

With this edition, *Military Review* bids farewell to LTC Arthur Bilodeau who was our best managing editor in recent memory. His rare blend of infantry toughness, English literature expertise, and intelligence brought dignity to the publication with refreshing style. For authors lucky enough to be published under his watch, his fine touch made them all shine well beyond their own merits. Whatever his virtues, though, they were all surpassed by his uncanny ability to slice fat from turgid prose. And in our business, that ability means the world. After a 27 year military career, LTC Bilodeau is retiring to Louisville, KY.

*Defenseless under the night  
Our world in stupor lies;  
Yet, dotted everywhere,  
Ironic points of light  
Flash out wherever the Just  
Exchange their messages:  
May I, composed like them  
Of Eros and of dust,  
Beleaguered by the same  
Negation and despair,  
Show an affirming flame.*



—W.H. Auden (last stanza of the poem, "September 1st 1939")

**GOOD LUCK, ART!**

How do you say goodbye to an Icon? How do you say thank you to a mentor, guide, and friend? Patricia Wilson has been with the *Military Review* staff for over 26 years and at the end of July will retire with 40 years of civilian service. As *MR*'s administrative assistant, she has logged thousands of manuscripts, kept track of *MR*'s writing contests, ensured we were all paid, mailed magazines to authors, and all the while kept our computers up-to-date and answered our innumerable computer-related questions. Always a source of steadiness, she kept the journal on an even keel through thick and thin. We'll miss you, Pat.



—the *Military Review* crew

**HAVE FUN, PAT!**