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THE LIFE SPAN OF THE MILITARY OFFICER IN TURKEY

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Abstract:

In this study it is attempted to get a notion about the average life span of officers in Turkey. Ten random issues of The Journal of the Association of Retired Officers are employed for this purpose. The last pages of the mentioned journal are devoted to obituary notices, where names, military branches and decease dates are entered. The military record or registry (numéro d'inscription / Regisriernummer) of each is also included and this is the critical knowledge, since the number provides the graduation dates, from which the birth date is easily calculated. The average officer lives a decade longer than the country's average-male citizen.

Keywords:

Officer, life span, obituary notice, birth date, death date.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The officer's record consists of two hyphenated numbers, the first of which is the graduationand-commission date. The second number reflects the academic standing: The more successful the graduate as far as his cumulative course average is concerned; the smaller is the second number.

In this research mostly the graduates of the War Colleges come into account. The War College automatically denotes the army's officer source. It is the equivalent of America's West Point. Gendarme officers come from the same source. The Naval War College is the equivalent of Annapolis Naval academy in Maryland. Finally the Air War College can be regarded as the equivalent of the United States Air Force academy located at Colorado Springs.

Data regarding officers with civilian university education like military medical doctors or veterinary surgeons or engineers or teachers, are at a minimum. To avoid some possible confusion; let us specify that engineering corps or fortifications is a combat-support-branch of the army, whose members come from the War College. Topographical engineers also come from the War College and later undergo various professional courses. A few Topographical engineers were present within the data.

2. METHODOLOGY

At a second-hand bookstore I ran into a bunch of journals. There were thirteen of them all together. I was long familiar with the journal, anyway. It is the publication of the Association of





Retired Officers. Thumbing through the pages, the idea occurred to me right away. For no other profession one could find so regular and detailed data revealing the life spans.

Those journals contained a good bunch of data to be evaluated and I bought them immediately, without even bargaining (as it is conventional to bargain at such a store). Indeed, Chang (2008: 47-48) [1] (by reference to Ellis & Bochner 2000: 739-740) tells us that a wide array of labels indicating an auto-ethnographic (*) orientation includes [among others] items like first-person accounts, impressionistic accounts and even opportunistic research [as long as complying with ethics, as I feel to add]. No offence, on my part! One might as well go ahead and label all that work an opportunistic research.

At home at a closer glance it was discovered that three issues were repeated among the bunch of journals, which left us with only ten distinct copies.

The obituary notices got scanned. Each journal was assigned a code name arbitrarily, to facilitate the work. The codes went as ZABİT 01 [6], ZABİT 02 [7] etc. ("Zabit" is the older, Ottoman word for "officer").

Then the life span of each officer was easily calculated and listed together. The War Colleges (for Land, Navy and Air Force) used to be at the level of 2-year-long junior Colleges, regarding the duration of higher education. (1972 graduates had 3-year-schooling; 1978 graduates were the first generation to have 4-year-schooling). Physicians had 6 years of university history, veterinary surgeons had 5 and engineers four. Those branches' birth dates were calculated accordingly.

Some of the entries are about females, the crushing majority of whom are officers' wives. A few are officers' daughters. There are also civilians who were honorary members of the society. All those entries are excluded for our purposes.

At the Appendix of this paper all scanned pages as well as the tabulations are shown.

How Good are the Data in Reflecting Birth Dates?

Students who interrupt schooling are not admitted to military schools. Therefore, all cadets are at the specified, proper age in admission date. The Military Education Institutions find their "footing" from among sheer middle classes. Most are urban youths, even if from the provinces. This fact alone ensures that their birth dates were duly registered.

^{*} The explanation of auto-ethnography makes it transcend autobiography by connecting the personal to the cultural. The importance of linking the self and the social is also affirmed in Reed-Danahay's influential book, Auto / Ethnography: Rewriting the Self and the Social, 1997 (paraphrased from Chang 2008: 46) [1].



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In villages, births were not as soundly reported as in town centers, at least in former years. A peasant cannot go to the Population Registry Department in the district immediately and delays do occur. Some deliberately postpone the baby-registries. A daughter should appear younger at her wedding. A boy may thus get drafted into the compulsory military service (as a private / plain soldier) at an age somewhat older than twenty, in order to suffer the hardships (*) better.

Some of the officers had failed one or more courses and had to repeat the whole year. But they are only a tiny percent of the officer-population. Usually in a classroom comprising roughly thirty military students at most one or two are "washbacks" from a previous year, and they carry different cadet-numbers on their collars.

Many cadets do fail in difficult courses (namely science courses like Math, Physics or Chemistry) in June at the end of the year. However; following a summer course, they eventually pass the September conditional exams, in practice, in accordance with the long traditions and conventions.

As an army major (September 15, 2014) explained to me in Ankara; while a cadet at the military lycée in Bursa, their officer-in-charge of disciplinary issues was famous" for having lost three (!) years in his educative history, as an exception. One year in military junior high school (**), another year in military high school and still another year in War College. (Loosing two years in one of those stages means dismissal). I remembered the name (M.K.) from my own military service days. But I learned this secret of his only recently. The mentioned individual had a brilliant professional career as an infantry officer.

It is probable that university graduates had failed at least one year or maybe more. There courses are harder, after all. In former times, one could stay in Turkish universities until graduation, as a rule of thumb. A military student who keeps the title of student automatically keeps his title of military student (following studies on the account of the military).

A teacher-colonel in *Chankuri*, years ago, mentioned about his eccentric classmate at the Faculty of Turcology. "This fellow" had deliberately failed an easy course —thereby not jeopardizing his eventual graduation— successively, in order to prolong his military student life. Food, clothing and sleeping wards and the humble pocket money paid to cadets kept him happy as a student, instead of graduating, getting a rank and assuming many responsibilities. This is an exceptional case, as well.

^{*} Kışlalı (1967: 155) **[2]** asserts that the Turkish Johnny leads a rather hard life with his shaven head —ever since mid 1990s plain soldiers are allowed to have some hair— a single official clothing and mediocre collective meals. But he does not mind it. Most of them are deprived even of those conditions back home in their villages and small towns, anyhow.

^{**} There were two junior military high schools, one in Istanbul-*Selimiye* district, the other in *Erzincan*. They got abolished in late-1960s.





3. RESULTS

Processing the data from ten issues of the The Journal of the Association of Retired Officers verified the fact that the average life span of the officer in Turkey is 81.1 years. This is quite a high value.

4. DEBATE AND CONCLUSION

"Life-expectancy is a very useful standard measure for comparing the health of societies, and for noting progress and regress in economic development. In Norway in 2000 it was 79 years and in the USA 77 years. In Sierra Leone it was 35 years. As an example of regress we can note that for Russia, life-expectancy fell between 1986-94 from 70 to 64 years" (Bruce & Yearley, 2006: 173) [3].

In Turkey, on the average, women live 78 years while men live only 71 years (Hürriyet Newspaper, 16.12.2013) [4]. It should be no surprise that the average officer outlives the average male citizen (81.1 years versus 71 years). The health examinations at the entrance to the military schools ensure that the population-samples constituting the officers are at good health, initially. Moreover they lead disciplined lives, including sportive activities and they are fairly well-to-do, in terms of their gains (fairly good salaries with respect to other government employees).

Another factor can be their relatively high IQ points, when the immense competition to enter the military schools is considered. Out of roughly thirty thousand applicants to military high schools about a thousand are accepted.

After all; Lewis Madison Terman's (1877-1956) famous longitudinal research starting in 1920s on hundreds of gifted Californian school children showed that they were more successful, more adaptable and healthier in the long run, than other Americans. "Even the death rate was about 33 percent lower than that for he general population (Sprinthal & Sprinthal, 1990: 445) [5].

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APPENDIX

VISUAL SUPPLEMENT



Fig.1. In Karacaahmet Cemetery in Istanbul, the grave of a retired infantry colonel (Em. P. Alb.) next to that of a Major (Bnb.) (Photo by the Author—S.Ç.)



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Fig.2. A Gendarmarie station in the city of *Tekirdağ*. Gendarmarie officers cope with criminal activities in rural areas (Photo by the Author—S.Ç.)



Fig. 3. Again in *Karacaahmet* Cemetery, the grave of a retired staff officer at the rank of *"tuğbay*". Year of death is marked as 1967. That special rank between colonel and brigadiergeneral used to be issued in early Republican era and got abolished afterwards. (Photo by the Author—S.Ç.)







Fig. 4. Cardboard drinking cups with the logoes of the Second and the Fifth Armycorps, respectively. (Scanned by the Author—S.Ç.)

DETAILED DATA AS BASIS FOR CALCULATIONS

| The First Journal: I | ssue Number 19 | 7, July-August- | September 2012 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--|
| Officer's Branch | Initials | Age at | Explanations if Required |
| | (Name) | Death | (Crushing majority are colonels, some have lower ranks like LT-Col or Major) |
| Quartermaster (Supplies) | B.Ş.S. | 78 | |
| Infantry | N.S. | 79 | |
| Infantry | o.ü. | 86 | |
| Personnel Officer | H.Y. | 84 | |
| Artillery | M.F.T. | 93 | |
| Gendarme | Y.E. | 67 | |
| Air Force Pilot | S.Y. | 78 | |
| GENERAL (*) | N.T. | 91 | One-Star-General |
| STAFF OFFICER | E.K.K. | 82 | |
| Gendarme | M.N. | 85 | |
| Ordnance | R.B. | 81 | |
| | Y.K.E. | 90 | Senior Colonel from Şişli; Branch unidentified |
| Artillery | V.T. | 89 | |
| Quartermaster | M.T.E. | 91 | |

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| Artillery | A.C.S. | 9 | 90 | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|--|--------|----------|-------------|---------|
| Veterinery Surgeon | T.G. | | 35 | Record: 1950-15 schooling) | 5 (5 | years | of | higher |
| Military Judge | H.Ö. | 8 | 81 | Record: 1953-12 schooling) | 2 (4 | years | of | higher |
| Air Force | B.C.Ç. | 7 | 78 | - | | | | |
| Quartermaster | | | | | | | | |
| Air Force Pilot | | 75 | | | | | | |
| Infantry | | 81 | | | | | | |
| Personnel Officer | | 88 | | | | | | |
| Air Force Finance Officer | A.Ş. | | | nch got instigated i transferred fror | | | | naster |
| Infantry | M.F.Y. | 71 | | | | | | |
| Infantry | | 93 | | | | | | |
| Infantry | A.R.İ. | 85 | | | | | | |
| | B.K. | | | om Bolu. Branch l accordingly age is | | | | |
| Artillery | Ş.Ş. | 91 | | | | | | |
| Signals | M.Ş. İ. | 91 | | | | | | |
| NAVY | M.G. | | | ate (There are no is date due to May 2 | | | | Fround |
| Medical Doctor | M.E.T. | 82 | Record: 195 | 4-55 (6 years of hig | her so | chooling | g) | |
| Infantry | M.N.D. | 80 | | | | | | |
| | A.K. | | Senior Colo Branch unio | nel from Çankaya; lentified | | | | |
| Infantry | A.D. | 78 | | | | | | |
| Pilot | E.B. | | (Whether unidentified | Ground Forces o | or Ai | r Forc | e P | ilot is |
| Infantry | H.K.D. | 72 | | | | | | |
| Tank | C.G. | 90 | | | | | | |
| GENERAL (*) | A.A. | 88 | One-Star-G | eneral | | | | |
| STAFF OFFICER | E.U. | 75 | | | | | | |
| Quartermaster | F.Ö. | 79 | | | | | | |
| | A.U. | | | lentified. Rank is c l due to disability. | aptai | n,which | cou | ld only |
| Air Force Ground Officer | A.C.A. | 91 | | v | | | | |
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| member; 10 were offic | ers' wives. | | - | | | | <i>ј</i> ст | |
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| The 2 nd Journal: Issue | Number 1 | 95, Janu | · | v | | | | |
| Officer's Branch | Initials | Age at | Explana | tions if Required | ł | | | |
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| Officer's Branch | Initials | Age at | Explanations II Required |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------|--|
| | (Name) | Death | (Crushing majority are colonels, some have |
| | | | lower ranks like LT-Col or Major) |
| Air Force Ground Officer | M.Ş. | 76 | |
| GENERAL (**) | M.S. | 88 | Two-Star-General |

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| | C.D. | 62 | Senior Colonel from Bornova; Branch unidentified |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---|
| Infantry | M.N.A. | 83 | |
| Gendarme | A.Y. | 85 | |
| Tank | A.N.E. | 90 | |
| Personnel Officer | С.К. | 76 | |
| | F.M. | 77 | Senior Colonel from Konak; |
| | F .1 VI . | // | Branch unidentified |
| Gendarme | M.Ç. | 76 | |
| | B.S.E. | 90 | Senior Colonel from Beyoğlu; |
| | | | Branch unidentified |
| Medical Doctor | M.A.C. | 83 | Record: 1952-32 (6 years of higher schooling) |
| Artillery | A.N.Ç. | 88 | |
| (Ground Force) Pilot | M.C.Ö. | 88 | |
| Transportation | F.T. | 86 | |
| Tank | F.Ö. | 85 | |
| STAFF (of Infantry) | İ.S.P. | 86 | |
| Air Force STAFF | A.D. | 85 | |
| Air Force Ground Officer | Y.F.O. | 78 | |
| STAFF (of Artillery) | H.S. | 80 | |
| ADMIRAL (**) | M.C.B. | 93 | Two-Star-Admiral |
| Air Force Ground Officer | V.T. | 91 | |
| Quartermaster | S.S. | 81 | |
| STAFF (of Artillery) | H.M.G. | 91 | |
| Infantry | C.E. | 84 | |
| Tank | B.A. | 66 | |
| Quartermaster | İ.A. | 84 | |
| NAVY | Ö.A. | 80 | |
| Infantry | A.V.D. | 91 | |
| GENERAL (**) | A.N.E. | 81 | Two-Star-General |
| Ordnance | Ö.R.M. | 88 | |
| Engineering Corps | M.K. | 81 | |
| (Fortifications) | | | |
| STAFF (of Artillery) | K.R.G. | 82 | |
| Personnel Officer | N.Ü. | 77 | |
| NAVAL Engineer | M.D. | 80 | Record: 1952-38 |
| Personnel Officer | N.K. | 77 | |
| Air Force Pilot | F.G. | 86 | |
| Signals | F.B. | 86 | |
| Artillery | A.Y. | 70 | |
| STAFF (of Tank) | 0.G. | 80 | |
| Personnel Officer | N.K. | 88 | |
| Quartermaster | M.M.Ö. | 77 | |
| Air Force Ground Officer | G.A. | 84 | |
| Infantry | R.U. | 80 | |
| Artillery | A.O.Y. | 87 | |
| Infantry | A.U. I. Y.O. | 0 / 71 | |
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members; 17 were officers' wives. Net number of entries is 46.



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81.9 is the average of this table. The 3rd Journal: Issue Number 172, November-December 2007 **Officer's Branch Initials** Age at **Explanations if Required** (Crushing majority are colonels, some (Name) Death have lower ranks like LT-Col or Major) **Personnel Officer** 84 S.Ö. **Air Force Signals** A.N.E. 88 82 Infantry **M.F.Ö.** Infantry H.R.A. 86 Gendarme **Ö.G.** 85 Tank E.S. 76 **Air Force Ground Officer** R.Ü. 86 **Air Force Ground Officer O.K.** 86 Engineer S.A.T. 70 Record: 1957-196 **NAVY-Supples** 83 M.K. Infantry A.C. 66 92 Infantry R.S. **Transportation** M.R.A. 81 87 Tank M.S.M. **Air Force-Signals** N.A. 73 **Force-Master** Air D.S.E. 81 (5 years of higher schooling) **Mechanical Engineer** (at the time M.S. degrees were granted in 5 years by skipping the B.S.) Infantry A.C. 74 Force-Engineering Air T.T. 68 Corps (Fortifications) Veterinery Surgeon M.S. 90 **Record: 1940-6 (5 years of higher schooling)** Personnel Officer (of L.Ç. 61 **Gendarmerie**) **Air Force-Signals** E.G.B. 85 **Air Force-Intelligence** Y.E. **68** The Branch of Intelligence was instigated in late 1990s (transferred from other combat branches). Infantry H.R.Y. 88 **Air Force-Pilot** A.H.G. 80 Quartermaster K.Ç. 73 **Personnel Officer** 72 K.Ş. Gendarme M.Z.H 85 Infantry V.C. 60 **Personnel Officer** G.V.A. 73 Infantry K.Ş. 84 Gendarme 85 C.S. M.K.H. **Veterinery Surgeon** 84 Record: 1940-6 (5 years of higher schooling) Quartermaster 86 D.Ö. Artillery G.G. 58 Gendarme H.A. 84 Infantry 84 T.A.

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| Infantry | K.K. | 81 | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| Air Force - | H.Ş.Y. | 79 | Two-Star- General of Air Force |
| GENERAL (*) | , | | |
| Artillery | E.P. | 76 | |
| Topographical | O.B. | 67 | Topographical Engineers are transferred from |
| Engineer | | | combat officers. (They attend further courses, not a |
| 0 | | | university). |
| END of the 3 rd Journal | . Out of 50 | obituarv | notices two were civilians, who were sons of |
| officers; 8 were officers | | | |
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| The 4 th Journal: Issue | Number 196 | 6, April-M | lay-June 2012 |
| Officer's Branch | Initials | Age at | • |
| | (Name) | Death | (Crushing majority are colonels, some |
| | (1 (0000)) | | have lower ranks like LT-Col or Major) |
| Artillery | E.C.M. | 80 | nave lower ranks like L1-Col of Major) |
| Infantry | S.E. | 81 | |
| Artillery | <u>э.е.</u> Т.Ç. | 75 | |
| | S.F.T. | 75 88 | |
| Infantry Tank | H.M. | 84 | |
| Тапк | A.V.H. | <u>84</u> 90 | Colonal from Siali Dranch unidentified |
| Quartermeeter | | | Colonel from Şişli. Branch unidentified. |
| Quartermaster | K.Y. İ.T. | 81 | |
| Transportation | | 85 | |
| Quartermaster | H.A.O. | 91 | |
| Artillery | M.I.D. | 90 | |
| Infantry Victoria | H.D. | 93 | Decembra 1044 16 (5 means of bish or sub-office) |
| Veterinery Surgeon | T.T. | 93 | Record: 1944-16 (5 years of higher schooling) |
| Personnel Officer | M.B. | 77 | |
| GENERAL (**) | R.K. | 83 | Two-Star-General |
| GENERAL (**) | T.T. | 82 | Two-Star-General |
| In fact the | M.A.E. | 58 | Colonel from Kadıköy. Branch unidentified. |
| Infantry | A.S.T. | 87 | |
| 0 | S.T. | 88 | Colonel from Şişli. Branch unidentified. |
| Quartermaster | S.U. | 83 | |
| Tank | M.O.S. | 87 | |
| Infantry | B.U. | 71 | |
| Artillery | M.E.Y | 83 | |
| Veterinery Surgeon | H.A.A. | 93 | Record: 1942-2 (5 years of higher schooling) |
| Artillery | K.K. | 85 | |
| Medical Doctor | M.Ö. | 93 | Record: 1953-38 (6 years of higher schooling) |
| | M.K.Ç. | 82 | Colonel from Şişli. Branch unidentified. |
| Artillery | T.İ. | 81 | |
| Artillery | T.Y. | 85 | |
| Infantry | F.L. | 81 | |
| Artillery | M.K.E. | 85 | |
| | S.A. | 80 | Colonel from Bakırköy. Branch unidentified. |
| Military School Teacher | Y.K. | 74 | Record: 1960-4 (4 years of higher schooling) |
| Infantry | A.G. | 92 | |

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| | N.U. | 83 | Colonel from Bakırköy. Branch unidentified. |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--|
| Air Force- | U.B. | 84 | ř. |
| Ground Officer | | | |
| GENERAL (*) | M.Ç. | 63 | One-Star-General |
| Infantry | I.U. | 63 | |
| END of the 4 th Journa | al. Out of 48 o | bituary 1 | notices two were honorary civilian members; |
| 9were officers' wives | Net number | of entries | a is 37. |
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| The 5 th Journal: Issu | e No.194, Oct | tober-Nov | vember-December 2011 |
| Officer's Branch | Initials | Age at | Explanations if Required |
| | (Name) | Death | (Crushing majority are colonels, some |
| | | | have lower ranks like LT-Col or Major) |
| Signals | R.A. | 79 | |
| Gendarme | A.N.S. | 81 | |
| Medical Doctor | Ş.Ü. | 93 | (6 years of higher schooling) |
| Gendarme | S.Z.G. | 90 | (0 Jours of ingher sentoning) |
| Air Force- | E.T. | 83 | |
| Ground Officer | 2.11 | 00 | |
| Infantry | C.I. | 82 | |
| Artillery | S.F.A. | 83 | |
| Artillery | İ.F.Ü. | 83 | |
| Infantry | H.Ö. | 87 | |
| Air Force- | İ.Y. | 64 | |
| Ground Officer | | | |
| | M.M.Ö. | 83 | Colonel from Konak. Branch unidentified. |
| Air Force- | E.Z. | 72 | |
| Ground Officer | | | |
| | T.S. | | Colonel from Antalya. Branch unidentified. Record |
| | | | Number and accordingly age is also unidentified. |
| Air Force- | A.G. | | Colonel from Çankaya. Record Number and |
| Ground Officer | | | accordingly age is also unidentified. |
| Air Force- | F.İ . | 82 | |
| Ground Officer | | | |
| Transportation | N.G. | 75 | |
| Gendarme | S.S. | 70 | |
| NAVY | S.D. | 75 | |
| Artillery | A.M.Y. | 74 | |
| Infantry | Ö.B. | 70 | |
| | C.G. | 52 | Major from Çorlu. Branch unidentified. 1981 graduate: Four years of higher schooling. |
| Transportation | M.A. | 85 | |
| | N.O. | | Record Number and accordingly age is also unidentified. |
| Transportation | A.N.B. | 84 | |
| STAFF (of Artillery) | E.T. | 91 | |
| Infantry | C.A. | 90 | |
| Personnel Officer | Z.U. | 75 | |
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| Signals | N.İ. | 84 | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------|--|
| Personnel Officer | M.M. | 76 | |
| | | - | |
| STAFF (of Artillery | H.C. | 90 | |
| Tank | M.H.A. | 86 | |
| Military Pharmacist | İ.D. | 93 | Record: 1940-124. Rank is senior captain,which could only mean retired due to disability. (4 years of higher schooling) |
| Medical Doctor | İ.E.G. | 82 | Record: 1953-9 (6years of higher schooling) |
| GENERAL (*) | İ.Н. Т. | 90 | One-Strar-General |
| Infantry | N.T.A. | 80 | |
| Signals | N.D. | | Lt-Col. From Antalya. Record Number and accordingly age is also unidentified. |
| Infantry | T.F.Y. | | The Record is meaningless:129-54 A Print-Mistake. Thereby, age unidentified. |
| Medical Doctor | H.C.U. | 74 | Record: 1961:253 (6 years of higher schooling) |
| Infantry | M.K. | 82 | |
| Air Force- | A.T.O. | 83 | |
| Ground Officer | | | |
| Quartermaster | Ö.Y. | 77 | |
| Air Force-Infantry | M.H.B. | 78 | |
| Personnel Officer | H.Y. | 76 | |
| Air Force-Military Teacher | İ.G. | 55 | Record: 1983-2. FEMALE OFFICER. Civilian Uni. Graduate. Age Below 30 in Commission. (Admission procedure takes a few years). Approximate guess: 53 >Age >58 55 is accepted. |
| Artillery | A.R.Z. | 92 | I |
| Ordnance | Z.K. | 78 | |
| Air Force- | Y.Z.Y. | 81 | Record: 1950-58. Rank is senior captain, which |
| Ground Officer | | | could only mean retired due to disability. |
| Personnel Officer | S.A. | 90 | |
| Engineer | H.T. | 66 | (4 years of higher schooling) |
| Tank | K.G. | 63 | |
| Quartermaster | F.G. | 90 | |
| Signals | S.N.Y. | 90 | |
| Air Force- | A.R.E. | 90 | |
| Ground Officer | | | |
| NAVY Lieutenant-retiree. | E.S. | 29 | NAVY RECORD: 1995-7496. From Lüleburgaz. Prep School & 4 years of higher schooling taken into account in age-determining. Obviously disability retirement. THE SHORTEST LIFE SPAN. The rank is very small and not representative, though. |
| GENERAL (***) | C.I. | 76 | Three-Star-General |
| Artillery | Ş.T. | 80 | |
| Signals | M.S.A. | 92 | Husband of the first female officer. |
| END of the 5 th Journa | al. Out o | | ituary notices three were honorary civilian |
| members; 6were officers | s' wives. N | et numb | Der of entries is 4/. |



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81.2 is the average of this table. The 6th Journal: Issue No. 193, July-August-September 2011 **Officer's Branch Initials** Age at **Explanations if Required** (Crushing majority are colonels, some (Name) Death have lower ranks like LT-Col or Major) 94 M.C. Signals Artillery İ.E.S. 73 **Personnel Officer** N.K.E. 77 **Personnel Officer** M.M. 75 **STAFF Officer** H.D. 92 Artillery 93 H.T. NAVY M.N.T. 92 Quartermaster 75 N.S. Finance officer K.K. 77 Infantry 78 Y.K. NAVY A.B. 84 STAFF Officer A.T. 90 **Medical Doctor** H.B. 79 **Record: 1956-44 (6 years of higher schooling)** 63 Infantry Ş.E.G. STAFF Officer S.K.A. 94 Gendarme S.B.S. 82 Master Engineer İ.E.B. 93 **Record: 1941-1 (5 years of higher schooling)** (at the time M.S. degrees were granted in 5 years by skipping the B.S.) K.Ö. Personnel Officer 86 NAVY **L.O.** 84 Quartermaster H.K.K. 89 N.K. 77 Infantry NAVY N.D. 77 57 **Engineering corps C.O. Record: 1975-1 (3 years of higher schooling)** Artillery 87 F.Ü. Quartermaster 86 R.T. Gendarme İ.A. 84 **Air Force Pilot** H.F.D. 82 **Personnel Officer** H.B. 82 H.M.S. 90 **Engineering corps Ground Force Pilot M.O.** 78 Artillerv H.A. 80 **Personnel Officer** C.G. 88

END of the 6th Journal. Out of 49 obituary notices three were honorary civilian members; 2 were female honorary members; 8 were officers' wives; 1 was an officer's daughter; 1 was an officer's son. Net number of entries is 34.

82.3 is the average of this table.

The 7th Journal: Issue No. 198, October-November-December 2012Officer's BranchInitialsAge atExplanations if Required

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| | (Name | Death | (Crushing majority are colonels, some have lower ranks like LT-Col or Major) |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------|--|
| NAVY | A.Ö. | 72 | |
| Air Force Pilot | O.İ . | 70 | |
| | A.T.D. | 85 | Colonel from Bakırköy. Branch unidentified. |
| Infantry | Ç.S. | 64 | |
| Artillery | F.K. | 91 | |
| Artillery | A.G. | 77 | |
| Military Judge | N.K. | 83 | Record: 1953-1 (4 years of higher schooling) |
| Air Force- | S.N.K. | 85 | |
| Ground Officer | | | |
| Infantry | M.B. | 85 | |
| Air Force-Pilot | E.K. | 74 | |
| GENERAL (**) | M.C.B. | 85 | Two-Star-General |
| Infantry | S.Ç. | 96 | |
| Military Judge | K.C. | 84 | Record: 1950-3 (4 years of higher schooling) |
| Infantry | N.A. | 97 | |
| Veterinery Surgeon | B.B. | 74 | Record: 1961-7 (5 years of higher schooling) |
| Infantry | A.E. | 94 | |
| Infantry | N.Y. | 77 | |
| GENERAL (*) | M.E. | 81 | One-Star-General |
| NAVY | S.P. | 91 | |
| Quartermaster | M.N.U. | 89 | |
| Artillery | M.O. | 68 | |
| Artillery | T.Ö. | 91 | |
| (Air Force) Military Teacher | Öner Can | 72 | Record: 1962-5 (4 years of higher schooling) THE RESEARCHER KNEW HİM FROM HIS OWN SERVİCE DAYS. (MAY GOD-ALMIGHTY BLESS THE COLONEL'S SOUL!) |
| Personnel Officer | H.R.R. | 76 | |
| Tank | N.K. | 78 | |
| Aifr Force- Transportation | Z.G. | 78 | |
| Personnel Officer | A.K. | 77 | |
| Tank | G.A. | 85 | |
| Military Teacher | R.H.E. | 83 | (4 years of higher schooling) |
| Personnel Officer | A.F.S. | 85 | (1) |
| NAVAL Engineer | M.K. | 80 | NAVY Record: 1952-2308 |
| Medical Doctor | E.Ş.A. | 85 | Record:1951-29 (6 years of higher schooling) |
| Air Force- | H.B. | 83 | |
| Ground Officer | | | |
| Tank | S.Y.E. | 74 | |
| Infantry | K.N.E. | 84 | |
| Artillery | G.S. | 68 | |
| Air Force- | A.F.A. | 77 | |
| Ground Officer | | | |
| Personnel Officer | A.G. | 71 | |
| Artillery | C.L. | 78 | |
| Gendarme | Ş.Y. | 94 | |

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| Quartermaster | H.N.Ş. | 91 | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---|
| Gendarme | A.H.E. | 91 | |
| Gendarme | S.N.E. | 85 | |
| GENERAL (**) | E.S.G. | 75 | Two-Star-General |
| END of the 7 th Journal | . Out of 58 | obituary | notices 1 was an honorary civilian member; |
| 1 was a female honora | ry member | ; 10 wer | e officers' wives; 2 were officers' daughter. |
| Net number of entries i | s 44. | | |
| 81.4 is the average of th | nis table. | | |
| The 8 th Journal: Issue | No. 173, Jai Initials | | bruary 2008 Explanations if Required |
| | (Name) | Death | (Crushing majority are colonels, some |
| | (i tunic) | Death | have lower ranks like LT-Col or Major) |
| Infantry | S.B. | 87 | |
| Military Teacher | E.I. | 67 | |
| NAVAL STAFF Officer | H.T.K. | 79 | |
| Signals | A.S.Ü. | 91 | |
| Air Force- | R.Y. | 71 | |
| Ground Officer | | | |
| | | | |

| Officer's Branch | Initials | Age at | Explanations if Required |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|--|
| | (Name) | Death | (Crushing majority are colonels, some |
| | | | have lower ranks like LT-Col or Major) |
| Infantry | S.B. | 87 | |
| Military Teacher | E.I. | 67 | |
| NAVAL STAFF Officer | H.T.K. | 79 | |
| Signals | A.S.Ü. | 91 | |
| Air Force- | R.Y. | 71 | |
| Ground Officer | | | |
| Ordnance | M.K. | 65 | |
| Air Force- | Y.K. | 87 | |
| Ground Officer | | | |
| NAVAL Judge | C.A. | 75 | |
| GENERAL (***) | K.T. | 93 | Three-Star-General |
| Engineering corps | Ş.K. | 84 | |
| Signals | Ö.A. | 70 | |
| Transportation | Ö.S. | 79 | |
| NAVAL Medical Doctor | A.İ.D. | 55 | Record: 1973-1 |
| Air Force-Medical Doctor | Ö.S.S. | 79 | Record: 1952-16 (6 years of higher schooling) |
| Infantry | F.A. | 88 | |
| STAFF (of Artillery) | M.H.İ. | 95 | |
| STAFF (of Artillery) | S.E. | 85 | |
| Ordnance | İ.K. | 86 | |
| Medical Doctor | N.E. | 78 | Record: 1953-49 (6 years of higher schooling) |
| Air Force-Personnel | S.D.T. | 84 | |
| Officer | | | |
| Air Force Pilot GENERAL | M.T.A. | 56 | |
| (*) | | | |
| Air Force- | A.T. | 80 | |
| Ground Officer | | | |
| Air Force-Signals | E.T. | 78 | |
| Personnel Officer | C.Ö. | 81 | |
| | Z.B. | 86 | Colonel from Şişli. Branch unidentified. |
| Gendarme | M.N.K. | 76 | |
| Infantry | M.S.D. | 93 | |
| Quartermaster | H.S. | 87 | |
| Artillery | M.S. | 85 | |
| Medical doctor | İ.G. | 61 | Record: 1971-121 (6 years of higher schooling) |

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| B.Ö. | 80 | |
|-------------|--|---|
| O.S. | 72 | |
| S.T. | 85 | |
| N.A. | 87 | |
| N.A. | 75 | |
| Z.G. | 65 | |
| M.G. | 86 | Record: 1941-P-239 (Transfer from P / infantry) |
| | | (Branch should be personel.Since both words start with "P" there is a mistake. He is eventually personel, not P/ infantry. |
| K.S. | 85 | |
| S.S. | 79 | |
| N.O. | 84 | |
| H.A. | 91 | |
| Ş.T. | 88 | (4 years of higher schooling) |
| M.S. | 71 | A captain-retiree. Must be due to disability. |
| H.V.T. | 85 | |
| N.Ç. | 86 | |
| G.Ç. | 71 | |
| Y.A. | 95 | |
| A.G. | 79 | |
| E.G. | 69 | |
| O.Ç. | 62 | |
| H.C.Ö. | 88 | It is specified that he is a resignee from the rank of |
| | S.T. N.A. N.A. Z.G. M.G. K.S. S.S. N.O. H.A. Ş.T. M.S. H.V.T. N.Ç. G.Ç. Y.A. A.G. E.G. O.Ç. | O.S. 72 S.T. 85 N.A. 87 N.A. 75 Z.G. 65 M.G. 86 K.S. 85 S.S. 79 N.O. 84 H.A. 91 Ş.T. 88 M.S. 71 H.V.T. 85 N.Ç. 86 G.Ç. 71 Y.A. 95 A.G. 79 E.G. 69 O.Ç. 62 |

END of the 8th Journal. Out of 60 obituary notices 6 were officers' wives; 1 was an officer's daughter. Net number of entries is 53. 79.6 is the average of this table.

The 9th Journal: Issue No. 200, April-May-June 2013

| The y Southal. Issue 10. 200, April-May-Suite 2015 | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Officer's Branch | Initials | Age at | Explanations if Required | | | |
| | (Name) | Death | (Crushing majority are colonels, some | | | |
| | | | have lower ranks like LT-Col or Major) | | | |
| Air Force-Ground officer | M.H.B. | 84 | | | | |
| Air Force -Staff officer | M.Ö. | 83 | | | | |
| Air Force-Ground officer | T.G. | | Senior Air Force Colonel from Antalya. Record | | | |
| | | | Number and accordingly age is also unidentified. | | | |
| Air Force-Ground officer | A.M.A. | 90 | | | | |
| Personnel Officer | Y.M.E. | 77 | | | | |
| Artillery | İ.E. | 85 | | | | |
| Infantry | N.E. | 87 | | | | |
| Ordnance | T.Y. | 85 | | | | |
| Ordnance | H.B. | 72 | | | | |
| Militay Teacher | N.E. | 89 | (4 years of higher schooling) | | | |
| GENERAL (***) | M.F.O. | 86 | Three-Star-General | | | |
| Artillery | N.A.E. | 78 | | | | |

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| Personnel Officer | K.K. | 79 | |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------|---|
| Tank | İ.İ. | 67 | |
| NAVAL STAFF Officer | M.İ.E. | 64 | |
| Militay Teacher | S.E. | 72 | |
| Air Force-engineer | D.K. | 77 | Partial Record given as "1958". |
| | | | The Colonel was from Çankaya. |
| | | | (4 years of higher schooling) |
| GENERAL (**) | M.K.K. | 88 | Two-Star-General |
| Infantry | R.S. | 87 | |
| NAVY | M.K. | 85 | |
| | H.S. | 77 | Branch not specified. Retiree-captain so he must be |
| | | | a disabled-retiree. |
| Infantry | O.C. | 76 | |
| Infantry | M.D. | 83 | |
| Personel Officer | A.B. | 92 | |
| Tank | İ.G.K. | 81 | |
| Quartermaster | A.A. | 78 | |
| Infantry | B.S. | 77 | |
| Engineering corps | Ş.Ö. | 82 | |
| Artillery | T.D. | 76 | |
| STAFF Officer | A.E. | 77 | |
| Infantry | S.Z.Ş. | 80 | |
| GENERAL (*) | T.N. | | One-Star-General from Râsimpaşa. Record not |
| | | | specified and accordingly age unot determined. |
| Air Force Ground Officer | A.Ö. | 90 | |
| | S.Z.K. | 84 | The Senior Major is from Bolu Section of the |
| | | | Retirees' Association. A page is devoted to him. |
| | | | But his military branch is not specified. |

END of the 9th Journal. Out of 45 obituary notices 9 were officers' wives; 1 was an honorary civilian member; 1 was an honorary female member. Net number of entries is 34.

81.0 is the average of this table.

The 10th(Last) Journal: Issue No. 190, November-December 2010

| Officer's Branch | Initials | Age at | Explanations if Required |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------|---|
| | (Name) | Death | (Crushing majority are colonels, some |
| | | | have lower ranks like LT-Col or Major) |
| Ordnance | M.F.İ. | | Record not given; accordingly age not determined. |
| Infantry | H.F.S. | 94 | |
| Infantry Colonel | Feridun | 99 | Military Record: 1931-26. |
| | Doralp | | From Çankaya. |
| | | | The longest LIFE SPAN encountered in this |
| | | | research! |
| STAFF (of Infantry) | A.E. | 84 | |

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| Artillery | O.N.T. | 77 | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| STAFF (of Artillery) | N.T.O. | 83 | | | | |
| Quartermaster | A.Y.Y. | 77 | | | | |
| Tank | A.S. | 92 | | | | |
| Air Force-Ground officer | G.E. | 64 | | | | |
| Personel Officer | A.F.T. | 75 | | | | |
| Personel Officer | H.H.Ö. | 79 | | | | |
| Personel Officer | S.E. | 87 | | | | |
| Quartermaster of | | 75 | | | | |
| GENDARMERIE | | | | | | |
| Air Force GENERAL (*) | K.E. | 74 | One-Star-General of the Air Force | | | |
| Air Force GENERAL (*) | İ.B. | 90 | One-Star-General of the Air Force | | | |
| Engineering corps | S.K. | 87 | | | | |
| Infantry | R.M.S. | 70 | | | | |
| Infantry Major | S.A. | 49 | Record:1972-78. Three years of higher schooling | | | |
| | | | (nearer times) taken into account in age- | | | |
| | | | determining. The second shortest life span, again | | | |
| | | | from Lüleburgaz. | | | |
| Jet-Maintenance- | K.Ş.A. | 74 | A Staff Officer from an auxiliary branch! (Most | | | |
| STAFF Officer | | | STAFF officers come from pilots in the air Force). | | | |
| NAVAL Military Teacher | H.D.E. | 91 | (4 years of higher schooling) | | | |
| Infantry | A.M.Ö. | 74 | | | | |
| Tank | S.T. | 64 | | | | |
| Signals | F.D. | 70 | | | | |
| Personel Officer | E.E. | 75 | | | | |
| NAVY | С.Р. | 79 | | | | |
| NAVAL Military Teacher | T.K. | 68 | | | | |
| Signals | H.D. | 81 | | | | |
| Personel Officer | R.A. | 74 | | | | |
| Military Teacher | A.T.Y. | 77 | (4 years of higher schooling) | | | |
| Infantry | A.A. | 89 | | | | |
| GENDARME | M.R.E. | 83 | | | | |
| GENERAL (*) of | F.Ç. | 87 | Crushing majority of generals are promoted from | | | |
| Ordnance Branch | | | STAFF officers. This is a sheer exception! | | | |
| Infantry | E.P. | 65 | | | | |
| END of the 10 th (Last) | Journal. C | Out of $4\overline{2}$ | obituary notices 5 were officers' wives; 1 was | | | |
| an honorary civilian m | | | | | | |
| 77.8 is the average of this table. | | | | | | |
| / .o is the average of this table. | | | | | | |

Total Average: 81.1

EXPLANATION

The War College after lycée (high school) used to be a 2-year-long junior college; and this is the basis of calculations for combat as well as combat-support officers. Those with sheer university degrees (medical doctors, veterinery surgeons, teachers of academic fields, engineers) had longer

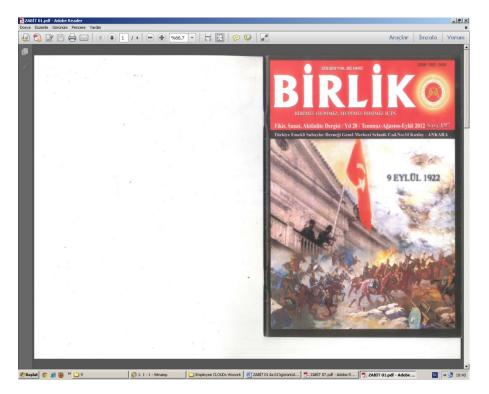




higher education; and computations were made accordingly. {Let us note that an *engineer* is a B.S.-degree-holder from a university, while a member of the *engineering corps* (reinforcer of defence-lines) is a War College graduate}.

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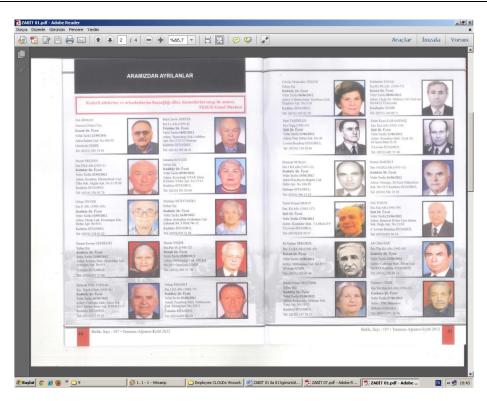
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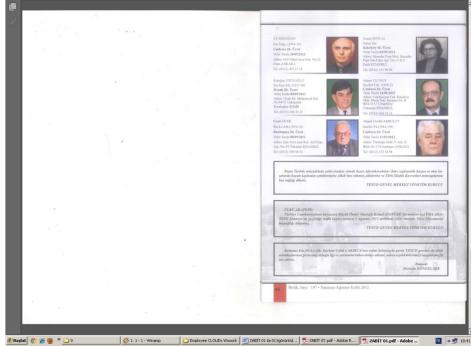
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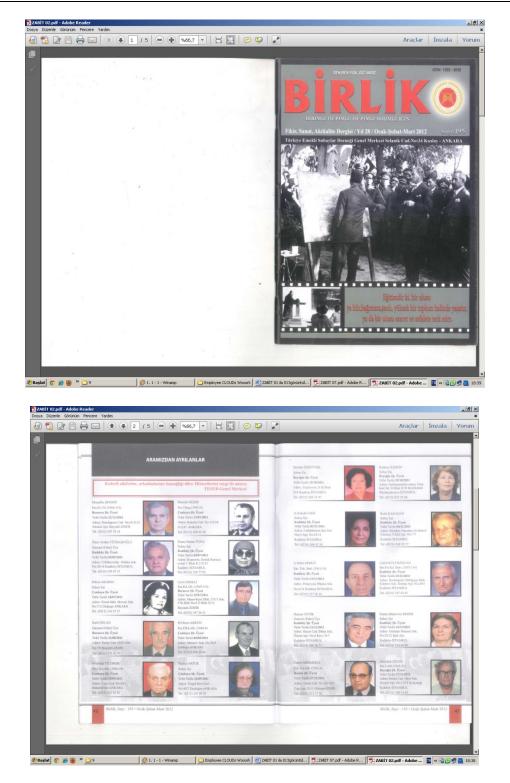


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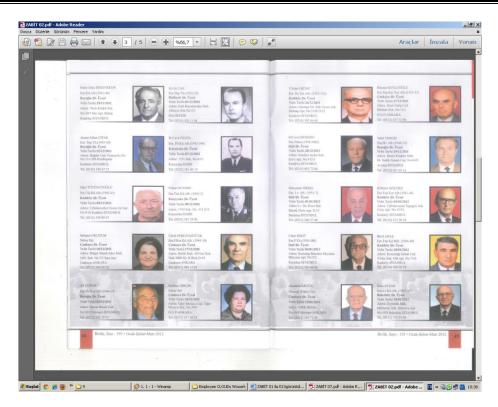
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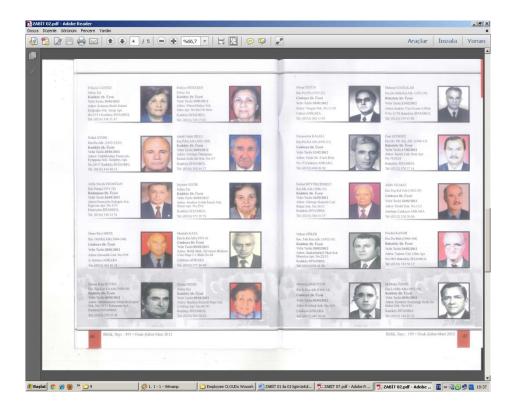






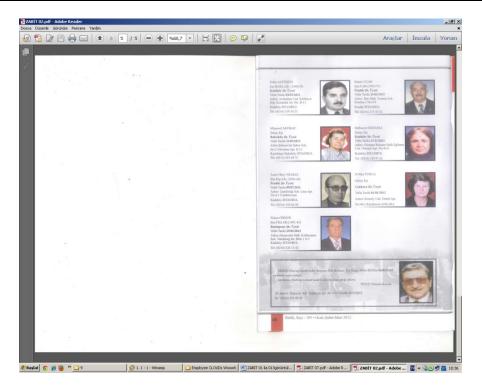












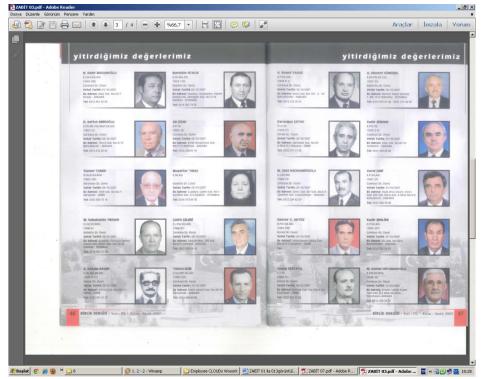
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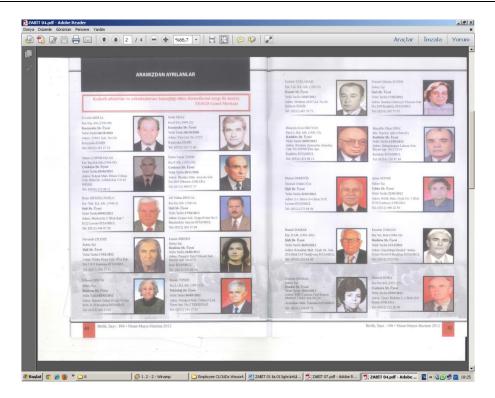


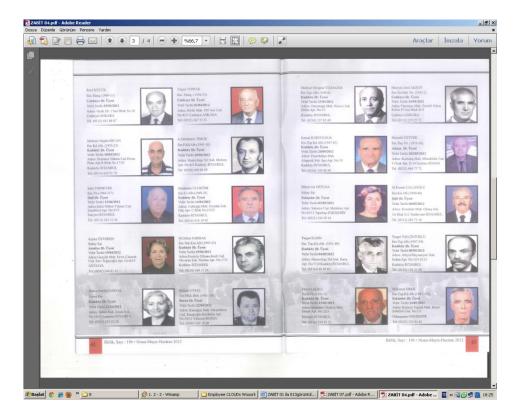
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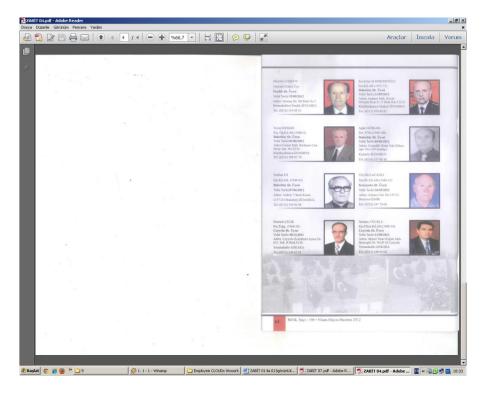




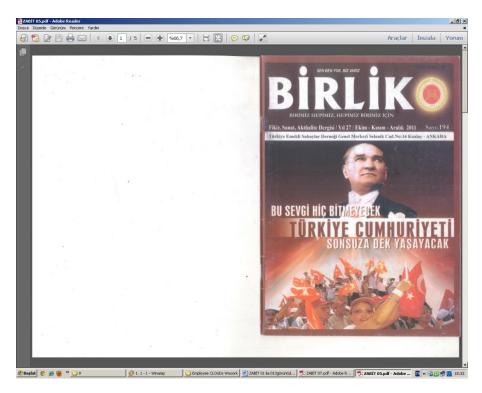






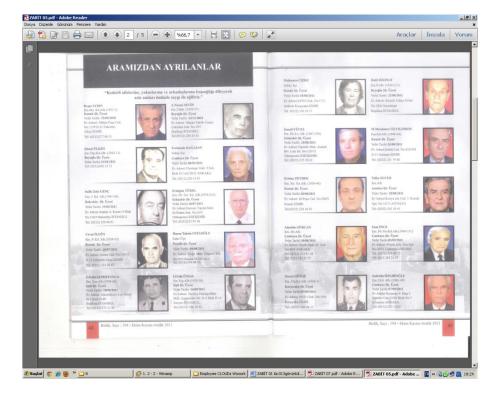


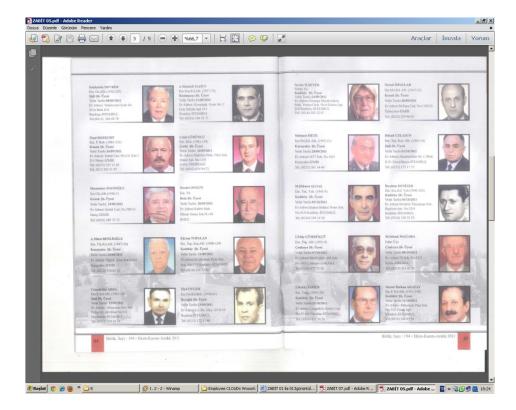
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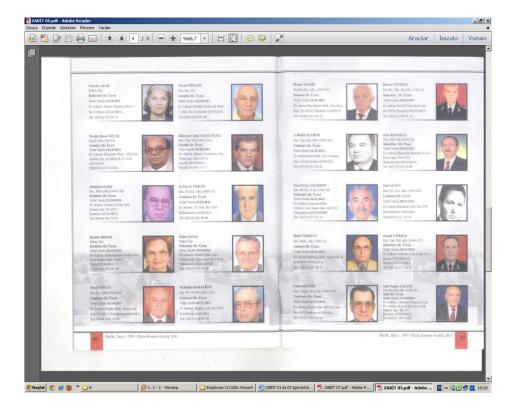


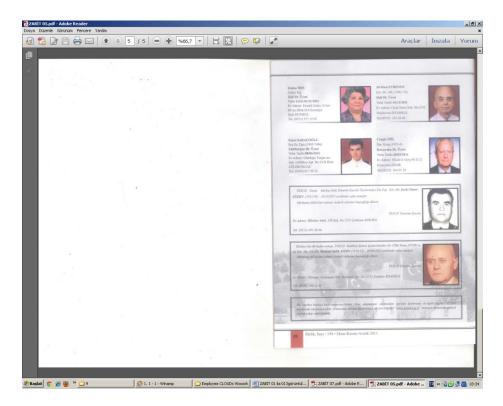








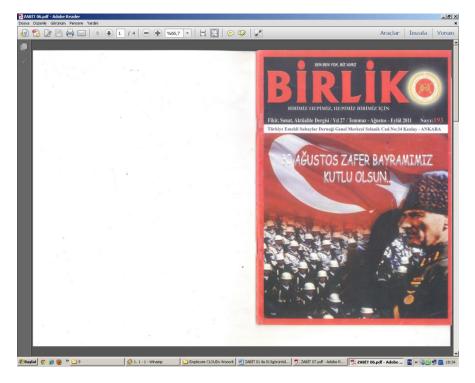


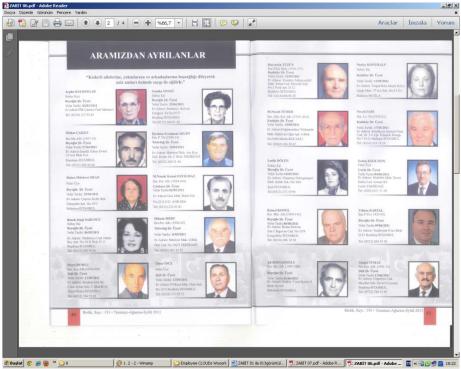






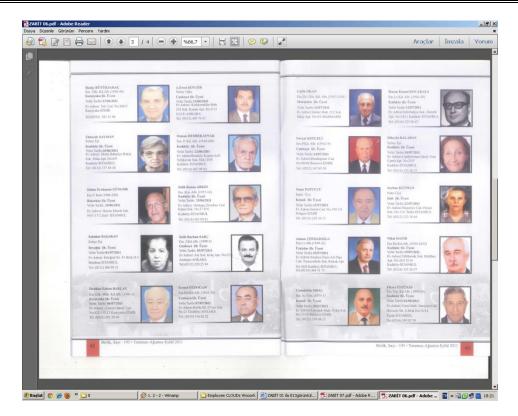
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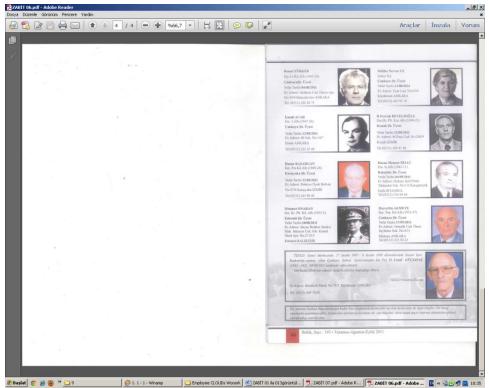










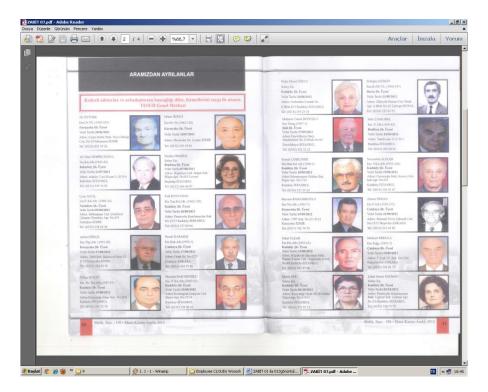






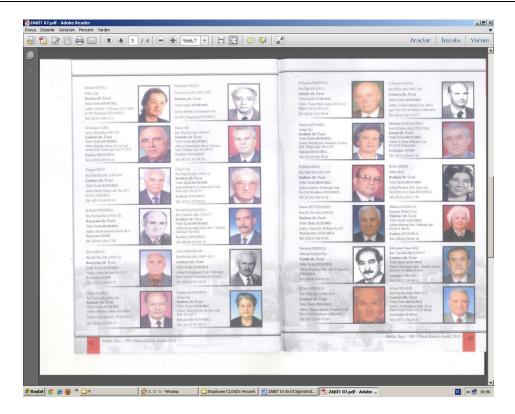
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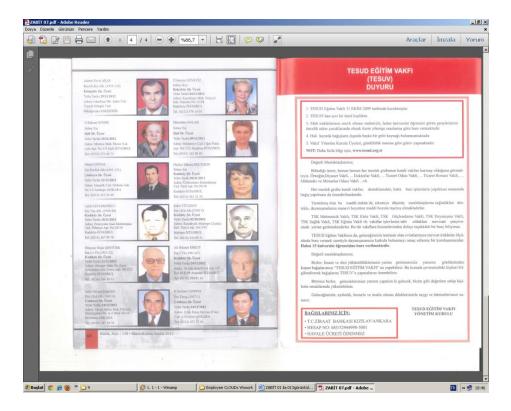










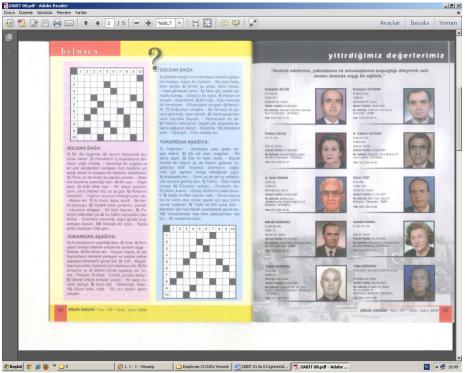






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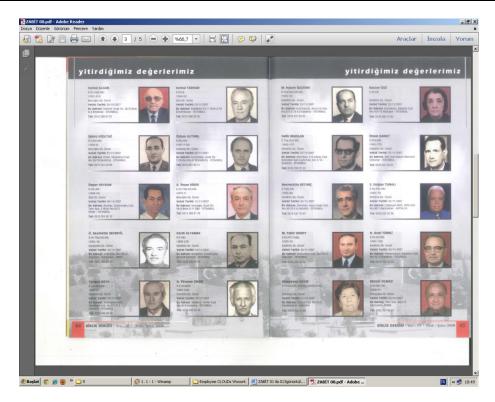


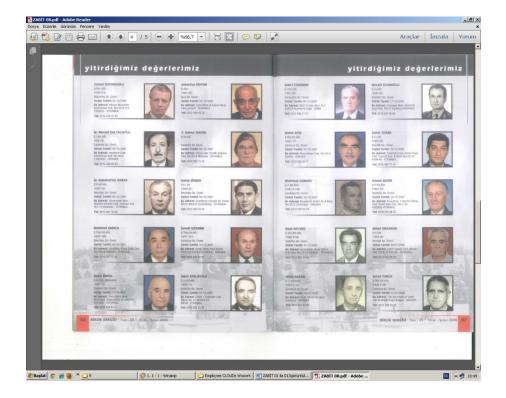




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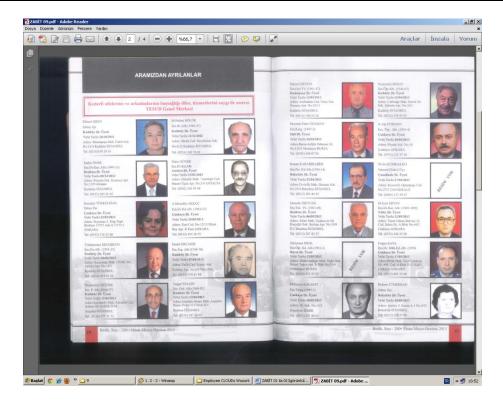


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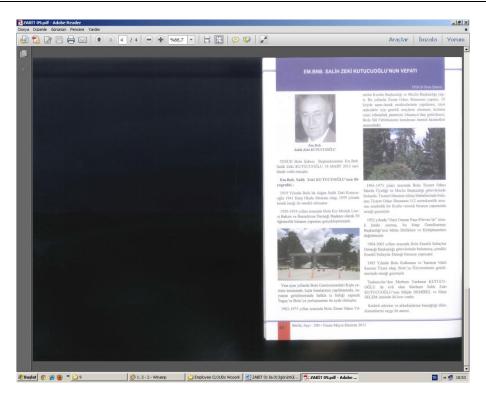






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