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ALSO NOTED

John S.D. Eisenhower, the son of former President Dwight Eisenhower who forged a reputation in his own right as a wellregarded military historian, died Saturday at his home in Trappe, Md. He was 91.

John Eisenhower was an Army officer in World War II and the Korean War and national security adviser during his father's presi-



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dency, but at that point he was still viewed primarily as the son of Ike, the American hero.

When he graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on June 6, 1944, photographers gathered for an image of John Eisenhower, the Army's new second lieutenant, with his mother.

But he was seen as a footnote to a historic day: Gen. Eisenhower, the supreme Allied commander, had just announced the D-Day landings on the beaches of Normandy.

John Eisenhower's public image began to change in 1969

with the publication of his first book, "The Bitter Woods," a history of the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. It was a bestseller, and he later wrote about the Mexican-American War and World War I.

Dwight Eisenhower died in March 1969.

Two months later, John Eisenhower took up his duties as ambassador to Belgium. He was appointed by President Richard Nixon, vice president under Eisenhower and the father-in-law of John Eisenhower's son, David, who married Julie Nixon.

John Sheldon Doud Eisenhower was born in Denver while his father was stationed at an Army post in Panama. He attended high school in the Philippines during his father's tour there and followed his path by entering West Point in July 1941.

John Eisenhower hoped to see combat as an infantry platoon commander, but his father's fellow commanders, Gen. Omar Bradley and Lt. Gen. George Patton, feared the impact on his father if he were

killed in action or captured.

He was assigned to intelligence and administrative duties in England and Germany.

He later earned a master's degree in English and comparative literature from Columbia University, taught English at West Point, and finally experienced combat at the beginning of a yearlong tour in the Korean War.

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President Obama said in a statement on Sunday that Eisenhower had lived "a big and quintessentially American life - one of patriotism and character, learning and teaching, and a deep and abiding sense of service to his country."

In his final years, John Eisenhower joined family members in opposing the design for a proposed memorial to his father near the National Mall, saying it was too extravagant. The project's fate is uncertain.

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