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ABSTRACT

‘The Duty Ours:’ A Preliminary Analysis for the Recovery of Aggies Missing in Action

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Today, there are 81,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines, who are Missing in Action from World War Two to the present day. Among the 81,000 missing are more than 193 Aggies, former students of Texas A&M University who answered the call to serve, and who have yet to come home. Among the stories, memorials, and lists of fallen Aggies at Texas A&M University, there has been one glaring omission: Aggies Missing in Action and Aggie Prisoners of War. This research provides the first list of Aggies Missing in Action from World War Two to the present. One Hundred and Seventy-One Aggies remain unaccounted for from World War Two; Twelve Aggies from the Korean War and Cold War; and ten Aggies from the Vietnam War. This scope reflects the recovery mandate established by the Department of Defense and

tasked to the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Account Agency (DPAA), who work to recover and identify service personnel who are Missing in Action on land and underwater.

This research provides the first in depth analysis and telling of the lives, service, and loss of the 193 Aggies Missing in Action. The Aggie MIA/POW Project database that accompanies this project houses the details of their lives and service, which have been researched through archival, historical, and genealogical methods. This database will continue to serve as a living history document, allowing future students and faculty to update, verify, and further the research set forth in this project. This research will also enable Texas A&M University to track the progress of MIA Aggie recovery efforts and to conduct further research potentially leading to their recovery. The information from the database supports an interactive story map that allows viewers to connect with the lives and stories of the Aggies Missing in Action.

Lastly, this research seeks to advocate for the formal memorialization and commemoration of the MIA/POW Aggies by Texas A&M University. A formal campus memorial will honor the sacrifices of the MIA/POW Aggies and their families, keeping their memory alive as one of the finest examples of selfless service and the strength of the bond shared by all Aggies. The duty is ours to honor their sacrifices and to one day bring them home.

DEDICATION

To the Families of the Missing.

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NOMENCLATURE

Aggie	A person who has attended Texas A&M University for any length of time.
AFS	Association of Former Students
DPAA	Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency
MIA	Missing in Action
POW	Prisoner of War
KIA	Killed in Action
BNR	Body Not Recovered
ROTC	Reserve Officer Training Corps
MACR	Missing Air Crew Report
WWII	World War Two
USN	United States Navy
USNR	United States Naval Reserve
USAAF	United States Army Air Force
USAF	United States Air Force
USMC	United States Marine Corps
B.G.	Brigadier General
Col.	Colonel
Cmdr.	Commander
Lt. Col.	Lieutenant Colonel
Lt. Cmdr.	Lieutenant Commander
Maj.	Major
Lt.	Lieutenant

Capt.	Captain
Ltjg.	Lieutenant Junior Grade
1Lt.	1st Lieutenant
Ens.	Ensign
2Lt.	2nd Lieutenant
Flt. O.	Flight Officer
MSgt.	Master Sergeant
SSgt.	Staff Sergeant
TSgt.	Technical Sergeant
Sgt.	Sergeant
Cpl.	Corporal
ART1c.	Aviation Radio Technician 1st Class
SM1c.	Signalman 1st Class
S1c.	Seaman 1st Class
MM2c.	Machinist's Mate 2nd Class
SK2c.	Storekeeper 2nd Class
S2c.	Seaman 2nd Class
Pfc.	Private 1st Class
RM3c.	Radioman 3rd Class
Pvt.	Private

INTRODUCTION

Dear Mrs. Adams

“Dear Mrs. Adams,” the letter began, “This seems a ruthless way to write this to you, but to us it reads like the story of a job well done...”¹

On June 5, 1945, Major Charles Benton Adams started the engine of his P-51 Mustang with orders to bomb Japanese targets south of his airfield in the Philippines. This was a routine flight for the Major; he had been stationed in the Pacific since October 1944 and had seen extensive action as a pilot. As a Squadron Leader in the 3rd Air Commando Group, Adams oversaw the day-to-day operations, especially concerned for the welfare and morale of his men.² Though far from his home in Alpine, Texas, Adams remained close with his family. He sent his latest letter home, dated June 3rd, two days before his fateful mission.³

Before he was given orders to go to the Pacific, Adams had served as a flight instructor at several airfields across the country training junior pilots.⁴ He earned his wings shortly after the establishment of the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941, leaving behind the dust and smoke of the Tank Corps where he was commissioned.

Adams was just five years out of college, having graduated in May 1940 from Texas A&M University with a degree in Agriculture and the title of Distinguished Student.⁵ Taking pride in his academics, the Alpine newspaper even mentioned his perfect attendance record in the second grade.⁶ As a member of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, Adams found a knack for soldiering. He was voted Best Drilled Cadet in 1938 and was a member of the R.O.T.C. Rifle Team. During his senior year, he served as a Cadet Major for the Cavalry Regimental Staff.⁷

Adams' legacy of service continued into the Second World War during his time as a fighter pilot, and he was cited on multiple occasions for meritorious achievement and courage as he led his squadron on missions throughout the Pacific.⁸

With engines roaring, Adams and his squadron departed the Laoag airfield on the island of Luzon on the afternoon of June 5, setting their course for Japanese targets to the south. Taking the lead, Adams dove his P-51 towards a cluster of Japanese tanks and supply trucks, just as he had many times before. After releasing his bombs however, Adams was unable to recover from the dive and entered a high-speed stall. Shortly after, his P-51 crashed into the surrounding mountains and was seen burning on impact.⁹ His last letter to his family would not reach them before a telegram arrived at their doorstep, "with deep regret."¹⁰

"I can give you details about the accident as I know them," continued the letter written by Captain Sam Pratt, to Adams' family, a month after the crash. "He was the best loved Squadron Commander I ever saw." Concluding a memorial service at their airfield, Pratt continued, "there was a long, quiet period such as always follows when a bunch of men have been deeply moved." Captain Pratt's letter also included several pictures of Adams and his men in the hope of providing some closure to his mother.¹¹

Letters like these arrived to grieving families across the country during the Second World War; letters, detailing the lives and loss of many sons. The same newspaper that once touted Adams' junior high football touchdowns now reported the devastating news of his loss, leaving a scar across his community.¹² Though a memorial was held by Adams' family, there would be no body.¹³ Major Adams and the wreckage of his P-51 remain unaccounted for to this day, lost somewhere 15 miles southeast of a town called Cervantes, in Ilocos Sur, Philippine Islands.¹⁴

Many families of the war never learned the fates of their loved ones, left only with impersonal telegrams expressing their deep regret for a son Missing in Action. The cold medals of a job well done, a framed picture on a bedside table, and a hope and belief that they might one day return, their only solace.

Major Adams is just one of 81,000 American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines, who are currently Missing in Action from World War Two to present conflicts.¹⁵ Among the 81,000 missing are more than 193 Aggies, former students of Texas A&M University who answered the call to serve, and who have yet to come home. While there are official lists of Aggies who have served and were Killed in Action, until this research, there has been no comprehensive list of Aggies Missing in Action, nor has there been any official recognition of these Aggies by Texas A&M University.

Missing the Missing at Texas A&M

Texas A&M is a university steeped in military tradition beginning with its founding in 1876. Established as a land grant university, Texas A&M mandated that all students participate in the Corps of Cadets until 1965 when it became a voluntary organization. Dedicated to fostering the values of selfless service and leadership, Texas A&M has commissioned over 25,000 officers into the United States military since 1917 and has sent countless others to serve their communities and nation at large.¹⁶

Honoring the university's legacy of service, Texas A&M has dedicated multiple memorials, buildings, and sub-organizations to the memory of Aggies who have served. Campus memorials, extending from the Spanish American War to the Global War on Terrorism, line the entrance to the Corps of Cadets dormitories and are dotted throughout campus. The Memorial Student Center's Hall of Honor, dedicated specifically to the memory of fallen students, holds

the names of fallen Aggies etched in bronze and glass across its walls.¹⁷ Among the stories, memorials, and lists of names, however, there is one glaring omission: Aggies Missing in Action and Aggie Prisoners of War. The goal of this research is to change that.

As the preliminary analysis of Aggies Missing in Action, the goals of this research have been threefold. Firstly, to provide Texas A&M University with the first comprehensive list of Texas A&M service personnel who remain unaccounted for from the Second World War to the present day, a scope reflecting the recovery mandate of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.¹⁸ Over 193 Aggies have been identified as currently Missing in Action and unaccounted for through research conducted by the Aggie MIA/POW Research Team: World War Two, 171 Aggies; Korean War, 11 Aggies; Cold War, 1 Aggie; Vietnam War, 10 Aggies. The following pages are the first to tell the stories of their lives, service, and loss.

Secondly, this research seeks to provide Texas A&M University with a database that will serve as a living history document to house the details, stories, and lives of Aggies Missing in Action. As the first analysis of its kind, it is the intention that research expand to include all fallen Aggies, including POWs. In its present form, the information housed within the database will lay the foundation for future students and faculty to track the progress of MIA Aggie recoveries and to conduct further research potentially leading to their recovery. As a living history document, the MIA Aggie database will also allow for all information to be continually updated and verified, providing future students and faculty opportunities for further research and analysis.

The information within the database will also be used to support an interactive platform, presently in the form of a story map. The goal of the story map is to provide viewers with the ability to connect with the lives and stories of the Aggies Missing in Action; this concept is

currently being expanded through a senior capstone project within the Department of Geography. This interactive map will be housed on a website with accompanying biographies and photographs of the Aggies Missing in Action. These biographies are currently being written by student interns based on the research gathered through this project.

Lastly, this research seeks to advocate for the formal memorialization and commemoration of the MIA/POW Aggies by Texas A&M University. The sacrifices of the MIA Aggie families continue, left without closure regarding a fallen loved one. A formal campus memorial will honor the sacrifices of the MIA/POW Aggies and their families, keeping their memory alive as one of the finest examples of selfless service. Above all, this research seeks to tell their stories so that future generations will never forget their sacrifice.

The Aggie MIA/POW Project

Missing in Action is the classification given by the Department of Defense to members of the armed forces who are missing as a result of a hostile action or a duty related accident.¹⁹ Missing in Action is also a term used in conjunction with “unaccounted for.” A Missing in Action service member is declared “accounted for” when they have returned, or when their remains have been recovered. The Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Agency (DPAA) is tasked by the Department of Defense with recovering and identifying American service personnel who are classified as Missing in Action. The scope of the DPAA’s recovery efforts includes all missing service personnel from World War Two to the present, with recoveries being conducted on land and underwater.²⁰ This recovery mandate reflects the first research goal of the Aggie MIA/POW Project which is to provide the names of MIA Aggies from World War Two to the present. This list will be expanded in the future to include the names of Aggies who are missing from wars prior to World War Two.

The ability to research and recover service personnel who are Missing in Action is primarily due to the many emerging technological advancements that have taken place during the 21st century. For example, the advent of 3-D technology, the discovery and use of DNA testing, and advancements in underwater search methods are leading to a greater likelihood of recovery in a more efficient and accurate manner.²¹ The increase in technological advancements also includes more readily accessible information in the form of online genealogical and historical documentation which is useful in determining the circumstances of loss for service personnel and the history of their service.

Compiling a list of Aggies Missing in Action using the technology and resources of just 20 years ago would have been a near impossibility. Newly created genealogical and historical databases have provided the Aggie MIA/POW Research Team with the backgrounds and basis to verify and cross-check lists of Aggies Killed in Action with the DPAA's official list of Missing in Action. The most frequented databases include Find a Grave, Find an Aggie, Family Search, Ancestry, Fold3, and Texas A&M yearbooks. These databases and their uses in determining the background of MIA Aggies will be expanded upon in the following chapters.

These databases and resources, along with providing the verification needed to compile an official list of Texas A&M's Missing in Action, have also supplied the background knowledge to tell the story of their lives, service, and the circumstances of their loss. Online archival resources such as enlistment records, Missing Air Crew Reports (MACRs), censuses, unit histories, photographs, and letters provided by family members, have all served to form a picture of who these Aggies were.

Fortunately for today's researchers, early forms of documentation employed by the Texas A&M University Association of Former Students, established in 1919, have also kept

remarkably good track of past students, including their addresses and activities; a substantial feat before computers.²² Volume XII of the *Texas Aggie*, published by the Association of Former Students on February 15, 1944, for example, provided the ranks, names, and locations of 89 Aggie Prisoners of War, with following pages denoting births of future Aggies, deaths, and military promotions.²³

The Second World War had drastic effects for Texas A&M University and its students. By 1943, student enrollment had dropped from 6,000 to 2,000.²⁴ Cadets from all classes were being called to active service, either through enlistment, or accelerated cadet to officer programs.²⁵ By 1945 it was reported that over 20,000 Aggies, of 40,000 living alumni, had served in the military during World War Two.²⁶ While Texas A&M kept and maintained enrollment records, now published on the Find an Aggie database, during the war it was impossible to maintain a clear picture of what happened to each student. Many of the Aggies within the following pages would never receive their degree, attending classes only for a short time before going to war.

The annual Aggie Muster, held every April 21st to honor Aggies who died during the year, served to form the first lists of Aggies who were Killed in Action. The designation of Missing in Action during the Second World War was a term in constant flux. During World War II it was most directly used as a place holder; for example, soldiers declared Missing in Action did return home after war, and those of the missing who were known to be killed or declared dead were often listed as Body Not Recovered or Killed in Action.²⁷ As a result, an accurate list of Aggies Missing in Action was not produced until this research.

Recent publications, including *Texas Aggies Go to War*, by Henry C. Dethloff, and *The Book of Aggie Lists*, by James R. Woodall, provide an in-depth analysis and record of the history

of Texas A&M and the military service of its students. Sections within the books do include lists of Aggies Killed in Action and lists of MIA/POW Aggies, although sections on MIA/POW Aggies are sparse and incomplete. For example, Appendix G of *Texas Aggies Go to War* lists the names of Aggies who died while serving in the military during World War Two without making a distinction between those who have been accounted for and those who are still Missing in Action. This discrepancy is not due to the fault of any researcher or author, but due to lack of access to resources that now allow the verification and expansion of these lists.

Through a rigorous verification process, outlined in the following chapters, the basis of this preliminary list of MIA Aggies has been the result of cross-checking names of KIA Aggies against the DPAA's official lists of the missing. This process has included gathering all known lists of fallen Aggies from lists published in books, articles, and yearbooks, to various memorials across campus that student interns have photographed, cross-checked, and researched.

For example, a name published on a list of fallen Aggies was cross checked against lists provided within the DPAA website. If a similar name was located and confirmed, the name was verified through the Find an Aggie and Find a Grave databases which provide information on expected class year and degree, as well as the location of burial or memorial, for example, recovered and buried or listed on the Courts of the Missing. From there, newspapers, censuses, and other personal records are used to further verify their status as Missing in Action and to create the most complete picture of their lives, service, and loss.

Gathering these lists, and cross-checking names across different lists, has also ensured that no fallen Aggie is left unnamed. *Texas Aggies Go to War* lists the names of 858 Aggies who died during World War Two,²⁸ while author John A. Adams Jr. reported 953 in *Keepers of The*

Spirit, without listing any names.²⁹ Gathering these various lists not only contributes to the list of MIA Aggies, but to a more expansive and accurate list of all fallen Aggies.

Since this information will be kept on an online database managed by the Aggie MIA/POW Research Team, this preliminary list of Aggies Missing in Action will be continually verified and updated as future research methods emerge. This project, notwithstanding its express goals in providing a comprehensive list and analysis of Aggies Missing in Action, has also created a platform for all Aggie lists to be verified, allowing the university to have the most recent and up-to-date knowledge on all former students who have served and who have fallen.

This process of verifying lists of MIA and KIA Aggies also includes the process of compiling a complete list of Aggies who are classified as Prisoners of War. Service personnel who are classified as Prisoners of War are inextricably linked to the missing. For example, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency expressly calls for the fullest accounting of all American service personnel who have been designated as a Prisoner of War or declared Missing in Action. According to the most current research, 34 of the 193 Aggies Missing in Action were Prisoners of War at the time they were declared missing. Several are reported as potential Prisoners of War, but sources verifying their exact status are still being investigated. Compiling a list of Aggies who were Prisoners of War is a difficult, but an equally necessary process, and it is the hope that the research and verification methods outlined in this project will contribute to the creation of a more substantial list of POW Aggies.

For the purposes of this project, it is also important to note that the MIA/POW Project has not been directed by and has not been conducted in association with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, nor is this research being used in the active recovery of any Missing in Action service personnel. The express goal of this research is to identify and memorialize the

lives, service, and loss of MIA Aggies. It is the eventual hope that students and faculty of Texas A&M University will one day have the opportunity to aid in the search and recovery of their fellow Aggies, and it is through this research that I hope to lay the foundation for this work to be conducted in the future.

Conception of the Aggie MIA/POW Project

Major Charles Benton Adams was one of the first Aggies I researched as a member of the History Research Internship under Dr. Erika Bravo, in July 2022. The goal of the internship, in partnership with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, was to locate photographs of Missing in Action Texans in order to update existing DPAA profiles of the individuals.



Figure 1: Cadet Charles Benton Adams, Texas A&M Long Horn, 1940.

The photo I found of Major Charles Benton Adams was from the 1940 *Long Horn*, Texas A&M's yearbook published from 1903 to 1948.³⁰ Wearing Class Alphas, the highest dress uniform still worn by the Corps of Cadets today, Adams sat proudly with medals adorned and Sam Browne belt strapped across his chest.³¹ His senior photo has since been uploaded to the DPAA's database for view by the public.

Recognizing the usefulness of the Texas A&M yearbooks as a resource to find the photos of Texans Missing in Action, Dr. Bravo asked if I would compile a list of Aggies who were on the MIA Texan photo research sheet. After consulting various websites and books on Aggie service, it was clear that A&M did not have an official list or count of fallen Aggies who are Missing in Action.

Having found a very pertinent need to produce a list of MIA Aggies, the History Research Internship was adapted to accommodate this project. My research project was accepted by the LAUNCH Undergraduate Research Scholars Thesis Program in the summer of 2023, and work began to compile a list of MIA Aggies and to develop the research and verification methods needed to tell their stories fully and accurately.

The methods used and practiced in the History Research Internship laid the framework for the Aggie MIA/POW Project. A preliminary list of 155 Aggies Missing in Action, from World War Two, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, was produced by cross-checking names of KIA Aggies, from *Texas Aggies Go to War*, with a list of MIA Texans published by the DPAA.³² This original list did not incorporate Aggies who were out-of-state students or those who enlisted outside of Texas.

Learning curves like these have been important stepping stones in the research portion of this project, and each new breakthrough has led to a greater yield of information. After cross-

checking names against the DPAA's nation-wide list, using a master-list of fallen Aggies compiled from greater resources across campus, including memorials, articles, and books, the current number of Aggies Missing in Action is now greater than 193 individuals.³³

The findings published in the following pages are the result of group research that has spanned only a single year, from March 2023 to March 2024. The research, conducted through the Texas A&M History Research Internship since the summer of 2023, has come to include 11 graduate and undergraduate students spanning multiple class years, backgrounds, disciplines, and includes the specialties, knowledge, support, and experience of multiple faculty members across the university. The work has since involved the efforts of three seniors within the Department of Geography to create an interactive map and platform to preserve the stories of these Aggies. Progress towards the creation of a physical memorial and official website to honor MIA/POW Aggies is also taking place with the help of Texas A&M University and its distinguished alumni.

This research will preserve the legacy of men like Charles Benton Adams. As a living history document, this project will continue to give future students and faculty the opportunity to directly engage in research pertaining to the lives and service of fallen Aggies; allowing others to continue to verify, update, and complete their stories. It is the hope that this project will bring MIA/POW Aggies back into the memory of today's students and alumni, and it is the hope that those like Charles Benton Adams will one day be returned to their families.

Omnia Pro Patria

Among the artifacts at the National Prisoner of War Museum in Andersonville, Georgia, stands a modestly crafted eight-foot-tall cross of white cement. The inscription across its prism-like base reads simply, *Omnia Pro Patria*, All For Country.³⁴ The cross, formed from a single sack of cement, was constructed by American POWs in the summer of 1942 to stand as a

monument to their fallen comrades at Camp O'Donnell, a Japanese Prisoner of War camp in the Philippines. Camp O'Donnell was the first stop for POWs who endured the 65-mile Death March across Bataan, and where over 1,547 Americans perished within its gates. Though initially constructed to honor the Americans who died in Camp O'Donnell, the symbol of the sack-of-cement cross has come to memorialize the struggle and immense loss endured by all POWs during the war.³⁵

Of the 75,000 Filipino and American service personnel taken prisoner by the Japanese after the fall of the Philippines were more than 80 Aggies.³⁶ They are known collectively as the Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor. Stripped of their belongings, they were sentenced to grueling months of severe punishment, intense heat, and cramped quarters crawling with lice- all with little to no food or water. Death was a daily occurrence.³⁷ Captain Robley David Evans, Texas A&M Class of 1940, was among the estimated 33 Aggies who managed to survive the Japanese POW camps and return home after the war.³⁸

Captain Evans' story is especially striking because with him survived the notebooks and records of the intense brotherhood and loss he experienced as a prisoner. Among his statements of testimony delivered to the U.S. government after World War Two includes a passage about his capture on Bataan before embarking upon the death march to Camp O'Donnell. After being stripped of his belongings, Capt. Evans approached the Japanese commanding officer, demanding the return of his A&M class ring. He was severely beaten on the spot.³⁹ A common issue among Aggies, Lieutenant Urban Hopmann, Texas A&M Class of 1939, survived the war as a POW by burying his Aggie Ring each night, reportedly declaring, "You can do whatever you want with me, but you can't take my Aggie Ring!"⁴⁰

Aside from keeping general records of personnel and events, Captain Evans' notebook also preserved numerous pages of bets placed with his fellow prisoners. Winners were likely to get a full meal of their choice, or tickets to an Aggie football game all expenses paid:

“Four Tickets All Expenses to Turkey Day Game. Luzon Not Bombed Prior to 12/15/43.

W. M. Curtis (WON)”⁴¹

Captain William Mark Curtis, Texas A&M Class of 1932, would not live to see his end of the bet with Captain Evans. Captain Curtis later perished with 13 fellow Aggies aboard the Japanese POW transport ship, also known Hell Ship, *Arisan Maru*, when it was sunk on October 24, 1944.⁴² Captain Curtis and 1,773 POWs from the ship are still unaccounted for.⁴³

Even among death, these notebooks and stories show how the American POWs faced each unknown day with a hope and courage that cannot be described. There is also something to be found within these stories that is as equally indescribable: how Aggies were willing to risk their lives for a college class ring; how Aggies, in the midst of the month-long siege of Corregidor, would still come together to honor the Texas A&M Muster tradition; how the thought of seeing an A&M football game was able to give an Aggie hope for life after the war. The story of fallen Aggies cannot be told without an understanding of their intense connection to each other and to Texas A&M.

I joined the Corps of Cadets in the Fall of 2021. Our first outing beyond the Quad during Freshmen Orientation Week began with a walk to the Memorial Student Center. Walking down the Hall of Honor we were brought to the Aggies Lost in Service Memorial, where we were told to find the name of 1Lt. Doyle Hufstedler inscribed on a pane of glass. 1Lt. Hufstedler, Texas

A&M Class of 2001, was an Aggie from my company in the Corps of Cadets who gave his life on March 31, 2004. His legacy is still honored and remembered today by each incoming class. Here, we were told to memorize our first “campusology,” John 15:13, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” That night, and the following nights, we were read the Medal of Honor citations of the eight Aggie recipients as we settled in after lights-out.

From day one bonds were formed that would “Marry and Bury” my buddies and I. Passed down from each class year to the next, these stories are the basis for the training Aggies receive in the Corps of Cadets. From learning the lessons of discipline and character, to the highest honor of selfless service, these stories prepare the next generation to face a future unknown. Though each person takes away something different from each story, it is in these stories that we find what is truly important in life: hope, courage, and love for humankind. Today, my buddies and I are just as excited as the Aggies who graduated over 100 years ago to earn our class rings, and we are always looking forward to the next football game. It is through these stories and shared experiences, spanning generations, that we have developed a deep relationship with each other, and it is through these stories, and values found within them, that all Aggies are connected.

Captain Robley David Evans survived the war and finally returned home in October, 1945.⁴⁴ He was married in March of 1946.⁴⁵ His story lives on through the legacy of his son, Judge David Evans, Texas A&M Class of 1971. All of these men, beyond their connection as Aggies, were husbands and sweethearts to those waiting at home; children to parents overcome with worry and fear; and fathers to children who would only know them from stories and pictures. Their stories make me proud to be an Aggie, and I hope that their memory will continue to inspire generations to come.

1. AMERICAN ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS

1.1 No Man Left Behind

No man left behind is not just a motto in the armed forces, it is a deeply honored practice that represents the bonds shared by service personnel in and out of combat and the desire to have closure for a fallen loved one. The phrase “I will never leave a fallen comrade,” recited by soldiers as part of the U.S. Army Soldier’s Creed, goes beyond a deeply ingrained set of ideals, but a true desire to recover ones’ buddy if lost. Micheal Sledge, author of *Soldier Dead: How we Recover, Identify, Bury, and Honor Our Military Dead*, divides the recovery of military personnel into five categories: “combat recovery, postcombat recovery, area clearance recovery, historical recovery, and non-combat recovery.”¹

Born into formal policy with the creation of the Graves Registration Service in 1917, historical recovery began out of a desire to address the issues of soldiers left behind; desires expressed and supported by fellow soldiers, families, and governments. The express duties of the Graves Registration Service were to identify remains, and to conduct, record, relocate, and maintain burials of fallen soldiers.² Recoveries, identifications, and burials continued through into World War Two, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Several agencies, including the Joint Personnel Recovery Center and the Joint Casualty Resolution Center were created as part of the effort to recover and identify American POWs and MIAs during the Vietnam War. Following the Vietnam War, this mission culminated in the creation Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, the predecessor of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, which conducted recoveries of unaccounted for American service personnel across all past conflicts, reexamining past cases in which recovery as an option had been a previous impossibility.

1.2 Fulfilling the Nation's Promise

Today, the mission of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is to “provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing service personnel to their families and the nation.”³ The research conducted and outlined within this project represents the first step of this mission. Before physical recoveries of missing individuals can be conducted, extensive background information must be gathered to provide the context of their loss and to help pinpoint their last known location.

In this stage, historians serve as investigators and detectives, pouring into every detail of the context and circumstances behind a service person's loss. This includes broad contextual analysis about the scope of a conflict to the minute details of locating the serial numbers of aircraft parts. This also includes gathering and analyzing after action reports, Missing Air Crew Reports (MACRs), historic maps, as well as witness testimony. Survey teams, based on the information provided by historians and analysts, are sent into the field to determine the exact location of a wreck and to identify it as the wreck in question.

The map on the following page is from MACR 9096, describing the loss of B-25J #43-3964 on October 6, 1944.⁴ Among the 6 crew members who went down in the crash was Bombardier 2nd Lieutenant George Leslie Mauldin, Texas A&M Class of 1942. 2Lt. Mauldin was a member of the 83rd Bombardment Squadron, 12th Bombardment Group (Medium), when he was shot down by Japanese fighters during a mission to bomb the Nyaungyan bridge in Mandalay, Burma. He was only 23 years old.

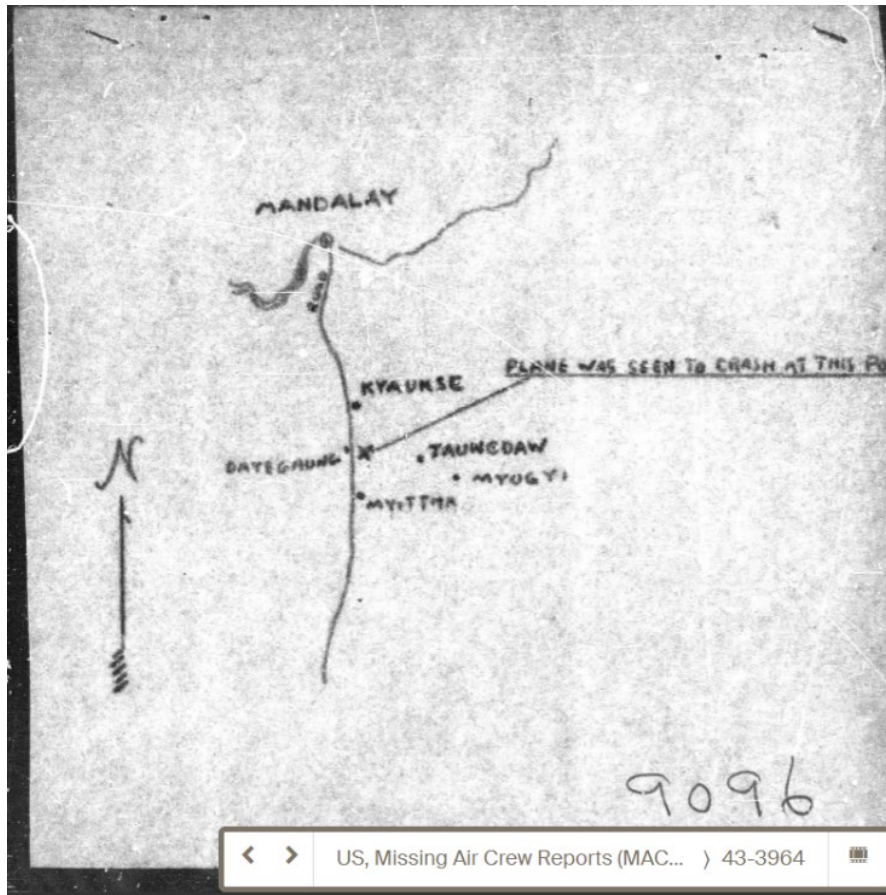


Figure 2: MACR 9096.

While inaccurate and not to scale, the hand drawn map in MACR 9096 helps to pinpoint the crash to a general location south of the modern-day town of Kyaukse, Myanmar, and north of Myittha, Myanmar. The MACR pinpoints the wreck in the direct vicinity of $21^{\circ} 30' N 96^{\circ} 07' E$.⁵ Though initial search efforts failed to locate the wreck, modern technology including survey equipment, map-overlays, and statistical analysis, can help to increase the chances of recovery.⁶ The map-overlay on the next page represents this process.

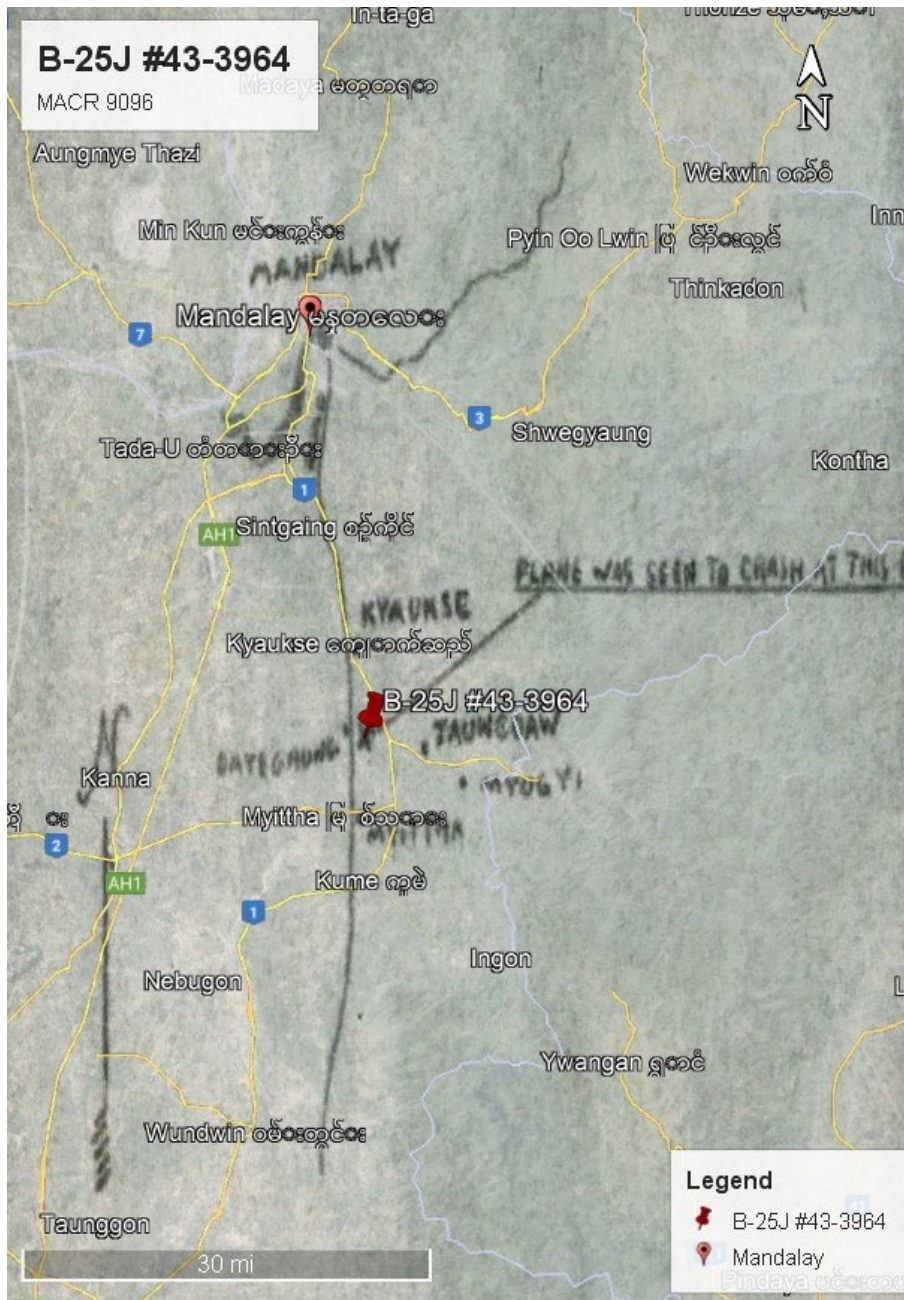


Figure 3: Google Earth Pro image overlay, not to scale.

Surveyors and remote sensing specialists use remote sensing technology such as ground penetrating radar (GPR), light detection and ranging (LiDAR), magnetometers, and sonar systems to locate wrecks on land and underwater. These systems use and measure magnetic signals, sound waves, and light waves to detect metal objects or man-made shapes. Gathering the personnel, material, and time to conduct a survey and recovery is an expensive process, and a high burden of proof is needed before a positive identification of a wreck, or an individual, is confirmed.

After the investigative process is complete, a recovery team is sent out to excavate the wreck site and to search for human remains. A typical 10-14 person DPAA Recovery Team (RT) consists of, “a forensic anthropologist, team leader and sergeant, linguist, medic, life support technician, communications technician, forensic photographer, explosive ordnance disposal technician, and mortuary affairs specialists.”⁷ Trained to operate both on land and underwater, and using tools ranging from trowels to dredges, the goal of the Recovery Team is to collect the sediment, artifacts, and identifying pieces from the wreck site. The tools and excavation techniques of archaeology are applied to ensure proper recovery and recording of all remains.⁸

After collection, the sediment from the site is meticulously sifted through to find evidence of human remains and bone fragments. Human remains recovered during the excavation are sent to DPAA identification laboratories in Hawaii and at the Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. DNA analysis is conducted on the remains to confirm a missing person’s identity with Mitochondrial DNA provided by family members. Historical records including photographs, chest X-Rays, dental records, and medical records are used to supplement this analysis, leading to a greater likelihood of identification.⁹ Once identification is confirmed, the

Service Casualty Office will contact the missing person's family, and the recovery process is complete.

In the words of author, Micheal Sledge, "By bringing their remains home, we help bereaved families form a new social identity for them; by recognizing their contributions in our cemeteries and ceremonies, we attempt to give their sacrifice meaning."¹⁰ It is through recovering soldiers that we ourselves recover as a nation after a time of war, and for the families of the missing, the war will never be over until their loved one is returned.

2. FIGHTIN' TEXAS AGGIES

2.1 “No One Suffered More Than The Aggies”

“No one suffered more than the Aggies – so we’ll give it to them.”

- Texas Governor Allan Shivers, 1950

Hanging in the Texas A&M Academic Building is a one-ton replica of the Liberty Bell. On behalf of the Liberty Bell Savings Bond drive, fifty-five of these replicas were presented by President Truman to state and territorial governments in 1950. Rather than place the replica bell in the state capitol building as was common practice, Texas Governor Allan Shivers presented it to Texas A&M University. In his speech to the university, Shivers stated, “No one suffered more than the Aggies – so we’ll give it to them... Its clear tone will remind us that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.”¹

Nowhere is this sentiment better expressed than in the sheer number of Aggies who have served in the military throughout our nation’s wars and conflicts. During World War Two, for example, Texas A&M produced more officers than any other service academy.² Aggies could be found on all fronts from the beaches of Normandy to the bloody sands of the Pacific. General Douglas MacArthur, speaking of former Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Commandant and defender of Corregidor, General George F. Moore ‘08, wrote “...Texas A&M is writing its own military history in the blood of its graduates... Whenever I see a Texas man in my command, I have a feeling of confidence...”³ It is with this feeling that Aggies of all generations have carried out their duty at home and abroad, and it is the traditions and values of Texas A&M that have kept their memory alive.

2.2 Campus Traditions and Early Lists Honoring Fallen Aggies

April 19, 1945: "Silver Taps To Be Played for Aggie World War II Dead Sat:

Approximately Four Hundred-Fifty Exes Have Made Supreme Sacrifice."⁴



Figure 4: The Battalion Newspaper, April 19, 1945.⁵

Silver Taps is a student tradition dating back to the early 1900s, when cadets would gather to honor a fellow cadet who passed away. Today, Silver Taps is conducted on the first Tuesday of every month and involves all students, continuing to serve as an important part in the bond shared by all Aggies.⁶ Student articles, like the one pictured above from the campus newspaper, *The Battalion*, preserved these early lists of student deaths gathered for and honored by Silver Taps ceremonies. These lists have been especially helpful in the research process of compiling a list of Aggies Missing in Action.



THESE ARE AGGIES who have gloriously served their country. Some have died, never to be with us again. Others are "missing in action" and there is the hope that some day they will return, alive, safe and sound.



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| ELBERT, B. ANDING, '26 | LT. BARRY C. FRANCKS, JR., '41 | SGT. P. C. NOEL, '41 |
| COL. E. E. ALDRIDGE, '16 | SECOND LT. ARTHUR E. GARY, '40 | Missing Overseas |
| Missing from the Philippines | SECOND LT. CHARLES GASKELL, '41 | LT. JOHN R. NOLES, '39 |
| SECOND LT. A. J. ALLEN, '39 | Missing from the Philippines | Missing from the Philippines |
| CAPT. J. J. BACKLOUPE, '33 | LT. FRANK GENSBERG, '38 | CAPT. EDWARD A. OBERGFELL, '32 |
| ROBERT M. BAIRD, '40 | Missing from the Philippines | CAPT. O. W. ORSON, '32 |
| LT. ALFO L. BAKER, '40 | CAPT. ADOLPH H. GIESECKE, '26 | Missing from the Philippines |
| PILOT OFFICER | Missing from the Philippines | LT. FERDINAND B. PARIS, JR., '38 |
| WM. HENRY BAKER, '41 | LT. SYDNEY R. GREER, '35 | LT. JAMES W. PARKER, '39 |
| Missing in Action | Missing from the Philippines | LT. BRADY OSCAR PARKER, '40 |
| SECOND LT. J. C. BARHAM, '36 | LT. PAUL R. GREGORY, '40 | Missing in Action |
| CAPT. JOHN A. E. BERGSTROM, '29 | Missing from the Philippines | FIRST LT. |
| LT. WILLIAM BOYD, '38 | LT. WILLIAM HAMILTON, '40 | EDWIN F. PATTERSON, '42 |
| Missing from the Philippines | Missing from the Philippines | TRUMAN D. PEALE, '38 |
| MAJOR PAUL A. BROWN, '39 | FIRST LT. | SECOND LT. |
| Missing from the Philippines | CLIFFORD G. HARDWICKE, JR., '37 | MARVIN M. PEARSON, JR., '40 |
| LT. BILLY D. BRUNDRIDGE, '41 | FLYING CADET | CAPT. CHESTER A. PEYTON, '33 |
| GEORGE C. BRUNDRETT, '33 | DUKE W. HARRISON, JR., '40 | Missing from the Philippines |
| Missing from the Philippines | SECOND LT. JOHN R. HARSHEY, '41 | LT. CARL PIPKIN, '40 |
| CAPT. S. D. BURNS, '35 | CAPT. GRAHAM M. HATCH, '31 | Missing from the Philippines |
| Missing from the Philippines | Missing from the Philippines | CAPT. ROSS N. REID, '34 |
| LT. JOHN F. BURNS, '39 | FIRST LT. JULIUS B. HEINEN, JR., '34 | LT. JOHN F. RETTIGER, '31 |
| CAPT. WILBERT A. CALVERT, '38 | Missing in Action in Java | HIRAM A. PUTNAM, '38 |
| Missing from the Philippines | LT. TED ADAIR HILGER, '34 | LT. JAMES M. ROWLAND, '41 |
| JAMES D. CANTRELL, '44 | SECOND LT. RICHARD G. HILL, '41 | CAPT. HENRY J. SCHUTTE, JR., '39 |
| LT. CLIFTON CHAMBERLAIN, '40 | FIRST LT. ADDIE J. HOGAN, '38 | CAPT. WILLIS A. SCRIVENER, '37 |
| Missing from the Philippines | Missing from the Philippines | CHARLES THOMAS SHERMAN, '41 |
| LT. MAXY C. CHENAULT, '37 | LT. JAMES R. HOLMES, '36 | ENSIGN LEE JOSEPH SHUDDE, '38 |
| Missing from the Philippines | Missing from the Philippines | LT. DAVID L. SILVERMAN, '39 |
| LT. LEWIS B. CHEVALLIER, '39 | LT. URBAN C. HOPMANN, '40 | LT. HERBERT E. SMITH, '40 |
| Missing from the Philippines | Missing from the Philippines | LT. MARVIN J. SMITH, '39 |
| LT. JACK W. CLARK, '39 | SGT. HUGH HUNT, '38 | LT. DAVID SNELL, '37 |
| LT. GEORGE P. COOK, '33 | Missing from the Philippines | FIRST LT. GORDON S. STEPHENS, '40 |
| LT. Wm. M. CURTIS, '32 | LT. ANDY JAMES, '40 | LT. JAMES HOROLD STEWARD, '44 |
| Missing from the Philippines | Missing from the Philippines | LT. WILLIAM MARION TAYLOR, '39 |
| MAJOR CLARENCE R. DAVIS, '27 | CAPT. STEPHEN A. JONES, '34 | LT. CAROL H. THOMAS, '38 |
| CAPT. WILLIAM E. DAVIS, '29 | LT. J. J. KEETER, JR., '40 | SECOND LT. |
| LT. CHAS. M. DEMPFWOLF, '35 | LT. JACK W. KELLY, '29 | AUBREY LAWLESS TOBIAS, JR., '41 |
| Missing from the Philippines | Missing from the Philippines | LT. L. C. TUCKER, JR., '44 |
| LT. HUGH A. DERRICK, '39 | MAJOR JOHN V. KING | LT. GEORGE E. TURNER, JR., '40 |
| Missing from the Philippines | Missing from the Philippines | SERGEANT WILLIAM S. TYLER, '43 |
| MAJOR TOM DOOLEY, '35 | SECOND LT. BOYD KNETSAR, '39 | CAPT. ROY M. VICK, '35 |
| Missing from the Philippines | CADET JOHN C. KNIGHT, '40 | CAPT. JACK K. WALKER, '40 |
| LT. JAMES T. DRAKE, '41 | LT. JOHN L. LESTER, '29 | Missing from the Philippines |
| FIRST LT. M. J. ENDRES, '41 | Missing from the Philippines | SECOND LT. CHARLES O. WATTS, '41 |
| LT. R. D. EVANS, '40 | CAPT. WILLIAM E. LEWIS, JR., '40 | LT. CHARLTON J. WIMER, '39 |
| Missing from the Philippines | Missing from the Philippines | Missing from the Philippines |
| FIRST LT. | CADET J. C. McCRARY, '43 | CLARENCE WISRODT, '41 |
| COURTNEY W. FICHTNER, '32 | LT. JOHN McCLUSKY, '36 | FIRST LT. DENNIS H. WOODRUFF, '38 |
| LT. ORMAN L. FITZHUGH, '40 | Missing from the Philippines | CAPT. HAROLD E. WRIGHT, '41 |
| Missing from the Philippines | FIRST LT. KENNETH T. MERRITT, '41 | |
| LT. STANLEY FRIEDLINE, '40 | LT. JOHN H. MOREHEAD, '37 | |
| | FIRST LT. M. A. MORGAN, '39 | |
| | LT. JOHN MUSE, '40 | |
| | Missing from the Philippines | |

Figure 5: 1943 Texas A&M Long Horn Yearbook.⁷

The Texas A&M 1943 yearbook also included a page honoring fallen Aggies which makes a distinction between Aggies Missing and Killed in Action. Lists like these were gathered to inform cadets about where their buddies were currently serving. These lists were created not

only to honor these Aggies, but to inspire cadets of the time through the stories and acknowledgement of their heroism. Without early lists like these, the process of compiling a list of Aggies Missing in Action would have been a near impossibility.

Aggie Muster is the most well-known Texas A&M tradition that serves to honor Aggies who have passed away. The Aggie Muster ceremony began officially on April 21, 1903, on the anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto. The tradition has since continued every April 21 and brings Aggies together from across the world, who answer, “Here,” for their fallen comrades.⁸ The most famous Aggie Muster took place on the “Rock,” the Philippine island of Corregidor, on April 21, 1942.⁹ A call for muster was issued by commanding officer, and former Texas A&M Commandant, General George F. Moore '08. Twenty-seven Aggies on the island answered the roll call. Within two weeks of the muster, two of the twenty-seven were killed, and twenty-four were taken captive. Only eleven of the twenty-four POWs returned home.¹⁰ Eight have been identified as currently Missing in Action.

Table 1: MIA Aggies from the April 21, 1942, Muster on Corregidor.¹¹

Rank, Name, Class Year	Date MIA	Location of Loss
MSgt William Boyd '27	October 24, 1944	Arisan Maru
Capt. Wilbert Calvert '38	January 22, 1945	Brazil Maru
Capt. William Curtis '32	October 24, 1944	Arisan Maru
Lt. Andrew James '38	October 24, 1944	Arisan Maru
Maj. John King '22	January 9, 1945	Enoura Maru
Lt. John McCluskey '36	October 24, 1944	Arisan Maru
Capt. Henry Schutte Jr. '39	October 24, 1944	Arisan Maru
Capt. Roy Vick Jr. '35	October 24, 1944	Arisan Maru

The story of Aggie Muster during the siege of Corregidor was broadcast to the nation, solidifying their memory and the tradition for generations to come.¹² Musters continued to take place every year during the war, giving us a picture of who was serving where at what time. At

the end of World War Two, Aggies held Muster in Paris, France; on the islands of Okinawa and Corregidor; Tokyo, Japan; and Frankfurt, Germany.¹³ In College Station, on April 21, 1946, the Muster speech was given by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who stated that the Aggies, “lived up to the ideals and principles inculcated in their days on the campus.”¹⁴

These traditions of Texas A&M, and the bonds formed through the unique experience of being an Aggie, have kept former students involved in each other’s lives far past the date of their graduation. These early lists, created to keep former students informed on the whereabouts of their classmates, and to honor their classmates who had passed away or been killed, have since been compiled and memorialized on monuments across campus.



Figure 6: Aggie Muster on Corregidor, April 21, 1946; Photo from the Association of Former Students.¹⁵

2.3 Lists From Campus Memorials and Books

Table 2: A&M Memorials Honoring Fallen Aggies

Memorial Name	Location	Number of Aggie Names Listed
The American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor	Memorial Student Center	107 Aggies
John 15:13 Memorial	Memorial Student Center	919 Aggies
Aggies Lost in Service 1936-1994	Memorial Student Center	17 Aggies
Aggies Lost in Service 1945-Present	Memorial Student Center	462 Aggies
Corps Plaza Memorial 1945-2001	Corps of Cadets Plaza	436 Aggies
Joint memorial Flagpole, Classes of 1912 and 1939	Academic Building Plaza Flagpole	75 Aggies
World War One Memorial	Corps of Cadets Plaza	52 Aggies
Class of '69 Vietnam War Memorial	Corps of Cadets Dormitories	11 Aggies

Table 3: Books Honoring Fallen Aggies

Book Title	WWII KIA	Korean War KIA	Vietnam War KIA	MIA
<i>Keepers of the Spirit</i> , Adams.	953 ¹⁶	--	--	--
<i>Aggies Go To War</i> , Dethloff.	858 ¹⁷	62 ¹⁸	110 ¹⁹	9 (Korea) 20 (Vietnam)
<i>Book of Aggie Lists</i> , Woodall.	--	95 ²⁰	202 ²¹	22 (Vietnam)

2.4 The Discrepancy Between Reported Aggie Casualty Numbers

Texas Aggies Go To War, by Henry C. Dethloff, served as the starting point for this research. His book, published in 2006, includes a comprehensive analysis of Aggie wartime service and lists many of the names of currently known fallen Aggies. Appendix G, for example, includes the names of 858 Aggies who died in the military during World War Two. This list has been supplemented by the John 15:13 memorial, housed in the Memorial Student Center, which lists names of 919 Aggies who died during World War Two. These lists, however, are incomplete. John Adams, Jr. reports that 953 Aggies were lost during the Second World War in his book, *Keepers of the Spirit*, published in 2001, without listing any names. The exact number of Aggie World War Two deaths is likely greater than 953.

With over 20,000 students serving during World War Two, it was difficult for the Association of Former Students to maintain an accurate record of each student that was lost or declared missing. For example, only 49 of the 171 Aggies declared missing during World War Two actually received their degrees. A majority were placed in accelerated cadet to officer programs and were rarely at Texas A&M for more than two years. The numbers compiled in university memorials and books, presented in the previous tables, were the only lists available for this project. The figure of 171 Aggies Missing in Action from World War Two is only roughly based on this currently available number of 953 casualties.

The discrepancy between the lists and numbers has been the greatest challenge of this project. This project is the practice of investigative history: searching for names that aren't currently there. It has required many hours of reading, searching through yearbooks, and cross-checking names from many different sources. It is a process that is by no means complete, but one that will be continued until the name of every fallen Aggie is accounted for.

2.5 The Research Process: Compiling the list of MIA Aggies

2.5.1 Project Scope

In accordance with the recovery mandate for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, the Aggie MIA/POW Project is currently working to identify the names of all MIA Aggies from World War Two through the Vietnam War. There are no Aggies Missing in Action past the Vietnam War, and a list of MIA Aggies prior to World War Two still needs to be researched and compiled.

2.5.2 It Starts With A Name

The process of establishing a list of MIA/POW Aggies begins by cross checking the names of KIA Aggies with lists of the missing published by the DPAA. The names of the fallen Aggies have been compiled from lists published in books, yearbooks, newspapers, from various memorials across campus, and directly from the Association of Former Students. The names published within these lists were verified, both in spelling, rank, and class year through various online genealogical resources, such as; Family Search, Ancestry, Newspaper Archive, Find A Grave, Honor States, Fold3, etc. Prior to being added to the Fallen Aggie spreadsheet, their attendance at A&M was confirmed by researching their Find An Aggie profiles published by the Association of Former Students. The names on the Fallen Aggie spreadsheet were then systematically and accurately cross-checked with the lists of the missing published on the DPAA's Search Our Missing Database. The table on the following page has been compiled from all currently available resources on fallen Aggies.

Table 4: Aggie Wartime Service and Loss, WWII-Vietnam War

Conflict	Served	KIA/Perished	POW	MIA	MIA/POW
World War Two	20,229 ²²	953 ²³	~101+ ²⁴	171	~33
Korean War	~1,900 ²⁵	95 ²⁶	~4+	11	1
Cold War	--	1	--	1	--
Vietnam War Era	~3,985 ²⁷	202	~4+ ²⁸	10	--
Total	~26,114	~1,251	109+	193+	34+

Note: Numbers from each category overlap and KIA sections denote all service-related deaths.

2.5.3 Cross-Checking KIA Lists with the DPAA MIA List

For example, Major Charles Benton Adams is one of 80 casualties from the Texas A&M Class of 1940 listed in *Texas Aggies Go To War*. These 80 Aggies are also listed on the John 15:13 memorial in the Memorial Student Center. After establishing that Charles Benton Adams was a fallen Aggie, his name was cross-checked on the DPAA's Search Our Missing Database.²⁹

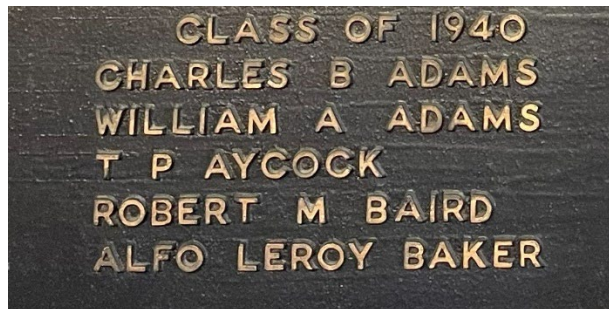


Figure 7: Class of 1940, John 15:13 Memorial, Memorial Student Center.³⁰

SEARCH OUR MISSING PERSONNEL PROFILES

First Name (full or starts with):

Last Name (full or starts with):

Branch of Service:

Conflict:

Accounting Status:

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Figure 8: Charles Adams' name on the DPAA's Search Our Missing Database.

Over 81,000 service personnel are currently Missing in Action. As a result, there are multiple service personnel with the same name: Charles B. Adams who served in the Marine Corps from California, and Charles B. Adams who served in the Army Air Forces from Texas. All four individuals in the image below have a link to a personnel profile created by the DPAA. Not all individuals have a personnel profile, but when it is available it serves as a great resource for determining the last known circumstances of a missing individual.

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Name	Service	Home of Record	Conflict	Accounting Status
ADAMS, CHARLES M	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES	NJ	WORLD WAR II	Unaccounted For
ADAMS, CHARLES B	UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS	CA	WORLD WAR II	Unaccounted For
ADAMS, CHARLES S.	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES	WI	WORLD WAR II	Unaccounted For
ADAMS, CHARLES B	UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES	TX	WORLD WAR II	Unaccounted For

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Figure 9: Results for Charles Adams on the DPAA's Search Our Missing Database.

By examining the profile of Charles B. Adams from Texas, the date of death, June 5, 1945, is concurrent with the date of death published on Adams' Find An Aggie profile page. The Find An Aggie Database, published by the Association of Former Students, lists the names, class year, and degrees of all Aggies. The database also provides an Aggie's date of death, which have been recorded from Aggie Muster ceremonies honoring their passing. The Find An Aggie database is important in confirming an individual's attendance at A&M, and it is an important source of confirming evidence for an individual's date of death.



Confirmed
 Service
 Status
WORLD WAR II
UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES
Unaccounted For

Major Charles B. Adams, who joined the U.S. Army Air Forces from Texas, was a member of the 3rd Air Commando Squadron, 3rd Air Commando Group. On June 5, 1945, MAJ Adams piloted a single-seated P-51 Mustang fighter aircraft on a bombing and strafing mission targeting enemy holdings near Cervantes, Ilocos Sur, Philippine Islands. During the mission, the P-51 crashed approximately one mile north of Bangao, Ilocos Sur, Philippine Islands. Major Adams was still aboard the aircraft when it went down. Attempts to locate him following the loss of his aircraft were unsuccessful. Today, Major Adams is memorialized on the Walls of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines.

Based on all information available, DPAA assessed the individual's case to be in the analytical category of Active Pursuit.

If you are a family member of this service member, DPAA can provide you with additional information and analysis of your case. Please contact your casualty office representative.



Maj CHARLES B ADAMS

Unit 3 SQUADRON 3 AIR
 COMMANDO GROUP
 Historical Country of Loss
 Philippine Islands
 Loss Area Current
 Ilocos Sur
 Current Country of Loss
 Philippines
 Home of Record* TX

*Home of record is the city and/or state where the service member joined the service. This may not be the same location as where the service member was from.

Figure 10: Charles Benton Adams' DPAA Profile.³¹

Charles B. Adams '40

This Aggie passed away on June 05, 1945.
Read this Aggie's Roll Call Tribute

TEXAS A&M DEGREE
Agriculture
BACHELOR'S
CONFERRED IN 1940

CORPS OF CADETS

Figure 11: Charles Adams' Find An Aggie Profile Page.³²

If an individual does not have a DPAA personnel profile, a brief synopsis of their service and loss can be found on the DPAA's Searchable Map of the Missing, which includes a breakdown of MIA losses by state.

ual		Loss Information		
945-01-09				
ADAMS , CHARLES B				
N/A	Conflict:	WORLD WAR II	Rank:	Maj
TX	Location:	Ilocos Sur	Unit:	3 SQUADRON 3 AIR COMMANDO G
1945-06-05				

Figure 12: Charles B. Adams, DPAA Searchable Map of the Missing for Texas.³³

Further confirmation of Adams' death and status as an MIA Aggie can be established by searching his name in the Find A Grave Database. The pictures below show the memorial search tab and the results page for searching Charles Benton Adams.

Memorial Search

First Name Charles	Middle Name Benton	Last Name(s) Adams		
Year Born	Exact ▾	Year Died 1945	Exact ▾	Cemetery Location


SEARCH [More search options ▾](#) [Search tips >](#)

Figure 13: Memorial Search for Charles Benton Adams on Find A Grave.³⁴


2 matching records found for

Charles × Benton × Adams × Died 1945 × [Refine Search](#)

⊖ Less [Settings](#) Relevance ▾

 **MAJ Charles Benton Adams** ✨ [V](#)
6 Apr 1919 – 5 Jun 1945

[Elm Grove Cemetery](#)
Alpine, Brewster County, Texas
Plot info: **Block 1-Woodman, Lot 8**
61131030

 **MAJ Charles Benton Adams** ✨ [MONUMENT](#) [V](#)
6 Apr 1919 – 5 Jun 1945

[Manila American Cemetery and Memorial](#)
Manila, Capital District, National Capital Region, Philippines
Plot info: **Tablets Of The Missing**
56748314

[+ Add a memorial](#)

Figure 14: Results for Charles Benton Adams on Find A Grave.

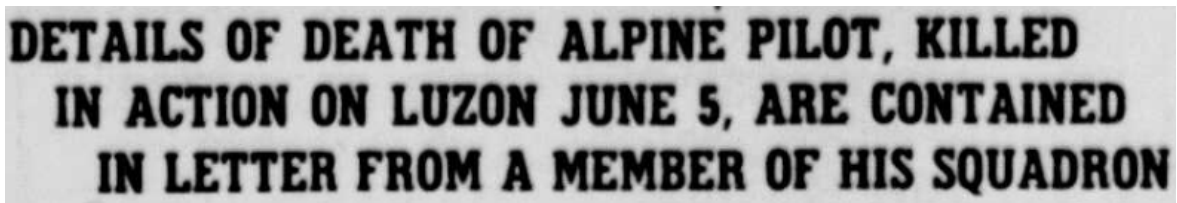
Figure 15: Charles Benton Adams, Find A Grave Profile.³⁵

Major Adams' Find A Grave page confirms his service in World War Two, his date of death, and his remembrance on the Tablets of the Missing in the Philippines. Find A Grave is also useful because an individual's profile is often updated and completed by family members. For example, Major Adams' copy of his citations for courage and the letter written to his mother after his death are published on his Find A Grave page. His Texas A&M senior picture and a photograph of him standing next to his P-51 have also been published on the page.

Through this cross-checking process, the Aggie MIA/POW Research Team has identified an estimated 193 names of former Texas A&M students who are currently Missing in Action from the Second World War to the present. Efforts to establish a complete list of all fallen Aggies, including Aggie POWs, are still taking place. This includes cross-checking all memorials and lists across campus with each other to ensure no fallen Aggie is left unnamed. The list of 193 MIA Aggies is based off the most current research and available resources. This number and list are still being expanded as further lists are found and cross-checked.

2.5.4 *Genealogical and Background Research*

Once it is established that a fallen Aggie is Missing in Action, background research is conducted to complete the story of their lives, service, and loss. The Newspaper Archive Database, provided through the Texas A&M University Library system, is key in this process. For example, the *Alpine Avalanche* newspaper published in Adams' hometown is digitized and provides insight into his early life as a student, athlete, and soldier. The newspaper also bears the devastating news of his MIA status and publishes the letter sent to his mother describing his loss. The Texas A&M Yearbook, digitized by the Texas A&M University Library system, holds key information about an Aggie's time at A&M. This information includes their class year, degree, corps unit, cadet rank, and any special units or clubs they were involved in. The yearbooks will also occasionally include their nicknames, showing us that cadets were just as imaginative then as they are today. It is personal stories like these that help relate readers to the stories of service and loss told through the lives of these Aggies, and finding pieces like these have been an important part of the research conducted by the Aggie MIA/POW Research Team.



**DETAILS OF DEATH OF ALPINE PILOT, KILLED
IN ACTION ON LUZON JUNE 5, ARE CONTAINED
IN LETTER FROM A MEMBER OF HIS SQUADRON**

Figure 16: Alpine Avalanche Newspaper, July 20, 1945.³⁶

SENIORS '40

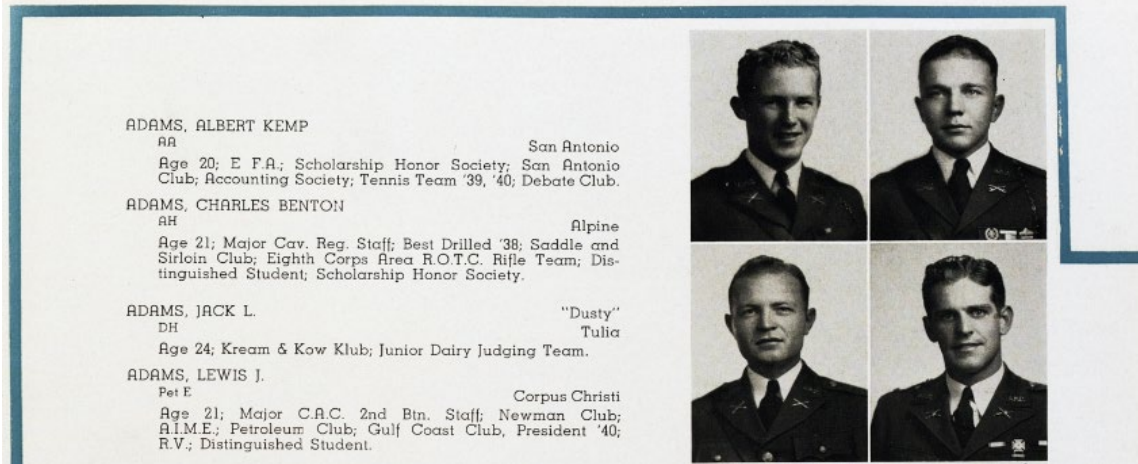


Figure 17: 1940 Texas Long Horn, Charles Benton Adams.³⁷

The exact criteria for background information, set by the Aggie MIA/POW Project, is housed on the MIA Aggies spreadsheet. These criteria include five categories: Military Service, Loss, Early Life, Texas A&M, and Family. These categories are broken down into further sub-categories. These sub-categories are stated on the following pages using Major Charles Benton Adams as an example. Each category within the spreadsheet has links to the sources where the information was gathered to ensure the information can be followed and updated in the future.

Military:

- Rank: Major
- Name: Charles Benton Adams
- Country: USA
- State: TX
- Service Number: O-389510
- Conflict: WWII

- Branch: USAAF
- Date of Loss: June 5, 1945
- Unit: 3rd Squadron, 3rd Air Commando Group

Loss:

- POW (Yes/No): No
- War/Non-War: War
- Theater: Pacific
- Place of Loss: Ilocos Sur
- General Location: Philippines
- Specific Location: 15 miles southeast of Cervantes
- Type of Loss (Aircraft/Ship/Ground): Aircraft
- Name of Ship or Aircraft: P-51B Mustang
- Missing Air Crew Report Number: 16137
- Place of Loss (Water/Land): Land
- Notes About Loss or Unit: Aircraft crashed on a desolate mountainside during a bombing/strafing mission and burned on impact.
- Listed by the DPAA (Yes/No): Yes
- DPAA Recovery Status: Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
- Awards: Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters

Early Life:

- Birth Date: April 6, 1919
- Birthplace: Sterling City, Sterling County, Texas, USA
- Hometown: Alpine, Texas, USA

Texas A&M:

- Class Year: 1940
- Confirmed A&M Attendance: Yes
- Texas A&M Yearbook Page Numbers: 1940, page 28; 1940, page 281; 1940, page 419; 1940, page 431; 1937, page 131; 1938, page 265; 1939, page 265; 1939, page 407
- A&M Notes: Graduated with a degree in Agriculture; Corps Units: Troop B, Cavalry; Cadet Sergeant Major/Cadet Major, Cavalry Regimental Staff; Best Drilled (1938); Saddle and Sirloin Club; Eight Corps Area R.O.T.C. Rifle Team; Distinguished Student; Scholarship Honor Society.

Family:

- Spouse: None
- Children: None
- Parents: Dom Adams and Evelyn Lucille Franks
- Find A Grave Links/Newspaper Clippings/Extra Notes.

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location: _____ Command or Air Force _____
GROUP: _____; SQUADRON and Ftp. Co. _____; DETACHMENT _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure _____; Course _____
Intended Destination _____; Type of Mission _____
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: _____
4. GIVE: (a) Date June 25 Time _____; And location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft Izozon Island Philippine Islands
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () Last contacted by radio; () Forced down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF (Check only one: () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other Circumstances as follows Plane crashed on a desolate mountain side
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial No. _____
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series _____; AAF Serial No. (a) _____
(b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial Number)
(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____
(e) _____ (f) _____ (g) _____ (h) _____
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew _____; Passengers _____; Total _____
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

Status	Crew Position	Name in Full		Rank	Serial Number	Status
		(Last Name First)	(First Name Last)			
<u>K/O</u>	1. Pilot	Adams, Charles E.	Major		0-329510	<u>K/O</u>
	2. CP					
	3.					
	4.					

Figure 18: Charles Benton Adams, Missing Air Crew Report 16137.³⁸

Each Aggie on the MIA Aggie spreadsheet has their background information completed to various degrees. For example, the units of several Aggies are still being researched, many do not have pictures or information in the A&M yearbook, and the circumstances of loss involving several Aggies is still currently unknown. As this research is the preliminary analysis of Aggies Missing in Action, the platform to continue this research has been established. In this spreadsheet format, with links to all information available, future researchers will be able to continually research, update, and verify existing information.

2.5.5 Results

One Hundred and Ninety-Three of the estimated 26,000 Aggies who served between World War Two through the Vietnam War are still Missing in Action. These Aggies are generally representative of multiple backgrounds, branches, and services. Only 10 percent of the 193 Aggies joined the military outside of Texas. Special outliers in this group include 2Lt. Isaac Samarel '44, a B-29 flight engineer from Mexico who went missing when shot down over Tokyo Bay,³⁹ and Sgt. Clarence Wisrodt Jr. '41, who went Missing in Action while flying in Myanmar with the Royal Canadian Air Force.⁴⁰

At Texas A&M University, the MIA Aggies represented a wide range of interests, majors, and student activities across campus. 2Lt. Lewis Jobe '52, for example, was Head Yell Leader his senior year. 2Lt. Jobe was declared Missing in Action at the Battle of Pork Chop Hill on July 8, 1953.⁴¹ Others include 1Lt. Jack Bailey '41, who served as the sophomore class president in 1939. 1Lt. Bailey's F-13A aircraft ran out fuel on a reconnaissance mission to Tokyo and was last heard from 100 miles northwest of Saipan.⁴² Most cadets at A&M, however, would only know the college for several years, if not several months, before leaving to enlist or commission.

When serving in the military, 64 percent of the MIA Aggies were pilots and aircrew aboard various aircraft; 23 percent served as naval personnel aboard ships or were lost during the sinking of ships. Flying for miles over enemy territory and traveling over vast stretches of water greatly decreased the chances of being recovered if lost, and as a result, the majority of current MIA Aggie losses are underwater. Due to their location of loss, the DPAA deems the majority of these Aggies non-recoverable. This classification is generally given to those lost at sea or whose remains were "cremated and/or systematically destroyed."⁴³

Table 5: Aggies Missing in Action, WWII-Vietnam War, Mode of Loss.

Mode of Loss	Number
Aircraft	124
Ship	45
Ground	15
Unknown	9
Total	193

Table 6: Aggies Missing in Action, Region of Loss.

Conflict	Region	Number
World War Two	Pacific Theater	118
World War Two	European Theater	47
World War Two	South America	2
World War Two	North America	4
Korean War	North Korea	10
Korean War	South Korea	1
Cold War	Black Sea	1
Vietnam War	North Vietnam	3
Vietnam War	South Vietnam	2
Vietnam War	Laos	5
Total	--	193

To best understand the lives, service, and loss of these Aggies, their stories have been broken down by conflict (World War II, Korean War, Cold War, and Vietnam War), by location, and region of loss, for example: World War Two, Pacific Theater, Papua New Guinea. Yearbook pictures are included if available. The information provided for each Aggie is continually being updated and verified. Longer-length biographies, to be housed on the Aggie MIA/POW website, are currently being written by student interns. The research involving MIA Aggies is on-going, and it is important to note that this research is not free from flaws or omissions, but efforts are being conducted to ensure no fallen Aggie is left unnamed.

2.6 Compiled List of Aggies Missing in Action, WWII – Present

2.6.1 World War Two, 1941-1945: 171 Aggies

Table 7: Aggies Missing in Action, World War Two.

#	Rank	Name	Service	Class Year
1	Brigadier General	Douglas Blakeshaw Netherwood	USAAF	1908
2	Major	Maynard Goldman Snell	ARMY	1921
3	Major	John Vernon King	ARMY	1921
4	Lieutenant Colonel	Rufus Hayden Rogers	ARMY	1926
5	Master Sergeant	William Giles Boyd	ARMY	1927
6	Captain	George Edwards Miller	ARMY	1928
7	Captain	John August Earl Bergstrom	ARMY	1929
8	Captain	Jack William Kelly	USAAF	1929
9	Captain	George H. Peets	ARMY	1930
10	Lt. Commander	Joseph Hunt Bourland	NAVY	1932
11	Captain	William Mark Curtis	ARMY	1932
12	Colonel	Harney Estes Jr.	USAAF	1933
13	Captain	William Pleasant Ragsdale Jr.	USAAF	1933
14	Major	Earl Oxford Hall	USAAF	1934
15	Lieutenant	Ted Adair Hilger	NAVY	1934
16	Storekeeper 2 nd Class	William Jeter Newton	NAVY	1934
17	Captain	Charles Martin Dempwolf	ARMY	1935
18	Captain	Gus H. Froebel	ARMY	1935
19	Captain	Roy McMahan Vick Jr.	ARMY	1935
20	Captain	Floyd McRae Buchel	ARMY	1936
21	Captain	James Russell Holmes	ARMY	1936
22	1 st Lieutenant	John Brown McCluskey Jr.	ARMY	1936
23	Captain	Travis Edward Perrenot	ARMY	1936
24	Lieutenant Jr. Grade	Newton Bryan Birkes	NAVY	1937
25	1 st Lieutenant	Maxy Cleburne Chenault	USAAF	1937
26	1 st Lieutenant	Clifford Gribble Hardwicke Jr.	ARMY	1937
27	Captain	Chester Isaac "Ike" Tims	USAAF	1937
28	1 st Lieutenant	Edgar Beaumont Burgess	USAAF	1938
29	Captain	Wilbert Calvert	ARMY	1938
30	Lieutenant	Weldon Davis Cauthan	NAVY	1938
31	1 st Lieutenant	Frank Monroe Colburn	USAAF	1938
32	Major	John Charles Conly	USAAF	1938
33	Yeoman 1 st Class	Noah Horn	NAVY	1938
34	2 nd Lieutenant	William Marion Taylor Jr.	USAAF	1938
35	2 nd Lieutenant	James Barclay Whitley	ARMY	1938
36	Captain	Johnson Butler Allen	ARMY	1939
37	Captain	Jack Cooper	USAAF	1939
38	Lieutenant Jr. Grade	David E. DeLong	NAVY	1939
39	1 st Lieutenant	Hugh A. Derrick	ARMY	1939
40	Captain	Robert E. Greenwell	USAAF	1939

Table 7: Aggies Missing in Action, World War Two, Continued.

#	Rank	Name	Service	Class Year
41	Captain	James Richard Griffin	USAAF	1939
42	2 nd Lieutenant	Howard Preston Hardegree	USAAF	1939
43	1 st Lieutenant	James M. Henry	USAAF	1939
44	1 st Lieutenant	Leonard Gage Larsen	USAAF	1939
45	Lieutenant Jr. Grade	David Bennet McCorquodale	NAVY	1939
46	Captain	Ross Iyon Miller	ARMY	1939
47	Lieutenant	Herbert Hoover Perritte	NAVY	1939
48	Captain	Francis Morgan Potts	USAAF	1939
49	Captain	Henry John Schutte Jr.	ARMY	1939
50	2 nd Lieutenant	Clarence Elmer "Bill" Simpson Jr.	USAAF	1939
51	Major	Charles Benton Adams	USAAF	1940
52	1 st Lieutenant	Wilson B. "Judge" Buster Jr.	USAAF	1940
53	Captain	Foster Lawson Cash	USAAF	1940
54	Captain	Walter Pershing Crump	USAAF	1940
55	2 nd Lieutenant	Orman Lester Fitzhugh	USAAF	1940
56	1 st Lieutenant	Thomas Rex Francis	USAAF	1940
57	Ensign	Herbert Welton McMinn	USAAF	1940
58	1 st Lieutenant	Melvin R. Millard	ARMY	1940
59	2 nd Lieutenant	John Willis Muse	USAAF	1940
60	1 st Lieutenant	Hansford George Olney	USAAF	1940
61	1 st Lieutenant	Samuel Jackson "Pappy" Parks	USAAF	1940
62	2 nd Lieutenant	Phillip Edgar Pearson Jr.	USAAF	1940
63	2 nd Lieutenant	Fred Sullivan "Jitter" Rodway	USAAF	1940
64	1 st Lieutenant	John Jacob "Sandy" Sanders	USAAF	1940
65	1 st Lieutenant	John Darrell Stukenburg	ARMY	1940
66	Captain	Henry William Waters	USAAF	1940
67	1 st Lieutenant	Jack Bruner Bailey	USAAF	1941
68	1 st Lieutenant	Clyde Webb Beatty Jr.	USAAF	1941
69	Captain	Daniel Royston Chamberlain	USAAF	1941
70	Captain	Herbert Winfield Cumming	USAAF	1941
71	2 nd Lieutenant	James Thomas Drake	USAAF	1941
72	Major	Walter L. Evans	ARMY	1941
73	1 st Lieutenant	Charles Earl "Jack" Gaskell	USAAF	1941
74	Machinists Mate 2 nd Class	Robert Bruce Gregory	NAVY	1941
75	1 st Lieutenant	Burt Olney Griffin	ARMY	1941
76	2 nd Lieutenant	Travis Vestal Hodges	USAAF	1941
77	2 nd Lieutenant	Edward D. Hughey Jr.	USAAF	1941
78	2 nd Lieutenant	Andrew Marmaduke James Jr.	ARMY	1941
79	2 nd Lieutenant	Windell Deering Neely	USAAF	1941
80	Lieutenant	Sidney Caldwell "Sid" Kimball	NAVY	1941
81	1 st Lieutenant	Clarence Leroy "Chic" Korth	USAAF	1941
82	1 st Lieutenant	Jim Lewis Kuykendall	USAAF	1941
83	Lieutenant Jr. Grade	George Lawrence Leger	NAVY	1941
84	1 st Lieutenant	Willard Keith Short	USAAF	1941
85	Captain	Frank Pierce Smart	USAAF	1941
86	Ensign	Major J. White	NAVY	1941

Table 7: Aggies Missing in Action, World War Two, Continued.

#	Rank	Name	Service	Class Year
87	Sergeant	Clarence Emil Philip Wisrodt Jr.	RCAF	1941
88	1 st Lieutenant	William Henry Baker Jr.	USAAF	1942
89	Flight Officer	Aaron Louis Brinkoeter	USAAF	1942
90	1 st Lieutenant	Willie Lee Bryce	USAAF	1942
91	Flight Officer	William Brame Cartwright	USAAF	1942
92	1 st Lieutenant	Paul Howard Damrel	USAAF	1942
93	1 st Lieutenant	Robert Smith English	USAAF	1942
94	1 st Lieutenant	Worthington Alfred Franks	USAAF	1942
95	Lieutenant Jr. Grade	Charles Walter Gerhardt	NAVY	1942
96	1 st Lieutenant	Bobby Mack Godwin	USAAF	1942
97	Sergeant	Rector Woodrow "Rex" Hamilton	USAAF	1942
98	1 st Lieutenant	James E. Inglehart	USAAF	1942
99	1 st Lieutenant	Foster Lee Lemly Jr.	USMC	1942
100	1 st Lieutenant	Otis Forest Lowry	USAAF	1942
101	2 nd Lieutenant	George Leslie Mauldin Jr.	USAAF	1942
102	Ensign	James Walter "Mac" McCaslin	NAVY	1942
103	Lieutenant	Robert Brownwell Parker	NAVY	1942
104	2 nd Lieutenant	Addison Craig Rumbaugh Jr.	USAAF	1942
105	1 st Lieutenant	Raymond Carl Schuette	USAAF	1942
106	Captain	Herman Henry Spoede Jr.	USMC	1942
107	Lieutenant Colonel	Anthony T. Tirk Jr.	USAAF	1942
108	Lieutenant Jr. Grade	Lisle Reed Van Burgh Jr.	NAVY	1942
109	2 nd Lieutenant	Frank Gordon Weisiger	USAAF	1942
110	Staff Sergeant	Goode Shockley Wier Jr.	ARMY	1942
111	Staff Sergeant	Newell Moore Ballard	USAAF	1943
112	1 st Lieutenant	Clarence Vance Berdine	USAAF	1943
113	Captain	Wiley Harold Craft	USMC	1943
114	2 nd Lieutenant	Joseph Brooks Dalton	USAAF	1943
115	Private First Class	William Gerard "Jerry" Fraser Jr.	USAAF	1943
116	Captain	Samuel Thomas Gillespie	USMC	1943
117	Staff Sergeant	James Hull Japhet	ARMY	1943
118	2 nd Lieutenant	Clyde Vickrey Mangum Jr.	USAAF	1943
119	Lieutenant	Albert Lee Matteson	NAVY	1943
120	Corporal	George Perry McMillan Jr.	ARMY	1943
121	Signalman 1 st Class	Chelsey Edward "Zug" Phelps Jr.	NAVY	1943
122	1 st Lieutenant	George Eugene Roberts	ARMY	1943
123	1 st Lieutenant	Harry Oscar Schellhase	USAAF	1943
124	2 nd Lieutenant	James Henry "Jimmie" Scholl	USAAF	1943
125	2 nd Lieutenant	Raymond Leon Tucker	USAAF	1943
126	Seaman 2 nd Class	Warren Henry Welch Jr.	NAVY	1943
127	2 nd Lieutenant	Earnest Robinson Alexander	USAAF	1944
128	Aviation Radioman 1 st Class	Jack Coogan Cameron	NAVY	1944
129	Lieutenant	Granville William Cowan	NAVY	1944
130	1 st Lieutenant	Paul Clifford Crouch	USAAF	1944
131	1 st Lieutenant	Weldon Warren Dyess	USAAF	1944
132	2 nd Lieutenant	Edward Allen Gripp Jr.	USAAF	1944

Table 7: Aggies Missing in Action, World War Two, Continued.

#	Rank	Name	Service	Class Year
133	1 st Lieutenant	Melvin Gottfried Hass	USAAF	1944
134	2 nd Lieutenant	Richard L. Haxthausen	USMC	1944
135	Technical Sergeant	Lindsey C. Hoskins	USAAF	1944
136	2 nd Lieutenant	Beverly Earl Miller	USAAF	1944
137	2 nd Lieutenant	Jack Dillon Mills	USAAF	1944
138	2 nd Lieutenant	Isaac Samarel	USAAF	1944
139	Flight Officer	John Marvin Young	USAAF	1944
140	2 nd Lieutenant	Burton Leon Wade	USAAF	1944
141	Seaman 2 nd Class	William Pendleton Ballard Jr	NAVY	1945
142	Seaman 1 st Class	Carl Andrew "Andy" Brannen Jr.	NAVY	1945
143	1 st Lieutenant	Edwin Ernest Brashear	USAAF	1945
144	Lieutenant Jr. Grade	Warren Kay Garrett	NAVY	1945
145	1 st Lieutenant	Benjamin Barton "Ben" Isbell Jr.	ARMY	1945
146	2 nd Lieutenant	James Peebles Miller	USAAF	1945
147	2 nd Lieutenant	James Bertrand Noland	USAAF	1945
148	2 nd Lieutenant	Harold Stacy Pettit	USAAF	1945
149	1 st Lieutenant	William Walter Redus	USAAF	1945
150	1 st Lieutenant	Hal Wayne Townsend	USAAF	1945
151	Ensign	Arthur Milton Tubb Jr.	NAVY	1944
152	2 nd Lieutenant	Burl Tankersley Wiley	USAAF	1945
153	Ensign	Thomas "Tommy" Hosford Winn Jr.	NAVY	1945
154	2 nd Lieutenant	Mercer Greene Abernathy	USAAF	1946
155	Radioman 3 rd Class	Calvin Floyd Ballard Jr.	NAVY	1946
156	2 nd Lieutenant	Dwight Kendall Booth	USAAF	1946
157	2 nd Lieutenant	Fred Gordon Buckner	USAAF	1946
158	2 nd Lieutenant	Albert Basil Capt	USAAF	1946
159	2 nd Lieutenant	Roger Eugene Edwards	USAAF	1946
160	Sergeant	Ben Luker Dean	USAAF	1946
161	2 nd Lieutenant	Warner Harrison Marsh Jr.	USAAF	1946
162	Sergeant	Thomas Ray "Tommy" Perkins Jr.	USAAF	1946
163	Sergeant	Alfred Edgar Prinz	USAAF	1946
164	Corporal	Hubert deTavanne Roussel Jr.	USAAF	1946
165	2 nd Lieutenant	William James Summy	USAAF	1946
166	Private	John Vernon Cox Jr.	ARMY	1947
167	Private First Class	Herbert Otto Koehler Jr.	ARMY	1947
168	Private First Class	Sam William Noto Jr.	ARMY	1947
169	2 nd Lieutenant	Cyril Franklin Russell Jr.	USAAF	1947
170	Seaman 2 nd Class	Douglas Ellsworth Stillwagon	NAVY	1947
171	Seaman 2 nd Class	Arthur Garfield Stricklin	NAVY	1947

2.6.2 Korean War, 1950-1953: 11 Aggies

Table 8: Aggies Missing in Action, Korean War.

#	Rank	Name	Service	Class Year
1	Captain	William Strickland McCarson	USMC	1943
2	Captain	James Louie Garrison Jr.	USMC	1945
3	1 st Lieutenant	George Griffin Greenwell	USAF	1945
4	1 st Lieutenant	Stanley Eugene Tabor	ARMY	1945
5	Captain	William Perry Brown Jr.	USMC	1946
6	1 st Lieutenant	Edgar Byron Gray	USAF	1947
7	1 st Lieutenant	Leon Waddell Pollard	USAF	1947
8	1 st Lieutenant	Archibald Stuart MacFarlane	ARMY	1948
9	Captain	Gene Remus Mauldin	USMC	1950
10	1 st Lieutenant	Autrey William Frederick	ARMY	1951
11	2 nd Lieutenant	Lewis Earl Jobe	ARMY	1952

2.6.3 Cold War: 1 Aggie

Table 9: Aggies Missing in Action, Cold War.

#	Rank	Name	Service	Class Year
1	Major	Lester Lee Lackey	USAF	1952

2.6.4 Vietnam War, 1955-1975: 10 Aggies

Table 10: Aggies Missing in Action, Vietnam War.

#	Rank	Name	Service	Class Year
1	Lieutenant Colonel	Walter Shelby Van Cleave	USAF	1948
2	Major	William Otis Fuller	USAF	1957
3	Lt. Commander	Robert Dennison Johnston	NAVY	1958
4	Captain	Dennis Lee Graham	USAF	1963
5	Captain	George Lawrence Hubler	USMC	1964
6	Major	Henry Gerald Mundt II	USAF	1964
7	Colonel	Robert Frederick Wilke	USAF	1965
8	Major	Murray Lamar Wortham	USAF	1965
9	Captain	John Robert Baldridge Jr.	USAF	1968
10	Captain	Steven Bruce Johnston	USAF	1968

Table 11: MIA Aggies by Class Year, WWII-Vietnam War.

Class Year	Number
1908	1
1921	1
1922	1
1926	1
1927	1
1928	1
1929	2
1930	1
1932	2
1933	2
1934	3
1935	3
1936	4
1937	4
1938	8
1939	15
1940	16
1941	21
1942	23
1943	17
1944	14
1945	16
1946	13
1947	8
1948	2
1950	1
1951	1
1952	2
1957	1
1958	1
1963	1
1964	2
1965	2
1968	2
Total	193

Note: Class years are generally listed as expected class years upon enrollment, not exact year of graduation.

2.7 MIA Aggie POW Losses

Table 12: MIA Aggies Lost while Prisoners of War, WWII-Vietnam War.

#	Rank, Name	Class Year	Place of Loss	POW Of
1	Maj. Maynard Goldman Snell	1921	Oryoku Maru	Japan
2	Maj. John Vernon King	1922	Enoura Maru	Japan
3	Lt. Col. Rufus Hayden Rogers	1926	Shinyo Maru	Japan
4	MSgt. William Giles Boyd	1927	Arisan Maru	Japan
5	Capt. Jack William Kelly	1929	Oryoku Maru	Japan
6	Capt. George H. Peets	1930	Oryoku Maru, POW Camp	Japan
7	Capt. William Mark Curtis	1932	Arisan Maru	Japan
8	Capt. Charles Martin Dempwolf	1935	Brazil Maru	Japan
9	Capt. Gus H. Froebel	1935	Shinyo Maru	Japan
10	Capt. Roy McMahan Vick Jr.	1935	Arisan Maru	Japan
11	Capt. James Russell Holmes	1936	Arisan Maru	Japan
12	1Lt. John Brown McCluskey Jr.	1936	Arisan Maru	Japan
13	Capt. Travis Edward Perrenot	1936	Brazil Maru	Japan
14	1Lt. Maxey Cleburne Chenault	1937	Shinyo Maru	Japan
15	1Lt. Edgar Beaumont Burgess	1938	Arisan Maru	Japan
16	Capt. Wilbert Calvert	1938	Brazil Maru	Japan
17	2Lt. William Marion Taylor Jr.	1938	Shinyo Maru	Japan
18	2Lt. James Barclay Whitley	1938	Bataan	Japan
19	1Lt. Hugh A. Derrick	1939	Brazil Maru	Japan
20	2Lt. Howard Preston Hardegree	1939	Enoura Maru	Japan
21	1Lt. James M. Henry	1939	Arisan Maru	Japan
22	Capt. Ross Iyon Miller	1939	Shinyo Maru	Japan
23	Capt. Henry John Schutte Jr.	1939	Arisan Maru	Japan
24	2Lt. Orman Fitzhugh	1939	Oryoku Maru	Japan
25	1Lt. Melvin R. Millard	1940	Arisan Maru	Japan
26	2Lt. John Willis Muse	1940	Cabanatuan POW Camp	Japan
27	1Lt. John Darrell Stukenburg	1940	Arisan Maru	Japan
28	1Lt. Charles Earl "Jack" Gaskell	1940	Arisan Maru	Japan
29	1Lt. Burt Olney Griffin	1941	Fukuoka	Japan
30	2Lt. Andrew Marmaduke James Jr.	1941	Arisan Maru	Japan
31	Cpl. George Perry McMillan Jr.	1941	Arisan Maru	Japan
32	2Lt. Earnest Robinson Alexander	1943	North Maluku Province	Japan
33	1Lt. Weldon Warren Dyess	1944	Fukuoka	Japan
34	1Lt. Stanley Eugene Tabor	1945	North Korea	N. Korea

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2.8.1 From All Walks of Life

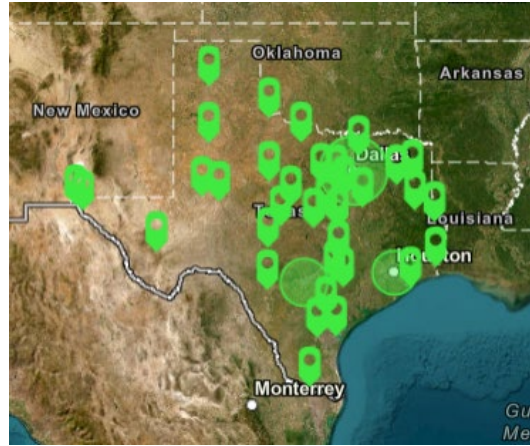


Figure 19: MIA Aggie Texas Hometowns, MIA Aggie Story Map.⁴⁴

Table 13: MIA Aggie Place of Enlistment, WWII.

Place of Enlistment	Number
Texas	157
Oklahoma	3
Arkansas	2
Louisiana	1
Wyoming	1
California	1
D.C.	1
New Jersey	1
Tennessee	1
Illinois	1
Mexico	1
Canada	1
Total	171

Note: Information is based off of service profiles from the DPAA.

Table 14: MIA Aggies By Degrees Received, WWII.

Place of Loss	Number
Degree Received	49
Degree Not Received	122
Total	171

Note: Information based off of Find An Aggie profiles and Texas A&M Yearbooks.

Table 15: MIA Aggies By Corps of Cadets Unit, WWII.

Corps of Cadets Unit	Number of MIA Aggies
<i>Unknown</i>	32
Battery A. Coastal Artillery Corps	8
Battery B. Coastal Artillery Corps	5
Company F. Engineers	5
Company A. Chemical Warfare Service	5
Company B. Engineers	4
Battery D. Coastal Artillery Corps	4
Company H. Infantry	4
Company B. Infantry	4
Troop B. Cavalry	3
Battery C. Coastal Artillery Corps	3
Company G. Infantry	3
Battery D. Field Artillery	3
Battery G. Coastal Artillery Corps	3
Company E. Infantry	3
Troop C. Cavalry	3
Battery E. Field Artillery	3
Battery F. Field Artillery	3
Battery B. Field Artillery	3
Company K. Infantry	3
Field Artillery Band	3
Regimental Staff	2
Battery F. Coastal Artillery Corps	2
Corps Staff	2
Company F. Infantry	2
Battery H. Coastal Artillery Corps	2
Company A. Signal Corps	2
Company E. Signal Corps	2
Company L. Infantry	2
Company E. Engineers	2
2 nd Battalion Infantry Staff	2
Battery E. Coastal Artillery Corps	2
Company C. Infantry	2
Company M. Infantry	2
HQ Company, Signal Corps	2
Infantry Band	2
Company B. Signal Corps	2
2 nd Battalion, Infantry	2
3 rd Battalion, HQ Battery	2
2 nd HQ Field Artillery	1
Company D. Signal Corps	1
HQ Battery, Field Artillery	1
Battery C. Field Artillery	1
2 nd Battalion Staff, Engineers	1
Company F. Engineers	1
Regimental HQ Company	1

Table 15: MIA Aggies By Corps of Cadets Unit, WWII, Continued.

Corps of Cadets Unit	Number of MIA Aggies
Commandant's Staff	1
Company C. Chemical Warfare Service	1
Field Artillery	1
Aggie Band	1
Troop A. Cavalry	1
Regimental Staff Company, Infantry	1
1 st Squadron Cavalry Staff	1
Signal Corps Battalion Staff	1
2 nd Battalion HQ Battery, Field Artillery	1
HQ Company, Signal Corps	1
1 st Battalion Staff, Field Artillery	1
Cavalry Regimental Staff	1
Company A. Ordnance	1
Company C. Engineers	1
1 st Battalion, HQ Company	1
Company B. Chemical Warfare Service	1
Battery A. Field Artillery	1
1 st Battalion, HQ Coast Artillery	1
Troop D. Cavalry	1
Company D. Engineers	1
Company D.	1
Total	171

Note: Corps Units were based off of branches within the Army prior to and during World War Two; Many of the Aggies in the Coastal Artillery units were called to service in the Philippines.

2.8.2 Service Stats of WWII MIA Aggies

Table 16: MIA Aggies By Branch, WWII.

Branch	Number
US Army Air Force	101
US Army	33
US Navy	31
US Marine Corps	5
Royal Canadian Air Force	1
Total	171

Table 17: MIA Aggies, Officer vs. Enlisted, WWII.

Rank	Number
Officer	141
Enlisted	27
Flight Officer (Warrant Officer)	3
Total	171

Table 18: MIA Aggies By Rank, WWII.

Rank	Number
1 st Lieutenant	42
2 nd Lieutenant	39
Captain	30
Lieutenant	7
Lieutenant Jr. Grade	7
Major	6
Sergeant	5
Ensign	5
Seaman 2 nd Class	4
Flight Officer	3
Staff Sergeant	3
Private 1 st Class	3
Lieutenant Colonel	2
Corporal	2
Brigadier General	1
Master Sergeant	1
Lieutenant Commander	1
Colonel	1
Storekeeper 2 nd Class	1
Yeoman 1 st Class	1
Machinists Mate 2 nd Class	1
Signalman 1 st Class	1
Aviation Radio Technician 1 st Class	1
Seaman 1 st Class	1
Radioman 3 rd Class	1
Technical Sergeant	1
Private	1
Total	171

2.8.3 WWII MIA Aggies by Location of Loss:



Figure 20: MIA Aggie Theater of Loss WWII, ArcGIS Map.

Table 19: MIA Aggie Theater of Loss, WWII.

Theater of Loss	Number
Pacific	118
Europe	47
North America	4
South America	2
Total	171

Table 20: MIA Aggie Place of Loss, WWII.

Place of Loss	Number
Water	130
Land	31
Unknown	10
Total	171

2.8.4 WWII MIA Aggies by Mode of Loss:

Table 21: MIA Aggies by Mode of Loss, WWII.

Mode of Loss (Ship, Aircraft, Ground)	Number
Aircraft	105
Ship	45
Ground	12
Unknown	9
Total	171

Table 22: MIA Aggie Ship Losses By Type, WWII

Ship Losses	Number
Hell Ship Losses	27
Allied Ship Losses	16
Non-Sinking Ship Death	2
Total	45

Table 23: MIA Aggie Aircraft Losses by Place of Loss WWII.

Aircraft Losses (Water, Land, Unknown)	Number
Water	70
Land	29
Unknown	6
Total	105

Table 24: MIA Aggie Aircraft Losses By Type of Aircraft, WWII

Aircraft Lost	Number
Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress	20
Consolidated B-24 Liberator	15
Boeing B-29 Superfortress	12
North American B-25 Mitchell	8
<i>Unknown</i>	7
North American P-51 Mustang	4
Martin B-26 Marauder	4
Lockheed P-38 Lightning	3
Grumman F6F Hellcat	3
Republic P-47 Thunderbolt	3
Douglas C-47 Skytrain	3
Grumman F4F Wildcat	3
Douglas SBD Dauntless	2
Douglas A-20 Havoc	2
Supermarine Spitfire	2
Curtiss C-46 Commando	2
Vought F4U Corsair	2
Grumman TBM Avenger	1
R4D-5 Skytrain	1
Bell P-400 Airacobra	1
Boeing F-13A Superfortress	1
Bell P-39 Airacobra	1
Hawker Hurricane	1
Consolidated F-7A Liberator	1
Curtiss SB2C Helldiver	1
Consolidated OA-10 Catalina	1
Douglas C-54 Skymaster	1
Total	105

2.9 Allied Ship Losses, WWII

Sixteen Aggies were killed in the sinking of Allied ships during World War Two. In total, 45 Aggies are considered ship casualties; 43 of the 45 Aggies were lost in the sinking of a ship.¹ Thirty-nine of the ship losses are in the Pacific Theater; the remaining six ship losses are in the European Theater.

Table 25: MIA Aggie Ship Losses.

#	Rank, Name, Class Year	Date Lost	Ship	Theater of Loss
1	2Lt. Clarence E. Simpson '39	1 Mar. 1942	<i>USS Edsall</i> (DD-219)	Pacific
2	Lt. Ted Adair Hilger '34	2 Mar. 1942	<i>USS Pillsbury</i> (DD-227)	Pacific
3	MM2c Robert Gregory '41	9 Aug. 1942	<i>USS Jarvis</i> (DD-393)	Pacific
4	S2c William Ballard '45	28 Oct. 1942	<i>S.S. Gurney E. Newlin</i>	Atlantic
5	Lt.Cmdr. Joseph Bourland '32	11 July 1943	<i>USS Runner</i> (SS-275)	Pacific
6	S2c Warren Welch '43	16 Nov. 1943	<i>USS Preston</i> (DD-379)	Pacific
7	Ltjg. David McCorquodale '39	18 Apr. 1944	<i>USS Gudgeon</i> (SS-211)	Pacific
8	FO. John Young '44	20 Apr. 1944	<i>S.S. Paul Hamilton</i>	Europe
9	Lt. Sidney Kimball '41	25 Oct. 1944	<i>USS Gambier Bay</i> (CVE-73)	Pacific
10	S2c Douglas Stillwagon '47	25 Oct. 1944	<i>USS Hoel</i> (DD-533)	Pacific
11	S2c Arthur Stricklin '47	18 Dec. 1944	<i>USS Monaghan</i> (DD-354)	Pacific
12	Pvt. Herbert Koehler '47	25 Dec. 1944	<i>S.S. Léopoldville</i>	Europe
13	Pfc. Sam Noto '47	25 Dec. 1944	<i>S.S. Léopoldville</i>	Europe
14	SK2c William Newton '34	21 Feb. 1945	<i>USS Bismarck Sea</i> (CVE-95)	Pacific
15	RM3c Calvin Ballard '46	2 Apr. 1945	<i>USS Dickerson</i> (DD-157)	Pacific
16	SM1c Chesley Phelps '43	23 Apr. 1945	<i>USS Eagle Boat 56</i> (PE-56)	Atlantic

Note: This table does not include MIA Aggies lost on Japanese Hell Ships.

¹ Two Aggies were killed aboard a ship due to a Japanese Kamikaze strike that did not result in the sinking of the ship.

2nd Lieutenant Clarence “Bill” Elmer Simpson, ‘39



Born: ~1917, Tyler, Smith County, Texas.¹

Died: March 1, 1942

Service: USAAF; SN: O-394515

A&M: Degree in Chemical Engineering; Chem. Engineering Society; B.B.S. Bishop; Wayne’s Martyrs. Corps Unit: Cadet Captain, Regiment Staff.

Ship: Destroyer USS *Edsall* (DD-219)

Loss: Sunk by Japanese surface warships; Indian Ocean; 13° 45’ 0” S, 106° 45’ 0” E.²

*Figure 21: Clarence Simpson, TAMU Longhorn.*³

Lieutenant Ted Adair Hilger ‘34



Born: September 13, 1912, Sherman, Grayson County, Texas.⁴

Died: March 2, 1942

Service: US Navy; SN: O-075040

A&M: Pursued degree in civil engineering; transferred to Naval Academy.

Ship: Destroyer USS *Pillsbury* (DD-227)

Loss: Sunk by Japanese surface warships; all hands lost; Indian Ocean; 14° 30’ 0” S, 106° 30’ 0” E.⁵

*Figure 22: Lt. Ted Hilger.*⁶

Machinists Mate Second Class Robert Bruce Gregory Jr. '41



Born: November 16, 1919, Tyler County, Texas.⁷

Died: August 9, 1942

Service: US Navy; SN: 3600704

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received.
Corps unit: Company A. Engineers (1938)⁸; Company F. Engineers (1939).⁹

Ship: Destroyer USS *Jarvis* (DD-393)

Loss: Sunk by Japanese aircraft during the Battle of Savo Island. None of the crew survived; Soloman Sea; 9° 42' 0" S, 158° 59' 0" E.¹⁰

Figure 23: MM2c Robert Gregory.

Seamen 2nd Class William Pendleton Ballard Jr. '45



Born: November 27, 1921, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.¹¹

Died: October 28, 1942

Service: US Navy, V-6 Navy Army Guard Branch; SN: 6165136

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received.
Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Battery F. Coast Artillery (1942).¹²

Ship: American Steam Tanker S.S. *Gurney E. Newlin*

Loss: Sunk by U-436.¹³ Potentially lost during the sinking of the *S.S. Bic Island*, which was torpedoed by U-224 the following night resulting in the deaths of all previous survivors.¹⁴

Figure 24: S2c William Ballard Jr.

Lieutenant Commander Joseph Hunt Bourland, '32



Born: January 31, 1911, Clarendon, Donley County, Texas.¹⁵

Died: July 11, 1943

Service: US Navy, SN: O-072277

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; transferred to Naval Academy

Ship: Submarine USS *Runner* (SS-275)

Loss: Went missing after departing for 3rd submarine patrol on May 27, 1943. Missing in northern Pacific Ocean, 48° 2' 0" N, 153° 17' 0" E.¹⁶

Figure 25: Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Bourland.

Seamen 2nd Class Warren Henry Welch Jr. '43



Born: November 18, 1921, Alta Loma, Galveston County, Texas.¹⁷

Died: November 16, 1943

Service: US Navy, SN: 6248089

A&M: Pursued degree in electrical engineering, degree not received; Galveston A&M Club, 1940.¹⁸

Ship: Destroyer USS *Preston* (DD-379)

Loss: Sunk during the Second Naval Battle of Guadalcanal by the Japanese cruiser *Nagara*. The USS *Preston* now rests at the bottom of Iron Bottom Sound.¹⁹

Figure 26: S2c Warren Welch Jr.

Lieutenant Junior Grade David Bennet “Mac” McCorquodale Jr. ‘39



Born: May 16, 1915.²⁰ Joined from Texas

Died: April 18, 1944

Service: US Navy, SN: O-187947

A&M: Graduated with a degree in petroleum engineering; Distinguished Student; Scholarship Honor Society; President of the Petroleum-Geology Club; Math Contest Finals; Fencing Team; Orange Club; Junto Club; A.I.M.E.; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Corps Unit: Battery B. Coast Artillery.

Ship: Submarine USS *Gudgeon* (SS-211)

Loss: Submarine went missing on 12th war patrol. Believed to have been sunk on April 18, 1944, in the Philippine Sea, 22° 52' 0" N, 143° 32' 0" E.²¹

Figure 27: David McCorquodale, Long Horn 1939.²²

Flight Officer John Marvin Young '44



Born: August 16, 1919, Montgomery County, Texas.²³

Died: April 20, 1944

Service: USAAF, 32nd Photographic Squadron, 5th Reconnaissance Group; SN: T-187595

A&M: Pursued degree in science; no degree received. Corps Unit: Field Artillery Band (1941).²⁴

Ship: Passenger aboard Liberty Ship S.S. *Paul Hamilton*, Hull #227

Loss: Torpedoed by German Ju 88 bombers and sunk in the Mediterranean Sea off of Cape Bengut, near Algiers.²⁵

Figure 28: Flt. O. John Young.

Lieutenant Sidney “Sid” Caldwell Kimball, ‘41



Born: May 13, 1921, Paris TX.²⁶

Died: October 25, 1944

Service: US Navy; SN: O-138153

A&M: Graduated with a bachelor’s in liberal arts; Accounting Society; Economics Club; Secretary of Paris and Lamar County Club; Corps Unit: 2nd HQ Field Artillery

Ship: Escort Carrier USS *Gambier Bay* (CVE-73)

Loss: Sunk by Japanese Warships during the Battle off Samar during the Battle of Leyte Gulf; Philippine Sea, 11° 31’ 0” N, 126° 12’ 0” E.²⁷

*Figure 29: Sidney Kimball, 1941 Long Horn.*²⁸

Seamen 2nd Class Douglas Ellsworth Stillwagon, ‘47



Born: May 1926, Wyoming.²⁹ Enlisted from Texas.

Died: October 25, 1944

Service: US Navy; S.N: 9680753

A&M: Pursued a degree in Agriculture. Degree not received.

Ship: Destroyer USS *Hoel* (DD-533)

Loss: Torpedoed and sunk by Japanese Warships during the Battle off Samar during the Battle of Leyte Gulf. Part of Taffy 3 Escort Carrier Task Unit; Philippine Sea; 11° 46’ 0” N, 126° 33’ 0” E.³⁰

Figure 30: S2c Douglas Stillwagon.

Seamen 2nd Class Arthur Garfield “Little Arthur” Stricklin ’47



Born: November 11, 1925, Dallas County, Texas.³¹

Died: December 18, 1944

Service: US Navy, SN: 8431730

A&M: Pursued a degree in chemical engineering; degree not received.

Ship: Destroyer USS *Monaghan* (DD-354).

Loss: Sunk during Typhoon Cobra. Only six sailors survived. The typhoon also sunk the destroyers *USS Spence* and *USS Hull*.³²

Figure 31: S2c Arthur Stricklin.

Private Herbert Otto Koehler ’47



Born: January 5, 1926, Lavaca County, Texas.³³

Died: December 25, 1944

Service: US Army, 262 Infantry Regiment, 66 Infantry Division; SN: 38675572

A&M: Pursued degree in architectural design; degree not received.

Ship: Belgian Troop Ship S.S. *Léopoldville* carrying reinforcements.

Loss: Torpedoed and sunk by U-486. 515 soldiers and sailors went down with the ship; 49° 45' 57" N, 1° 36' 20" W. ³⁴

Figure 32: Pvt. Otto Koehler.

Private 1st Class Sam William Noto Jr. '47



Born: December 1, 1925, Texas.³⁵

Died: December 25, 1944

Service: US Army, 262 Infantry Regiment, 66 Infantry Division; SN: 38675276

A&M: Pursued degree in electrical engineering; degree not received.

Ship: Belgian Troop Ship S.S. *Léopoldville* carrying reinforcements.

Loss: Torpedoed and sunk by U-486. 515 soldiers and sailors went down with the ship; 49° 45' 57" N, 1° 36' 20" W.³⁶

Figure 33: Pfc Sam Noto Jr.

Storekeeper 2nd Class William Jeter Newton '34



Born: March 12, 1913, Texas.³⁷

Died: February 21, 1945

Service: US Navy, SN: 08423850

A&M: Pursued degree in petroleum production engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private in Company G. Infantry (1932).³⁸

Ship: Escort Carrier USS *Bismarck Sea* (CVE-95)

Loss: Sunk near Iwo Jima after being hit by two Japanese Kamikaze aircraft. 318 men went down with the carrier; 24° 2' 21" N, 141° 18' 49" E.³⁹

Figure 34: Sk2c William Newton.

Radioman 3rd Class Calvin Floyd Ballard Jr. '46



Born: March 12, 1923, Shamrock, Wheeler County, Texas.⁴⁰

Died: April 2, 1945

Service: US Navy, SN: 8394343

A&M: Pursued degree in architectural design; degree not received. Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company D. Signal Corps (1944).⁴¹

Ship: Destroyer USS *Dickerson* (DD-157)

Loss: Hit by two Kamikaze aircraft on April 2, 1945. Scuttled near Kerama Retto on April 4, 1945.⁴²

Figure 35: RM3c Calvin Ballard.

Signalman 1st Class Chesley Edward “Zug” Phelps Jr. '43



Born: August 21, 1920, Stamford, Jones County, Texas.⁴³

Died: April 23, 1945

Service: US Navy, SN: 6166432

A&M: Pursued degree in agricultural administration; Corps Unit: Cadet Private in Company B. Infantry (1940),⁴⁴ Cadet Private in Company B. Infantry (1941).⁴⁵

Ship: Patrol Boat USS *Eagle Boat* 56 (PE-56)

Loss: Sunk by U-853 off the coast of Maine; 43° 33' 27.72" N, 70° 9' 43.56" W.⁴⁶

Figure 36: SM1c Chesley Phelps Jr.

2.10 Hell Ship Losses, WWII

The term Hell Ship is used to describe the in-human conditions suffered by Allied POWs aboard Japanese POW transport ships during World War Two. These Hell Ships carried Allied POWs from various Japanese prison camps to locations in Japan. Left unmarked, the Japanese Hell Ships were often subject to friendly fire, resulting in the deaths of more than 21,000 Allied POWs.¹ From the research conducted through the Aggie MIA/POW Project, it is estimated that 27 Aggies are Missing in Action as the result of the sinking of a Hell Ship. The loss of 1,773 POWs aboard the Hell Ship *Arisan Maru* is considered to be the greatest loss of POW life in a single event.² The sinking of the *Arisan Maru* is also the greatest loss of Aggie life in a single event, at 13 individuals.

Table 26: MIA Aggie Losses Aboard Hell Ship *Arisan Maru*, October 24, 1944

Rank and Name	Class Year	Places Held/Captured ³
MSgt. William Giles Boyd	1927	Cabanatuan Prison Camp.
Capt. William Mark Curtis	1932	Mariveles, Cabanatuan Prison Camps
Capt. Roy McMahan Vick	1935	Bataan
Capt. James Russell Holmes	1936	Camp O'Donnell
1Lt. John Brown McCluskey	1936	Corregidor, Cabanatuan POW Camp
1Lt. Edgar Beaumont Burgess	1938	Mariveles, Cabanatuan Prison Camps
1Lt. James M. Henry	1939	Camp O'Donnell
Capt. Henry John Schutte	1939	Camp O'Donnell
1Lt. Melvin R. Millard	1940	Mariveles, Cabanatuan Prison Camps
1Lt. John Darrell Stukenburg	1940	Davao
1Lt. Charles Earl Gaskell	1941	Camp O'Donnell, Cabanatuan
2Lt. Andrew Marmaduke James Jr.	1941	Corregidor, Bataan, Cabanatuan
Corporal George Perry McMillan	1943	Bataan

Table 27: MIA Aggie Losses Aboard Hell Ship Shin'yō Maru September 7, 1944

Rank and Name	Class Year	Places Held/Captured
Lt. Col. Rufus H. Rogers	1926	Davao
Capt. Gus H. Froebel	1935	Davao
1Lt. Maxey Cleburne Chenault	1937	Davao
2Lt. William Marion Taylor Jr.	1938	Philippines
Captain Ross Iyon Miller	1939	Camp O'Donnell

Table 28: MIA Aggie Losses Aboard Hell Ship Ōryoku Maru, October 24, 1944

Rank and Name	Class Year	Places Held/Captured
Major Maynard Goldman Snell	1921	Cabanatuan POW Camp
Captain Jack William Kelly	1929	Clark Field, Cabanatuan POW Camp
Captain George H. Peets	1930	Davao
2Lt. Orman Lester Fitzhugh	1940	Cabanatuan, Bilibid POW Camps

Note: Captain George Peets perished ashore enroute to San Fernando, Luzon, Philippines, due to wounds sustained during the sinking of the *Ōryoku Maru* on December 22, 1944

Table 29: MIA Aggie Losses Aboard Hell Ship Enoura Maru, January 9, 1945.

Rank and Name	Class Year	Places Held/Captured
Major John Vernon King	1922	Corregidor
2Lt. Howard P. Hardegree	1939	Cabanatuan POW Camp

Table 30: MIA Aggie Losses Aboard Hell Ship Brazil Maru, January 14-29, 1945.

Rank and Name	Class Year	Places Held/Captured
Captain Charles Martin Dempwolf	1935	Cabanatuan POW Camp
Captain Wilbert Arthur Calvert	1938	Corregidor
Captain Travis Edward Perrenot	1939	Davao
1Lt. Hugh A. Derrick	1939	Cabanatuan POW Camp

2.10.1 Hell Ship Shin'yō Maru:

Loss of the *Shin'yō Maru*: Sunk September 7, 1944.

Total Deaths: 668 Allied POWs; 5 Aggies.

Location of Loss: Sulu Sea, 3 miles off of Lanboyan Point, Zamboanga Peninsula, Mindanao, Philippine Islands. ⁴

Seven confirmed Aggies were aboard the *Shin'yō Maru* when it was sunk. Major Harry O. Fischer '29 and Lt. Roy D. Russell '42 were rescued by the *USS Narwhal*. 2nd Lt. William Marion Taylor Jr. '38 was added to this list through research conducted by the Aggie MIA/POW Research Team.

Lieutenant Colonel Rufus Hayden “Bill” “Deacon” Rogers ‘26



Born: November 11, 1900, Hillsboro, Texas.⁵

Died: September 7, 1944

Service: US Army, 81st Infantry Division, (Philippine Scout);
SN: O-231742

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agricultural administration;
Corps Unit: Cadet Major, 2nd Battalion, Infantry; Hill Country
Club; Freshmen Stock Judging Team.⁶

POW: Taken prisoner after surrendering to the Japanese on May
17, 1942.⁷

Figure 37: R. H. Rogers, 1926 Long Horn.⁸

Captain Gus H. “Gloomy” Froebel ‘35



Born: December 26, 1912, San Antonio, Texas.⁹

Died: September 7, 1944

Service: US Army, 86th Field Artillery Battalion (Philippine Scout); SN: O-328607

A&M: Graduated with a degree in industrial engineering; conferred in 1934; Corps Unit; Cadet 1st Lieutenant, HQ Battery, Field Artillery.¹⁰

POW: Captured on Bataan with his field artillery unit.¹¹

Figure 38: Gus H. Froebel, 1935 Long Horn.¹²

1st Lieutenant Maxey Cleburne “Dynamite” Chenault ‘37



Born: August 27, 1912, Texas.¹³

Died: September 7, 1944

Service: USAAF, Pilot; 7th Materials Squadron, 5th Air Base Group; SN: O-356107

A&M: Graduated with a degree in architectural engineering; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant, 2nd in Command Battery C. Field Artillery; Architectural Club; Scholarship Honor Society; Fish Track '34; Cross-Country, Varsity.¹⁴

Figure 39: M. C. Chenault, 1937 Long Horn.¹⁵

2nd Lieutenant William Marion Taylor Jr. '38



Born: May 21, 1916, Corsicana, Navarro County, Texas.¹⁶

Died: September 7, 1944

Service: 30 Bomb. Squadron, 19 Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-404964

A&M: Graduated with a degree in architectural design; degree conferred in 1938. Corps Unit: Cadet First Lieutenant, Supply Officer, Second Battalion Staff, Engineers (1939).¹⁷

*Figure 40: W. M. Taylor, 1939 Long Horn.*¹⁸

Captain Ross Iyon Miller '39



Born: ~1918, Texas.¹⁹

Died: September 7, 1944

Service: US Army, 101st Engineers Battalion, 101st Philippine Division, (Philippine Scout); SN: O-380529

A&M: Graduated with a degree in architectural design; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant, Company F Engineers;²⁰ Captain of the Riflery Club.²¹

POW: Stationed on Mindanao, Philippine Islands.²² Held at POW Camp #2, Davao, Mindanao, Philippine Islands.²³

Figure 41: Captain Ross Iyon Miller.

2.10.2 Hell Ship *Arisan Maru*:

Loss of the *Arisan Maru*: Sunk October 24, 1944.

Total Deaths: 1,773 Allied POWs; 13 Aggies

Location of Loss: Bashi Strait

Through research conducted by the Aggie MIA/POW Project, a 13th name, Corporal George Perry McMillan Jr. '43, was added to original list of 12 MIA Aggies aboard the *Arisan Maru*.²⁴ The loss of the *Arisan Maru* is considered to be the greatest loss of Aggie life in a single event.²⁵

Master Sergeant William Giles “Slim” “Doctor” Boyd ‘27



Born: ~1903, Tennessee. Enlisted from California.²⁶

Died: October 24, 1944

Service: US Army, 194th Tank Battalion; SN: 20900641

A&M: Graduated with a degree in animal husbandry; Corps Unit: Cadet Captain, Corps Staff; National Dairy Cattle Judging Team; Junior Dairy Judging Team; Kaufman County Club.²⁷

*Figure 22: W. G. Boyd, Long Horn, 1927.*²⁸

Captain William Mark Curtis '32



Born: October 4, 1910, White, Georgia.²⁹

Died: October 24, 1944

Service: US Army; SN: O-295071

A&M: Graduated with a degree in architectural design; Corps Unit: Cadet Major, Corps Staff;³⁰ Company A. Engineers; Distinguished Student; Scholarship Honor Society; Architectural Club President; Engineer Rifle Team.³¹

Figure 43: W. M. Curtis, 1932 Long Horn.³²

Captain Roy McMahan Vick Jr. '35



Born: November 12, 1913, Texas.³³

Died: October 24, 1944

Service: US Army, 91st Coast Artillery Regiment (Philippine Scout); SN: O-328575

A&M: Graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant, Battery B. Coast Artillery; Aeronautical Society; American Society of Mechanical Engineers.³⁴

Figure 44: R. M. Vick, 1935 Long Horn.³⁵

Captain James Russell Holmes '36



Born: March 18, 1915, Pennsylvania. Enlisted from District of Columbia.³⁶

Died: October 24, 1944

Service: US Army, 60th Coast Artillery Regiment; SN: O-021195

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received.

Figure 45: Captain James R. Holmes.

1st Lieutenant John Brown McCluskey Jr. '36



Born: June 17, 1913, Brenham, Texas.³⁷

Died: October 24, 1944

Service: US Army, 91st Coast Artillery Regiment (Philippine Scout); SN: O-342105

A&M: Graduated with a degree in science; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant, Battery C. Coast Artillery.³⁸

Figure 46: 1Lt. John B. McCluskey.

1st Lieutenant Edgar Beaumont “Beau” Burgess ‘38



Born: September 11, 1910, Fort Worth, Texas.³⁹

Died: October 24, 1944

Service: USAAF, HQ Squadron, 19th Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-365275

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agriculture; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant, Battery D. Field Artillery; Fort Worth Club; Agronomy Club; Parliamentarian.⁴⁰

Figure 47: Edgar Burgess, 1938 Long Horn.⁴¹

1st Lieutenant James M. Henry ‘39



Born: -- Texas.⁴²

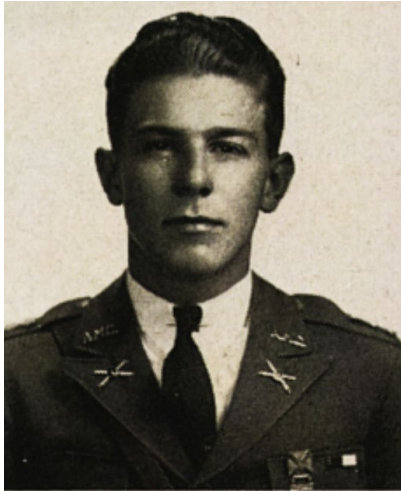
Died: October 24, 1944

Service: USAAF, 34th Pursuit Squadron, 24th Pursuit Group; SN: O-421089

A&M: Pursued degree in agricultural education; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Regimental Headquarters Company (1938).⁴³

Figure 48: 1Lt. James M. Henry.

Captain Henry John Schutte Jr. '39



Born: September 8, 1916, Galveston, Texas.⁴⁴

Died: October 24, 1944

Service: US Army, 59th Coast Artillery Regiment; SN: O-024501

A&M: Graduated with a degree in electrical engineering; Corps Unit: Cadet Captain, Battery G. Coast Artillery; Distinguished Student; A.I.E.E.; Lutheran Club; A.S.M.E.; Houston A&M Club.⁴⁵

Figure 49: Henry J. Schutte, 1939 Long Horn.⁴⁶

Henry J. Schutte Sr, wrote the following in a letter sent to the Texas A&M Association of Former Students on August 1, 1945. “We still cling to our faith in our Lord that through his goodness and mercy he might perform a miracle and bring our boy and a good many of the others back.”⁴⁷

1st Lieutenant Melvin R. “Square” Millard '40



Born: December 15, 1919, Texas.⁴⁸

Died: October 24, 1944

Service: US Army, 515th Coast Artillery Regiment; SN: O-401443

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agriculture; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant, Battery A. Coast Artillery; National Dairy Products Judging Team; Abilene Club, President and Secretary Treasurer.⁴⁹

Figure 50: Melvin R. Millard, 1940 Long Horn.⁵⁰

1st Lieutenant John Darrell “Stukie” Stukenberg ‘40



Born: June 16, 1916, Oklahoma.⁵¹

Died: October 24, 1944

Service: US Army, 81st Engineers Battalion, 81st Division, (Philippine Scout); SN: O-389605

A&M: Graduated with a degree in petroleum engineering; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant B. Company Engineers; Freshman “Y” Cabinet; Petroleum Geology Club; A.I.M.E.; R.O.A.; O.B.B.; Champion Intramural Volleyball Team.⁵²

Figure 51: John D. Stukenburg, 1940 Long Horn.⁵³

1st Lieutenant Charles Earl Gaskell ‘41



Born: October 15, 1919, San Antonio, Texas.⁵⁴

Died: October 24, 1944

Service: USAAF, 34th Pursuit Squadron, 24th Pursuit Group; SN: O-421072

A&M: Pursued a degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company F. Engineers (1938);⁵⁵ Dallas A&M Club.⁵⁶

Figure 52: 1Lt. Charles E. Gaskell.

2nd Lieutenant Andrew Marmaduke “Andy” James Jr. ‘41



Born: May 28, 1919, Dalhart, Texas.⁵⁷

Died: October 24, 1944

Service: US Army, Headquarters US Army Forces Far East; SN: O-409560

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agriculture; Corps Unit: Battery A. Coast Artillery; Agronomy society; Newman Club; President of Tri-State A&M Club.

*Figure 53: Andrew Marmaduke James, 1941 Long Horn.*⁵⁸

Corporal George Perry McMillan Jr. ‘43



Born: February 20, 1919, Tyler, Texas.⁵⁹

Died: October 24, 1944

Service: US Army, 200th Coast Artillery Regiment; SN: 38055395

A&M: Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Battery B. Coast Artillery (1940).⁶⁰

Figure 54: Cpl. George P. McMillan.

2.10.3 Hell Ship *Ōryoku Maru*:

Loss of the *Ōryoku Maru*: Sunk December 15, 1944

Total Deaths: 270 Allied POWs; 4 Aggies

Location of Loss: Subic Bay, Luzon

Major Maynard Goldman “Runt” “Barney” Snell ‘21



Born: ~1901, Texas.⁶¹

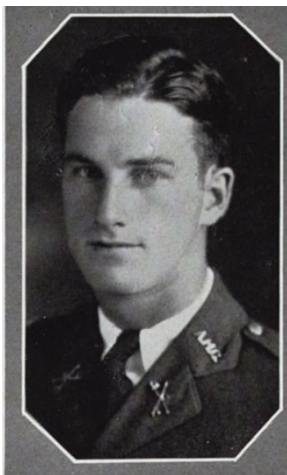
Died: December 15, 1944

Service: US Army, HQ Company 192nd Tank Battalion; SN: O-196137

A&M: Graduated with a degree in animal husbandry; Corps Unit: Captain, Company E. Infantry; President Y. M. C. A. Cabinet; President Junior Sunday School Class; Kand Club; West Texas Club Vice-President; Lampasas Club Vice-President; Saddle and Sirloin Club; Wrestling.⁶²

*Figure 55: Maynard G. Snell, 1921 Long Horn.*⁶³

Captain Jack William Kelly ‘29



Born: May 2, 1906, Texas.⁶⁴

Died: December 15, 1944

Service: USAAF, 7th Materials Squadron, 5th Air Base Group; SN: O-260803

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agricultural administration; Corps Unit: Cadet 2nd Lieutenant, Troop C. Cavalry; Ross Volunteers; Tennis Team; One Buttoneers Club.⁶⁵

*Figure 56: Jack William Kelly, 1929 Long Horn.*⁶⁶

Captain George Halsey Peets Jr. '30



Born: August 26, 1908, Cameron, Texas.⁶⁷

Died: December 22, 1944

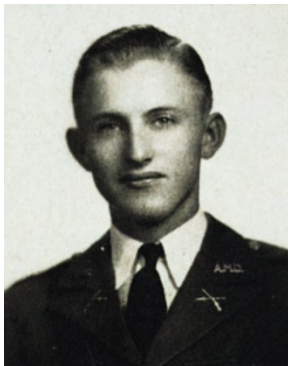
Service: US Army, 31st Infantry Regiment; SN: O-286051

A&M: Pursued degree in liberal arts; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Company F. Infantry.⁶⁸

Loss: Wounded in the sinking of the Oryoku Maru and perished from his wounds while being transported to San Fernando, Luzon, Philippines.

Figure 57: Cpt. George Halsey Peets.

2nd Lieutenant Orman Lester Fitzhugh '40



Born: September 15, 1917, Tolar, Texas.⁶⁹

Died: December 15, 1944

Service: USAAF; SN: O-389708

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agricultural education; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant Company C. Infantry; Scholarship Honor Society.⁷⁰

Figure 58: Orman Fitzhugh, 1940 Long Horn.⁷¹

2.10.4 Hell Ship *Enoura Maru*:

Loss of the *Enoura Maru*: Sunk January 9, 1945.

Total Deaths: 330 Allied POWs; 2 Aggies

Location of Loss: Takao, Taiwan

Five Aggies were aboard the *Enoura Maru* when it was sunk. Captains Cary M. Abney '34, Travis E. Perrenot '36, and Wilbert Calvert '38 survived. Just weeks after the sinking, on January 28, 1945, the three Aggie survivors of the *Enoura Maru* would be killed aboard the *Brazil Maru*.

Major John Vernon King '22



Born: June 9, 1889, Nebraska. Enlisted from Wyoming.⁷²

Died: January 9, 1945.⁷³

Service: US Army, Harbor Defense of Manila; SN: O-165547

A&M: Pursued degree in agriculture; degree not received.
Commandant's Staff, Texas A&M Corps of Cadets (1927).⁷⁴

Loss: Second in Command to General George F. Moore '08 on Corregidor.⁷⁵

*Figure 59: J. V. King, Long Horn, 1927.*⁷⁶

2nd Lieutenant Howard Preston Hardegree '39



Born: January 16, 1918, Texas.⁷⁷

Died: January 9, 1945.⁷⁸

Service: USAAF, 3rd Pursuit Squadron, 24th Pursuit Group; SN: O-406541

A&M: Pursued degree in civil engineering; degree not received. Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company B. Engineers (1937).⁷⁹

Figure 60: 2Lt. Howard P. Hardegree.

2.10.5 Hell Ship *Brazil Maru*:

Journey of the *Brazil Maru*: January 14-29, 1945

Total Deaths: ~500 Allied POWs; 4 Aggies

Route of the *Brazil Maru*: Takao, Taiwan, to Moji, Japan

Captain Charles Martin Dempwolf '35



Born: July 31, 1914, Cleburne, Texas.⁸⁰

Died: January 23, 1945

Service: US Army, 14th Engineers Regiment (Philippine Scout); SN: O-336435

A&M: Graduated with a degree in chemical engineering; Corps Unit: Cadet Captain Regiment Staff; President of the Chem Society; President of Newman Club, Scholarship Honor Society; Student Welfare Committee; Varsity Tennis.⁸¹

Figure 61: Charles Dempwolf, 1935 Long Horn.⁸²

Captain Travis Edward “Lefty” Perrenot ‘36



Born: May 10, 1911, Texas.⁸³

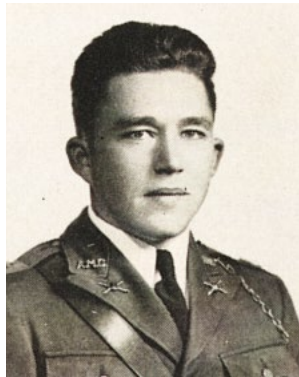
Died: January 22, 1945

Service: US Army, 24th Field Artillery Regiment (Philippine Scout);
SN: O-359123

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agriculture; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st
Lieutenant, Battery E. Field Artillery; Fish Numeral Baseball; Varsity;
San Antonio Club; Horticulture Society; B.T.U.; Bowling Club.⁸⁴

Figure 62: Travis Perrenot, 1936 Long Horn.⁸⁵

Captain Wilbert Arthur “Goon” Calvert ‘38



Born: February 6, 1916, Archer County, Texas.⁸⁶

Died: January 22, 1945

Service: US Army, 60th Coast Artillery Regiment; SN: O-365221

A&M: Graduated with a degree in liberal arts; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st
Lieutenant, 2nd in command, Battery D. Coast Artillery; Economics
Club; Glee Club; Biology Club; Little Theater; Intramural Manager.⁸⁷

Figure 63: Wilbert Calvert, 1938 Long Horn.⁸⁸

1st Lieutenant Hugh A. Derrick '39



Born: ~1917, Oklahoma.⁸⁹

Died: January 23, 1945

Service: US Army, 71st Engineers Battalion, 71st Infantry Division; SN: O-413951

A&M: Pursued degree in science; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Sergeant Company B. Engineers (1939).⁹⁰

Figure 64: 1Lt. Hugh A. Derrick.

2.11 Pacific Theater Losses, WWII

Table 31: MIA Aggies by Region of Loss, Pacific Theater.

Region of Loss	Number
Soloman Islands, Papua New Guinea	19
Indonesia, Malaysia, Western Australia	5
Indo-Burma Region	5
Philippine Islands, Philippine Sea, South China Sea	19
Japanese Islands, Sea of Okhotsk, China	22
Pacific Ocean	7
Hawaii	2
South America	2
Total	81

Note: Table does not include allied ship losses or Hell Ship losses.

Table 32: MIA Aggies by Mode of Loss, Pacific Theater.

Mode of Loss (Ship, Aircraft, Ground)	Number
Ship	40
Aircraft	65
Ground	8
Unknown	7
Total	120

Note: Table includes the two Aggie losses from South America.

Table 33: MIA Aggie Place of Loss, Pacific Theater.

Place of Loss	Number
Water	56
Land	16
Unknown	9
Total	81

Table 34: MIA Aggie Ship Losses, Pacific Theater.

Ship Loss	Number
Allied Ships	11
Hell Ships	27
Total	38

Table 35: MIA Aggie Aircraft Loss Location, Pacific Theater

Place of Loss	Number
Water	42
Land	18
Unknown	5
Total	65

Table 36: MIA Aggie Pacific Losses; Soloman Islands, Papua New Guinea.

#	Rank, Name, Class Year	Date Lost	Mode of Loss	Place of Loss
1	1Lt. Clarence V. Berdine '43	25 Aug. 1942	Aircraft	Water
2	Capt. Francis Potts '39	6 Sept. 1942	Aircraft	Land
3	Lt. Herbert H. Perritte '39	2 Oct. 1942	Aircraft	Water
4	Ltjg Warren K. Garret '45	2 Oct. 1942	Unknown	Water
5	Capt. Wiley H. Craft '43	17 Oct. 1942	Aircraft	Water
6	Capt. Samuel T. Gillespie '43	17 Oct. 1942	Aircraft	Water
7	2Lt. Jack D. Mills '44	23 Oct. 1942	Aircraft	Water
8	1Lt. Frank M. Colburn '38	22 Nov. 1942	Aircraft	Water
9	Pfc. William G. Fraser '43	5 Jan 1943	Aircraft	Unknown
10	1Lt. Clyde W. Beatty Jr. '41	15 Jan. 1943	Aircraft	Water
11	Maj. Earl O. Hall '34	1 Feb. 1943	Aircraft	Water
12	Capt. James Griffin '39	26 Mar. 1943	Aircraft	Unknown
13	Capt. Herman Spoede Jr. '42	3 July 1943	Aircraft	Water
14	2Lt. James H. Scholl '43	6 July 1943	Aircraft	Water
15	Ltjg David DeLong '39	19 Aug. 1943	Aircraft	Water
16	Capt. Frank P. Smart '41	16 Apr. 1944	Aircraft	Land
17	Capt. Johnson B. Allen '39	18 May 1944	Aircraft	Water
18	Sgt. Rector W. Hamilton '42	6 Apr. 1945	Aircraft	Water
19	1Lt. Paul C. Crouch '44	21 June 1945	Aircraft	Water

Table 37: MIA Aggie Pacific Losses; Indonesia, Malaysia, Western Australia.

#	Name	Date Lost	Mode of Loss	Place of Loss
1	Capt. William Ragsdale Jr. '33	3 Mar. 1942	Aircraft	Water
2	1Lt. James E. Inglehart '42	30 Nov. 1944	Unknown	Unknown
3	1Lt. Raymond C. Schuette '42	1 Feb. 1945	Aircraft	Land
4	Ens. James W. McCaslin '42	12 Feb. 1945	Unknown	Unknown
5	2lt. Earnest R. Alexander '45	26 Mar. 1945	Ground	Land

Table 38: MIA Aggie Pacific Losses; Indo-Burma Region.

#	Name	Date Lost	Mode of Loss	Place of Loss
1	Sgt. Clarence E. Wisrodt Jr. '41	3 Mar. 1942	Aircraft	Water
2	1Lt. Willard K. Short '41	13 Mar. 1943	Aircraft	Water
3	1Lt. Willie Lee Bryce '42	1 July 1943	Aircraft	Land
4	2lt. George L. Mauldin Jr. '42	6 Oct. 1944	Aircraft	Land
5	2lt. Harold S. Pettit '45	18 June 1945	Aircraft	Land

Table 39: MIA Aggie Pacific Losses; Philippine Islands, Philippine Sea, South China Sea.

#	Name	Date Lost	Mode of Loss	Place of Loss
1	2Lt. James t. Drake '41	8 Dec. 1941	Aircraft	Land
2	Capt. John A. E. Bergstrom '29	10 Dec. 1941	Ground	Land
3	1Lt. Clifford G. Hardwicke '37	17 Jan. 1942	Ground	Land
4	2Lt. James B. Whitley '38	19 Apr. 1942	Ground	Land
5	2Lt. John Willis Muse '40	25 July 1942	Ground	Land
6	Ltjg Charles W. Gerhardt '42	5 Apr. 1943	Unknown	Water
7	Lt. Robert B. Parker '42	5 Nov. 1944	Ship	Water
8	2Lt. Albert B. Capt '46	10 Nov. 1944	Aircraft	Water
9	Ens. Arthur M. Tubb Jr. '45	15 Nov. 1944	Aircraft	Water
10	1Lt. Melvin G. Hass '44	13 Dec. 1944	Aircraft	Water
11	1Lt. Hal W. Townsend '45	10 Jan. 1945	Aircraft	Water
12	1Lt. Otis F. Lowry '42	10 Feb. 1945	Aircraft	Water
13	Maj. John Conly '38	10 Mar. 1945	Aircraft	Water
14	Ltjg Lisle R. Van Burgh Jr. '42	12 Apr. 1945	Unknown	Water
15	2Lt. William J. Summy '46	28 Apr. 1945	Aircraft	Water
16	2Lt. Burl T. Wiley '45	3 May 1945	Aircraft	Water
17	Maj. Charles B. Adams '40	5 June 1945	Aircraft	Land
18	1Lt. Paul H. Damrel '42	12 June 1945	Aircraft	Water
19	Capt. Floyd M. Buchel '36	1 Apr. 1946	Unknown	Unknown

Table 40: MIA Aggie Pacific Losses; Japanese Islands, Sea of Okhotsk, China.

#	Name	Date Lost	Mode of Loss	Place of Loss
1	1Lt. Burt O. Griffin '41	26 Dec. 1942	Ground	Land
2	2Lt. Travis V. Hodges '41	15 Apr. 1943	Aircraft	Water
3	Capt. Henry W. Waters '40	21 Aug. 1943	Aircraft	Land
4	Capt. Chester I. Tims '37	20 Aug. 1944	Aircraft	Water
5	Sgt. Thomas Ray Perkins '46	13 Dec. 1944	Aircraft	Water
6	Y1c Noah Horn '38	21 Jan. 1945	Ship	Water
7	1Lt. Edwin E. Brashear '45	10 Feb. 1945	Aircraft	Water
8	2Lt. Cyril F. Russell Jr. '47	19 Feb. 1945	Aircraft	Water
9	2Lt. Frank G. Weisiger '42	2 Mar. 1945	Aircraft	Water
10	2Lt. Isaac Samarel '44	4 Apr. 1945	Aircraft	Water
11	2Lt. Clyde V. Mangum Jr. '43	26 Apr. 1945	Aircraft	Water
12	1Lt. William W. Redus '45	26 Apr. 1945	Aircraft	Water
13	S1c Carl Andy Brannen Jr. '45	9 May 1945	Aircraft	Water
14	1Lt. Leonard Larsen '39	10 May 1945	Aircraft	Water
15	Maj. Walter L. Evans '41	21 May 1945	Aircraft	Unknown
16	2Lt. Edward A. Gripp '44	10 June 1945	Aircraft	Water
17	ART1c Jack C. Cameron '44	26 June 1945	Aircraft	Water
18	1Lt. Weldon W. Dyess '44	31 July 1945	Ground	Land
19	Lt. Granville W. Cowan '45	10 Aug. 1945	Aircraft	Water
20	2Lt. James B. Noland '45	7 Oct. 1945	Aircraft	Unknown
21	2Lt. Roger E. Edwards '46	13 Nov. 1945	Aircraft	Water
22	Col. Harney Estes Jr.	25 July 1946	Aircraft	Water

Table 41: MIA Aggie Pacific Losses; Pacific Ocean.

#	Name	Date Lost	Mode of Loss	Place of Loss
1	1Lt. Foster L. Lemly '42	8 Sept. 1943	Aircraft	Unknown
2	Ltjg Newton Birkes '37	17 Feb. 1944	Aircraft	Water
3	2Lt. Jack B. Bailey '41	9 Dec. 1944	Aircraft	Water
4	Cpl. Hubert Roussel Jr. '46	13 Dec. 1944	Aircraft	Water
5	Ens. Thomas H. Winn Jr. '45	7 Feb. 1945	Aircraft	Water
5	1Lt. Wilson B. Buster Jr. '40	22 June 1945	Aircraft	Water
6	Lt. Albert L. Matteson '43	24 July 1945	Aircraft	Water

Table 42: MIA Aggie Pacific Losses; Hawaii and South America.

#	Name	Date Lost	Mode of Loss	Place of Loss
1	Capt. Daniel Chamberlain '41	29 Jan. 1943	Aircraft	Water
2	2Lt. Raymond L. Tucker '43	7 Apr. 1943	Aircraft	Water
3	Lt. Weldon D. Cauthan '38	17 July 1944	Unknown	Unknown
4	2Lt. Richard Haxthausen '44	23 Feb. 1945	Aircraft	Water

2.11.1 Soloman Islands, Papua New Guinea:

1st Lieutenant Clarence Vance Berdine '43



Born: ~1919, Enlisted from New Jersey.¹

Died: August 25, 1942

Service: USAAF, 13 Bomb. Squadron, 3 Bomb. Group (Light); SN: O-725487

A&M: Pursued degree in liberal arts; degree not received. Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Company A. Chem. Warfare Service (1940),²

Plane: Co-pilot of a Medium Bomber.

Loss: Lost over Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea.

Figure 65: 1Lt. Clarence V. Berdine.

Captain Francis Morgan Potts '39



Born: September 4, 1917, Austin, Travis County, Texas.³

Died: September 6, 1942

Service: USAAF, 80 Fighter Squadron, 8 Fighter Group; SN: O-380475

A&M: Graduated with a degree in horticulture. Corps Unit: Cadet Captain, B. Cavalry; 2nd in Command of Ross Volunteers; Horticulture Society; Episcopal Club; President of McClennan County Club; Press Club; Scientific Review.⁴

Plane: Pilot of P-400, Serial Number: AP359

Loss: Bailed out over Lake Myola #2 in Papua New Guinea. Seen landing after parachuting, there was no trace of his body.⁵

Figure 66: Francis Potts, 1939 Long Horn.⁶

Lieutenant Herbert Hoover Perritte '39



Born: April 16, 1918, Texas.⁷

Died: October 2, 1942

Service: US Navy, Fighter Squadron 71 (VF-71); SN: 83354

A&M: Corps Unit: Cadet 2LT, Battery G. Coast Artillery;
American Society of Mechanical Engineers; Economics Club.⁸

Plane: Pilot of F4F Wildcat

Loss: Failed to return from bombing mission. Crashed within sight of Savo Island, Guadalcanal.

Figure 67: H. H. Perritte, 1939 Long Horn.⁹

Lieutenant Jr. Grade Warren Kay Garrett '45



Born: ~1921, Fort Worth, Texas.¹⁰

Died: October 2, 1942

Service: US Navy; SN: O-106335

A&M: Pursued a degree in aerospace engineering; Degree not received.

Mode of Loss: Unknown

Loss: San Cristobal, Guadalcanal

Figure 68: Ltjg. Warren K. Garret.

Captain Wiley Harold Craft '43



Born: February 24, 1919, Nogales, Santa Cruz County, Arizona. Enlisted from Texas.¹¹

Died: October 17, 1942

Service: USMC, Marine Fighter Squadron 121 (VMF-121); SN: O-9038.

A&M: Pursued liberal arts degree; degree was not received. Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Battery H. Coast Artillery (1940).¹²

Plane: Pilot of F4F Wildcat

Loss: Arrived at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, on October 6, 1942. Failed to return from mission over Sealark Channel, Guadalcanal.¹³

Figure 69: Cpt. Wiley H. Craft.

Captain Samuel Thomas “Tommy” Gillespie ‘43



Born: December 20, 1920, Dallas, Texas.¹⁴

Died: October 17, 1942

Service: USMC, Marine Scout Bombing Squadron 141; SN: O-11362

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received. Corps Unit: Cadet Corporal, Battery C. Coast Artillery (1941).¹⁵

Plane: Pilot of SBD-3 #03310

Loss: Arrived at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, on October 10, 1942. Circumstances of loss unknown, missing from sub-patrol. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross.¹⁶

Figure 70: Cpt. Samuel T. Gillespie.

2nd Lieutenant Jack Dillon Mills '44



Born: November 24, 1921, Texas.¹⁷

Died: October 23, 1942.

Service: USAAF, 71 Bomb. Squadron, 38 Bomb. Group (Medium); SN: O-660882

A&M: Pursued degree in chemical engineering; degree not received. Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Company C. Chemical Warfare (1941).¹⁸

Plane: 2Lt. Mills was Navigator aboard B-25C #41-12889 "Yankee Vengeance"

Loss: Lost on a routine flight from Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, to Townsville, Australia. Detected 25 miles from Townsville on Radar. The aircraft failed to arrive. Wreck possibly located in 1944, north of Cairn, Australia.¹⁹

Figure 71: 2Lt. Jack Dillon Mills.

1st Lieutenant Frank Monroe "Hank" Colburn '38



Born: September 26, 1917, Orange County, Texas.²⁰

Died: November 22, 1942.

Service: USAAF, 65 Bomb. Squadron, 43 Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-725053

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received. Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Company G. Infantry (1935).²¹

Plane: Bombardier aboard B-17E #41-2536

Loss: Took off from Queensland, Australia, to locate and destroy Japanese ships. 1Lt. Colburn's B-17 was hit by flak and set fire. Parachutes seen; B-17 lost south of New Britain Island.

Figure 72: 1Lt. Frank M. Colburn.

Private First-Class William Gerard Fraser Jr. '43



Born: May 15, 1919, San Antonio, Texas.²²

Died: January 5, 1943

Service: USAAF, 64 Bomb. Squadron, 43 Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: 20815917

A&M: Pursued a degree in petroleum engineering; degree not received.

Plane: Gunner aboard B-17F #41-24458 "San Antonio Rose"

Loss: Took off from Port Moresby on a bombing mission to Rabaul. Pursued by 4 to 5 Japanese fighter planes over target. Pilot and Co-Pilot bailed out and were taken POW. Last seen flying south and east of Vunakanau.²³

Figure 73: Pfc William G. Fraser.

1st Lieutenant Clyde Webb Beatty Jr. '41



Born: September 2, 1919, San Marcos, Texas.²⁴

Died: January 15, 1943

Service: USAAF, 12 Fighter Squadron, 18 Fighter Group; SN: O-431840

A&M: Pursued degree in cotton marketing classing; degree not received. Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Battery C. Coast Artillery (1940).²⁵

Plane: Pilot of P-39 #42-4364

Loss: Flying a bomber escort mission and lost in a channel near New Georgia, Soloman Islands. According to MACR 608, it is likely he was heard over the radio to say he was bailing out.²⁶

Figure 74: Clyde Beatty, 1939 Long Horn.²⁷

Major Earl Oxford Hall '34



Born: October 13, 1913, Coryell County, Texas.²⁸

Died: February 1, 1943

Service: USAAF, 42 Bomb. Squadron, 11 Bomb. Group (Heavy);
SN: O-325099

A&M: Graduated with a degree in electrical engineering; Corps Unit:
Cadet Captain, Company A. Signal Corps; Finals Sophomore Math
Contest, 1932. Coulomb Chasers Club.

Plane: Pilot of B-17E #41-9151

Loss: Took off from Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, to bomb Japanese ships in Tonolei Harbor, Bougainville. Missing near Choiseul Bay after being attacked by a squadron of 15-25 Japanese Zero Fighters.²⁹

*Figure 75: Earl Hall, 1934 Long Horn.*³⁰

Captain James Richard Griffin '39



Born: January 18, 1918, Texas.³¹

Died: March 26, 1943

Service: USAAF, Headquarters Squadron 5, Bomber Command; SN: O-389636

A&M: Degree in Science; Corps Unit: Cadet Captain, Field Artillery.

Plane: B-17F #41-24384 "Pluto,"

Loss: Took off from Port Moresby on a recon. Flight to Merauke and Horn Island. Last radio contact was 20 minutes into flight. B-17 never returned.³²

*Figure 76: J. R. Griffin, 1940 Long Horn.*³³

Captain Herman Henry Spoede Jr. '42



Born: September 3, 1921, Wallis, Austin County, Texas.³⁴

Died: July 3, 1943

Service: USMC, Marine Fighter Squadron 213 (VMF-213) “Hell Hawks”; SN: O-013697

A&M: Pursued a degree in liberal arts; degree not received; Corps Unit: Battery B. Coast Artillery; Debate Club (1940).

Plane: Pilot of an F4U Corsair, possibly nicknamed “San Antonio Rose”

Loss: Lost on return to Guadalcanal after a patrol to Rendova, Soloman Islands. Bad weather separated the crew causing Spoede to fly his plane off course.³⁵

Figure 77: Herman Spoede, 1940 Long Horn.³⁶

2nd Lieutenant James Henry “Jimmie” Scholl '43



Born: March 4, 1919, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas.³⁷

Died: July 6, 1943

Service: USAAF, 370 Bomb. Squadron, 307 Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-667436

A&M: Pursued a degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Corporal, Company E. Infantry

Plane: Navigator aboard B-24D #41-24093

Loss: Failed to return to Carney Field, Guadalcanal, after a bombing mission to Kahili Airfield, Bougainville. Last seen over Choiseul Island, Soloman Islands.³⁸

Figure 78: Jimmie Scholl, 1940 Long Horn.³⁹

Lieutenant Jr. Grade David “Dee” DeLong Jr. ‘39



Born: October 1, 1916, Texas.⁴⁰

Died: August 19, 1943

Service: US Navy, United States Navy Reserve; SN: O-106729

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agriculture; Corps Unit: Battery F. Field Artillery; Saddle and Sirloin Club; San Angelo Club.

Plane: Pilot, type of aircraft and serial number unavailable.⁴¹

Loss: Crashed in Pallikulo Bay, Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, during a mission.

*Figure 79: D. E. DeLong, 1939 Long Horn.*⁴²

Captain Frank Pierce Smart ‘41



Born: April 17, 1920, Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas.⁴³

Died: April 16, 1944, “Black Sunday.”⁴⁴

Service: USAAF, 387 Bomb. Squadron, 312 Bomb. Group (Light); SN: O-421649

A&M: Pursued a degree in liberal arts; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Aggie Band (1983).⁴⁵

Plane: Pilot of A-20G #43-9098

Loss: Ran out of fuel during a bombing mission to Hollandia, New Guinea. Crashed near Yalau Plantation, southeast of Bogadjim. Lost during a severe weather event preventing their passage home. 37 Planes went missing on April 16th.⁴⁶

Figure 80: Capt. Frank P. Smart.

Captain Johnson Butler “Skeet” Allen ‘39



Born: September 17, 1912, Texas.⁴⁷

Died: May 18, 1944

Service: US Army, 21 Recon. Troop, 182nd Infantry Regiment; SN: O-380580

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agriculture. Corps Unit: Cadet Captain, C. Company, Infantry; President of Libert County Club; Freshman Council.⁴⁸

Plane: Passenger aboard R4D-5 Skytrain #39073

Loss: Took off from Bougainville to Guadalcanal, carrying mail, personnel, and supplies. Went missing in The Slot, the channel between the islands.⁴⁹

Figure 81: J. B. Allen, 1939 Long Horn.⁵⁰

Sergeant Rector Woodrow “Rex” Hamilton ‘42



Born: ~1921, Texas.⁵¹

Died: April 6, 1945

Service: USAAF, 1532nd Air Force Base Unit; SN: 18181409

A&M: Pursued degree in economics; conferred in 1942.

Plane: Radio Operator aboard B-24M #44-42320

Loss: Took off from Tarawa, Kiribati, on a ferrying mission to Los Negros Island, Admiralty Islands. The B-24 crashed into the sea after running out of fuel.⁵²

Figure 82: Sgt. Rector W. Hamilton.

1st Lieutenant Paul Clifford Crouch '44



Born: February 11, 1922, Barstow, Ward County, Texas.⁵³

Died: June 21, 1945

Service: USAAF, 68th Army Airways Communication System Group; SN: O-869966

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Company F. Infantry (1941).⁵⁴

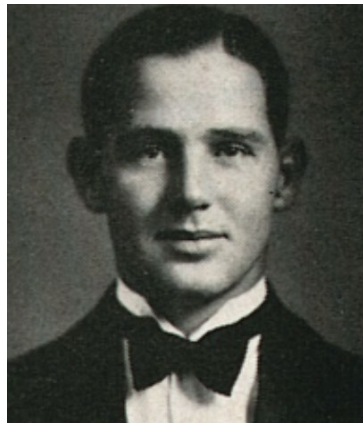
Plane: Passenger and radio tester aboard OA-10A #44-34050

Loss: Took off from Mokerang, Los Negros, Admiralty Islands, to test radio/directional equipment. Likely crashed into the Bismarck Sea after running out of fuel.⁵⁵

Figure 83: 1Lt. Paul Clifford Crouch.

2.11.1.1 Indonesia, Malaysia, Western Australia:

Captain William Pleasant “Rags III” Ragsdale Jr. ‘33



Born: October 6, 1910, Griggs, Oklahoma. Enlisted from Texas.⁵⁶

Died: March 3, 1942

Service: USAAF, 10th Ferry Squadron; SN: O-022514

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agriculture; Corps Unit: Troop A. Cavalry; Horticulture Society; Valley Boosters.⁵⁷

Plane: Co-Pilot of B-24A #40-2374

Loss: Co-Pilot of a B-24 carrying men evacuated from Java to Perth. Shot down 10 miles from the shore of Broome Air Base, Australia, after takeoff. Wreck is located 7 miles off Cable Beach. One man survived by swimming to shore.⁵⁸

Figure 84: W. P. Ragsdale Jr., 1933 Long Horn.⁵⁹

1st Lieutenant James Edward “Bud” Inglehart ‘42



Born: January 14, 1921, Brenham, Texas.⁶⁰

Died: November 30, 1944

Service: USAAF, 647th Bomb. Squadron, 417th Bomb. Group (Light); SN: O-465935

A&M: Graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering; Corps Unit: Cadet Captain, Aggie Field Artillery Band; American Society of Mechanical Engineers.⁶¹

Mode of Loss: Unavailable.

Loss: Lost Near Morotai Island, North Maluku Province, Indonesia.

Figure 85: J. E. Inglehart, 1942 Long Horn.⁶²

1st Lieutenant Raymond Carl Schuette ‘42



Born: April 14, 1918, Texas.⁶³

Died: February 1, 1945

Service: USAAF, 25th Bomb. Squadron, 40th Bomb. Group (Very Heavy); SN: O-746758

A&M: Pursued a degree in petroleum engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company H Infantry;⁶⁴ Petroleum Engineering Club.⁶⁵

Plane: Navigator aboard B-29 #42-24589 “Calamity Jane”

Loss: Took off from Chakulia Airfield, India, on a bombing mission over Japanese-held docks at Singapore. Shot down over Johor State, Malaysia.⁶⁶

Figure 86: 1Lt. Raymond C. Schuette.

Ensign James Walter “Mac” McCaslin ‘42



Born: November 14, 1920, Chillicothe, Texas.⁶⁷

Died: February 12, 1945

Service: US Navy, United States Naval Reserve; SN: O-354655

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agricultural education; Corps Unit: Company H Infantry; A&M Collegiate Chapter F.F.A.⁶⁸

Mode of Loss: Unknown.

Loss: Lost Near Morotai Island, North Maluku Province, Indonesia.

Figure 87: J. W. McCaslin, 1942 Long Horn.⁶⁹

2nd Lieutenant Earnest Robinson Alexander '44



Born: February 5, 1923, Adamson Oklahoma. Enlisted from Texas.⁷⁰

Died: March 26, 1945

Service: USAAF, V Fighter Command, Far Eastern Air Force; SN: O-675811

A&M: Pursued degree in civil engineering; degree not received.

Plane: P-51 Pilot.

Loss: Listed as MIA in the North Maluku Province, Indonesia. Taken POW by Japanese forces and died at an unknown POW Camp.⁷¹ KIA dates are inconsistent in records.

Figure 88: 2Lt. Earnest R. Alexander.

2.11.2 Indo-Burma Region:

Sergeant Clarence Emil Philip Wisrodt Jr. '41



Born: May 23, 1919, Rosenberg, Texas.⁷²

Died: March 3, 1942

Service: RCAF, 17th RAF Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force; SN: R/67687

A&M: Pursued degree in petroleum engineering; degree not received.

Plane: Pilot of a Hawker Hurricane

Loss: Joined the RCAF in July 1940. Shot down on a reconnaissance mission. Crashed in the Sittang River, east of Rangoon, Burma.⁷³

Figure 89: Sgt. Clarence Emil Philip Wisrodt Jr.

1st Lieutenant Willard Keith Short '41



Born: April 12, 1920, Hale County, Texas.⁷⁴

Died: March 13, 1943.

Service: USAAF, 9th Bomb. Squadron, 7th Bomb. Group; SN: O-436009.

A&M: Pursued degree in agricultural engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Regimental Staff Company, Infantry (1938).⁷⁵

Plane: Pilot of a B-24D Liberator.

Loss: Lost over Gulf of Martaban, off of the coast of Rangoon, while returning to their base in Pandeveswar, India. Shot down by Japanese fighters after bombing the Pazundaung Bridge in Rangoon, Burma. Several crew members were seen floating in the water.⁷⁶

Figure 90: 1Lt. Willard K. Short.

1st Lieutenant Willie Lee Bryce '42



Born: May 6, 1921, Gilmer, Texas.⁷⁷

Died: July 1, 1943

Service: USAAF, 78th Air Transport Squadron, 22nd Air Transport Group;
SN: O-724380

A&M: Pursued degree in agriculture; degree not received; Corps Unit:
Cadet Private, Company K. Infantry (1941).⁷⁸

Plane: Co-Pilot of C-46A #41-12298

Loss: Likely crashed while crossing the “Hump,” Himalayas, from India to China. Lost in
Arunachal Pradesh, India.⁷⁹

Figure 91: 1Lt. Willie Lee Bryce.

2nd Lieutenant George Leslie Mauldin Jr. '42



Born: December 26, 1920, Texas.⁸⁰

Died: October 6, 1944

Service: USAAF, 83rd Bomb. Squadron, 12th Bomb. Group (Medium); SN:
O-703147

A&M: Pursued degree in civil engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Corporal,
Company K. Infantry (1942).⁸¹ Bryce, above, was Mauldin's upperclassmen in 1941.⁸²

Plane: Navigator and Bombardier aboard B-25J #43-3964

Loss: Shot down by Japanese fighters over Mandalay, Burma.⁸³

Figure 92: 2Lt. George L. Mauldin Jr.

2nd Lieutenant Harold Stacy Pettit '45



Born: December 22, 1922, Texas.⁸⁴

Died: June 18, 1945

Service: USAAF, 319th Troop Carrier Squadron, 1st Air Commando Group;
SN: O-2268488

A&M: Pursued degree in civil engineering; degree not received; Corps
Unit: Cadet Private, Company F. Engineers (1943).⁸⁵

Plane: Co-Pilot of C-47B #43-48730

Loss: Likely crashed into a mountain near Warazup, Burma.⁸⁶

Figure 93: 2Lt. Harold Stacy Pettit.

2.11.3 Philippine Islands, Philippine Sea, South China Sea

2nd Lieutenant James Thomas Drake '41



Born: March 13, 1919, Texas.⁸⁷

Died: December 8, 1941

Service: USAAF, 20th Pursuit Squadron, 24th Pursuit Group; SN: O-418430

A&M: Pursued a liberal arts degree; degree not received. Records also state
he attended Southern Methodist University and graduated from the
University of Texas in 1940.⁸⁸

Plane: Pilot of unknown aircraft. Most likely a P-40.

Loss: Shot down by Japanese fighters while attempting to take off from Clark Field, Luzon,
during the Japanese invasion of the Philippines.⁸⁹

Figure 94: 2Lt. James T. Drake.

Captain John August Earl “Red” Bergstrom ’29



Born: August 25, 1907, Austin, Texas.⁹⁰

Died: December 10, 1941

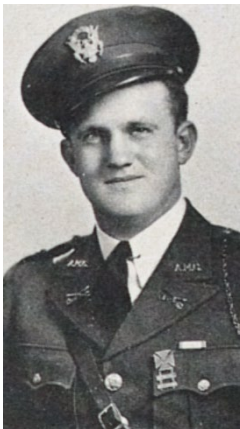
Service: USAAF, 93rd Bomb. Squadron, 19th Bomb. Group (Heavy);
SN: O-260949

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agricultural administration. Corps
Unit: Cadet 2nd Lieutenant, Company B. Infantry; Capitol City Club.⁹¹

Loss: Killed in the attack on Clark Field, Luzon, during the Japanese invasion of the Philippines. His remains were buried at the Fort Stosenberg cemetery but remain unidentified.⁹² The Bergstrom International Airport in Austin, Texas, is named in his honor.⁹³

Figure 95: J. A. Bergstrom, 1929 Long Horn.⁹⁴

1st Lieutenant Clifford Gribble “Cliff” Hardwicke Jr. ‘37



Born: ~1916, Sherman, Texas.⁹⁵

Died: January 17, 1942

Service: US Army, 26th Cavalry Regiment (Philippine Scout); SN: O-360475

A&M: Graduated with a degree in liberal arts; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st
Lieutenant/adjutant for 1st Squadron Cavalry Staff; Ross Volunteers; Golf;
Grayson Country Club.⁹⁶

Loss: Reportedly killed by a sniper. Posthumously awarded a Silver Star for saving 17 horses under fire.⁹⁷

Figure 96: C. Hardwicke, 1937 Long Horn.⁹⁸

2nd Lieutenant James Barclay “Jim” Whitley ‘38



Born: December 20, 1917, Temple, Texas.⁹⁹

Died: April 19, 1942

Service: US Army, Signal Corps; SN: O-385216

A&M: Graduated with a degree in electrical engineering; Corps Unit: Cadet Captain Signal Corps Battalion Staff; Scholarship Honor Society; Distinguished Student; American Institute of Electrical Engineers.¹⁰⁰

Loss: Died as a Japanese POW after the Bataan Death March, possibly at POW Camp O'Donnell.

Figure 97: J. B. Whitley, 1938 Long Horn.¹⁰¹

2nd Lieutenant John Willis Muse ‘40



Born: October 13, 1918, Dallas, Texas.¹⁰²

Died: July 25, 1942

Service: USAAF, 2nd Observation Squadron; SN: O-413483.

A&M: Pursued degree in science; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private; 2nd Battalion Headquarters Battery, Field Artillery;¹⁰³ Ross Volunteers;¹⁰⁴ Dallas Club.

Loss: Captured at Bataan by the Japanese. Died of malaria at the Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Camp. Remains unidentified in a mass grave.¹⁰⁵

Figure 98: Muse, 1939 Long Horn.¹⁰⁶

Lieutenant Jr. Grade Charles Walter Gerhardt '42



Born: ~1920, Wichita Falls, Texas.¹⁰⁷

Died: April 5, 1943

Service: US Navy, United States Naval Reserve; SN: O-114669

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Sergeant, Company E. Infantry (1941).¹⁰⁸

Loss: Mode of loss unknown. Missing in the Philippine Sea, according to the DPAA. Several sources say Atlantic, and exact circumstances are still unclear.

*Figure 99: Gerhardt, 1941 Long Horn.*¹⁰⁹

Lieutenant Robert Brownwell Parker '42



Born: February 25, 1921, Dallas, Texas.¹¹⁰

Died: November 5, 1944

Service: US Navy, United States Naval Reserve, Squadron VB-19; Pilot of the Curtiss SB2C Helldiver; SN: O-116420.¹¹¹

A&M: Pursued degree in liberal arts; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Headquarters Company, Signal Corps.¹¹²

Loss: Killed when a Japanese kamikaze fighter struck the U.S.S. Lexington (CV-16) in the Philippine Sea.¹¹³

Figure 100: Lt. Robert B. Parker.

2nd Lieutenant Albert Basil Capt '46



Born: March 22, 1922, San Antonio, Texas.¹¹⁴

Died: November 10, 1944

Service: USAAF, 822nd Bomb. Squadron, 38th Bomb. Group (Medium); SN: O-704886

A&M: Pursued degree in cotton marketing classing; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Company E. Signal Corps (1943).¹¹⁵

Plane: Pilot of a B-25J Mitchell

Loss: Shot down in Ormoc Bay, Leyte, Philippines, by anti-aircraft fire during an attack on Japanese ships.¹¹⁶

*Figure 101: Capt, 1943 Long Horn.*¹¹⁷

Ensign Arthur Milton Tubb Jr. '45



Born: November 17, 1922, Dallas, Texas.¹¹⁸

Died: November 15, 1944

Service: US Navy, 20th Fighter Squadron (VF-20) stationed aboard USS Enterprise (CV-6); SN: O-305636

A&M: Pursued degree in petroleum/mechanical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Battery D. Field Artillery (1942);¹¹⁹ Dallas County Club.¹²⁰

Plane: Pilot of an F6F Hellcat

Loss: Shot down in action over Manila Bay.

Figure 102: Ens. Arthur Milton Tubb Jr.

1st Lieutenant Melvin Gottfried Hass '44



Born: January 5, 1919, Mission, Texas.¹²¹

Died: December 13, 1944

Service: USAAF, 865th Bomb. Squadron, 494th Bomb. Group; SN: O-690561

A&M: Pursued degree in civil engineering; degree not received.

Plane: Bombardier aboard B-24J #44-40688 “The Bull.”¹²²

Loss: Crashed into the Philippine Sea due to engine malfunction. Aircraft was enroute to Lahug, Cebu City, Philippines, during a bombing mission.¹²³

Figure 103: 1Lt. Melvin G. Hass.

1st Lieutenant Hal Wayne Townsend '45



Born: August 31, 1922, El Paso, Texas.¹²⁴

Died: January 10, 1945

Service: USAAF, 70th Bomb. Squadron, 42nd Bomb. Group (Medium); SN: O-684794

A&M: Pursued degree in aerospace engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Battery A. Coast Artillery (1942).¹²⁵

Plane: Pilot of a B-25 Mitchell.¹²⁶

Loss: Shot down over Mindanao, Philippine Islands.

Figure 104: 1Lt. Hal W. Townsend.

1st Lieutenant Otis Forest Lowry '42



Born: January 4, 1919, Anderson County, Texas.¹²⁷

Died: February 10, 1945

Service: USAAF, 484th Bomb. Squadron, 505th Bomb. Group (Very Heavy); SN: O-675607

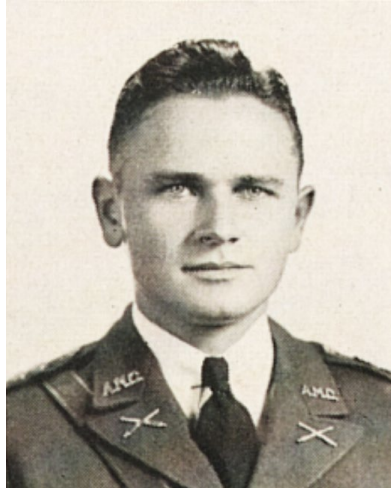
A&M: Pursued degree in agricultural administration; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Company L. Infantry (1940).¹²⁸

Plane: Pilot of B-29 #42-24843 "Sassy Lassy."¹²⁹

Loss: Bombed the Nakajima Aircraft Assembly Plant in Tokyo, Japan. Damaged by Japanese fighters over the target. Forced to ditch in the Philippine Sea after running out of fuel near Pagan Island.¹³⁰

Figure 105: 1Lt. Otis F. Lowry.

Major John Charles Conly '38



Born: March 27, 1917, Asherton, Texas.¹³¹

Died: March 10, 1945

Service: USAAF, 99th Bomb. Squadron, 9th Bomb. Group (Very Heavy); SN: O-365279

A&M: Graduated with a degree in electrical engineering; Corps Unit: Cadet Captain, Executive Officer for 1st Battalion Staff, Field Artillery; President of Laredo Club; American Institute of electrical Engineers.¹³²

Plane: Pilot of a B-29.

Loss: Crashed in the Philippine Sea enroute to bomb Tokyo.¹³³

Figure 106: Conly, 1938 Long Horn.¹³⁴

Lieutenant Junior Grade Lisle Reed Van Burgh, Jr. '42



Born: October 11, 1920, Denver, Colorado. Enlisted from Texas.¹³⁵

Died: April 12, 1945

Service: US Navy, United States Navy Reserve, Carrier Aircraft Service 57F; SN: O-261580

A&M: Pursued a degree in science; degree not received.

Loss: Lost in the South China Sea; mode of loss unknown.

Figure 107: Ltjg. Lisle Reed Van Burgh Jr.

2nd Lieutenant William James Summy '46



Born: June 12, 1925, Denison, Texas.¹³⁶

Died: April 28, 1945

Service: USAAF, 1st Bomb. Squadron, 9th Bomb. Group (Very Heavy); SN: O-2070180

A&M: Pursued degree in petroleum engineering; degree not received.

Plane: Mos likely a B-29 Superfortress; role aboard unknown.

Loss: Crew bailed out 300 miles off of the coast of Japan in the Philippine Sea.¹³⁷

Figure 108: 2Lt. William J. Summy.

2nd Lieutenant Burl Tankersley Wiley '45



Born: August 13, 1922, McCulloch County, Texas.¹³⁸

Died: May 3, 1945

Service: USAAF, 28th Bomb. Squadron, 19th Bomb. Group (Very Heavy);
SN: O-772623

A&M: Pursued degree in petroleum/mechanical engineering; degree not received.

Plane: Co-Pilot of B-29 #42-24883

Loss: Bombed Kyushu, Japan and took a direct hit from anti-aircraft fire. Ditched into Philippine Sea. Four crew members were rescued.¹³⁹

Figure 309: 2Lt. Burl T. Wiley.

Major Charles Benton Adams '40



Born: April 6, 1919, Sterling City, Texas.¹⁴⁰

Died: June 5, 1945

Service: USAAF, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Air Commando Group; SN:
O-389510

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agriculture; Corps Unit:
Cadet Major, Executive Officer, Cavalry Regimental Staff; Best
Drilled '38; Saddle and Sirloin Club; Eighth Corps Area ROTC
Rifle Team; Distinguished Student; Scholarship Honor
Society.¹⁴¹

Plane: Pilot of P-51B Mustang

Loss: Shot down 15 miles east of Cervantes, Ilocos Sur, Philippines during a bombing/strafing run on Japanese targets.¹⁴²

Figure 110: Adams, 1940 Long Horn.¹⁴³

1st Lieutenant Paul Howard Damrel ‘42



Born: October 26, 1921, Pineland, Texas.¹⁴⁴

Died: June 12, 1945

Service: USAAF, 2nd Photo Squadron, 311th Reconnaissance Wing; SN: O-667143

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Company E. Engineers (1940).¹⁴⁵

Plane: Navigator aboard F-7A #42-64337 “Photo Fanny.”¹⁴⁶

Loss: Crashed for unknown reasons after taking off from Palawan, Philippine Islands, during a reconnaissance mission to Borneo.¹⁴⁷

Figure 111: 1Lt. Paul H. Damrel.

Captain Floyd McRae “Bush” Buchel ‘36



Born: ~1915, Texas.¹⁴⁸

Died: Declared KIA on April 1, 1946

Service: US Army, Headquarters, Philippine Department; SN: O-342155

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agricultural administration; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant, 2nd Battalion Infantry Staff; President of Cuero Turkey Trot Club; Advanced Manager Scientific Review; Press Club; Marketing and Finance Club; Best Drilled Man, Co. F. 1933.¹⁴⁹

Loss: Unknown, likely a Japanese POW. According to *Texas Aggies Go To War*, Buchel was at Pearl Harbor, but he was most likely in the Philippines when the invasion began. He was not heard from after December 7, 1941, and was declared dead on April 1, 1946.¹⁵⁰

*Figure 112: Buchel, 1936 Long Horn.*¹⁵¹

2.11.4 Japanese Islands, China, Sea of Okhotsk:

1st Lieutenant Burt Olney “Grif” Griffin ‘41



Born: February 18, 1918, Loraine, Texas.¹⁵²

Died: December 26, 1942

Service: US Army, 31st Engineer Battalion, 31st Division, (Philippine Scout); SN: O-411133

A&M: Pursued degree in civil engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet 2nd Lieutenant, Company F. Engineers;¹⁵³ American Society of Civil Engineers.¹⁵⁴ 1st Lt. Griffin is one of the eight cadet officers with sabers pictured below.

Loss: Captured after the fall of Bataan. Arrived at POW Camp O’Donnel after surviving the Bataan Death March with his Texas A&M roommate, Captain Robert C. Robbins. Both were transported to Cabanatuan POW Camp and transported to Japan via the Hell Ship, *Nagato Maru*. 1st Lt. Griffin died of illness at a POW camp in Moji, Japan.¹⁵⁵

Figure 113: 1Lt. Burt Olney Griffin.

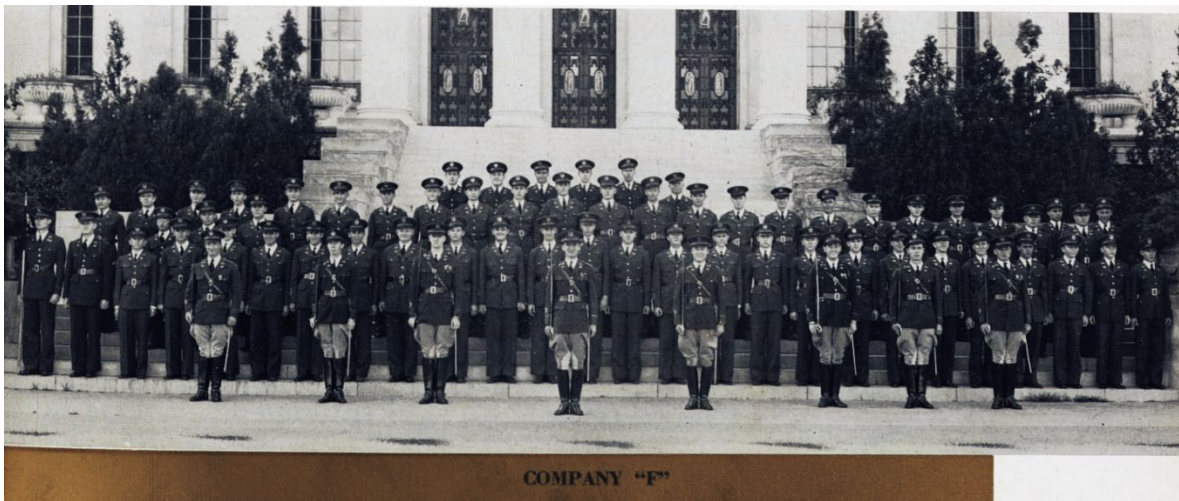


Figure 114: Company F. Engineers, 1941 Long Horn.¹⁵⁶

The following letter was written by Captain Robert C. Robbins '41, 1st Lt. Griffin's roommate, or "Ol' Lady," to the Texas A&M Association of Former Students.

"August 15, 1946,

Dear Mr. McQuillan,

1st Lt. Burt O. Griffin was my roommate for four years at A&M. We went to US Army Engineering School together in June 1941; we went to Philippines together in August 1941. Lt. Griffin and I were assigned to 14th Engineers at Fort McKinley, P.I. but he was shortly transferred to Canlubang, P.I. near Manila, as instructor in the Engineering School for training Philippine Army Officers under Captain Charles Dempwolf, A&M class of about 1935 in C.E. December 7th found him there. He [Griffin] was placed with the 31st Engineer Bn in (P.A.) as advisor (for all practical purposes he was Bn CO as a 2nd Lt) and moved with his command to Bataan immediately. During the war on Bataan (nearly 5 months) he fought on the front lines.

Following the capitulation of Bataan, he and I made the "Death March" together arriving at POW Camp O'Donnell, P.I. after 21 days of "hell." Grif was very sick with dysentery and malaria. I actually saved his life then by smuggling some quinine past Jap guards that I secured on the Black Market at the risk of my neck; also concocting some medicine for his dysentery. In about two months we were moved to POW Camp at Cabanatuan, P.I. In November 1942 the Japanese moved 1500 POWs to Japan on the slave ship, Nagato Maru. So terrible were the conditions, the POWs underwent that about 50 American died en route to Japan.

Lt. Griffin was a stretcher case upon arrival at Moji, Japan and I gave him my blanket, but he was forced to leave him behind. They promised that he would be taken care of and sent to a hospital. My group was sent to POW Camp at Osaka. From confirmed reports I learned that Griffin died at Moji, Japan on 26th December 42. His body was probably cremated there.

Robert C. Robbins '41

Captain, C. E. "157

2nd Lieutenant Travis Vestal “Hot Dog” Hodges ‘41



Born: September 20, 1919, Delight Arkansas.¹⁵⁸

Died: April 15, 1943

Service: USAAF, 36th Bomb. Squadron, 28th Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-660863

A&M: Graduated with a degree in petroleum engineering; Corps Unit: Troop C. Cavalry; Sbis Volunteers; Petroleum Geology Club; Arkansas A&M Club, Vice President, 1939-1940.¹⁵⁹

Plane: Navigator aboard B-24D Liberator #41-23970

Loss: Shot down in flames by Japanese anti-aircraft fire during a bombing mission over Kiska Harbor. Crashed 300 yards off of North Head, Kiska, Aleutian Islands, Alaska.¹⁶⁰

*Figure 115: Hodges 1941 Long Horn.*¹⁶¹

Captain Henry William Waters '40



Born: February 25, 1919, Montgomery County, Texas.¹⁶²

Died: August 21, 1943

Service: USAAF, 374th Bomb. Squadron, 308th Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-439780

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private in Battery A. Coast Artillery (1937).¹⁶³

Plane: Navigator aboard B-24D #41-24243

Loss: Shot down during a bombing mission over Hankow, China.¹⁶⁴

Figure 116: Capt. Henry William Waters.

Captain Chester Isaac "Ike" Tims '37



Born: November 22, 1915, Sour Lake, Texas.¹⁶⁵

Died: August 20, 1944

Service: 768th Bomb. Squadron, 462nd Bomb. Group: SN: O-443425

A&M: Pursued degree in civil engineering; degree not received.

Plane: Co-Pilot aboard B-29 #42-24474

Loss: Killed by enemy machine gun fire after bailing out from his B-29. His B-29 took direct hits from anti-aircraft fire and Japanese fighter planes on a bombing mission over the Imperial Iron and Steel Works in Yawata, Japan. The B-29 crashed over Iki Island in the Korea Strait.¹⁶⁶

Figure 117: Capt. Chester Isaac Tims.

Sergeant Thomas Ray Perkins Jr. '46



Born: August 31, 1925, Olney, Texas.¹⁶⁷

Died: December 13, 1944

Service: USAAF, 873rd Bomb. Squadron, 498th Bomb. Group (Very Heavy); SN: 38536201

A&M: Pursued degree in agriculture; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Troop C. Cavalry.¹⁶⁸

Plane: Right waist gunner aboard B-29 #42-63430

Loss: Ditched in sea near Dolly's Folly after taking direct hits from Japanese fighters on a bombing mission over Nagoya, Japan.¹⁶⁹

*Figure 118: Perkins 1943 Long Horn.*¹⁷⁰

Yeoman 1st Class Noah Horn '38



Born: November 14, 1915, Texas.¹⁷¹

Died: January 21, 1945

Service: US Navy; SN: 6240334

A&M: Pursued degree in agricultural administration; degree not received; Cadet Private, Company G. Infantry (1936).¹⁷²

Ship: *USS Ticonderoga (CV-14)*

Loss: Killed when a Japanese Kamikaze plane struck the *USS Ticonderoga* in the East China Sea.¹⁷³

Figure 119: Y1c. Noah Horn.

1st Lieutenant Edwin Ernest Brashear '45



Born: December 5, 1923, Brownwood, Texas.¹⁷⁴

Died: February 10, 1945

Service: USAAF, 26th Bomb. Squadron, 11th Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-758298

A&M: Pursued a degree in aerospace engineering; degree not received.

Plane: Pilot of B-24 #44-41465 "Royal Flush."¹⁷⁵

Loss: Exploded after a direct hit from anti-aircraft fire during a bombing mission over Okimura, Haha Jima, Japan.¹⁷⁶ Crashed into sea off of the southern tip of Haha Jima.¹⁷⁷

Figure 120: 1Lt. Edwin E. Brashear.

2nd Lieutenant Cyril Franklin Russell Jr. '47



Born: June 13, 1945, Tom Green County, Texas.¹⁷⁸

Died: February 19, 1945

Service: USAAF, 871st Bomb. Squadron, 497th Bomb. Group (Very Heavy); SN: O-2061056

A&M: Pursued degree in aerospace engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Battery B. Field Artillery (1944).¹⁷⁹

Plane: Navigator aboard B-29 #42-24857 "Joker's Wild II."¹⁸⁰

Loss: Ditched aircraft into sea after running out of fuel following a bombing mission on the Nakajima Aircraft Engine Work Musashino Plant in Tokyo, Japan.¹⁸¹

Figure 121: 2Lt. Cyril Franklin Russell Jr.

2nd Lieutenant Frank Gordon Weisiger '42



Born: December 6, 1919, Elmendorf, Texas.¹⁸²

Died: March 2, 1945

Service: USAAF, 17th Squadron, 71st Tactical Reconnaissance Group; SN: O-764128

A&M: Pursued degree in chemical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company A. Chemical Warfare Service (1939);¹⁸³ San Antonio A&M Club.¹⁸⁴

Plane: Pilot of B-25J #43-3992 "Montana Maid."¹⁸⁵

Loss: Crashed into a Japanese transport ship after taking direct hits from enemy anti-aircraft fire. Aircraft was lost off Royobunko, Pescadores Islands, Taiwan.¹⁸⁶

Figure 122: Weisiger, 1939 Long Horn.¹⁸⁷

2nd Lieutenant Isaac “Ike” Samarel ‘44



Born: July 31, New York, New York.¹⁸⁸

Died: April 4, 1945

Service: USAAF, 882nd Bomb. Squadron, 500th Bomb. Group (Very Heavy); SN: O-868666

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; Hometown: Mexico City; American Society of Mechanical Engineers; Azteca Club.¹⁸⁹

Plane: Flight Engineer aboard a B-29¹⁹⁰

Loss: Shot down over Tokyo Bay, Japan, during a bombing mission.

Figure 123: Samarel, 1944 Long Horn.¹⁹¹

2nd Lieutenant Clyde Vickrey Mangum Jr. ‘43



Born: December 8, 1918, Groveton, Texas.¹⁹²

Died: April 26, 1945

Service: USAAF; 78th Fighter Squadron, 15th Fighter Group: SN: O-1549991

A&M: Pursued degree in landscape architecture; degree not received.

Plane: Pilot of P-51 Mustang #44-63295 “Zombie.”¹⁹³

Loss: Aircraft lost during B-29 escort mission over Kyushu, Japan.

Figure 124: 2Lt. Clyde Vickrey Mangum Jr.

1st Lieutenant William Walter Redus '45



Born: January 20, 1920, Amarillo, Texas.¹⁹⁴

Died: April 26, 1945

Service: USAAF, 45th Fighter Squadron, 15th Fighter Group; SN: O-767372

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received;
Corps Unit: Cadet Private Battery E. Field artillery (1943).¹⁹⁵

Plane: Pilot of P-51 #44-63402

Loss: Crashed during a B-29 escort mission over Ryukyu Islands, Japan.¹⁹⁶

Figure 125: 1Lt. William W. Redus.

Seamen 1st Class Carl Andrew "Andy" "Tex" Brannen Jr. '45



Born: August 26, 1925, Texas.¹⁹⁷

Died: May 9, 1945

Service: US Navy, Patrol Bombing Squadron 102; SN: 5746188

A&M: Pursued degree in engineering; degree not received.

Plane: Unknown

Loss: Shot down over Minami Tori Shima (Marcus Island), Japan.¹⁹⁸
Circumstances unknown.

Figure 126: Brannen, 1943 Long Horn.¹⁹⁹

The following clipping is from the *Freeport Facts*, a newspaper published in Freeport, Texas. The article, published on May 9, 1946, one year after Seaman 1st Class Brannen's death, announced the renaming of the American Legion Post 306 in his honor.

Andy and his crew received word of V-E Day just prior to their taking off on his 43rd mission (38 in the Pacific area.) These young heroes (Andy the "baby" of the brave crew) must have been confident of success that fatal rainy morning when they left on their final mission to attack enemy installations and shipping off Okinawa. The bomber was badly hit in the flight, but the crippled ship did not crash until over the sea. The entire crew of ten perished. This crew, all of whom were from different states, nick-named the handsome black haired Andy "Tex."

Andy was only 19 years of age when he was declared missing just a year ago, May 9, 1945. He graduated from high school at the age of 15, with the highest average of any boy in a class of 63, at which time he was awarded an American Legion medal. In spite of his youth, he won a regular place on the high school football team because of his aggressive play.

Andy attended A&M college (class '45) for two years before joining the Naval Aviation corps. He trained at Great Lakes, Monmouth, Ill.; St. Mary's, Calif.; Pensacola, Fla.; and San Diego, Calif. At the time he left the States for Tinian island he held the championship of his camp in wrestling in the welter weight. He was also an outstanding football player on the camp team.

Some idea of Andy's character may be gleaned from his expression, "I want to be able to live with myself." This was prompted by the insistence of his continuing in pilot training rather than entering the fight as a gunner. He felt it his duty to go in.

Figure 127: *Freeport Facts*, May 9, 1946, Freeport Texas.²⁰⁰

1st Lieutenant Leonard Gage Larsen '39



Born: June 24, 1918. Entered the service from Texas.²⁰¹

Died: May 10, 1945

Service: USAAF, 77th Bomb. Squadron, 28th Bomb. Group (Medium); SN: O-556063; Originally served with the Royal Canadian Air Force

A&M: Pursued degree in geological engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Corporal, Battery D. Coast Artillery (1937);²⁰² Dallas A&M Club.²⁰³

Plane: Pilot of B-25J #43-36149

Loss: Ditched in water off of Shumshu Island, Kuril Islands, Sea of Okhotsk, during a bombing mission. His last words were, "This is Larsen in two-five, in flames and going down into the water."²⁰⁴

*Figure 128: Larsen, 1937 Long Horn.*²⁰⁵

Major Walter L. Evans '41



Born: March 23, 1917, Beeville, Texas.²⁰⁶

Died: May 21, 1945

Service: USAAF, Headquarters Squadron, 7th Air Force; SN: O-406727

A&M: Pursued degree in petroleum engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Corporal Battery E. Coast Artillery (1939);²⁰⁷ San Antonio A&M Club.²⁰⁸

Plane: Pilot of F6F-5 Hellcat #72486.²⁰⁹

Loss: Lost over Le Shima Island, Japan. Circumstances of loss unknown.

Figure 129: Maj. Walter L. Evans.

2nd Lieutenant Edward Allen “Butch” Gripp Jr. ‘44



Born: November 27, 1922, Port Arthur, Texas.²¹⁰

Died: June 10, 1945

Service: USAAF, 30th Bomb. Squadron, 19th Bomb. Group (Very Heavy); SN: O-2074302

A&M: Graduated with a degree in chemical engineering; Corps Unit: A. Company Ordnance; Singing Cadets; Secretary Treasurer of Lutheran Walther Club; Port Arthur Club.²¹¹

Plane: Radar Operator aboard B-29A #42-63567 “City of Providence.”²¹²

Loss: Hit by Japanese fighter planes and crashed 12-15 miles south of Tokyo over the Pacific Ocean after conducting a bombing mission on the Nakajima Engine plant in north Tokyo, Japan. Only two crewmen were rescued.²¹³

*Figure 130: Gripp, 1944 Long Horn.*²¹⁴

Aviation Radio Technician 1st Class Jack Coogan Cameron ‘44



Born: February 10, 1923, Texas.²¹⁵

Died: June 26, 1945

Service: US Navy, 124th Patrol Bombing Squadron; SN: 6165900

A&M: Pursued degree in agricultural administration; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion (1941).²¹⁶

Plane: PB4Y-4 Privateer #59577

Loss: Ditched in Shanghai Harbor, China, after being hit during an anti-shipping patrol.²¹⁷

*Figure 131: Cameron, 1941 Long Horn.*²¹⁸

1st Lieutenant Weldon Warren Dyess '44



Born: June 14, 1922, Williamson, Travis County, Texas.²¹⁹

Died: July 31, 1945

Service: USAAF, 98th Bomb. Squadron, 11th Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-771352

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Battery H. Coast Artillery (1941).²²⁰

Plane: Pilot of B-24M #44-50958.²²¹

Loss: Taken POW by the Japanese in Fukuoka, Japan, after aircraft was shot down after a bombing mission over Nagasaki, Japan.²²² Beheaded after the Emperor's surrender speech on August 15, 1945.²²³

Figure 132: 1Lt. Weldon Warren Dyess.

Lieutenant Granville William Cowan '44



Born: March 6, 1921, Burkett, Texas.²²⁴

Died: August 10, 1945

Service: US Navy, 87th Bomber Fighter Group, *USS Ticonderoga (CV-14)*; SN: O-129677

A&M: Pursued a degree in petroleum engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company L. Infantry (1941).²²⁵

Plane: Pilot of a Grumman Hellcat

Loss: Failed to return to carrier after bombing mission Aomori, Honshu, Japan.²²⁶

Figure 133: Lt. Granville William Cowan.

2nd Lieutenant James Bertrand Noland '45



Born: October 15, 1920, Houston, Texas.²²⁷

Died: October 7, 1945

Service: USAAF, 96th Squadron, 63rd Air Services Group; SN: O-767620

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received;
Corps Unit: Cadet Private Battery F. Field Artillery (1942).²²⁸

Plane: Aboard a B-25 Mitchell.²²⁹

Loss: Circumstances unknown.

*Figure 134: Cameron, 1942 Long Horn.*²³⁰

2nd Lieutenant Roger Eugene Edwards '46



Born: April 30, 1923. Enlisted from Illinois.²³¹

Died: November 13, 1945

Service: USAAF, 70th Squadron, 433rd Troop Carrier Group; SN: O-2070797

A&M: Corps Unit: Cadet Corporal Battery A. Coast Artillery (1944).²³²

Plane: Pilot of C-46 Commando #7735

Loss: Crashed into the East China Sea, 4 miles north of Yonton Airfield, Ryukyu Islands, Japan, after engines malfunctioned during a flight test.²³³

Figure 135: 2Lt. Roger E. Edwards.

Colonel Harney “Horny” Estes Jr. ‘33



Born: January 30, 1912, Texas.²³⁴

Died: July 25, 1946

Service: USAAF, Headquarters, 5th Air Force; SN: O-022404

A&M: Graduated with a degree in industrial engineering; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant Troop B. Cavalry; T.E. Society; Pres. T.E. Society; Agronomy Society; Walker’s Famous First.²³⁵

Plane: Pilot of B-17G #44-83686 “Dixie Rebel.”²³⁶

Loss: Went missing on an administrative flight to Kanoya, Japan, after the war. Lost over Ryukyu Islands, Japanese Islands.²³⁷

*Figure 136: Estes, 1933 Long Horn.*²³⁸

2.11.5 Pacific Ocean:

1st Lieutenant Foster Lee “Flee” Lemly Jr. ‘42



Born: July 28, 1921, Texas.²³⁹

Died: September 8, 1943

Service: USMC, Marine Fighting Squadron 441, (VMF-441); SN: O-014438

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agricultural administration; Corps Unit: Field Artillery Band; Accounting Society; Dallas Club; Baseball; Singing Cadets; Duncan Volunteer.²⁴⁰

Plane: Pilot of F4F-4 Wildcat #11943

Loss: Aircraft malfunctioned on a routine flight over Funafuti, Tuvalu. 1st Lt. Lemly bailed out at 5,000 feet and likely drowned. His empty parachute was found by a rescue boat.²⁴¹

*Figure 137: Lemly, 1942 Long Horn.*²⁴²

Lieutenant Jr. Grade Newton Birkes '37



Born: November 8, 1915, Chilton, Texas.²⁴³

Died: February 17, 1944

Service: US Navy, VT-17 Torpedo Squadron; SN: O-156678

A&M: Pursued degree in agriculture; no degree received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company B. Infantry (1936).²⁴⁴

Ship: *USS Bunker Hill (CV-17)*²⁴⁵

Plane: Pilot of a TBM Avenger

Loss: Shot down over Chuuk (Truk) Island.

Figure 138: Ltjg. Newton Birkes.

2nd Lieutenant Jack Bruner “Alice” Bailey '41



Born: ~1920, Texas.²⁴⁶

Died: December 9, 1944

Service: USAAF, 3rd Photographic Squadron, 311th Photographic Wing; SN: O-409623

A&M: Graduated with a degree in petroleum engineering; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant, Battery F. Field Artillery;²⁴⁷ Class of 1941, A&M Sophomore Class President (1939);²⁴⁸ Press Club; Secretary Treasurer, Vice President of Dallas Club; Longhorn Staff; Town Hall; Sbisa Volunteer; Track.

Plane: Pilot of F-13A #42-93867

Loss: Aircraft ran out of fuel and crashed into the ocean approximately 100 miles northwest of Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands enroute to Tokyo, Japan.²⁴⁹

*Figure 139: Bailey, 1939 Long Horn.*²⁵⁰

Corporal Hubert deTavanne Roussel Jr. '46



Born: January 10, 1924, Houston, Texas.²⁵¹

Died: December 13, 1944

Service: USAAF, 878th Bomb. Squadron, 499th Bomb. Group (Very Heavy); SN: 38412488

A&M: Pursued degree in liberal arts; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Battery G. Coast Artillery (1943).²⁵²

Plane: Radarman or Radioman aboard B-29 #42-63439.²⁵³

Loss: Crashed in the water 1,500 feet from the airfield at Magicienne Bay, Saipan on final approach. B-29 was returning from a bombing mission at Nagoya, Japan.²⁵⁴

Figure 140: Cpl. Hubert deTavanne Roussel Jr.

Ensign Thomas “Tommy” Hosford Winn Jr. ‘45



Born: October 18, 1923, Waxahachie, Texas.²⁵⁵

Died: February 7, 1945

Service: United States Navy, SN: O-378747

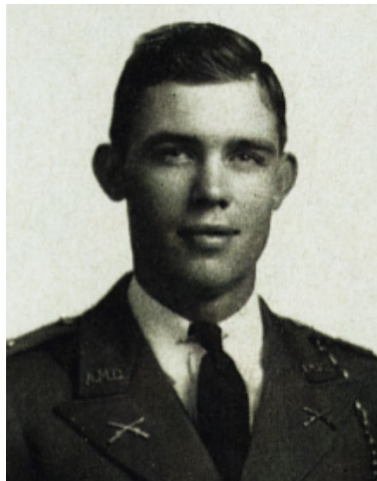
A&M: Pursued degree in liberal arts; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Corporal Battery B. Field Artillery (1942).

Plane: Unknown

Loss: Plane is presumed to have crashed over the Pacific Ocean.

Figure 140: Winn, 1943 Long Horn.²⁵⁶

1st Lieutenant Wilson B. “Judge” Buster Jr. ‘40



Born: January 21, 1920, Junction, Texas.²⁵⁷

Died: June 22, 1945

Service: USAAF, 93rd Bomb. Squadron, 19th Bomb. Group (Very Heavy); SN: O-414563

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agriculture; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant, Supply Officer, 2nd Battalion Infantry Staff; Scholarship Honor Society; Distinguished Student; Junior Livestock Judging Team; International Judging Team; Danforth Fellowship; Saddle and Sirloin Club; Heart-of-Texas and Mountaineers Club; Y.M.C.A. Cabinet.²⁵⁸

Plane: Crew member aboard B-29 #44-69893.²⁵⁹

Loss: B-29 took off from the north airfield at Guam and crashed after taking direct hits from Japanese fighters at the B-29 Assembly Area.²⁶⁰

*Figure 141: Buster, 1940 Long Horn.*²⁶¹

Lieutenant Albert Lee Matteson ‘43



Born: October 18, 1920, Texas.²⁶²

Died: July 24, 1945

Service: US Navy, 87th Bombing Squadron; SN: O-145621

A&M: Pursued degree in aerospace engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Battery A. Coast Artillery (1941).²⁶³

Ship: *USS Ticonderoga (CV-17)*

Plane: Pilot of an SB2C Dive Bomber

Loss: Crashed immediately after taking off from *USS Lexington* due to an unbalanced load.²⁶⁴

Figure 142: Lt. Albert Lee Matteson.

2.11.6 Hawaii:

Captain Daniel Royston Chamberlain '41



Born: February 5, 1919, Dale, Texas.²⁶⁵

Died: January 29, 1943

Service: USAAF, 6th Night Fighter Squadron, 15th Fighter Group; SN: O-424909

A&M: Pursued degree in petroleum engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Battery E. Coast Artillery (1939).²⁶⁶

Plane: Pilot. Most likely a Douglas A-20 Havoc

Loss: Aircraft hit the water 2,000 yards offshore of Haleiwa, Oahu, Hawaii.²⁶⁷ Lost during training mission before his squadron was deployed to Guadalcanal.²⁶⁸

Figure 143: Capt. Daniel R. Chamberlain.

2nd Lieutenant Richard L. Haxthausen '44



Born: September 13, 1921, Port Arthur, Texas.²⁶⁹

Died: February 23, 1945

Service: USMC, 213th Marine Fighter Squadron, 44th Marine Aircraft Group; SN: O-031285

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Battery D. Coast Artillery;²⁷⁰ His mother was a member of the Houston A&M Mothers' Club.²⁷¹

Plane: Pilot of F4U Corsair #49684

Loss: Aircraft went into a spiral dive at 6,000 feet during a training mission. 2nd Lt. Haxthausen did not bail out and crashed into the ocean in Hawaii.²⁷²

Figure 144: 2Lt. Richard L. Haxthausen.

2.11.7 South America:

2nd Lieutenant Raymond Leon Tucker '43



Born: ~1920, Texas.²⁷³

Died: April 7, 1943

Service: USAAF, 30th Fighter Squadron, 37th Fighter Group; SN: O-662004

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; American Society of Military Engineers.²⁷⁴

Plane: Pilot of unknown aircraft, potentially a P-40 Warhawk.

Loss: Stationed in Panama; Lost in Panama, South America. Circumstances unknown.

Figure 143: 2Lt. Raymond L. Tucker.

Lieutenant Weldon Davis Cauthan '38



Born: February 19, 1917, Texas.²⁷⁵

Died: July 17, 1944

Service: US Navy; SN: O-112706

A&M: Pursued degree in agricultural administration; degree not received.

Loss: Lost in Ecuador, South America. Circumstances of loss unknown.

Figure 144: Cauthan, 1936 Long Horn.²⁷⁶

2.12 European Theater Losses, WWII

Table 44: MIA Aggies by Region of Loss, European Theater

Region of Loss	Number
North Africa, Mediterranean Sea, Southern Europe	15
Mainland Europe	8
English Channel, United Kingdom	7
North Sea, Baltic Sea	10
North Atlantic Ocean, Iceland	3
Total	43

Note: Table does not include Allied ship losses.

Table 45: MIA Aggies by Mode of Loss, European Theater

Mode of Loss (Ship, Aircraft, Ground)	Number
Ship	4
Aircraft	37
Ground	4
Unknown	2
Total	47

Note: Table includes European Theater Allied ship losses.

Table 46: MIA Aggie Place of Loss, European Theater.

Place of Loss	Number
Water	32
Land	15
Unknown	0
Total	47

Note: Table includes European Theater Allied ship losses.

Table 47: MIA Aggie Aircraft Loss Location, European Theater.

Place of Loss	Number
Water	26
Land	11
Unknown	0
Total	37

Table 48: MIA Aggie Europe Losses; North Africa, Mediterranean Sea, Southern Europe.

#	Name	Date Lost	Mode of Loss	Place of Loss
1	Capt. George E. Miller '28	6 Dec. 1942	Ground	Land
2	Capt. Walter P. Crump '40	8 Feb. 1943	Aircraft	Land
3	1Lt. Samuel J. Parks '40	26 Feb. 1943	Aircraft	Water
4	TSgt. Lindsey C. Hoskins '44	11 May 1943	Aircraft	Water
5	FO William B. Cartwright '42	19 July 1943	Aircraft	Water
6	1Lt. Worthington A. Franks '42	1 Aug. 1943	Aircraft	Land
7	Capt. Robert E. Greenwell '39	16 Nov. 1943	Aircraft	Water
8	2Lt. Beverly E. Miller '44	10 Jan. 1944	Aircraft	Water
9	1Lt. Harry O. Schellhase '43	21 Jan. 1944	Aircraft	Land
10	Lt. Col. Anthony T. Tirk Jr. '42	11 Mar. 1944	Aircraft	Water
11	Capt. Foster L. Cash '40	19 Mar. 1944	Aircraft	Water
12	1Lt. Clarence L. Korth '41	16 Apr. 1944	Aircraft	Land
13	1Lt. Bobby M. Godwin '42	19 Apr. 1944	Aircraft	Water
14	1Lt. Jim L. Kuykendall '41	28 July 1944	Aircraft	Land
15	1Lt. Benjamin B. Isbell Jr. '45	1 Jun. 1946	Aircraft	Water

Table 49: MIA Aggie Europe Losses; Mainland Europe.

#	Name	Date Lost	Mode of Loss	Place of Loss
1	1Lt. Robert S. English '42	20 Dec. 1942	Aircraft	Land
2	2Lt Phillip E. Pearson Jr. '40	1 May 1944	Aircraft	Land
3	1Lt. Thomas R. Francis '40	13 May 1944	Aircraft	Land
4	1Lt. George E. Roberts '43	16 Oct. 1944	Ground	Land
5	2Lt. Warner H. Marsh Jr. '46	5 Nov. 1944	Aircraft	Land
6	Pfc. John V. Cox Jr. '47	7 Jan. 1945	Ground	Land
7	2Lt. Dwight K. Booth '40	16 Apr. 1945	Aircraft	Land
8	SSgt. Goode S. Wier Jr. '42	1 Dec. 1945	Ground	Land

Table 50: MIA Aggie Europe Losses; English Channel, United Kingdom.

#	Name	Date Lost	Mode of Loss	Place of Loss
1	1Lt. William H. Baker Jr. '42	26 Sept. 1942	Aircraft	Water
2	1Lt. Hansford G. Olney '40	9 Sept. 1943	Aircraft	Water
3	Capt. Herbert W. Cumming '41	7 Nov. 1943	Aircraft	Water
4	Capt. Jack G. W. Cooper '39	6 June 1944	Aircraft	Water
5	SSgt James H. Japhet '43	6 June 1944	Aircraft	Water
6	FO Aaron L. Brinkoeter '42	19 July 1944	Aircraft	Land
7	2Lt. Fred G. Buckner '46	12 Oct. 1944	Aircraft	Water

Table 51: MIA Aggie Europe Losses; North Sea, Baltic Sea.

#	Name	Date Lost	Mode of Loss	Place of Loss
1	1Lt. John J. Sanders '40	4 Feb. 1943	Aircraft	Water
2	2Lt Joseph B. Dalton '43	17 May 1943	Aircraft	Water
3	2Lt Windell D. Neely '41	11 June 1943	Aircraft	Water
4	2Lt. Fred S. Rodway '40	9 Oct. 1943	Aircraft	Water
5	2Lt. Edward D. Hughey Jr. '41	22 Dec. 1943	Aircraft	Water
6	2Lt. James P. Miller '45	10 Jan. 1944	Aircraft	Water
7	SSgt. Newell M. Ballard '43	11 Apr. 1944	Aircraft	Water
8	Sgt. Alfred E. Prinz '46	3 Aug. 1944	Aircraft	Water
9	2Lt. Burton L. Wade '44	9 Feb. 1945	Aircraft	Water
10	2Lt. Mercer G. Abernathy '46	4 Apr. 1945	Aircraft	Water

Table 52: MIA Aggie Europe Losses; North Atlantic Ocean, Iceland.

#	Name	Date Lost	Mode of Loss	Place of Loss
1	Ltjg. George L. Leger '41	24 Nov. 1942	Unknown	Water
2	Ens. Major J. White '41	18 Dec. 1943	Unknown	Water
3	2Lt. Addison Rumbaugh Jr. '42	10 Mar. 1944	Aircraft	Water

2.12.1 North Africa, Mediterranean Sea, Southern Europe:

Captain George Edwards “Ed” Miller '28



Born: February 22, 1906, Texas.¹

Died: December 6, 1942

Service: US Army, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division; SN: O-249515

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agricultural administration; Corps Unit: Cadet Major 2nd Battalion, Infantry; 106 Burnet Street Club; Wilison-Karnes-Bee County Club.²

Loss: Truck driver on the front lines. Went missing in Tunisia, North Africa.³

Figure 145: George Miller, 1928 Long Horn.⁴

Captain Walter Pershing Crump '40



Born: September 14, 1918, Dallas, Texas.⁵

Died: February 8, 1943

Service: USAAF, 381st Bomb. Squadron, 310th Bomb. Group (Medium);
SN: O-427308

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agricultural administration; conferred in
1940; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Battery D. Field Artillery (1939).⁶

Plane: Pilot of B-25 #41-13084.⁷

Loss: Went missing after taking direct hits from German anti-aircraft fire during a bombing mission over Gabes, Tunisia.⁸

Figure 146: Capt. Walter Pershing Crump.

1st Lieutenant Samuel Jackson “Pappy” Parks ‘40



Born: September 20, 1918, Texas.⁹

Died: February 26, 1943

Service: USAAF, 1st Squadron, 480th Anti-Submarine Group; SN: O-389563

A&M: Graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering; Corps
Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant Battery F. Coast Artillery; American Society
of Mechanical Engineers; Intramural Rifle Team; Dallas Club.¹⁰

Plane: Navigator aboard B-24D #41-23820.¹¹

Loss: Shot down by an FW-190 German fighter aircraft during an anti-submarine patrol over the Bay of Biscay.¹²

Figure 147: Samuel Parks, 1940 Long Horn.¹³

Technical Sergeant Lindsey C. Hoskins '44



Born: May 5, 1923, Harris County, Texas.¹⁴

Died: May 11, 1943

Service: USAAF, 415th Bomb. Squadron, 98th Bomb Group (Heavy); SN: 18061482

A&M: Degree not received; Corps Unit, Cadet Private Company C. Engineers (1941).¹⁵

Plane: Aircraft engineer aboard a B-24D Liberator.

Loss: Shot down by anti-aircraft fire during a bombing mission over Catania Harbor, Sicily in the Sea of Catania, Ionian Sea.¹⁶

*Figure 148: Lindsey Hoskins, 1941 Long Horn.*¹⁷

Flight Officer William Brame Cartwright '42



Born: November 8, 1919, Hopkins County, Texas.¹⁸

Died: July 19, 1943

Service: USAAF, 441st Bomb. Squadron, 320th Bomb. Group (Medium); SN: T-120121

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Company K. Infantry (1939).¹⁹

Plane: Co-Pilot aboard B-26 #41-35200.²⁰

Loss: Crashed 100 miles south of Rome in the Tyrrhenian Sea. Crew was seen boarding a raft, but no further contact was able to be established.²¹

Figure 149: Flt. O. William B. Cartwright.

1st Lieutenant Worthington Alfred Franks '42



Born: November 4, 1919, Charlotte, Atascosa County, Texas.²²

Died: August 1, 1943

Service: USAAF, 345th Bomb. Squadron, 98th Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-662038

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Battery D. Coast Artillery (1939).²³

Plane: Navigator aboard B-24D #42-40102 “Old Baldy.”²⁴

Loss: Shot down during a bombing mission over the oil refineries in Ploesti, Romania, by German anti-aircraft guns. The aircraft immediately caught fire and only four remains were identified in the wreckage.²⁵

Figure 150: 1Lt. Worthington A. Franks.

Captain Robert E. Greenwell '39



Born: October 18, 1917, Cairo, Illinois.²⁶

Died: November 16, 1943

Service: USAAF, 419th Bomb. Squadron, 301st Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-440327

A&M: Pursued degree in liberal arts; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, Infantry (1937).²⁷

Plane: Bombardier aboard a B-17

Loss: Aircraft was shot down 20 miles southeast of Marseille, France, in the Mediterranean Sea. It was his 47th mission. ²⁸

Aggie Brothers Missing in Action: Captain Greenwell's younger brother 1Lt George Griffin Greenwell '45 was declared Missing in Action during the Korean War.²⁹

Figure 151: Capt. Robert E. Greenwell.

2nd Lieutenant Beverly Earl Miller '44



Born: December 5, 1921, Houston, Texas.³⁰

Died: January 10, 1944

Service: USAAF, 319th Fighter Squadron, 325th Fighter Group; SN: O-666416

A&M: Pursued degree in liberal arts; degree not received.

Plane: Pilot of a P-47D Thunderbolt.³¹

Loss: Ditched aircraft in the Adriatic sea off of the coast of Yugoslavia during a bomber escort mission to Bulgaria.³²

Figure 152: 2Lt. Beverly E. Miller.

1st Lieutenant Harry Oscar Schellhase '43



Born: December 12, 1917, Comfort, Kendall County, Texas.³³

Died: January 21, 1944

Service: USAAF, 2nd Fighter Squadron, 52nd Fighter Group; SN: O-663572

A&M: Pursued degree in agriculture; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Troop B. Cavalry (1941).³⁴

Plane: Pilot of a Spitfire.³⁵

Loss: Shot down over Florence, Italy.

Figure 153: 1Lt. Harry O. Schellhase.

Lieutenant Colonel Anthony T. Tirk Jr. '42



Born: June 4, 1917, Fort Worth, Texas.³⁶

Died: March 11, 1944

Service: USAAF, 319th Fighter Squadron, 325th Fighter Group; SN: O-421143

A&M: Pursued degree in agriculture; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company M. Infantry (1939).³⁷

Plane: Likely a Pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolt.

Loss: Shot down over the Adriatic sea near Venice, Italy, after breaking up a formation of 100 enemy fighters. It was his 44th mission. For his actions that day, Lt. Col. Tirk was awarded a Silver Star.³⁸

Figure 154: Lt. Col. Anthony T. Tirk.

Captain Foster Lawson Cash '40



Born: August 13, 1917, Brownwood, Texas.³⁹

Died: March 19, 1944

Service: USAAF, 772nd Bomb. Squadron, 463rd Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-421042

A&M: Pursued degree in chemical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company A. Chemical Warfare Service (1937).⁴⁰

Plane: Co-Pilot of B-17 #42-31823

Loss: Collided with B-17 #42-38143 and crashed over the Adriatic Sea near Manfredonia, Italy.⁴¹

Figure 155: Capt. Foster L. Cash.

1st Lieutenant Clarence Leory “Chic” Korth ‘41



Born: December 9, 1920, San Antonio, Texas.⁴²

Died: April 16, 1944

Service: USAAF, 346th Bomb. Squadron, 99th Bomb. Group (Heavy);
SN: O-436232

A&M: Graduated with a degree in chemical engineering; Corps Unit:
Cadet 1st Lieutenant Company B. Chemical Warfare Service; San
Antonio Club.⁴³

Plane: Navigator aboard B-17 #42-32065.⁴⁴

Loss: Crashed into the Danube River near the Belgrade-Pancero Bridge in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, after taking direct fire from anti-aircraft batteries.⁴⁵

*Figure 156: Clarence L. Korth, 1941 Long Horn.*⁴⁶

1st Lieutenant Bobby Mack Godwin ‘42



Born: December 13, 1920, Fort Worth, Texas.⁴⁷

Died: April 19, 1944

Service: USAAF, 353rd Bomb. Squadron, 301st Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN:
O-438114

A&M: Pursued degree in electrical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private HQ Company, Signal Corps (1939);⁴⁸ Fort Worth A&M Club (1940).⁴⁹

Plane: Pilot of B-17F #41-24371 “Devils From Hell.”⁵⁰

Loss: Crashed into the Tyrrhenian Sea during a bombing mission over Palermo, Italy. The B-17 was first damaged by flak, and then shot down by German fighter aircraft.⁵¹

Figure 157: 1Lt. Bobby Mack Godwin.

1st Lieutenant Jim Lewis Kuykendall ‘41



Born: July 4, 1920, San Saba, Texas.⁵²

Died: July 28, 1944

Service: USAAF, 27th Fighter Squadron, 1st Fighter Group; SN: O-423077

A&M: Likely graduated with a degree in agriculture; Corps Unit: Cadet Sergeant, Company H. Infantry (1940).⁵³

Plane: Pilot of P-38J #42-28645

Loss: Killed when his P-38 crashed with another P-38 at 27,000 feet above Ploesti, Romania, while serving as a fighter escort during a bombing mission.⁵⁴

Figure 158: 1Lt. Jim L. Kuykendall.

1st Lieutenant Benjamin Barton “Ben” Isbell Jr. ‘45



Born: February 3, 1925, Collierville, Shelby County, Tennessee.⁵⁵

Died: June 1, 1946

Service: US Army, Quartermaster Corps; SN: O-552490

A&M: Pursued degree in cotton market classing; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Corporal Infantry Band Company (1943).⁵⁶

Plane: Passenger aboard C-54E #44-9078

Loss: Crashed in the Gulf of Salerno, Italy, after a cockpit fire damaged the aircraft. The crash took place after the end of World War Two.⁵⁷

*Figure 159: Benjamin B. Isbell, 1943 Long Horn.*⁵⁸

2.12.2 Mainland Europe:

1st Lieutenant Robert Smith English '42



Born: April 15, 1920, Houston County, Texas.⁵⁹

Died: December 20, 1942

Service: USAAF, 401st Bomb. Squadron, 91st Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-438025

A&M: Pursued a degree in agriculture administration; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company E. Engineers (1939).⁶⁰

Plane: Pilot of B-17F #41-24452

Loss: Shot at the controls of his B-17 possibly over Meaux, France, during a bombing mission. The crew parachuted to safety, and 1Lt. English's remains were not recovered.⁶¹

*Figure 160: Robert Smith English, 1941 Long Horn.*⁶²

2nd Lieutenant Phillip Edgar Pearson Jr. '40



Born: December 24, 1919, Dallas, Texas.⁶³

Died: May 1, 1944

Service: USAAF, 55th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group; SN: O-750676

A&M: Pursued degree in civil engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Company A. Chemical Warfare Service (1939).⁶⁴

Plane: Pilot of a P-38 Lightning

Loss: Shot down over Liege, Belgium during a fighter-bomber mission over a German airfield. The aircraft burned on impact and 2Lt. Pearson's remains were not recovered.⁶⁵

Figure 161: 2Lt. Phillip E. Pearson Jr.

1st Lieutenant Thomas Rex Francis '40



Born: September 20, 1917, Limestone County, Texas.⁶⁶

Died: May 13, 1944

Service: USAAF, 544th Bomb. Squadron, 384th Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-663711

A&M: Pursued degree in agricultural engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Third Battalion Headquarters Battery, Field Artillery (1940).⁶⁷

Plane: Pilot of B-17G #42-97404 "Little Mike," named after his son Micheal.⁶⁸

Loss: Shot down over Germany after conducting a bombing mission over Poznan, Poland. The crew survived except for 1Lt. Francis.⁶⁹

Figure 162: 1Lt. Thomas Rex Francis.

1st Lieutenant George E. Roberts '43



Born: December 20, 1920, Lockhart, Caldwell County, Texas.⁷⁰

Died: October 16, 1944

Service: US Army, 60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division; SN: O-519419

A&M: Pursued degree in agriculture; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company H. Infantry (1943).⁷¹

Loss: Missing in Action in Germany.

Figure 163: 1Lt. George E. Roberts.

2nd Lieutenant Warner Harrison Marsh Jr. '46



Born: November 8, 1924, Dallas, Texas.⁷²

Died: November 5, 1944

Service: USAAF, 379th Fighter Squadron, 362nd Fighter Group; SN: O-708729

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Battery E. Field Artillery (1943).⁷³

Plane: P-47 Pilot.⁷⁴

Loss: Shot down over Germany.

Figure 164: 2Lt. Warner H. Marsh Jr.

Private First Class John Vernon Cox Jr. '47



Born: December 28, 1945, Mexia, Limestone County, Texas.⁷⁵

Died: January 7, 1945

Service: US Army, 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division; SN: 38683488

A&M: Pursued degree in agriculture; degree not received.

Loss: Killed in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge.

Figure 165: Pfc John Vernon Cox.

2nd Lieutenant Dwight Kendall Booth '40



Born: September 19, 1924. Entered the service from Oklahoma.⁷⁶

Died: April 16, 1945

Service: USAAF, 450th Bomb. Squadron, 322nd Bomb. Group (Medium);
SN: O-2070890

A&M: Pursued degree in liberal arts; degree not received.

Plane: Co-Pilot aboard B-26 Marauder #42-96225.⁷⁷

Loss: Shot down by German anti-aircraft fire during a bombing mission over Germany. The B-26 crashed into a house in Muhlanger, Germany, and burned completely.⁷⁸

Figure 166: 2Lt. Dwight Kendall Booth.

Staff Sergeant Goode Shockley Wier, Jr. '42



Born: April 10, 1921, Alice, Texas.⁷⁹

Died: December 1, 1945

Service: US Army, 313th Infantry Regiment, 79th Infantry Division; SN:
18072311

A&M: Pursued degree in civil engineering; degree not received; Corps
Unit: Cadet Private Infantry Band Company (1940).⁸⁰

Loss: Unknown, Missing in Action in France.

Figure 167: Goode S. Wier, 1941 Long Horn.⁸¹

2.12.3 English Channel, United Kingdom:

1st Lieutenant William Henry Baker Jr. '42



Born: September 13, 1920, Texas.⁸²

Died: September 26, 1942

Service: USAAF, 336th Fighter Squadron, 4th Fighter Group; SN: O-885113

A&M: Graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering; conferred in 1942; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Battery A. Coast Artillery (1940).⁸³

Plane: Pilot of Spitfire MK IX BS 466.⁸⁴

Loss: Ditched Spitfire in Brest Harbor, France, after being shot down by German fighter aircraft.⁸⁵

*Figure 168: William H. Baker, 1940 Long Horn.*⁸⁶

1st Lieutenant Hansford George Olney '40



Born: January 13, 1920, Burnet, Texas.⁸⁷

Died: September 9, 1943

Service: USAAF, 556th Bomb. Squadron, 387th Bomb. Group (Medium); SN: O-725032

A&M: Pursued degree in chemical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company A. Chemical Warfare Service (1938).⁸⁸

Plane: Bombardier aboard B-26B #41-31908.⁸⁹

Loss: Shot down in the English Channel by German anti-aircraft during an attack on coastal defenses in Boulogne, France.⁹⁰

Figure 169: 1Lt. Hansford G. Olney.

Captain Herbert Winfield Cumming '41



Born: January 19, 1917, Texas.⁹¹

Died: November 7, 1943

Service: USAAF, 79th Fighter Squadron, 20th Fighter Group; SN: O-423814

A&M: Pursued degree in civil engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Company F. Engineers (257).⁹²

Plane: Pilot of P-38H-5 #42-67039

Loss: Shot down over the English Channel on a bomber-escort mission to Montdidier, France.⁹³

Figure 170: Capt. Herbert W. Cumming.

Captain Jack Grady Wilson Cooper '39



Born: April 13, 1917, Dallas, Texas.⁹⁴

Died: June 6, 1944

Service: USAAF, 863rd Bomb. Squadron, 493rd Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-389618

A&M: Graduated with a degree in petroleum engineering; Aggie Baseball Team.⁹⁵

Plane: Pilot of B-24 #44-40471.⁹⁶

Loss: Collided with another aircraft during D-Day and crashed into the English Channel.⁹⁷

*Figure 171: Jack Cooper, 1939 Long Horn.*⁹⁸

Staff Sergeant James Hull Japhet '43



Born: May 22, 1922, Houston, Texas.⁹⁹

Died: June 6, 1944

Service: US Army, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment; SN: 18119195

A&M: Pursued degree in landscape architecture; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Battery A. Field Artillery (1941);¹⁰⁰ Landscape Art Club.¹⁰¹

Plane: Passenger aboard C-47 #42-100733

Loss: Shot down by German anti-aircraft fire during the paratrooper drop on D-Day over the Cherbourg Peninsula, France.¹⁰²

Figure 172: SSgt. James H. Japhet.

Flight Officer Aaron Louis Brinkoeter '42



Born: September 12, 1919, San Antonio, Texas.¹⁰³

Died: July 19, 1944

Service: USAAF, 560th Bomb. Squadron, 388th Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: T-002092

A&M: Pursued degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received, Corps Unit: Cadet Private, HQ Company, Signal Corps (1941);¹⁰⁴ San Antonio Club.¹⁰⁵

Plane: Crew member aboard B-17 F #42-30851

Loss: B-17 broke in two while flying over England.¹⁰⁶

Figure 173: A. L. Brinkoeter, 1941 Long Horn.¹⁰⁷

2nd Lieutenant Fred Gordon Buckner '46



Born: March 24, 1924, Nacogdoches, Texas.¹⁰⁸

Died: October 12, 1944

Service: USAAF, 355th Fighter Squadron, 354th Fighter Group; SN: O-763481

A&M: Pursued a degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Company A. Signal Corps (1943).¹⁰⁹

Plane: Pilot of P-51B #43-6730

Loss: Crashed in the English Channel enroute to Debden, England, from Orconte, France.¹¹⁰

Figure 174: 2Lt. Fred G. Buckner.

2.12.4 North Sea, Baltic Sea:

1st Lieutenant John "Sandy" Jacob Sanders '40



Born: November 26, 1918, Evansville, Indiana.¹¹¹

Died: February 4, 1943

Service: USAAF, 323rd Bomb. Squadron, 91st Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-662829

A&M: Graduated with a degree in petroleum engineering; Corps Unit: Battery A. Coast Artillery; Scholarship Honor Society; Petroleum Club; A.I.M.E.¹¹²

Plane: Co-Pilot aboard B-17 #41-24544

Loss: Crashed into the North Sea on the Dutch coast during a bombing mission to Emden, Germany.¹¹³

Figure 175: John J. Sanders, 1940 Long Horn.¹¹⁴

2nd Lieutenant Joseph Brooks “Joe” Dalton ‘43



Born: September 9, 1921, El. Paso, Texas.¹¹⁵

Died: May 17, 1943

Service: USAAF, 452nd Bomb. Squadron, 322nd Bomb. Group (Medium); SN: O-663488

A&M: Pursued a degree in mechanical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company B. Signal Corps (1942).¹¹⁶

Plane: Co-Pilot aboard B-26B #41-17998.¹¹⁷

Loss: Missing in Action over the North Sea. Destination was Ijmuiden, Holland.¹¹⁸

Figure 176: Joe B. Dalton, 1942 Long Horn.¹¹⁹

2nd Lieutenant Windell Deering Neely ‘41



Born: May 22, 1916, Tolar, Hood County, Texas.¹²⁰

Died: June 11, 1943

Service: USAAF, 412th Bomb. Squadron, 95th Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-731407

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agriculture; conferred in 1941.

Plane: Bombardier aboard B-17 #42-29693 “Lonesome Polecat.”¹²¹

Loss: Shot down by German fighters over the North Sea during a bombing mission to Wilhelmshaven, Germany.¹²²

Figure 177: 2Lt. Windell D. Neely.

2nd Lieutenant Fred Sullivan “Jitter” Rodway ‘40



Born: ~1919, Texas.¹²³

Died: October 9, 1943

Service: USAAF, 326th Bomb. Squadron, 92nd Bomb. Group (Heavy);
SN: O-389755

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agricultural education; Corps Unit:
Cadet 1st Lieutenant, B. Company Infantry; Saddle and Sirloin Club;
San Angelo Club.¹²⁴

Plane: Bombardier aboard B-17 #42-3554

Loss: Aircraft shot down in the North Sea, west of Jutland during a bombing mission to Anklam, Germany.¹²⁵

*Figure 178: Fred Rodway, 1940 Long Horn.*¹²⁶

2nd Lieutenant Edward D. Hughey Jr. ‘41



Born: December 16, 1919, Navasota, Texas.¹²⁷

Died: December 22, 1943

Service: USAAF, 714 Bomb. Squadron, 448th Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN:
O-677748

A&M: Pursued degree in petroleum engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private
HQ Battery, 1st Battalion, Coast Artillery (1938).¹²⁸

Plane: Pilot of B-24H Liberator #41-28609

Loss: Crashed in the North Sea near the Frisian Islands east of Texel, Netherlands enroute to
England after completing a bombing mission over Osnabruck, Germany.¹²⁹

Figure 179: 2Lt. Edward D. Hughey Jr.

2nd Lieutenant James Peebles Miller '45



Born: December 30, 1916, Texas.¹³⁰

Died: January 10, 1944

Service: USAAF, 338th Bomb. Squadron, 96th Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-757014

A&M: Pursued degree in liberal arts; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Troop D. Cavalry (1942).¹³¹

Plane: Bombardier aboard B-17G #42-97089

Loss: Crashed in the Baltic Sea after vertical stabilizer was damaged during a bombing mission over Rostock, Germany.¹³²

Figure 180: 2Lt. James P. Miller.

Staff Sergeant Newell Moore Ballard '43



Born: December 4, 1921, Texas.¹³³

Died: April 11, 1944

Service: USAAF, 563rd Bomb. Squadron, 388th Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: 18178125

A&M: Pursued degree in electrical engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company B. Signal Corps (1940).¹³⁴

Plane: Top Turret Gunner aboard B-17G #42-97255.¹³⁵

Loss: Missing in Action over the Baltic Sea.

Figure 181: Newell Ballard, 1940 Long Horn.¹³⁶

Sergeant Alfred Edgar Prinz '46



Born: July 13, 1923, Coupland, Texas.¹³⁷

Died: August 3, 1944

Service: USAAF, 534th Bomb. Squadron, 381st Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: 38365952

A&M: Pursued degree in agriculture; degree not received.

Plane: Top Turret Gunner aboard B-17 #42-32049 “Yankee Rebel.”¹³⁸

Loss: Crashed on the Suffolk coast, North Sea. Destination was Mulhouse, France.¹³⁹

Figure 182: Sgt. Alfred Edgar Prinz.

2nd Lieutenant Burton Leon Wade '44



Born: September 19, 1923, Houston, Texas.¹⁴⁰

Died: February 9, 1945

Service: USAAF, 577th Bomb. Squadron, 392nd Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-709867

A&M: Pursued degree in civil engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Company B. Engineers (1942).¹⁴¹

Plane: Pilot of B-24 #41-28841, “The Philly Folly.”¹⁴²

Loss: Crashed in the North Sea after turning back to England during a bombing mission to Germany due to low fuel.¹⁴³

*Figure 183: Burton Wade, 1941 Long Horn.*¹⁴⁴

2nd Lieutenant Mercer Greene Abernathy '46



Born: December 29, 1924, McKinney, Texas.¹⁴⁵

Died: April 4, 1945

Service: USAAF, 548th Bomb. Squadron, 385th Bomb. Group (Heavy); SN: O-2009170

A&M: Pursued a degree in science; degree not received.

Plane: Navigator aboard B-17G #43-38639, “Shadie Sadie.”¹⁴⁶

Loss: Collided with B-17G #43-38210 and crashed in the North Sea.¹⁴⁷

Figure 184: 2Lt. Mercer G. Abernathy.

2.12.5 North Atlantic Ocean, Iceland:

Lieutenant Junior Grade George Lawrence Leger '41



Born: March 16, 1919, China, Jefferson County, Texas.¹⁴⁸

Died: November 24, 1942

Service: US Navy; SN: O-124706

A&M: Pursued degree in liberal arts; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Battery B. Field Artillery (1941).¹⁴⁹

Loss: Lost in the North Atlantic Ocean; Circumstances of loss unknown.

Figure 185: Ltjg. George L. Leger.

Ensign Major J. White '41



Born: October 29, 1919, San Antonio, Texas.¹⁵⁰

Died: December 18, 1943

Service: US Navy, SN: O-225819

A&M: Pursued a degree in agricultural administration; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private Battery B. Coast Artillery (1940).¹⁵¹

Loss: Unknown

*Figure 186: M. J. White, 1938 Long Horn.*¹⁵²

2nd Lieutenant Addison Craig Rumbaugh Jr. '42



Born: January 8, 1920, Breckenridge, Texas.¹⁵³

Died: March 10, 1944

Service: USAAF, 27th Squadron, 2nd Ferry Group; SN: O-411139

A&M: Graduated with a degree in petroleum engineering; Corps Unit: Cadet Corporal, Company D. Engineers (1939).¹⁵⁴

Plane: Crew member aboard B-17G #42-32038

Loss: Went missing over the North Atlantic Ocean near Iceland during a ferry mission.¹⁵⁵

*Figure 187: Addison C. Rumbaugh, 1940 Long Horn.*¹⁵⁶

2.13 North American Losses, WWII

Table 53: MIA Aggies by Mode of Loss, North America.

Mode of Loss (Ship, Aircraft, Ground)	Number
Ship	1
Aircraft	3
Total	4

Note: This table does not include the losses from Hawaii or Kiska, Alaska, and is only reflective of the mainland United States.

Table 54: MIA Aggie Place of Loss, North America.

Place of Loss	Number
Water	3
Unknown	1
Total	4

Ensign Herbert Welton McMinn '40



Born: October 4, 1918, Gouldbusk, Texas.¹⁵⁷

Died: November 21, 1942

Service: UN Navy; SN: Unavailable

A&M: Graduated with a degree in agriculture; Corps Unit: Cadet Corporal, Company M. Infantry (1939).¹⁵⁸

Plane: Pilot of SBD-1 BuNo.1612

Loss: Crashed in Lake Michigan enroute to the training aircraft carrier, *USS Wolverine*. Ensign McMinn's aircraft was recovered and raised in 1994 and restored in 2021. Unfortunately, there was no trace of Ensign McMinn's remains.¹⁵⁹

Figure 488: Ens. Herbert Welton McMinn.

Brigadier General Douglass Blakeshaw “Pike” Netherwood ‘08



Born: February 4, 1885, Birmingham, England.¹⁶⁰

Died: August 18, 1943

Service: USAAF

A&M: Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant, Company D.¹⁶¹

Plane: Small, two-seater aircraft.

Loss: Lost flying from Orlando, Florida, to Pope Field, North Carolina. No trace of the plane was ever found.¹⁶²

Figure 189: Netherwood, 1908 Long Horn.¹⁶³

Sergeant Ben Luker Dean ‘46



Born: September 30, 1923, Athens, Texas.¹⁶⁴

Died: July 21, 1944

Service: USAAF; SN: 38476391

A&M: Pursued degree in aerospace engineering; degree not received; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Company E. Signal Corps.¹⁶⁵

Plane: Radio operator aboard a C-47 Troop Carrier Aircraft.¹⁶⁶

Loss: Lost during a storm off Cape Fear, North Carolina.¹⁶⁷

Figure 190: Sgt. Ben Luker Dean.

2.14 WWII MIA Aggie Recovery Progress

Table 55: Current DPAA Recovery Progress: MIA Aggies, WWII.

Name	Date Lost	Location Lost	DPAA Recovery Category
Major John Vernon King	9 Jan. 1945	Pacific, Taiwan, Enoura Maru	Deferred Analytical Category
Captain John August Earl Bergstrom	10 Dec. 1941	Pacific, Pampanga	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
Captain George H. Peets	22 Dec. 1944	Pacific, Philippines, Oryoku Maru	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
Colonel Harney Estes Jr.	25 July 1946	Pacific, Ryukyu Islands	Non-Recoverable, Analytical Category
Captain Charles Martin Dempewolf	23 Jan. 1945	Pacific, East China Sea, Brazil Maru	Non-Recoverable, Analytical Category
Captain Travis Edward Perrenot	22 Jan. 1945	Pacific, East China Sea, Brazil Maru	Non-Recoverable, Analytical Category
Captain Wilbert Calvert	22 Jan. 1945	Pacific, East China Sea, Brazil Maru	Non-Recoverable, Analytical Category
Lieutenant Jr. Grade David E. DeLong	19 Aug. 1943	Pacific, Espiritu Santo	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
1 st Lieutenant Hugh A. Derrick	23 Jan. 1945	Pacific, East China Sea, Brazil Maru	Non-Recoverable, Analytical Category
Captain James Richard Griffin	26 Mar. 1943	Pacific, Papua New Guinea	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
2 nd Lieutenant Howard Preston Hardegree	9 Jan. 1945	Pacific, Kaohsiung, Enoura Maru	Deferred, Analytical Category
Captain Francis M. Potts	6 Sept. 1942	Pacific, Papua New Guinea	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
2 nd Lieutenant Clarence Elmer Simpson Jr.	1 Mar. 1942	Pacific, Indian Ocean, USS Edsall	Non-Recoverable, Analytical Category
Major Charles Benton Adams	5 June 1945	Pacific, Ilocos Sur	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
2 nd Lieutenant Orman Lester Fitzhugh	15 Dec. 1944	Pacific, Zambales, Oryoku Maru	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
2 nd Lieutenant John Willis Muse	25 July 1942	Pacific, Nueva Ecija	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
1 st Lieutenant John Jacob Sanders	4 Feb. 1943	Europe, North Sea	Non-Recoverable, Analytical Category
2 nd Lieutenant James Thomas Drake	8 Dec. 1941	Pacific, Pampanga	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
2 nd Lieutenant Windell Deering Neely	11 June 1943	Europe, North Sea	Non-Recoverable, Analytical Category
1 st Lieutenant Clarence Leroy Korth	16 Apr. 1944	Europe, Serbia	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category

Table 55: Current DPAA Recovery Progress: MIA Aggies, WWII, Continued.

Name	Date Lost	Location Lost	DPAA Recovery Category
1 st Lieutenant Williard Keith Short	13 Mar. 1943	Pacific, Gulf Of Martaban	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
Flt. O. Aaron Louis Brinkoeter	19 July 1944	United Kingdom	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
1 st Lieutenant Bobby Mack Godwin	19 Apr. 1944	Europe, Tyrrhenian Sea	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
Staff Sergeant James Hull Japhet	6 June 1944	Europe, English Channel	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
2 nd Lieutenant James Henry Scholl	6 July 1943	Pacific, Choiseul Island	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
1 st Lieutenant Weldon Warren Dyess	31 July 1945	Pacific, Fukuoka	Non-Recoverable, Analytical Category
2 nd Lieutenant Richard L. Haxthausen	23 Feb. 1945	Pacific, Hawaii	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category
1 st Lieutenant Edwin Ernest Brashear	10 Feb. 1945	Pacific, Haha Jima	Non-Recoverable, Analytical Category
2 nd Lieutenant Albert Basil Capt	10 Nov. 1944	Pacific, Ormoc Bay	Non-Recoverable, Analytical Category
2 nd Lieutenant Roger Eugene Edwards	13 Nov. 1945	Pacific, Ryukyu Islands	Deferred, Analytical Category
Corporal Hubert deTavanne Roussel Jr.	13 Dec. 1944	Pacific, Saipan	Active Pursuit, Analytical Category

Note: The table is based on individuals with a current DPAA profile. Sixteen of the 192 MIA Aggies from World War Two are currently considered to be in the analytical category of active pursuit by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

Table 56: Currently Researched MIA Aggie Missing Air Crew Reports, WWII.

#	Rank, Name, Class Year	Date Lost	Aircraft/Serial Number	MACR #
1	Col. Harney Estes Jr. '33	25 July 1946	B-17G #44-83686	15054
2	Capt. William Ragsdale Jr. '33	3 Mar. 1942	B-24A #40-2374	594
3	Maj. Earl Oxford Hall '34	1 Feb. 1943	B-17E #41-9151	15093
4	Capt. Chester Isaac Tims '37	20 Aug. 1944	B-29 #42-24474	10126
5	Maj. John Conly '38	10 Mar. 1945	B-29 #298	16145
6	Capt. Johnson Butler Allen '39	18 May 1944	R4D-5 Skytrain #39073	16545
7	Capt. Jack Cooper '39	6 June 1944	B-24 #44-40471	5485
8	Capt. Rober E. Greenwell '39	16 Nov. 1943	B-17	1127
9	Capt. James Richard Griffin '39	26 Mar. 1943	B-17F #41-24384	15499
10	1Lt. Leonard G. Larsen '39	10 May 1945	B-25J #43-36149	14408
11	Maj. Charles Benton Adams '40	5 June 1945	P-51B Mustang	16137
12	1Lt. Wilson B. Buster '40	22 June 1945	B-29 #44-69893	14918
13	Capt. Foster Lawson Cash '40	19 Mar. 1944	B-17 #42-31823	3291
14	1Lt. Thomas Rex Francis '40	13 May 1944	B-17G #42-97404	4813
15	1Lt. Hansford G. Olney '40	9 Sept. 1943	B-26B #41-31908	02896
16	1Lt. Samuel J. Parks '40	26 Feb. 1943	B-24D #41-23820	3263
17	2Lt. Fred Sullivan Rodway '40	9 Oct. 1943	B-17 #42-3554	00746
18	1Lt. John Jacob Sanders '40	4 Feb. 1943	B-17 #41-24544	3557/4635
19	Capt. Henry William Waters '40	21 Aug. 1943	B-24D #41-24243	00555
20	1Lt. Jack B. Bailey '41	9 Dec. 1944	F-13A #42-93867	10642
21	1Lt. Clyde Webb Beatty Jr. '41	15 Jan. 1943	P-39 #42-4364	608
22	Capt. Daniel Chamberlain '41	29 Jan. 1943	Douglas A-20 Havoc	16268
23	Capt. Herbert W. Cumming '41	7 Nov. 1943	P-38 H-5 #42-67039	01265
24	2Lt. Travis Vestal Hodges '41	15 Apr. 1943	B-24D #41-23970	16219
25	2Lt. Edward Hughey Jr. '41	22 Dec. 1943	B-24H #41-28609	2442
26	2Lt. Windell D. Neely '41	11 June 1943	B-17 #42-29693	2807
27	1Lt. Clarence L. Korth '41	16 Apr. 1944	B-17 #42-32065	04076
28	1Lt. Jim L. Kuykendall '41	28 July 1944	P-38J #42-28645	7008
29	Capt. Frank P. Smart '41	16 Apr. 1944	A-20G #43-9098	05376
30	Flt. O. Aaron L. Brinkoeter '42	19 July 1944	B-17 F #42-30851	15758
31	1Lt. Willie Lee Bryce '42	1 July 1943	C-46A #41-12298	00318
32	Flt. O. William Cartwright '42	19 July 1943	B-26 #41-35200	00247
33	1Lt. Paul Howard Damrel '42	12 June 1945	F-7A #42-64337	14620
34	1Lt. Robert S. English '42	20 Dec. 1942	B-17F #41-24452	16243
35	1Lt. Worthington Franks '42	1 Aug. 1943	B-24D #42-40102	223
36	1Lt. Bobby Mack Godwin '42	19 Apr. 1944	B-17 #41-24371	16508
37	Sgt. Rector W. Hamilton '42	6 Apr. 1945	B-24M #44-42320	13630
38	1Lt. Otis F. Lowry '42	10 Feb. 1945	B-29 #42-24843	12017
39	2Lt. George L. Mauldin Jr. '42	6 Oct. 1944	B-25J #43-3964	9096
40	2Lt. Addison Rumbaugh Jr. '42	10 Mar. 1944	B-17G #42-32038	2732
41	1Lt. Raymond C. Schuette '42	1 Feb. 1945	B-29 #42-24589	12020
42	2Lt. Frank G. Weisiger '42	2 Mar. 1945	B-25J #43-3992	15020
43	SSgt. Newell M. Ballard '43	11 Apr. 1944	B-17G #42-97255	3777
44	2Lt. Joseph B. Dalton '43	17 May 1943	B-26B #41-17998	15156
45	Pfc. William G. Fraser '43	5 Jan 1943	B-17F #41-24458	15359
46	SSgt. James Hull Japhet '43	6 June 1944	C-47 #42-100733	7157

Table 56: Currently Researched MIA Aggie Missing Air Crew Reports, WWII, Continued.

#	Rank, Name, Class Year	Date Lost	Aircraft/Serial Number	MACR #
47	2Lt. Clyde V. Mangum Jr. '43	26 Apr. 1945	P-51 #44-63295	14341
48	2Lt. James Henry Scholl '43	6 July 1943	B-24D #41-24093	00045C
49	1Lt. Paul C. Crouch '44	21 June 1945	OA-10A #44-34050	14670
50	1Lt. Weldon W. Dyess '44	31 July 1945	B-24M #44-50958	14889
51	2Lt. Edward A. Gripp '44	10 June 1945	B-29A #42-63567	14614
52	1Lt. Melvin G. Hass '44	13 Dec. 1944	B-24J #44-40688	10595
53	TSgt. Lindsey C. Hoskins '44	11 May 1943	B-24D Liberator	15074
54	2Lt. Jack D. Mills '44	23 Oct. 1942	B-25C #41-12889	16486
55	2Lt. Burton Leon Wade '44	9 Feb. 1945	B-24 #41-28841	12216
56	1Lt. Edwin E. Brashear '45	10 Feb. 1945	B-24 #44-41465	12052
57	1Lt. Benjamin B. Isbell Jr. '45	1 Jun. 1946	C-54E #44-9078	16085
58	2Lt. James P. Miller '45	11 Apr. 1944	B-17G #42-97089	3815
59	2Lt. Harold S. Pettit '45	18 June 1945	C-47B #43-48730	14707
60	1Lt. William W. Redus '45	26 Apr. 1945	P-51 #44-63402	14344
61	2Lt. Burl T. Wiley '45	3 May 1945	B-29 #42-24883	14356
62	2Lt. Mercer G. Abernathy '46	4 Apr. 1945	B-17G #43-38639	13722
63	2Lt. Dwight K. Booth '46	16 Apr. 1945	B-26 #42-96225	14463
64	2Lt. Fred G. Buckner '46	12 Oct. 1944	P-51B #43-6730	10228
65	2Lt. Albert Basil Capt '46	10 Nov. 1944	B-25J #137	16216
66	Sgt. Thomas Ray Perkins Jr. '46	13 Dec. 1944	B-29 #42-63430	10655
67	Sgt. Alfred E. Prinz '46	3 Aug. 1944	B-17 #42-32049	7883
68	Cpl. Hubert Roussel Jr. '46	13 Dec. 1944	B-29 #42-63439	10644
69	2Lt. Cyril F. Russell Jr. '47	19 Feb. 1945	B-29 #42-24857	12052

Note: The MIA/POW Research Project currently has the Missing Air Crew Reports for 67% of the Aggies lost in an aircraft related accident.

2.15 Korean War

Table 57: MIA Aggies By Branch, Korean War.

Branch	Number
US Marine Corps	4
US Army	4
US Air Force	3
Total	11

Table 58: MIA Aggie Country of Loss, Korean War.

Place of Loss	Number
North Korea	10
South Korea	1
Total	11

Table 59: MIA Aggie Place of Loss, Korean War.

Place of Loss	Number
Water	1
Land	10
Unknown	0
Total	11

Table 60: MIA Aggies by Mode of Loss, Korean War.

Mode of Loss (Ship, Aircraft, Ground)	Number
Aircraft	8
Ground	3
Total	11

Table 61: MIA Aggie Aircraft Losses By Type of Aircraft, Korean War.

Aircraft Lost	Number
F4U Corsair	2
AU-1 Corsair	2
F-80C Shooting Star	2
RB-26 Invader	1
O-1E Bird Dog	1
Total	8

1950 - 1953	1950 - 1953	1950 - 1953
WARE, CHARLES S. Col '25	HELM, JOHN F. Lt '48	GARDNER, WELDON D. Lt '51
SHONE, LOUIS A. Maj '34	HIGGINS, WALTER N. Lt '48	JACKSON, JR., JERRY Lt '51
EVANS, JESS E. Lt Col '38	LAUGHLIN, JACK K. Lt '48	PIERSON, ROBERT L. Lt '51
COOK, JOHN M. Maj '39	MACFARLANE, A. STUART 2Lt '48	POLLARD, AUBREY W. PFC '51
STORMS, HARVEY H. Maj '39	MCDOWELL, H. E. Lt '48	RIVES, DAVID A. 2Lt '51
HILL, SIDNEY C. Capt '40	CAGLE, MILTON L. Pvt '48	JOBE, LEWIS E. 2Lt '52
RICHMOND, JOHN R. Col '41	GUILLES, JAMES W. Lt '49	AMMONS, MONDAL R. PFC '53
WILLIS, JR., JAMES G. Capt '41	HILL, JR., GEORGE E. Lt '49	BEERWINKLE, ALBERT W. Lt '53
COSTLOW, RUPERT J. Capt '42	MCCORD, JR., WILLIAM C. Capt '49	SIMMONS, JR., FORREST C. 2Lt '53
HERRAN, EDWIN J. Maj '42	MITCHELL, CHARLES W. Lt '49	
BOWDEN, PETER H. Lt '43	MOORE, JR., LOWICK P. Lt '49	
MCCARSON, WILLIAM S. Capt '43	MORRIS, JAMES F. ENS '49	
MERCER, JR., JOHN A. Lt '43	ORTIZ, ALEXANDER Lt '49	
CAULDE, ALVIN Capt '44	SEARS, ALEX F. Capt '49	
KRAPP, WILLIAM G. Lt '44	SUTTON, WILLIS L. Capt '49	
SEAY, EARL M. Lt '44	TATUM, JIMMIE R. Lt '49	
SMITH, MAURICE H. Maj '44	WILSON, BEAU R. LTJG '49	
CAMP, GERALD M. Lt '45	WOODS, ROBERT H. 2Lt '49	
GARRISON, JR., JAMES L. Capt '45	CAIN, MABRY E. Lt '50	
GORDON, JR., WILL H. Capt '45	DAVISON, FRANK T. Lt '50	
GREENWELL, GEORGE G. Lt '45	DRIVER, CHARLES V. SN (USN) '50	
ROBERTS, ROBERT S. Lt '45	HOLLAND, JR., JAMES R. 2Lt '50	
TABOR, STANLEY E. Lt '45	LEESCH, GORDON D. 2Lt '50	
ALLISON, JOE R. Lt '46	MAULDIN, GENE R. Capt '50	
BLAKELOCK, DAVID R. Lt '46	RABB, JOE T. Pvt '50	
BROWN, WILLIAM P. Capt '46	REYES, JR., CARLOS L. '50	
CALLAN, III, JAMES Lt '46	RODENBERRY, WILLIAM C. 2Lt '50	
NEWMAN, JR., CECIL E. 2Lt '46	ROGERS, KENNETH G. Lt '50	
WHITSETT, LYNN B. Lt '46	SCHMIDT, J. W. Lt '50	
GRAY, EDGAR B. Lt '47	STOTTS, JOHN H. Lt '50	
POLLARD, JR., LEON W. Lt '47	WALTERS, FRED Lt '50	
DUYF, CORNELIUS C. Lt '48	COFFIN, JR., PAUL C. 2Lt '51	
FORSTE, FREDERICK P. 2Lt '48	FREDERICK, AUTREY W. 2Lt '51	

Figure 191: Corps Plaza Veterans Memorial, 1950-1953; Author's Photo.

Approximately 1,900¹ Aggies served during the Korean War period, 1950-1953. Ninety-five Aggies perished while serving during this period. Eleven are still Missing in Action.

1st Lieutenant Leon Waddell “Bill” Pollard ‘47



Born: March 16, 1926, Texas.²

Died: July 9, 1950

Service: USAF, 35th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 8th Fighter-Bomber Group; SN: AO-1846774

A&M: Graduated with a degree in accounting; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant, Second In Command, Squadron A; Varsity Baseball Manager.³

Plane: Pilot of an F-80C Shooting Star

Loss: Aircraft became separated from the group and disappeared several miles from Itazuke, Air Base, Japan, while returning from a bombing mission over Korea.⁴

DPAA Recovery Status: Non-Recoverable, Analytical Category

Figure 192: Pollard, 1947 Long Horn.⁵

1st Lieutenant Stanley Eugene “Stan” Tabor ’45



Born: December 6, 1923, Mexia, Texas.⁶

Died: October 8, 1950

Service: US Army, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division; SN: O-60663

A&M: Graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering; conferred 1947;⁷ Corps Unit: Cadet Corporal Battery G. Field Artillery.⁸

Loss: Taken POW by North Korean forces during the withdrawal from Taejon, South Korea. Became mortally ill on the march to Pyongyang, North Korea, and was buried on the roadside.⁹

DPAAs Recovery Status: Deferred, Analytical Category

Figure 193: Tabor, 1943 Long Horn.¹⁰

1st Lieutenant Archibald Stuart MacFarlane ’48



Born: August 27, 1927, Texas.¹¹

Died: December 1, 1950

Service: US Army, K Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division; SN: O-00957893

A&M: Graduated with a degree in industrial engineering; conferred in 1948; Corps Unit: Infantry Band.¹²

Loss: Missing during the withdrawal from Chosin Reservoir. He wasn't reported POW.¹³

DPAAs Recovery Status: Deferred, Analytical Category

Figure 194: MacFarlane, 1945 Long Horn.¹⁴

Captain William Stickland McCarson '43



Born: September 7, 1921, Boling, Texas.¹⁵

Died: December 6, 1951

Service: USMC, Marine Fighter Squadron 212, *USS Rendova (CVS-114)*;
SN: O-024823

A&M: Pursued degree in electrical engineering; degree not received; Corps
Unit: Cadet Private, 2nd Battalion Headquarters Battery, Field Artillery.¹⁶

Plane: Pilot of F4U Corsair #81789

Loss: Aircraft exploded on impact with ground after taking direct hits from enemy anti-aircraft during a strafing run on targets in Pungchon, North Korea.¹⁷

DPAA Recovery Status: Deferred, Analytical Category

Figure 195: Capt. William S. McCarson.

1st Lieutenant Edgar Byron “Bump” Gray ‘47



Born: August 5, 1926, San Antonio, Texas.¹⁸

Died: December 14, 1951

Service: USAF, 36th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 8th Fighter-Bomber Group; SN: 19887A

A&M: Graduated with a degree in animal husbandry; Corps
Unit: Senior, 3rd Regiment, Squadron B;¹⁹ Southwest Texas
Club; Saddle and Sirloin Club; San Angelo Club.²⁰

Plane: Pilot of F-80C Shooting Star #49-8461, call sign
“Merrimac Mike 1.”²¹

Loss: Aircraft crashed into a hillside near the village of Mangil-li, North Korea, after being hit by enemy fire. His last transmissions were, “Mike flight, I’m hit, I’m getting out.” It is not reported that Gray survived or was taken POW.²²

DPAA Recovery Status: Deferred, Analytical Category

*Figure 196: E. Gray, 1948 Long Horn.*²³

Captain William Perry “Brownie” Brown Jr. ‘46



Born: December 18, 1923, Lovelady, Texas.²⁴

Died: February 29, 1952

Service: USMC, HQ Sqn, Marine Air Group 12, 1st Marine Air Wing; SN: 032240

A&M: Pursued degree in agriculture; degree not received.

Plane: Pilot of F4U-4 Corsair #62956

Loss: Crashed after taking direct hits from enemy fire during while conducting a strafing run on North Korean targets in Sariwon, North Korea. The aircraft burst into flames and the crash was considered non-survivable.²⁵ Captain Brown was awarded a second Navy Cross, posthumously, for his actions on February 29, 1945. *See citation below.*

DPAA Recovery Status: Deferred, Analytical Category

*Figure 197: Brown, 1943 Long Horn.*²⁶

*“The President of the United States of America takes pride in presenting a Gold Star in lieu of a Second Award of the Navy Cross (Posthumously) to Captain William Perry Brown, Jr. (MCSN: 0-32240), United States Marine Corps Reserve, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving as Pilot of a Plane temporarily attached to Marine Fighting Squadron THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE (VMF-323), in action against enemy aggressor forces in the Republic of Korea on 24 February 1952. Volunteering to participate in an eight-plane strike against heavily defended rail and bridge installations along a main enemy supply route at Sariwon, Captain Brown fearlessly pressed home his attack in the face of an intense barrage of hostile anti-aircraft fire and scored a direct hit on a rail line with a 1,000-pound bomb. Spotting a convoy of enemy trucks entering a well-fortified supply center while he was recovering from his initial dive, he immediately launched a low-level strafing run on the objective despite damage to his plane from continuous hostile ground fire. Although his aircraft burst into flames, Captain Brown bravely continued to dive on the vehicles with his guns blazing until his plane crashed and exploded amid the convoy. His outstanding courage, superb airmanship and valiant devotion to duty in the face of overwhelming odds reflect the highest credit upon Captain Brown and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”*²⁷

1st Lieutenant George Griffin “Griff” Greenwell ‘45



Born: June 4, 1924, Cairo, Illinois. Enlisted from Pennsylvania.²⁸

Died: May 15, 1952

Service: USAF, 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group; SN: AO786393

A&M: Graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering; conferred in 1949; American Society of Military Engineers; Newman Club; Past President of Newman Club; Distinguished Student.²⁹

Plane: Pilot of RB-26C Invader #44-35668, call sign “Mongoose 45.”³⁰

Loss: Aircraft caught fire after taking direct hits from enemy aircraft over Anju, North Korea, while conducting a reconnaissance mission. Radio contact was lost, and there is no record of the crew being taken POW.³¹ Brother, Capt. Robert E. Greenwell '39, was declared MIA in WWII.

DPAA Recovery Status: Deferred, Analytical Category

*Figure 198: Greenwell, 1949 Aggieland.*³²

Captain Gene Remus Mauldin ‘50



Born: December 9, 1922, Albany, Texas.³³

Died: October 4, 1952

Service: USMC, Fighter Squadron 323, Marine Air Group 12, 1st Marine Air Wing; SN: O-033753

A&M: Graduated with a degree in animal husbandry; Saddle and Sirloin Club.³⁴

Plane: Pilot of AU-1 Corsair #129351

Loss: Crashed after taking direct hits from enemy anti-aircraft fire during a support mission for the 1st Marine Division in North Korea.³⁵

DPAA Recovery Status: Deferred, Analytical Category

*Figure 199: Mauldin, 1950 Aggieland.*³⁶

Captain James Louie Garrison Jr. '45



Born: February 23, 1924, Tavis County, Texas.³⁷

Died: February 14, 1953

Service: USMC, Marine Attack Squadron 323, Marine Air Group 12, 1st Marine Air Wing; SN: O-038162

A&M: Graduated with a degree in liberal arts; conferred 1945; Corps Unit: Cadet Private, Battery G. Field Artillery (1942).³⁸

Plane: Pilot of AU-1 Corsair #129343

Loss: Crashed during a combat mission in south-central North Korea after taking direct hits from enemy anti-aircraft fire.³⁹

DPAA Recovery Status: Deferred, Analytical Category

*Figure 200: Garrison, 1942 Long Horn.*⁴⁰

1st Lieutenant Autrey William “Fred” Frederick ‘51



Born: March 6, 1928, Nederland, Texas.⁴¹

Died: March 30, 1953

Service: US Army, Headquarters Company, 3rd Infantry Division; SN: O-01915542

A&M: Graduated with a degree in general business; Corps Unit: Cadet Major, Troop C. Armor; President of Port Arthur, Club; Advertising Manager The “Battalion,” Student Senate; Secretary of Business Society; Director of Film Society; CMB Representative; Student Publications Award.⁴²

Plane: Pilot of an O-1E Bird Dog

Loss: Crashed north of the present-day demilitarized zone during a reconnaissance mission. The aircraft was reported to be under enemy control and in flames. 1st Lieutenant Frederick was not reported POW.⁴³

DPAA Recovery Status: Deferred, Analytical Category

*Figure 201: Frederick, 1942 Long Horn.*⁴⁴

2nd Lieutenant Lewis Earl “Lew” Jobe ‘52



Born: January 23, 1930, Brownwood, Texas.⁴⁵

Died: July 8, 1953

Service: US Army, F Company, 2nd Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division; SN: O-00067038

A&M: Corps Unit: Cadet Lt. Colonel, Executive Officer, Infantry Regiment; Junior Yell Leader; Head Yell Leader; Senior Intramural Manager; Ross Volunteers; Phi Eta Sigma; Distinguished Student; Outstanding Junior, Infantry Regiment; DMS, Who’s Who at A&M.⁴⁶

Loss: Killed during the North Korean attack on Pork Chop Hill.⁴⁷

DPAA Recovery Status: Deferred, Analytical Category

*Figure 202: Jobe, 1952 Aggieland.*⁴⁸

2.16 Cold War

Major Lester Lee Lackey ‘52



Born: January 8, 1930, Hale County, Texas.⁴⁹

Died: December 14, 1965

Service: USAF, 7407th Support Squadron, Rhein-Main Air Base, West Germany; SN: AO-46378

A&M: Corps Unit: Senior in Squadron 8 “Athletics;”⁵⁰ Member of the T. Association.⁵¹

Plane: Pilot of an RB-57 Canberra Reconnaissance Aircraft

Loss: Crashed into the Black Sea during a reconnaissance mission. The plane was not lost due to Soviet activity.⁵² The aircraft likely crashed due to an oxygen system failure.⁵³

DPAA Recovery Status: Non-Recoverable, Analytical Category

*Figure 203: Lackey, 1953 Aggieland.*⁵⁴

2.17 Vietnam War

Table 62: MIA Aggies By Branch, Vietnam War

Branch	Number
US Air Force	8
US Navy	1
US Marine Corps	1
Total	10

Table 63: MIA Aggie Country of Loss, Vietnam War.

Place of Loss	Number
Laos	5
North Vietnam	3
South Vietnam	2
Total	10

Table 64: MIA Aggie Place of Loss, Vietnam War.

Place of Loss	Number
Water	1
Land	9
Total	10

Table 65: MIA Aggies by Mode of Loss, Vietnam War.

Mode of Loss (Ship, Aircraft, Ground)	Number
Aircraft	10
Total	10

Table 66: MIA Aggie Aircraft Losses By Type of Aircraft, Vietnam War.

Aircraft Lost	Number
F-4C Phantom II	3
F-4D Phantom II	2
F-8 Crusader	1
UH-1 Iroquois	1
F-111 Aardvark	1
O-2 Skymaster	1
Total	10



Figure 204: Corps Plaza Veterans Memorial, 1958-1975; Author's Photo.

It is estimated that 3,985⁵⁵ Aggies served during the Vietnam War period, 1955-1975.

Two Hundred and Two Aggies perished during this period. Ten are still Missing in Action.

Major William Otis “Buzzer” Fuller ‘57



Born: August 20, 1935, Houston, Texas.⁵⁶

Died: August 26, 1967

Service: USAF, 558th Tactical Fighter Squadron; SN: 000066513

A&M: Graduated with a degree in industrial education; Cadet 1st Lieutenant, Squadron 19, ‘Fightin’ Panther Squadron; ⁵⁷ Officer Freshman Class; Houston Hometown Club; Ping Pong Club; Industrial Engineering Club.⁵⁸

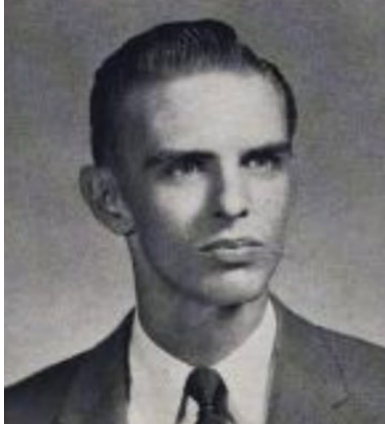
Plane: Navigator/Bombardier of F-4C Phantom II #64-0692, call sign “Whiskey 22.”⁵⁹

Loss: Went missing over reconnaissance target in North Vietnam. Search efforts failed to locate their aircraft.⁶⁰

DPAA Recovery Status: Active Pursuit, Analytical Category

Figure 205: Fuller, 1957 Aggieland.⁶¹

Lieutenant Commander Robert Dennison “Bob” Johnson ’58



Born: February 12, 1934, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Enlisted from Texas.⁶²

Died: September 1, 1967

Service: US Navy, Helicopter Attack Squadron (Light) 3; SN: 626423

A&M: Graduated with a degree in business administration; conferred in 1958; Business Society.⁶³

Plane: Pilot of UH-1B Iroquois #638570.⁶⁴

Loss: Crashed in the Hau Giang River, South Vietnam, immediately after taking off from *USS Garrett County (LST 786)*.⁶⁵

DPAA Recovery Status: Active Pursuit, Analytical Category

*Figure 206: Johnson, 1958 Aggieland.*⁶⁶

Major Murray Lamar Wortham ‘65



Born: May 26, 1943, San Augustine, Texas.⁶⁷

Died: December 30, 1967

Service: USAF, 480th Tactical Fighter Squadron: SN: 003176501

A&M: Graduated with a degree in accounting; Corps Unit: C.O. of Squadron 10; Ross Volunteers; R.M.S; Student Cadet Court; Accounting Society.⁶⁸

Plane: Pilot of F-4C Phantom II #63-7658.⁶⁹

Loss: Crashed after striking enemy targets in Laos. Seen burning on impact.⁷⁰

DPAA Recovery Status: Active Pursuit, Analytical Category

*Figure 207: Wortham, 1965 Aggieland.*⁷¹

Colonel Robert Frederick Wilke '65



Born: September 14, 1965, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.⁷²

Died: January 17, 1968

Service: USAF, 602nd Special Operations Squadron, 56th Air Commando Wing; SN: 000020868

A&M: Graduated with a degree in Business Computing Science.

Plane: Pilot of A-1H Skyraider #53-134518.⁷³

Loss: Shot down and lost over Don Hai Dinh, North Vietnam, on a search and rescue mission.⁷⁴

DPAA Recovery Status: Active Pursuit, Analytical Category

Figure 208: Col. Robert Frederick Wilke.

Captain George Lawrence “Larry” Hubler '64



Born: September 6, 1942, Tom Green County, Texas.⁷⁵

Died: February 28, 1968

Service: USMC, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 235, Marine Air Group 11, 1st Marine Air Wing; SN: O-91625

A&M: Graduated with a degree in Aerospace Engineering; Corps Unit: Cadet 1st Lieutenant 5th Battalion Staff; Ross Volunteers, 1st Platoon;⁷⁶ Platoon Leader, PLC.⁷⁷

Plane: Pilot of F-8E Crusader #150857, call sign “Combat 23.”⁷⁸

Loss: Collided midair with another aircraft off the southeast coast of Da Nang, South Vietnam.⁷⁹

DPAA Recovery Status: Active Pursuit, Analytical Category

Figure 209: Hubler, 1964 AggieLand.⁸⁰

Captain Dennis Lee Graham '63



Born: May 11, 1941, Greensburg, Kiowa County, Kan.⁸¹

Died: March 28, 1968

Service: USAF, 428th Tactical Fighter Squadron; SN: 003156577

A&M: Graduated with a degree in building products marketing; Cadet Chaplain, First Wing Staff;⁸² Lumberman's Association Scholarship; DPM Club, President; Honor Council; Duncan Hall Employee; Arts and Sciences Council.⁸³

Plane: Pilot of F-111A Aardvark #66-0022.⁸⁴

Loss: Most likely shot down by enemy fire near Phu Xa Airfield, Dong Hoi, North Vietnam.⁸⁵

DPAA Recovery Status: Active Pursuit, Analytical Category

Figure 210: Graham, 1963 Aggieland.⁸⁶

Lieutenant Colonel Walter Shelby Van Cleave '48



Born: August 16, 1927, Burkburnett, Texas.⁸⁷

Died: April 22, 1969

Service: USAF, 480th Tactical Fighter Squadron; SN: 000024818

A&M: Corps Unit: Company B. Engineers.

Plane: Commander aboard F-4D Phantom II #65-0649, call sign "Cobra 21."⁸⁸

Loss: Crashed just beyond target area in Laos.⁸⁹

DPAA Recovery Status: Deferred, Analytical Category

Figure 211: Lt. Col. Walter Shelby Van Cleave.

Major Henry Gerald “Jerry” Mundt II ‘64



Born: May 25, 1943, Abilene, Texas.⁹⁰

Died: May 8, 1969

Service: USAF, 599th Tactical Fighter Squadron; SN: 003206168

A&M: Graduated with a degree in accounting; Corps Unit: Squadron 10, ‘Thunderbird Ten.’⁹¹ Intramural Manager; Accounting Society; Abilene Hometown Club.⁹²

Plane: F-4C Phantom II #64-0805 call sign “Boxer 31.”⁹³

Loss: Aircraft exploded over target area in Laos. Both crewmembers ejected, one crewmember’s parachute failed to open.⁹⁴

DPAA Recovery Status: Active Pursuit, Analytical Category

Figure 212: Mundt, 1964 Aggieland.⁹⁵

Captain John Robert Baldrige Jr. ‘68



Born: November 2, 1946, Memphis, Tennessee.⁹⁶

Died: November 20, 1969

Service: USAF, 20th Tactical Air Support Squadron; SN: 003215470

A&M: Graduated with a degree in management; Corps Unit: Squadron 1;⁹⁷ Ross Volunteers, Firing Squad; Discipline Comm.; Shreveport Hometown Club; Judo Club; SAM; DMS; Houston Military Affairs Comm. Award; Pres. Of Cadet Court “B.”⁹⁸

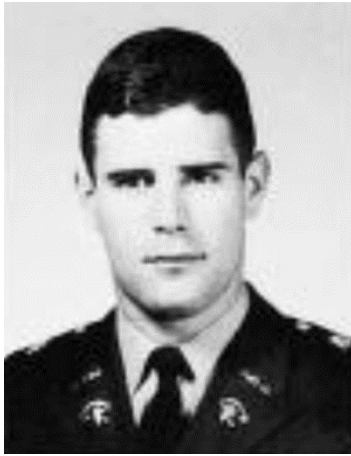
Plane: Pilot of O-2A Skymaster #67-21301, call sign “Lopez 01.”⁹⁹

Loss: Crashed after sustaining hits from enemy fire over Laos, during a reconnaissance mission.¹⁰⁰

DPAA Recovery Status: Active Pursuit, Analytical Category

Figure 213: Baldrige, 1964 Aggieland.¹⁰¹

Captain Steven Bruce “Steve” Johnston ‘68



Born: January 22, 1946, Muskogee, Oklahoma.¹⁰²

Died: January 4, 1973

Service: USAF, 97th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 8th Tactical Fighter Group; SN: 003215526

A&M: Graduated with a degree in electrical engineering; conferred in 1969; Corps Unit: Operations Officer, Second Wing Staff;¹⁰³ Junior and Senior Council; SAME; IEEE.¹⁰⁴

Plane: Weapons System Officer aboard F-4D Phantom II #65-0745, call sign “Clammy 03.”¹⁰⁵

Loss: Aircraft hit by ground fire and crashed over target in Laos. Both crewmembers parachuted. The pilot was rescued, but Johnston was trapped under a large log and presumed dead. Enemy fire prevented his recovery. His body remains missing.¹⁰⁶

DPAA Recovery Status: Active Pursuit, Analytical Category

*Figure 214: Johnston, 1968 Aggieland.*¹⁰⁷

2.18 MIA Aggie Recovery Efforts

2.18.1 World War Two

Based on the most current research, it is estimated that 3 MIA Aggies from World War Two have been recently recovered and identified.

Table 67: Recovered MIA Aggies, WWII.

Rank, Name, Branch	Class Year	Date Lost	Date Identified
Fire Controlman Third Class Victor Tumlinson, USN	1942	7 Dec. 1941	8 Feb. 2019
First Lieutenant Louis Girard, USAAF	1943	1 Aug. 1943	28 Mar. 2022
Staff Sergeant Bobby Younger, USAAF	1946	2 Nov. 1944	10 Aug. 2017

2.18.2 Korean War/Cold War

Table 68: Recovered MIA Aggies, Korean War.¹⁰⁸

Rank, Name, Branch	Class Year	Date Lost	Date Identified
Major Harvey Storms, US Army	1939	1 Dec. 1950	29 Nov. 2019

2.18.3 Vietnam War

Based on the most current research, it is estimated that 15 MIA Aggies from the Vietnam War have been identified and recovered. The most recent identification occurred on December 4, 2023, with the recovery of Captain Ronald W. Forrester '69.¹⁰⁹

Table 69: Recovered MIA Aggies, Vietnam War.¹¹⁰

Rank, Name, Branch	Class Year	Date Lost	Date Identified
Colonel William E. Campbell, USAF	1952	29 Jan. 1969	29 Aug. 2016
Lieutenant Colonel Irving B. Ramsower, USAF	1957	29 Mar. 1972	12 Feb. 2008
Captain George P. McKnight, USAF	1958	11 Dec. 1965	27 Feb. 1979
Colonel Greg Hartness, USAF	1960	26 Nov. 1968	11 Apr. 2005
Lieutenant Colonel Donald A. Luna, USAF	1960	1 Feb. 1969	30 Oct. 2000
Major William E. Jones, USAF	1962	5 Jan. 1968	7 Oct. 1985

Table 69: Recovered MIA Aggies, Vietnam War, Continued.¹¹¹

Rank, Name, Branch	Class Year	Date Lost	Date Identified
Lieutenant Micheal E. Dunn, US Navy	1963	26 Jan. 1968	3 Nov. 1999
Captain Jonnie C. Cornelius, USAF	1963	26 June 1968	29 May 2007
Lieutenant Victor H. Thompson, USAF	1964	15 Mar. 1967	10 Jan. 1974
Lieutenant Clyde W. Campbell	1966	1 Mar. 1969	23 July 2010
Captain Carl E. Long, USMC	1966	20 Dec. 1969	3 May 2004
Lieutenant Donald J. Matocha, USMC	1967	5 Apr. 1968	17 June 2004
Major Neal C. Ward, USAF	1967	13 June 1969	19 July 2019
Captain Ronald W. Forrester, USMC	1969	27 Dec. 1972	4 Dec. 2023
Chief Warrant Officer, Phillip R. Pannell, US Army	1972	14 Mar. 1969	15 Jan. 1970

3. MEMORIALIZATION AND COMMEMORATION

3.1 Remembering the Fallen

*“Let future generations understand the burden and the blessings of freedom.
Let them say we stood where duty required us to stand.”¹*

- President George H. W. Bush, January 1991

Remembering the fallen is more than holding a personal or shared memory for a loved one, it is also a physical practice that takes the form of photographs, novels, media, as well as “sites, statues, and sculptures.”² Physical memorials of significant people, battles, sites, and events, can be found in every corner of our societies. They represent a person, or peoples, ideas, and ideals; someone or something that we hope for ourselves and for future generations to understand and remember. In essence, physical memorials are a place for societies to lay their memories. Memories of sadness, memories of triumph, and memories of both.

Physical memorials, representing the sacrifices of our soldiers, are important places of mourning and memory for the communities and families of the fallen. As stated by author Micheal Sledge, in *Soldier Dead*, “They are our warriors, and they represent, on a national level, our belief system. On a personal level, they represent the willingness of individuals to support, protect, and even die for the values, ideals, and security of our nation-state.”³ When honoring our fallen soldier’s sacrifice in a physical form and in a physical space, they come to represent a fixed point where they, their ideals, and their memories are known to lie. Doing so not only helps communities and families mourn the loss and celebrate the life of a loved one, but they also preserve their memory and example for future generations to understand and follow.

Physical memorials also offer communities and families a common space to gather in times of celebration and mourning. For example, in the Corps of Cadets, we gather at the Corps Plaza Memorial every October to honor the life and sacrifice of a fallen Aggie from my outfit. Each incoming class is told to find his name on the memorial, and it is there we gather for prayers, remembrance, and celebration. Likewise, each November 18th, at 2:42 a.m., Aggies gather together to remember our fellow students who perished in the Bonfire stack collapse in 1999. These spaces and the traditions they hold serve not only to honor the people and events they represent, but they bind us together through our participation in their remembrance, holding us true to the ideals their sacrifices, characters, and lives represent.

3.2 Campus Memorials Honoring Aggie Service

There are multiple memorials across campus, both living and physical, that honor and remember the sacrifices of past students and faculty. Cadets within the Corps of Cadets hold a special role in this process as the university's "Keepers of the Spirit and Tradition." Passed down from each generation to the next, it is one of the Corps' missions to ensure that we remember those who came before us. As a historian, this role has become significantly meaningful to me as I have had the chance to play an active part in the perseveration of this history.

Aside from the active roles of preservation, memorials across campus serve as daily reminders, preserving the memory of the sacrifices of those who came before us. Every building and road on campus holds significance to a past Aggie or event. The Corps dormitories are named after Aggies who received the Medal of Honor. A statue of General Earl Rudder stands proudly overlooking Military Walk, where students daily pass the Joint Memorial Flagpole, donated by the classes of 1912 and 1936, directly in front of the Academic Building, which was constructed in 1914. This daily contact with the past is a necessary part of our campus, and it

serves to ground students in the culture and tradition of being an Aggie, allowing students and faculty to be a part of something greater than themselves.

Examples of prominent memorials honoring the lives of fallen Aggies pictured on the following pages include; the Texas A&M Spanish-American War Memorial; the World War I Memorial; the Joint Memorial Flagpole; the John 15:13 Memorial, located in the Memorial Student Center; the Corps Plaza Memorial; and the Freedom from Terror Memorial.

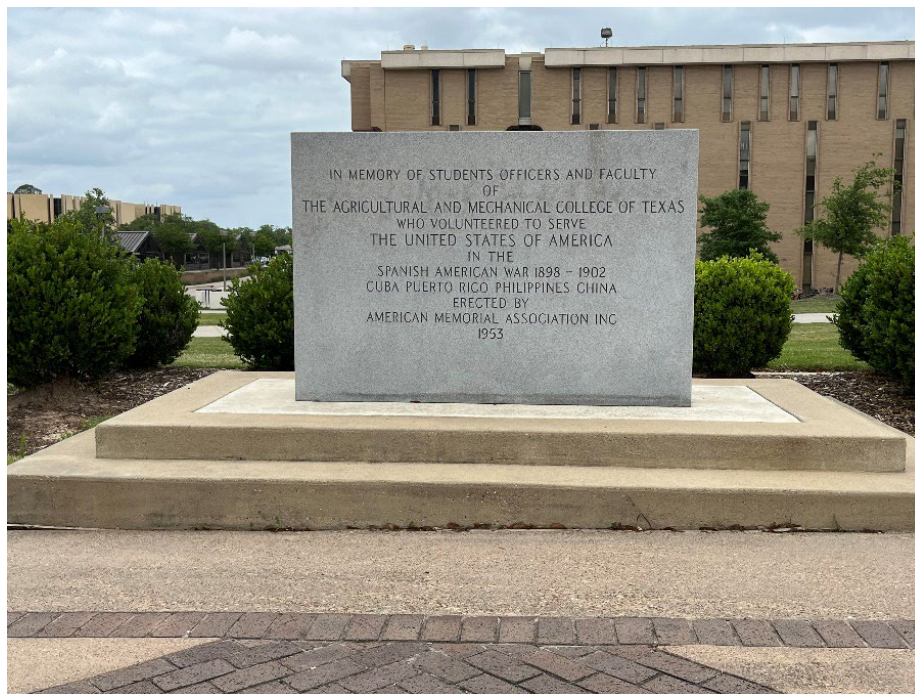


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Figure 217: Texas A&M WWI Memorial; Author's Photo.



Figure 218: Joint Memorial Flagpole, Classes of 1912 and 1939; Author's Photo.



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Figure 220: Corps Plaza Memorial, 1945-2001; Author's Photo.



Figure 221: Texas A&M Freedom From Terrorism Memorial; Author's Photo.

3.3 A Campus Aggie MIA/POW Memorial

*"We leave you our deaths. Give them meaning."*¹

- Poet Archibald MacLeish⁴

The final goal of this research is to advocate for the formal memorialization and commemoration of the MIA/POW Aggies by Texas A&M University. A formal Aggie MIA/POW campus memorial will serve to honor the sacrifices of the Aggies and their families, giving them a space to mourn and honor their loved ones. For the campus, an Aggie MIA/POW memorial will serve to honor their sacrifices in a way that teaches Aggies the highest honor of serving and living selflessly. In doing so, we fulfill our duty as citizens and Aggies to ensure that their memory, and what they fought for, will be understood, and never forgotten by future generations.

¹ The above quotation is inscribed on the Honolulu Memorial, which houses the names of over 28,000 American service personnel who are Missing in Action from World War Two, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

CONCLUSION

There's A Spirit Can Ne'er Be Told

Through this project I have gotten to know over 193 Aggies, who until this research have not been remembered together. Walking around campus, to and from class, I think of their names and their faces, and I look at the buildings that they once saw when they were students. Through their memory, I reflect on my own experience as an Aggie and as a member of the Corps of Cadets. I think of the traditions that they created, and lessons that they passed down to each incoming class that might have been passed down to me. I reflect deeply on the values of Texas A&M, because I know they are tried and true, developed and practiced by the Aggies who embodied them: Respect, Excellence, Leadership, Loyalty, Integrity, and Selfless Service.

At this school there is absolutely a spirit that can never be told. A spirit, nurtured from years of tradition; traditions that bring us together until death. In learning their stories I have learned what a life lived selflessly truly looks like; Roommates, or Ol' Ladys, Captain Robert C. Robbins '41 and 1Lt. Burt Olney Griffin '41, Corps of Cadets Company F. Engineers, partnered unto death. After completing four years at Texas A&M together, both were taken prisoner by the Japanese during the fall of the Philippines. Captain Robbins nursed 1Lt. Griffin back to health on multiple occasions while both suffered together in the Cabanatuan Prisoner of War Camp. After surviving the Japanese Hell Ship *Nagato Maru* the two were separated. Robbins' blanket was his last gift to Griffin. 1Lt. Griffin would later die in Moji, Japan, where he is still unaccounted for.⁵

The selflessness, courage, and hope these Aggies displayed are of the highest examples to live by. These speak of an unspoken bond, one that seeks to help one another above all things: *Through Unity, Strength*. Captain William Mark Curtis '32, who won the bet against Captain

Robley D. Evans '40, while both were held captive by the Japanese, was remembered by his mother as, "always in high spirits." In a letter to the Association of Former Students on July 14, 1945, she wrote,

*"I feel these that these men lived up to the highest American tradition of courage and ingenuity; they never quit, and they never lost their sense of humor. They have left a wonderful heritage for our children, and it is up to us to try to live up to their example and make their efforts worthwhile."*⁶

It is this example, embodied in the lives of these Aggies, and in the lives of their families, that we must seek to live by: one that never gives up hope. Their spirit lives on at Texas A&M University in the traditions continued by students today, and I hope that their stories continue to impact the lives of others, just as they have impacted me.

"The Duty Ours"

The following is an excerpt from the poem, "Memorial Day," by Wallace Bruce, and it speaks to our duty and privilege as Americans and Aggies to honor and remember our fallen, just as they have given so much for us.

*"The twenty years have left their trace
Since you returned the homeward route;
Twice twenty more your ranks efface;
The boys will all be mustered out,
Who kept the faith and fought the fight;
The glory theirs, **the duty ours;**"*⁷

The Duty is Ours to honor and remember their sacrifices, and to one day bring them home.

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