition is given, it is possible that an SCI course with academic credit may be offered here.

At present, there are two routes one can take.

If you are interested in learning T.M., SIMS of- fers a course to students for $45. Instruction requires only four sessions of one hour each day for four con- secutive days. After personal instructions in a private appointment, three meetings for verification of correct practice and further in- struction are conducted. No further training is necessary.

If you are interested in the theory as well, SIMS is scheduling an SCI teacher training course here in Daytona Beach starting the last weekend in April. As well as teaching the entire theoretical knowl- edge of SCI, meditation itself and, upon completion of the 8 week course, an SCI teacher’s certificate is awarded. The certificate is worth academic credit at Mar- harishi International University toward 9 EBU in SCI. The possibility of academic credit at ERAU is good since many other universities now accept it. The cost is $125 to those who al- ready meditate and $150 for beginners who also include the initiation in the course.

Further information is available from Ron Henshaw at SIMS, 115 12th St., in Holly Hill, phone 265-2011.

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Our Forgotten POW's
by Vaughn Lane

The 26-year-old ex-Marine pilot is enthusiastic about his new undertaking. Syilo said, "I was a bit apprehensive of the beginning, but as I learn more about city politics and problems, I become more enthused about the challenge. I've always been interested in politics and I feel this is the opportunity I've been waiting for." Joe will be running against Donald Page, a former Deland City Commissioner. The challenge of opposing an established business man who is already active in politics is quite an undertaking, but, Joe replied, "Deland is my home now. I'm experiencing a number of city problems just like other residents. I believe a new and vigorous approach to city government can alleviate these problems. The key to a successful mayors race lies in the ability to communicate and having a sincere desire to make the government efficient and workable." The beginning of the mayor race, Donald Page was unopposed. Believing voters should have a choice in any election, Syilo threw his hat into the ring. Syilo's campaign is a basic, grass roots approach to the people. A person to person campaign and word of mouth communication will be the tools to become known. Ironically, these same tools are the only way city residents can express their desires and problems. Since money can't buy honesty and sincerity, Syilo feels his student economic situation is no real handicap. Walking a two-way street is the only way the citizenry will be a successful city government--in any city. Joe Syilo is pushing to be the youngest mayor in Deland and it's his challenge of his undertaking is great--and so are his ideas and enthusiasm.

**Pegasus REVIEWED**

From a moving poetic expression by Tejinder Singh Ahluwalia through twenty four pages to the striking and sensuous woodblock print by Jim Amstrong, Pegasus '73 is a literary surprise.

With quality as a keynote, the totally new publication presents the various artistic talents of the Embry-Riddle contributor. The layout, choice of paper, and usage of type create a harmonious blend of graphics and prose. Although readers will respond differently to specific expressions, the overall "collage" is an enjoyable experience.

Pegasus will debut at the APA Forum Tuesday April 10, 7:30 PM in the Academic Complex and, in this reviewer's mind, is certainly underpriced at $.25 per copy.

Heyward W. Sauls, Jr

**THE LAUNCH OF SKYLAB**

by Greg Radin

On May 14, 1973, Sky lab, our first space station, will lift off from Kennedy Space Center. With it begins a new era in space exploration.

Sky lab is mounted on top of a two stage rocket built with a 10,000 pound launch vehicle, which is assembled and launched at K.G.O. Sky lab and its payload rise 114 feet, giving the rocket a total height of 333 feet, 10 feet shorter than the Apollo vehicles. Large parts of Sky lab are folded and covered with a shroud which "provides aerodynamic streamlining." Once in space, the cover will be blown off and the solar panels and the tower with its antenna will unfold. The interior volume of Sky lab is over 12,000 cubic feet, about the size of an average three-bedroom house, according to NASA.

The first three man crew will spend 28 days working on projects ranging from studies of the run to actual tests in bio-medical science. Manufacturing techniques in outer space are among important research projects for which Sky lab is equipped. Unlike previous Apollo space ships, Sky lab will be reusable and serve more than one crew in its lifetime.

Within the coming year, astronauts will live a total of 140 days in Sky lab. Apollo spacecrafts will be the primary shuttle transport between earth and Sky lab.

May 15, the day after the Sky lab launch, a Saturn I-B vehicle will carry an Apollo capsule and three astronauts into the unknown and finally dock with the space station. Shortly after the astronauts have transferred to Sky lab, their work begins with checking out all systems and equipment aboard. Their first stay will last 28 days in which many experiments will take place.

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Tom Benn, the typist, raising hell, as usual, "Why couldn't you get this in on Tuesday so I could have a little time to type it right for once?" For once it makes sense to receive typing jobs, he'll manage to get it done...somehow...
...Just shoved over by Bill, the Editor, so he could put his last bit of "magic words" into the editors column. As usual, he's in his normal state of frantic calmness, trying for once to get the job done by 11:00 am. (hopeless, we'll all be here after 2:30 in the morning)...

Layout: Dept.
"Where's the paste?" right underneath my nose again, you can't see it for the fluorescent lights on the walls, into the last headline. Picture 49, the one with the blond or the 172 on takeoff?...
..."You got that article proofed yet? Dennis! My left toe, what's he want? This whole paragraph has to be retyped; it doesn't make sense. Benn's gonna die when he sees this...

...And this cartoon, I thought we told this idiot to shade it super-darkly but print would take. We can't print this, it'll show up worse than the ones last week...

ARCHERY

Jon Hall, Aviation Management major, is trying to start an Archery Club/Competition team at ERAU.

Those interested should drop into the GSA office to sign up.

VARSTY BASEBALL

vs. F.T.U.

by J.R. Hunter

Yesterday's Saturday the ERAU varsity baseball team took on the Florida Technological University at the Exposville diamond.

Brian Owens got the best hit of the game—almost over the fence for a triple, this just typifies the Eagles almost winning most of the time.

The Eagles are now shooting for 5 and 2, if they can get it together for the last game. Moseale is high and they are really looking forward to Saturday's game against Florida Institute of Technology. Brian Owen says he has perfected his knuckleball and is hot to go. George Carvallano says he's ready if he is needed; he's got an earn run average of 1.89—not bad.

FIT seems to be almost in the same pot as the Eagles, so it should prove to be an interesting game. This will be the last game for this year's varsity team.

Good Luck!

Airframe And Powerplant Gets Donations

by Alfred Arlen

The Maintenance and Technology division will receive a rotor head assembly from Bell Helicopter Corporation for instructional purposes, giving the students of the A & P courses a better understanding of helicopter assembly and maintenance.

Also, the Navy will donate an experimental Beechcraft test plane. The government surplus Beechcraft, QO-22, is a drone (operated by remote control), and was used as a flying experiment developed for the Navy. Its planned use is as a ground trainer for the division.

New Food Center

"Good" is the general student consensus of Dorn I's new entertainment area, a recent on-the-spot survey showed.

When asked their opinion, most students had little to complain about in the food department, however, they want to see a few changes in the game room.

Sand's praise fairly often stressed average quality, service and opening hours, though they desired larger portions and variety. Mr. Robert Kasame, manager of Sand's (Food Service), plans to replace some of the starcker meals with meat items. The manual food service operation, however, was set up in accordance of the State Food Director, and that the system is similar to those in Sand's operated throughout the state. He also commented on the satisfactory sales of counter meals to date.

On the other hand, the Food Service still tend to eat coons at night, as only a Sand's vending machine could.

The entertainment devices are either new or well made. Dorn I Counselor member Charles August said Monday that some of the machines (leased from Bryan & Brown Co.) placed in the area were not asked for, and subsequently, are not used. These may be removed for the addition of another air hockey table.

The juke box brought dizziness for not taking dimes and (for not being free!). Finally, the largest outcry for improvement lay with the needed addition of more tables and secondly—more girls!
LIEUTENANT WHO?

Nothing is so permanent as death, the final, irrevocable payment in the scheme of things. I'm not maudlin about it, but neither have I ever gotten accustomed to it. The thing that strikes me as odd about death is that we forget so quickly those who have gone on to Fiddlers Green, that special soldier's heaven. Names blur then disappear from memory, names become difficult to remember as if the person had never been born, lived or died. Death almost promises anonymity.

And yet men risk death freely and willingly for a cause, for principle, for glory, to prove bravery, for patriotism, or simply for money. They laugh at death, but don't talk about it; ignore it, but never lose the nagging presence of it. Most likely they just don't think about it. I am as guilty as they.

It was in the late afternoon of a Sunday in 1966 that I understood the reality, the finality of death as the plain wooden coffin of a fellow aviator hung unceremoniously, but gently, into an Air Force cargo plane to be winged home for burial in a military cemetery. Later, in our bivouac area among the rubber trees of an old French plantation near the Cambodian border, I sat through the dusk and into the dark pondering his death. How long would it be before he would be forgotten? Who would remember his laughter, his vitality, his love of life, his bravery in that last final moment of life? Who would remember his death? Who would remember him?

Under the dim light of an unshaded bulb over my canvas cot I reached for pen and paper and wrote these words as I felt he might say them from the stillness of his freshly filled grave:

They surround me now with flowers,
Quietly placing them around
In orderly procession
On the newly spaded ground.
I hear then whisper softly,
And feel their tears drop warm,
But it does not matter to me
For I've passed beyond the storm.

It does not matter to me now,
The thrilling or the pain.
Death has stanchened my warm blood's flow
And dulled its bright red stain.

Do they know why we are fighting,
Freely risking shell and shell?
Why we held the steaming jungle
Though so many gallant fell?

Around me lie our heroes.
Men unafraid to die

Who took the torch of Flanders Field
And held it once more high.

Not they, too, have faltered,
Freddy's torch must pass again,

Will you take it from their failing hands,
Or have they died in vain?

For me the war has ended
Leaving here this shattered form,
But it does not matter to me
For I've passed beyond the storm.

With sightless eyes I gaze around
At crosses row on row
And cannot help but wonder:
Do my people really know?

He was a good guy. The type so aptly described by the cliche "only the good die young." Full of youthful vigor and bravery, a real soldier's soldier.

I often wish now that I could recall his name.

Author: Skip Batter,
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