Locked securely in the climate-controlled stacks of the Cushing Memorial Library and Archives is a small file folder box containing the Corregidor Muster Collection of James T. Danklefs ’43.

In the box are original documents and photographs taken by Capt. Danklefs showing views of the 1946 Corregidor Muster other than the familiar and often-reproduced photo of Aggies gathered for a group picture in front of Malinta Tunnel.

Although it is a small collection, its value to our history is enormous. As Muster approaches, it is worth looking back and remembering that the Aggies returned to Corregidor to honor those brave Aggies who Mustered there in 1942.

The University Archives is grateful to the Danklefs family for donating this historic collection to Texas A&M University.

Old Army,

You'd better be circling APRIL 21st on your calendar 'cause that's the day the VICTORY BALL will be held on Corregidor.

This year all Aggies, the world over are striving to strike a more serious note on this occasion in tribute to those who gave their lives in the war. Our group is especially invited to hold its muster on the same ground on which twenty-five Aggies did not on this same day in 1918, less than two weeks prior to the fall of Corregidor.

As you all know, General Eisenhower has accepted an invitation to be the honored guest at the Victory Ball to be held on the campus. The Texas A&M Club has extended invitations to General Leach, Jr., and Shore 409, and an early reply is expected.

We'll be looking for you at:

PLACE: RAME COLISEUM (BASKETBALL COURSE)
DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1944
TIME: 8:00 (DINNER: 1:00)

All arrangements have been made for transportation to and from Corregidor and for dinner. All that is needed to pay the respect so rightfully deserved to those who stood in our stead is your presence.

Texas A&M Club

P.S.: Turn on the extra copies to another room.

OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED TOWERS

Some of Texas A & M
on Corregidor - 21 April 1944.

In this hallowed soil lie the mortal remains of many men who here died that liberty might live. Among the bravest of these brave are twenty officers, sons of Texas A & M, unable themselves to answer this year’s annual muster. It is for us, therefore, to do as for them — to answer for them in clear and firm voice — lead on battle-worn Corregidor where their eternal spirit will never die but will march on forever, inspiring in those who follow the courage and the will to preserve well that for which they died.

Of them and those of their fellow alumni who lie in hallowed soil of other lands and those who survive them, may it truly be said that in the noble teachings of their Alma Mater — in the tradition of the great American leader, San Antonio, who this day, one hundred and ten years ago, freed Texas from foreign domination by defeating Santa Anna on the historic battlefield of San Jacinto — they stood steadfast, unyielding and unafraid through those dark days of our country’s greatest peril — and by inspiring example helped point the way.