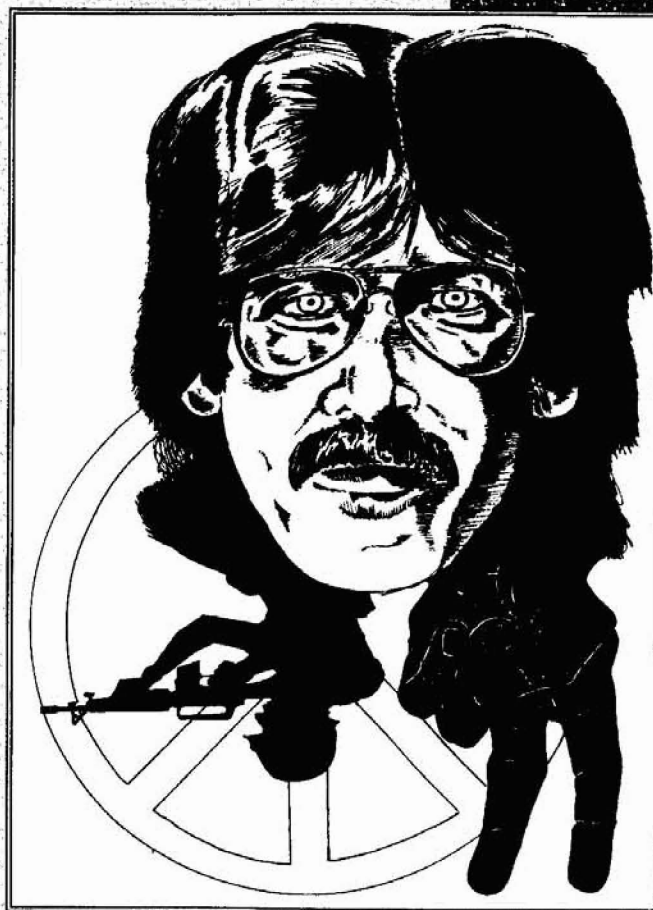

**WAR,
LITERATURE,**

**&
THE
ARTS**



*Volume 8
Number 2
Fall/Winter 1996*

*An
International
Journal
of the
Humanities*

*W.D. Ehrhart
A Special Issue*

Cover art by Brett Waring. A 1996 graduate of the Air Force Academy, Lt Waring is presently attending pilot training in Mississippi.

**War,
Literature,
and
the Arts**

Fall/Winter 1996

**Department of English
United States Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado**

War, Literature, and the Arts is published semiannually by the Department of English at the United States Air Force Academy. The editors of *War, Literature, and the Arts* are accepting manuscripts which contribute to understanding either war or art, or both, by means of critical inquiry into artistic depictions of war from any culture or period. (Documentation conforms to the MLA Style Manual.)

Although critical articles are our main focus, we will consider war poetry, personal memoir, short fiction, visual art, book reviews, and letters to the editor. The opinions expressed in the journal are not necessarily those of the editors or the United States Air Force. *Upon publication, copyright reverts to authors.*

Please forward poetry manuscripts to:

Will Hochman
Department of English
2200 Bonforte Blvd
University of Southern Colorado
Pueblo, Colorado 81001-4901

Address all other correspondence to:

Donald Anderson, Editor
Department of English
2354 Fairchild Drive, Suite 6D35
U.S. Air Force Academy, Co 80840-6242
telephone:719. 333.3930 / fax:719. 333.3132

e-mail: andersondc.dfeng@usafa.af.mil

War, Literature, and the Arts is indexed in *The American Humanities Index*, *Literary Criticism Register*, *The MLA International Bibliography*, *Film Literature Index*, *Index of American Periodical Verse*, and the *Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature*, and is a member journal of the *Council of Editors of Learned Journals*.

ISSN: 1046-6967

Contents

Special Feature

Selected Work by W.D. Ehrhart 31

essay

**Against a Coming Extinction: W.D. Ehrhart and the Evolving
Canon of Vietnam Veteran's Poetry** by Lorrie Smith 1

commentary

Darkness Carried: W.D. Ehrhart's Memoirs
by Donald Anderson 51

"Every day I'm always on patrol": Bill Ehrhart's Journey Home
by Thomas G. Bowie, Jr. 61

poetry

Tyrolean Vacation by Karen Alkalay-Gut 69

Langour by H. Palmer Hall 70

Hospital Visit by H. Palmer Hall 71

The Vietnam Vet Plays Gyrruss by Vince Gotera 73

Gulf War Haiku by Vince Gotera 74

The Bomb by Ed Meek 75

Duty by Ed Meek 76

For Lewis B. Puller, Jr. by Maggie Jaffe 77

fiction

Echoes by Don Kunz 79

from The Second Tour by Terry P. Rizzuti 97

Point Man by Allen Learst 103

unclassifieds

Tim O'Brien's Reimagination of Reality: An Exercise in Metafiction
by John Clark Pratt 115

interview

**Reading, Writing, and Going to War: An Interview with
Clyde Edgerton** by Christopher D. Campbell 133

A Conversation with W.D. Ehrhart 149

books 159

letters 180