Edwin G. Baetjer, II
Edwin Baetjer was one of the first graduates in Aeronautical Engineering at Princeton. Known to his classmates as Ned, he was killed on a bombing mission in China during WWII. His bequest to the University established the Special Collection of Aeronautical Engineering Books previously housed in the Forrestal Center Library. A Memorial Conference Room was built at Forrestal in his honor.

The Memorial Room was approximately 16 by 27 feet. Its principle feature was a large conference table seating fourteen.

This table was built in the spring of 1942 by Ned’s class of Aeronautical Engineering students.
The Baetjer Room was the hub of many diverse activities at the Forrestal Center including informational Engineering Department Faculty Meetings...

and oral examinations of candidates for advanced degrees.
May 29, 1945 Baltimore Sun

Lt. Baetjer Bequeaths $10,000 to Princeton

A bequest of $10,000 has been made to Princeton University by Lieut. Edwin G. Baetjer, the son of Harry N. Baetjer, Baltimore attorney, who was killed in action over China in July, 1944.

The gift, according to Lieutenant Baetjer's will, was made as a token of appreciation of the education that was accorded to me by Princeton University and in memory of the four happy years I spent there. By unanimous vote of the board of trustees of the university the gift is to be devoted to an appropriate memorial to Lieutenant Baetjer within the new Princeton library.

Two of the three college roommates of Lieutenant Baetjer also have given their lives in service. Capt. M. Tyler Campbell, of Lutherville, Md., was killed in France in September, 1944; and Lient. John Gregg Thomas, Jr., of Garrison, Md., was killed in the Philippines in December, 1944.

Lieutenant Baetjer, of the class of 1942, and the youngest of four Baetjer brothers, entered the service in January, 1942, and was sent overseas in April, 1943. Only 22 at the time of his death, he was a member of the first squadron of B-29 bombers assigned to active service in Asia and his plane was the third such bomber to land in China. He served as flight engineer.

Crossed "Hump" 3 Times

Before his death, he and his roommates had completed three crossings of the perilous "hump" route across the Himalayas.

A brother, Capt. E. Bruce Baetjer, a graduate of Princeton in 1940, served through the African and Sicilian campaigns as an aerial observer directing artillery fire. Sent down once, he recovered from his wounds and returned to action. He is now serving as an advanced instructor at an air force training base at Fort Sill, Okla. He holds the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

Brother Taken Prisoner

Also a Princeton graduate, another brother, Lieut. Howard Baetjer, 2d, was serving as a fighter pilot when he was shot down over Yugoslavia. After seven weeks he worked his way back to his unit in Italy and later was again shot down. This time he was taken prisoner by the Germans but was liberated by the Allies in April.

He, too, had served in Africa and Sicily and holds the Air Medal with one silver and three bronze Oak Leaf Clusters for combat service and missions.

The fourth brother, Capt. Harry B. Baetjer, Jr., is now serving on Okinawa with the amphibious forces. He attended Johns Hopkins University.
In grateful memory of

Second Lieutenant Edwin G. Baetjer, 11, A.S.No. 0-864207,

who died in the service of his country

in the Asiatic Area, July 29, 1944.

He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die

that freedom might live, and grow, and increase its blessings.

Freedom lives, and through it, he lives—

in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men

[Signature]

Franklin D. Roosevelt

President of the United States of America
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

EDWIN G. BAETJER II, 1943

249th LT. 40th BOMB GROUP 20th A.F.

KILLED ON A BOMBING MISSION
NEAR CHENGDU, CHINA
JULY 29TH, 1944

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
November 9 to November 15

Monday, November 9

Tuesday, November 10
Faculty Ten. Given by the University League. Faculty Lounge, Firestone Library, 4 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11

* Edwin G. Belmont Colloquium in the Aeronautical Sciences. "An Experimental Investigation of the Turbulent Boundary Layer with Adverse Pressure Gradient." Francis H. Clauser, Johns Hopkins University. 211 Aeronautical Sciences Building, Forrestal Research Center, 4 p.m.
* Lecture. Under auspices of the St. Paul Society. "What We Have to Learn from the Kinsey Reports." The Very Rev. James A. Pike, Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the


Friday, November 13
*Debate. Yale vs. Princeton. "Resolved: that the 1938 Kinsey Report is a compliment to the American female." Whig Auditorium, 4 p.m.
*Concert. Yale and Princeton Glee Clubs. Alexander, 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, November 14
*150-Pound Football. Navy. Woodward Field, 11 a.m.
*Junior Varsity Football. Yale. University Field, 11:30 a.m.
*Freshman Football. Yale. University Field, 11:30 a.m.
The Edwin G. Baetjer, II Colloquium in the Aeronautical Sciences

Through the Edwin G. Baetjer, II Colloquium in the Aeronautical Sciences many distinguished scientists and engineers have been brought to Princeton. A partial list includes:

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Johns Hopkins University

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Johns Hopkins University

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New York University

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Johns Hopkins University

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National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics

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California Institute of Technology

Mr. Gottfried Guderley  
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