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.

02 April 45

You'd best be circling April 21st on your calendar 'cause that's the day the world will be reeling on Corregidor.

This year all America, the world over are striving to strike a more serious note on this occasion in tribute to those who gave their lives in this war. Our group is especially honored to hold its muster on the same ground as did these twenty-five agmites who met on this same day in 1942, 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 Banquet to be held on the campus. The Texas A&M Club has extended invitations to Generals Remmer, Sliver, and Moore '08, and an early reply is expected.

We'll be looking for you at:

PLACE: RAMEL COLISEUM (BASKETBALL COURSE)
DATE: 21ST APRIL, 1945
TIME: 8:00 PM (PROPERLY DRESSED)

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

The Texas A&M Club

P.S.: Pass on the extra copy to another Aggie.

OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THE ALLIED POWERS

Some of Texas A&M
on Corregidor - 21 April 1946.

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 so for them - to answer for them in clear and firm voice - hear on battle-swept 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 cadets who lie in hallowed soil of other states and those who survived them, may it truly be said that in the noble teachings of their Alma Mater - in the tradition of the great American leader, Sam Houston, who this day, one hundred and ten years ago, raised Texas from foreign dominion by defending Santa Anna on the historic battlefield of San Jacinto - they stood steadfast, unfaltering and untried through those dark days of our country's greatest peril - and by inspiring example helped point the way.

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