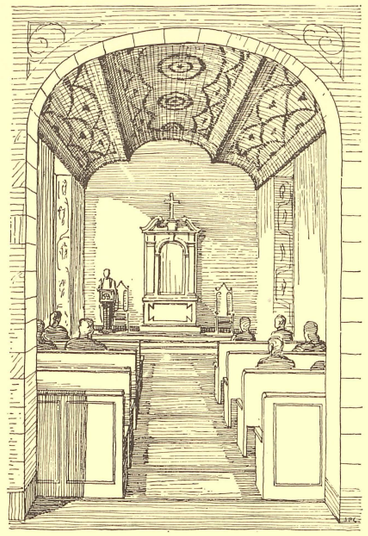
In Tribute to Men . .

In Service to God



The Oratory, for meditation and prayer

AT SEA and upon battlefields across the world Americans are fighting and dying . . . not to achieve material conquest, but to perpetuate the freedoms, the ethical and spiritual values upon which civilization itself depends.

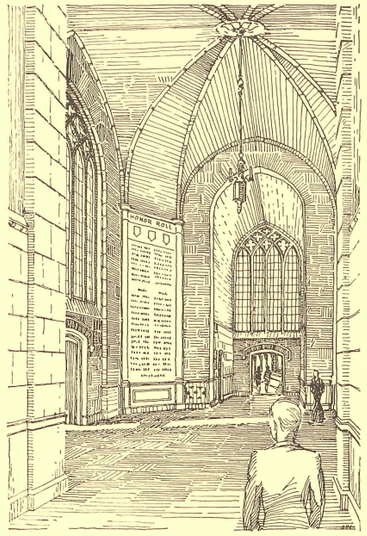
Today, well over 6,000 Culver men are serving in our country's armed forces. On Culver's flag 155 Gold Stars already spell the roll of those who have made the greatest of all sacrifices. In civic affairs, professional fields, in business and industry and in public office Culver men are providing home front leadership.

Dedicated to Culver men in World War I, a beautiful Memorial Library stands upon her campus . . . a gift of the Culver family when the Academy was privately owned.

It is eminently fitting that similar tribute be paid to those in World War II, and that this tribute afford eloquent expression to the spiritual values that are the treasured heritage of Culver men . . . the heritage they now battle to preserve.

The MEMORIAL CHAPEL will fulfill that high purpose.

THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL . . A TRIBUTE TO CULVER MEN IN WORLD WAR II
(Architect's Preliminary Study)



The Honor Roll will feature the Memorial Hall

CULVER MILITARY ACADEMY has always aimed to develop Youth spiritually, as well as intellectually and physically . . . with the spiritual influence reflected in all phases of campus life.

Culver chapel services provide solemn confirmation of that purpose, although an appropriate setting for their observance is lacking.

Today it is necessary to conduct these services in the Recreation Building. Here, in surroundings originally designed for gymnastic and social activities, there is a lack of "chapel atmosphere," which improvised furnishings can never supply. Culver is one of the few outstanding private schools without a Chapel.

As early as 1940, the Culver Legion requested permission from the Directors of The Culver Educational Foundation to seek funds for a Chapel. Erection of the Chapel, as a Memorial to Culver men in World War II, was proposed by the Culver Fathers' Association in May, 1944, at which time it urged the Directors to permit its members to join the alumni in raising funds for the building. In August of 1944, the project was endorsed by the Culver Summer Schools Alumni Association.

Thus, the MEMORIAL CHAPEL idea took definite shape.

THAT THE DIRECTORS attach utmost importance to the MEMORIAL CHAPEL project is evidenced by the fact that in approving these requests they made an unprecedented exception to their traditional policy that "no organized campaign shall be conducted for contributions to or financial support of Culver Military Academy."

On May 12, 1944, they resolved:

> ". . . that the Directors of The Culver Educational Foundation, appreciating the devotion prompting the proposal of the Culver Legion and the Culver Fathers' Association, and recognizing the appeal of such a memorial, and anticipating the inspiring and spiritual influence which will be exerted by a Memorial Chapel upon each generation of Cadets, do hereby express the unanimous feeling that this project not only justifies but demands the modification of Foundation policy in this particular instance, and
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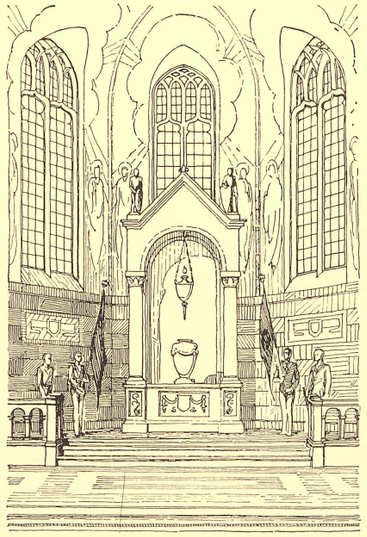
> ". . . that the Directors of The Culver Educational Foundation unanimously approve a fund-raising campaign for a MEMORIAL CHAPEL, to be conducted by a joint committee of the Culver Fathers' Association and the Culver Legion, and authorize this joint committee to establish headquarters at the Academy and make such use of Academy facilities and personnel as may help in conducting this campaign.

As since expanded, this joint committee also includes representatives of the Culver Summer Schools Alumni Association.



The Sanctuary marks the heart of the Chapel and its services

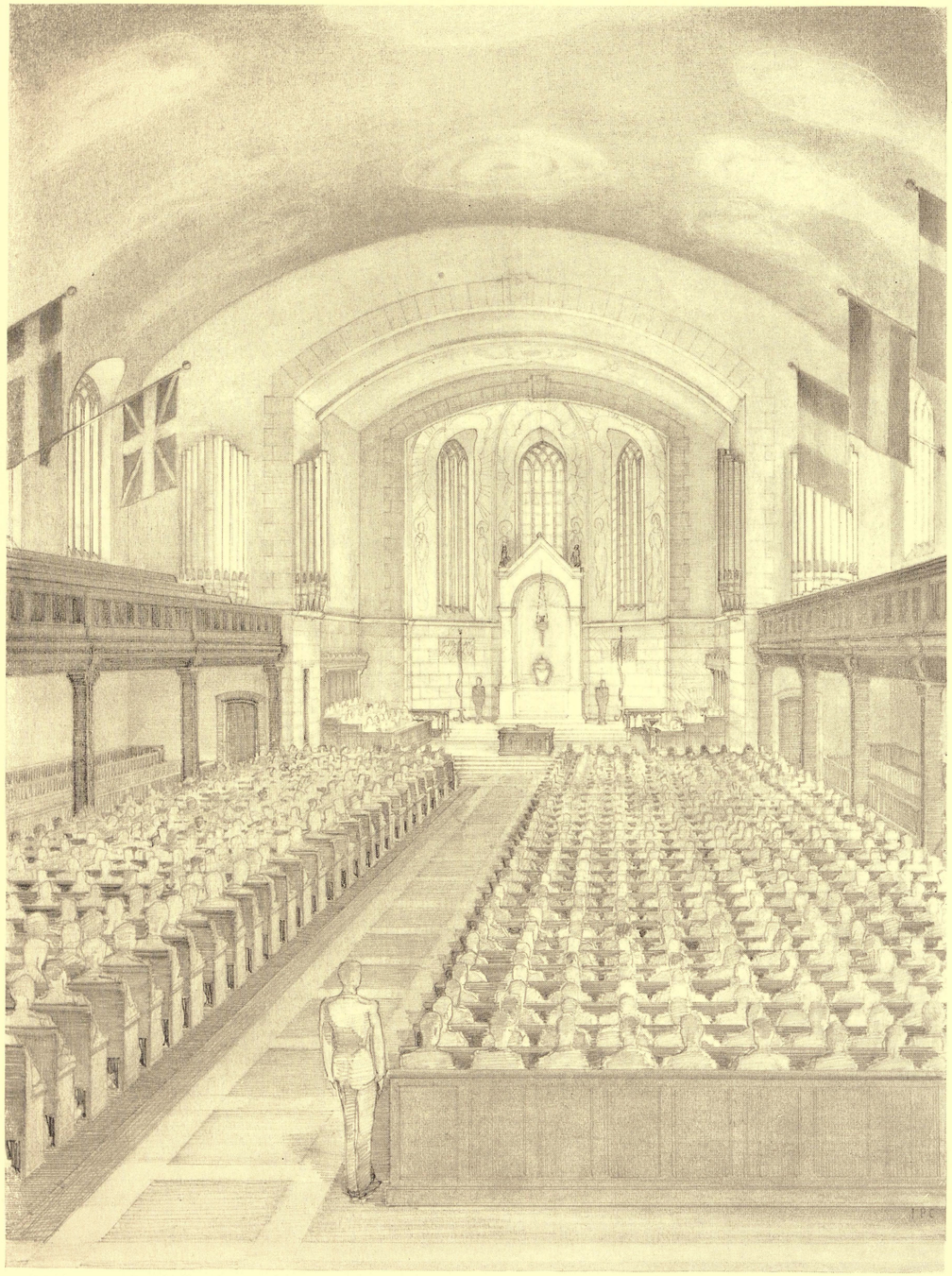
The West Arcade

PLANS for the MEMORIAL CHAPEL have been developed to assure an edifice which will not only express the dignity of its purpose, but will also preserve the architectural harmony of the entire campus picture.

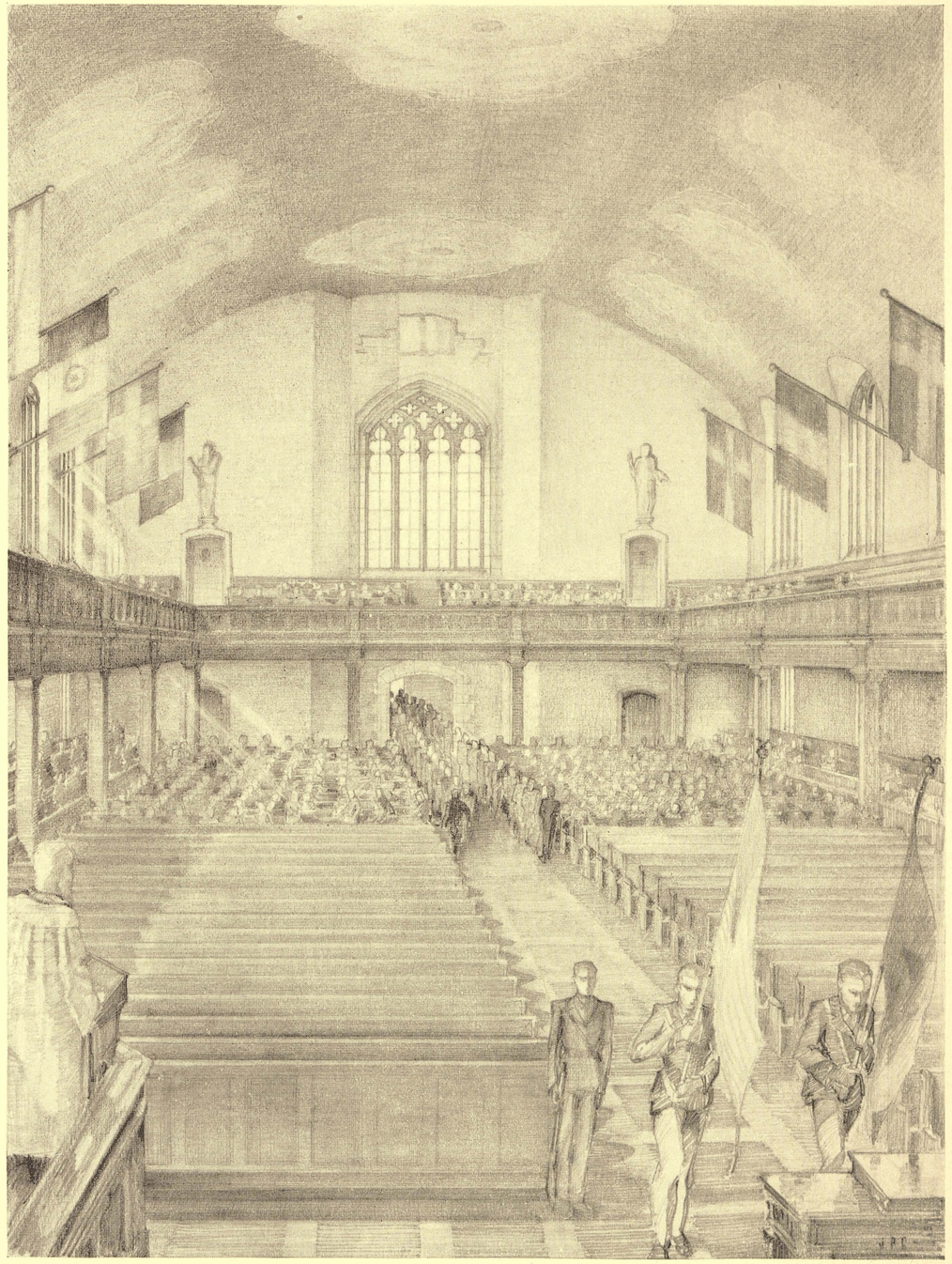
Jens Fredrick Larson, internationally known architect, is developing a Chapel which meets these conditions admirably, and his design has been approved in principle by the Directors. Mr. Larson is retained by the American University, Cairo, Egypt; Dartmouth, Washington and Jefferson, and numerous schools to prepare their campus development plans. International House at the University of Paris, France, and Fuld Hall, at the Institute of Advanced Study, Princeton, are of his design.

The MEMORIAL CHAPEL is also assured of a site which will accord it a prominence worthy of its architecture and purpose. It will be erected upon the natural eminence which marks the approximate center of Culver's present Woodcraft Camp.

The entire project, including construction costs, furnishings, and sufficient endowment to provide for operation and maintenance, will require $1,000,000. The fullest possible participation of all Culver friends, according to their means, will be needed to realize this beautiful and enduring Memorial.



THE NAVE . . LOOKING TOWARD THE SANCTUARY
(Architect's Preliminary Study)



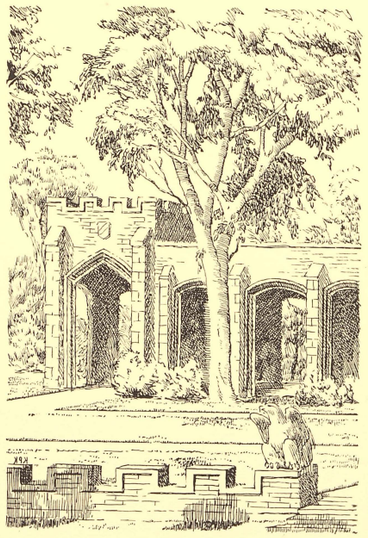
THE NAVE . . LOOKING TOWARD TOWER ENTRANCE
(Architect's Preliminary Study)

IN EXERCISE of the authority granted by the Directors of The Culver Educational Foundation, a Campaign Committee, representing the Culver Legion, the Culver Summer Schools Alumni Association, and the Culver Fathers Association, has been formed.

This Committee now offers to Culver alumni, the parents and relatives of Culver men, and to all friends of the Academy, the opportunity to combine their financial support for the creation of the MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

The year of 1945 sees Culver entered upon a second half-century of service to Youth and to the Nation. Each passing day hastens the decisive defeat of our enemies. Both considerations urge completion of the MEMORIAL CHAPEL FUND now.

Culver has repeatedly received assurance of the regard and esteem in which she is held by those who have studied on her campus, and by their parents and friends. Now, for the first time in the Academy's history, they have the opportunity to record their sentiments in a material fashion. Today they can provide the Chapel she so manifestly needs . . . as the Memorial that Culver men in World War II so richly merit.



The East Arcade

THE CHAPEL as A MEMORIAL

The Chapel as a whole is to constitute a memorial to Culver men in World War II. More especially, the narthex, or Tower vestibule leading to the nave, will give visible expression to that purpose. Here, upon appropriately engraved tablets, will appear the names of all the men to whom the Chapel is dedicated.

RECOGNITION of DONORS

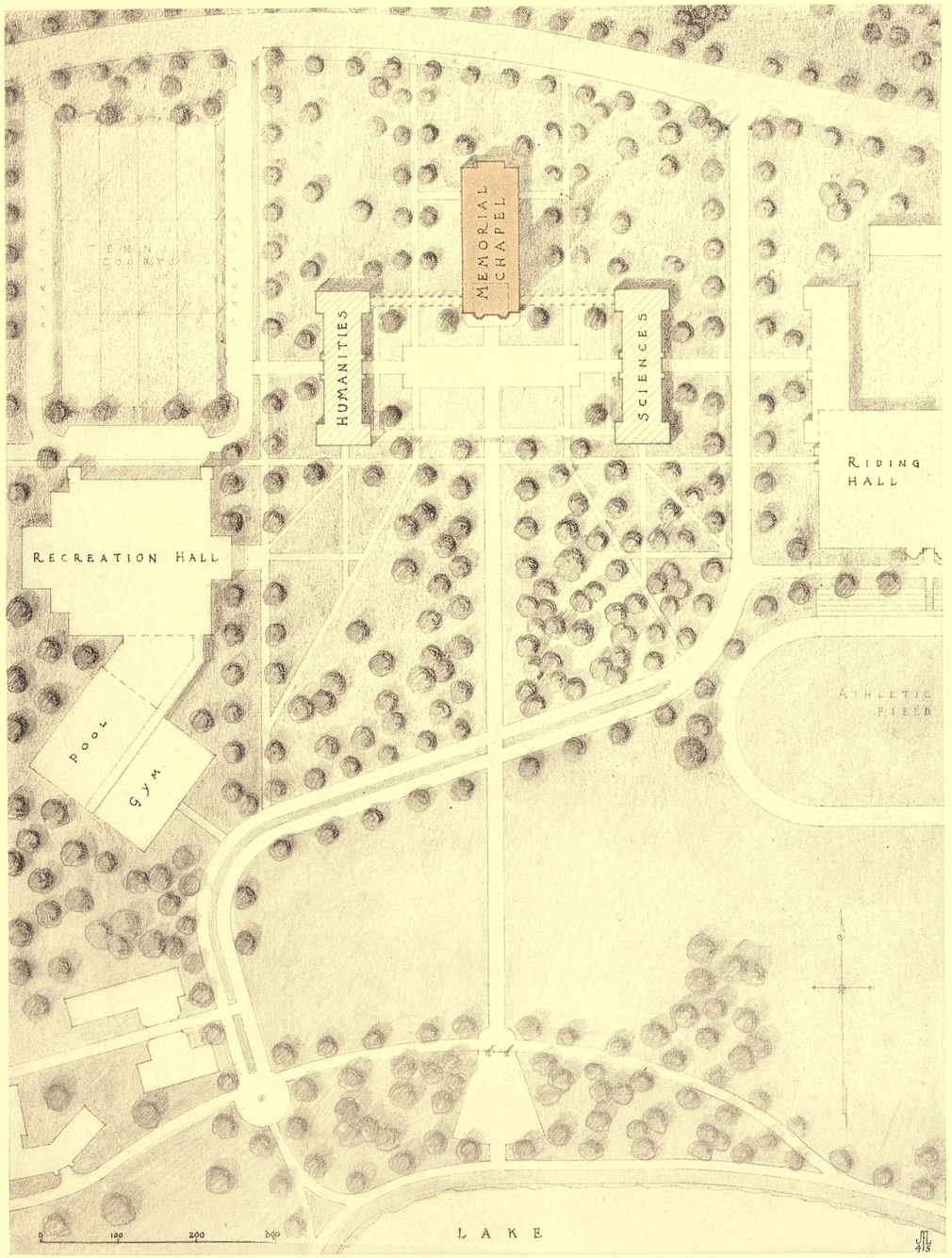
In an appropriate place there will also be displayed the names of all contributors, though in no instance will the amount of individual gifts appear. According to plans, specified gifts may cover the cost of certain architectural features of the Chapel, its equipment and furnishings. Such features may be permanently designated by uniform bronze plates carrying the names of the donors.

These features include:

- The Carillon
- The Chancel (*Altar, Reredos Choir and Band*)
- The Organ
- The Arcades (*East and West*)
- Exterior Sculpture
- The Oratory (*Meditation Chapel*)
- Memorial Tower Doors
- Two Murals (*One on Either Side of The Sanctuary*)
- Religious Seminar Room
- Nave Seating
- Gallery and Side Seating
- Study and Vestry
- Four Murals (*For Two Arcade Vestibules*)

IMMEDIATE INVESTMENT of FUNDS

The Directors of The Culver Educational Foundation will proceed with the erection of the MEMORIAL CHAPEL just as soon as favorable conditions permit. In the interim all funds received will be invested



CAMPUS LOCATION OF THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL
(Showing Proposed Humanities and Sciences Buildings)

in U. S. War Bonds. Negotiable War Bonds or War Bonds made payable to The Culver Educational Foundation, Memorial Chapel Fund, are acceptable as contributions.

TAX-SAVING OPPORTUNITIES

Current income tax law encourages gifts to educational institutions.

Individuals may deduct such gifts on returns for the year or years in which paid, up to 15% of their adjusted gross incomes. This will result in substantial savings ranging from 37% in the case of a donor with a taxable income of $10,000, to 94% in that of one with a $250,000 taxable income.

Corporations may deduct such gifts up to 5% of their net taxable incomes, with consequent tax savings which may go as high as 85½% of the amount contributed.

For application of the law to a particular case, one should seek the advice of a tax consultant.

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We are confident that Culver men, their parents and friends will accord this MEMORIAL CHAPEL project such generous support that its consummation at the earliest possible opportunity will be assured.

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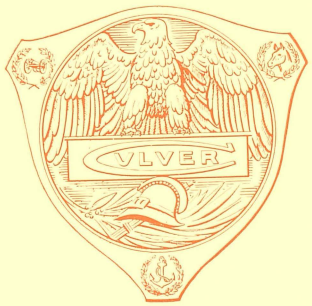
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