

# VMI Deaths in World War II

*The information in the three lists that follow was researched in the VMI Archives and war-era issues of the Alumni Review and compiled by Kathryn Wise, editor of the Review, who determined that 183 alumni died during World War II while in service to their country or while enlisted in the armed forces of America's allies. Alumni are requested to send any omissions or corrections to the VMI Alumni Review.*

*The plaques shown are located in VMI's Memorial Gardens.*

## Class of 1902

### **Maj. Gen. William P. Upshur, USMC**

Upshur, his aide and four other men were killed in an airplane crash near Sitka, Alaska, on July 21, 1943. At the time of his death he was commanding general of the U.S. Marines, Pacific, and the senior major general in the U.S. Marine Corps. Upshur had been awarded the Medal of Honor for gallantry during the Haitian Campaign in 1915.

## Class of 1906

### **Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., USA**

Killed in action on June 18, 1945, on Okinawa while commanding the Tenth U.S. Army. Buckner died instantly on the front lines when he was hit by a Japanese shell while observing an attack by the Marine 8th Regimental Combat Team. He was the first U.S. Army commander in chief to be killed in World War II.

## Class of 1907

### **Gen. George S. Patton, USA**

Patton, the commander of the Seventh Army and the Third Army, died on Dec. 21, 1945, in Heidelberg, Germany, following injuries received 12 days before in an automobile accident.

## Class of 1910

### **Col. Kenna Granville Eastham, USA**

Died on April 20, 1944, of a heart attack at Camp Shanks, New York, an installation of the New York Port of Embarkation. He had been its commanding officer since the camp's opening on Jan. 4, 1943; he was previously commanding officer of the Brooklyn Army Base, and had been commanding officer of a pioneer infantry battalion in the Verdun area.

## Class of 1911

### **1Sgt. George T. Burdeau, Jr., USAAF**

Died in Italy on July 18, 1944, of a heart attack. Burdeau was a Regular Army cavalry first lieutenant in World War I.

## Class of 1914

### **Maj. William Val Sanford, USA**

A physician and a member of the Army's Medical Corps, he died of a heart attack on Dec. 5, 1943, while on duty in Italy.

## Class of 1917

### **Lt. Col. Joseph G. Ward, USMC**

Executive officer of Marine Barracks, Norfolk Naval Operating Base, he died at the Naval hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia, on Oct. 22, 1944.

## Class of 1919

### **Maj. Stuart W. King, USMC**

Killed in action on Dec. 31, 1944, as a result of the bombing of a Japanese prison ship en route from The Philippines to Japan.

### **Lt. Col. Edward W. Thomson, USAAF**

Killed in action in an airplane crash in Burma on May 30, 1945.

## Class of 1920

### **Brig. Gen. Charles L. Keerans, Jr., USA**

Missing in action in the airborne phase of the invasion of Sicily on July 11, 1943; declared killed in action on July 12, 1944.

### **Lt. Col. William T. S. Roberts, USA**

The commander of a combat command of the 10th Armored Division, he was killed in action in Germany on April 9, 1945.

## Class of 1921

### **Lt. Col. John M. Ribble, USA**

Died on June 23, 1945, of a heart attack at his home near Markham, Virginia.

### **Maj. Samuel A. Syme, USA**

Died on Jan. 2, 1944, in Algiers while on a mission as a member of the staff of Gen. George S. Patton '07.

## Class of 1922

### **Lt. Col. Samuel D. Puller, USMC**

Killed in action in the Pacific on July 28, 1944.

## Class of 1923

### **Maj. Seale Harris, Jr., USA**

Died in Brisbane, Australia, on Dec. 22, 1943.

## Class of 1924

### **Lt. George C. Willcox, USN**

Died on July 2, 1943, in an airplane crash.

## Class of 1925

### **1Lt. William R. Williams, USA**

Killed in action on Jan. 15, 1945, on a Japanese prison ship near Formosa.

## Class of 1926

### **Lt. Col. Cornelius Z. Byrd, USA**

Captured on Bataan in March 1942 and died in a Japanese prison camp on Mar. 1, 1945.



## Class of 1927

**Maj. Joseph B. Coopwood, USA**  
 Killed in action in Italy on Nov. 21, 1943.

**Lt. James N. Jones, USN**  
 Died of sleeping sickness at Fort Bragg on Aug. 14, 1941.

**Bailey M. Sawyer, RAAF**  
 A Royal Australian Air Force pilot officer, he died on Jan. 28, 1941, in an airplane crash at Parks, New South Wales.

**Cpl. Franklin F. Smith, USAAF**  
 Died on June 14, 1943, in the Southwest Pacific in an airplane accident.

## Class of 1928

**Capt. Thomas P. Fullilove, USA**  
 Stationed at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, he was found dead in a woods near Goss, Louisiana, on Oct. 2, 1943. He had been missing since Sept. 19, 1943.

**Li Jen-Tao '28, Chinese Army**  
 During World War II Li was the commander of the Nationalist Army Chemical Warfare Service. He died in 1944 in a plane crash over the Hump in Burma.

## Class of 1929

**Lt. Col. George F. Miller, USA**  
 Killed in action in Germany on Jan. 20, 1945.

**The Rev. William Byrd Lee Milton, RAF**  
 Milton and his brother, the Rev. Marshall M. Milton, Jr. '34, took leaves of absence from their churches when World War II began and joined the Royal Air Force, first going to Canada and then to the ferry command in England. Milton died in a plane crash in Scotland in 1943 while serving as a flight officer with the Air Transport Auxiliary. Together, the brothers were known as "Virginia's Famed Flying Parsons." Marshall Milton died on Nov. 5, 1993.

**1Lt. John V. Summerlin, USA**  
 Died on Jan. 21, 1943.

**John A. Woodall, Canadian Army**  
 An airplane ferry pilot, he drowned on April 29, 1941, when the British liner *Nerissa* was sunk off the coast of Ireland by a German pocket-battleship, submarine and airplane attack.

## Class of 1930

**1Lt. Lawrence C. Blanchard, Jr., USA**  
 Killed in action in France on June 8, 1944.

**Capt. Louis G. Chadwick, USA**  
 Died of a heart attack at Camp Blanding, Florida, on Sept. 15, 1942.

**Douglas M. Clarke, Canadian Army**  
 A member of the Canadian Army, he was reported missing in action. His date of death is unknown.

**Cpl. Edgar Marshall Dickerson, French Foreign Legion**  
 Reported missing in action after the battle of Himeimat Ridge in the early part of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's offensive at El Alamein in North Africa on Oct. 30, 1942.



**Pvt. Tom P. Edwards, USAAF**

Drowned on July 18, 1942, while stationed at Keesler Field, Mississippi.

**Noel M. Moore, Jr., RCAF**

A pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force, he was killed in action on July 1, 1942.

**Class of 1931**

**Capt. J. Rivers Adams, USMC**

Killed in action on Guam on July 21, 1944.

**1Lt. J. Randolph T. Carmichael, USA**

Died on Aug. 28, 1941.

**Capt. Walter A. Ford, Jr., USA**

Killed by an explosion near Seybruck, Germany, on May 12, 1945.

**1Lt. Robert O. Garrett, Jr., USN**

Died on Feb. 14, 1943, after an illness which resulted from being thrown from his horse in Feb. 1942 while with the U.S. Cavalry at Fort Meyer.

**Maj. Charles F. Harrison, Jr., USA**

A prisoner of war, he was killed by the Japanese while attempting to escape on May 22, 1944.

**Maj. Alexander C. Newton, USA**

A member of the 4th Armored Division, he was killed in action on July 29, 1944, at Cantepie, France.

**Lt. E. Dunston Romm, USN**

Killed in action on board the *USS Cooper* when she sank on Dec. 3, 1944, off Leyte, The Philippines. Killed at the same time was Lt(j.g.) Belton A. Bennett, Jr. '34.

**Lt. Joseph W. Stirni, USCG**

Captured by Japanese forces in 1941 and killed by an American bomb dropped on Formosa on Jan. 9, 1945.

**Class of 1932**

**Capt. James C. Gilliland, USAAF**

Killed on July 10, 1945, in an airplane crash over Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands.

**Capt. Henry C. Hudgins, USA**

Killed in action in Austria on May 5, 1945.

**T/Sgt. Valentine B. Lawless, USAF**

Shot down near Linz, Austria, on Oct. 16, 1944.

**Maj. Arthur W. Marklis, USA**

Killed in action in France on Aug. 1, 1944.

**Capt. W. Norris Mason, Jr., USA**

Killed in action in Italy on Dec. 20, 1943.

**Class of 1933**

**1Lt. James P. Allen, Jr., USA**

Killed in action on Feb. 11, 1945, in Luzon, The Philippines.

**Lt. John B. Warren, Jr., USMC**

Killed in action on Feb. 19, 1945, on Iwo Jima.



(Lt. Col. D. H. Hatfield, USAF, and Capt. W. H. Hickman, USA, died in Korea in 1951 and 1950, respectively, and Lt. Col. C. S. Towles, Jr., USAF, died in December 1948 in a plane crash in New Mexico.)

**Capt. Edgar M. Young, Jr., USA**

Died on May 7, 1941, of pneumonia at Fort Meade, Maryland.

**Class of 1934**

**Lt(j.g.) Belton A. Bennett, Jr., USN**

Killed in action on Dec. 3, 1944, on board the *USS Cooper* when she sank off Leyte, The Philippines. Killed at the same time was Lt. E. Dunston Romm '31, USN.

**Capt. Neville D. Blakemore, USAAF**

Killed on Dec. 31, 1942, in the Southwest Pacific.

**1Lt. Addison W. Palmer, Jr., USA**

Killed in a plane crash on Sept. 27, 1944, on Biak Island.

**Lt. Col. Eugene R. Venable, USA**

Killed in action in an airplane crash in Prestwick, Scotland, on Aug. 27, 1944.

**1Lt. John J. Ward, Jr., USMC**

Killed in action on Tinian Island on July 24, 1944.

**Class of 1935**

**Maj. William W. Emory, USA**

Killed in action near Sidi Bou Zid, Tunisia, on Feb. 15, 1943.

**Maj. Carter S. Vaden, USA**

Killed in action on Los Negros Island in the Southwest Pacific on Mar. 10, 1944.

**Class of 1936**

**Pfc. Rufus D. King, Jr., USMC**

Killed in action on Iwo Jima on Mar. 11, 1945.

**Cmdr. Beriah Magoffin III, USN**

Died on Jan. 29, 1946, when he drowned in the Cooper River in Charleston, South Carolina.

**Lt. Col. Marcus A. Mullen, USA**

Killed in action over Japan on Jan. 4, 1945.

**Lt. Col. Horatio C. Woodhouse, Jr., USMC**

Killed in action by a sniper's bullet on Okinawa on May 30, 1945. He is buried in the Sixth Marine Division Cemetery on Okinawa.

**Class of 1937**

**1Lt. Hester C. Cothron, USA**

Killed in a jeep accident on Jan. 14, 1943, at Fort Clark, Texas, while stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

**1Lt. Alfred C. Darden, Jr., USAAF**

Died on April 3, 1942, in an airplane crash at the Columbia, South Carolina, air base.

**1Lt. John J. McEveety, USA**

Killed in action on July 6, 1944, on Saipan.

**2Lt. Leo E. Ofenstein, USAAF**

The first pilot on a B-24 bomber, he was killed in action over France on April 29, 1944.

**Lt. Col. A. Bruce Pendleton, USAAF**

Died on June 3, 1943, in an airplane crash in Ecuador.

**Maj. I. Harrison Sclater, Jr., USA**

Died on Dec. 30, 1944, in a traffic accident in Birmingham, England.

**Capt. Harold C. Sheffey, USA**

A member of the 83rd Infantry Division, he was killed in action in France on July 16, 1944.

**Class of 1938**

**Maj. Joseph X. Bell, USAAF**

Killed in action over Germany on Mar. 10, 1945.

**Lt. Richard Booth, Jr., USA**

Killed in action on May 12, 1945, in Germany.

**1Lt. Paul L. Borden, Jr., USA**

Killed in action in Germany on Feb. 5, 1945.

**1Lt. Freeling T. Colt, USA**

Killed in action at Normandy, France, on [REDACTED] 1944. June 6 (D-Day)

**Capt. Jesse H. Heath, Jr., USA**

Killed in action in Belgium on Jan. 3, 1945.

**Lt. Col. John A. Shanklin, Jr., USA**

Killed in action in Germany on April 8, 1945.

**Lt. Robert L. Sibley, Jr., USA**

Killed in action in Sicily on July 13, 1943. His body is interred in a military cemetery in Comisi, Sicily.

**Capt. George M. White, USAAF**

Killed in a combat plane crash on Oct. 6, 1942, at Camp Stewart, Georgia, where he was stationed as a pilot in the Army Air Forces, Fighter Command.

**Class of 1939**

**Lt. Charles C. Arms, USA**

Died on Oct. 3, 1943.

**2Lt. Bernard P. Carter, Jr., USAAF**

Killed on June 23, 1942, in the crash of an airplane at a dive bombing exhibition at Lake Valencia, Caracas, Venezuela, when a Venezuelan cadet froze at the controls. Carter was in Venezuela as a combined diplomat and instructor to the Venezuelan Air Force in the use of American planes.

**Lt(j.g.) William W. Coleman, USN**

Killed on June 7, 1943, during an airplane crash at sea in the Pacific.

**Capt. Joseph H. Fleming III, USA**

Killed in an Army Transport plane crash near Calcutta, India, on Sept. 21, 1943.

**Maj. Frederick A. Hippey, USA**

Killed in China on Aug. 6, 1945.

**Lt. Col. William P. Kevan, Jr., USAAC**

The U.S. Air Attaché at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, he was killed in an airplane crash over the Mediterranean on Nov. 27, 1945.

**Capt. Jackson S. Littrell, USAAF**

Died on Oct. 27, 1945, in a C-47 plane crash near Pennville, Indiana.

**1Lt. Robert W. Nix III, USA**

Killed in action on June 1, 1944, in Italy.

**AO 2/c William F. Topham, USN**

Killed in action on Nov. 24, 1943, in the Pacific.

**1Lt. John D. Wilson, USAAF**

Killed in action on Feb. 15, 1944, in New Guinea.

## Class of 1940

**2Lt. Reid S. Aaron, USA**

A Japanese prisoner of war, he was killed in action while being moved from The Philippines on Feb. 15, 1944.

**2Lt. R. Woodfin Boggess, Jr., USAAF**

Killed in action on July 15, 1943, in North Africa.

**Maj. Philip G. Chapman, USAAF**

Killed in action Mar. 25, 1945, when the plane he was flying crashed after being damaged by ground fire during a raid on Hong Kong. Chapman was commander of the 23rd Fighter Group of the 14th Air Force. In the seven months he was overseas, he shot down five planes, destroyed 21 on the ground and sank three Japanese vessels.

**Capt. William H. U. Darden, USAAC**

Died on Dec. 6, 1943, in a B-24 plane crash in California.

**1Lt. Charles J. Faulkner IV, USAAF**

Killed in action on Nov. 1, 1944, in a jeep accident at Brou, France.

**Lt(j.g.) Charles B. Fodale, USN**

Reported missing in action on the *USS Juneau* after the Battle of the Solomons on Nov. 13, 1942; reported killed in action on July 31, 1943.

**1Lt. George B. J. Handy, USA**

Died on Jan. 23, 1942, in The Philippines.

**Capt. Joseph D'A. Harris, USA**

Died on Feb. 5, 1944, from wounds received in action in Italy.

**2Lt. William J. Lang, Jr., USAAF**

Captured by the Japanese in the Bataan Campaign in May 1942, he was killed en route from Luzon to Japan on a prison ship which was torpedoed by American forces on Oct. 24, 1944.

**Lt. Malcolm B. MacKinnon, USAAF**

The pilot of a flying fortress which was declared missing in action on June 11, 1943, over the North Sea, he was declared dead on June 12, 1944.

**Lt. Nelson E. McCaa, USN**

Killed in action on Feb. 17, 1945, when his plane was shot down over the Palaus Island Group in the Pacific.

**Lt. Douglas G. McMillin, USAAF**

A navigator on a B-24 declared missing in action in the South Pacific while attacking a Japanese convoy, he was declared killed in action on July 5, 1944.

**Capt. Thomas R. Opie, USAAF**

Died on Nov. 10, 1944, in the crash of an Army airplane in New Mexico.

**Capt. William G. Shultz, AUS**

Killed in action in Belgium on Jan. 13, 1945. (Shultz matriculated with the class of '40 and graduated with the class of '41.)

**Lt. James A. Smith III, USN**

Killed in action on Nov. 5, 1943.

**Capt. Sydney A. Vincent, Jr., USA**

Killed in action by a mortar shell on July 19, 1944, at Normandy during the Battle of St. Lo; he was with the 803rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, 29th "Blue and Gray" Infantry Division.

**Capt. Linwood Vinson, Jr., USA**

Died on Dec. 23, 1943, at Camp Ibis, California, in an explosion at a demolition demonstration.

## Class of 1941

**1Lt. Charles A. Butler, Jr., USAAC**

Killed in action in the Mediterranean area on Dec. 18, 1944.

**1Lt. Willis J. Dance, Jr., USAAC**

Killed in an airplane accident near Harding Field, Louisiana, on Mar. 28, 1943.

**Lt. Charles H. Gompf, USNR**

A fighter pilot attached to the aircraft carrier *Franklin D. Roosevelt*, he was killed at sea on June 21, 1946.

**1Lt. Fleming C. Goolsby, USAAC**

One of the first American pilots to make the flight over Rouen, France, he was killed on Dec. 26, 1942, when his plane was shot down.

**2Lt. Fred B. Hill, AUS**

Killed in action in North Africa on Nov. 8, 1942.

**1Lt. Gilder S. Horne, Jr., AUS**

Declared missing in action at Faid Pass, Tunisia, on Jan. 31, 1943; declared killed in action on Jan. 31, 1944.

**1Lt. Victor H. Idol, Jr., USAAC**

Reported missing in action on June 17, 1944, over Cherbourg Peninsula; later reported as being last seen parachuting over La Haye de Puits, France; declared killed in action on April 3, 1945. He was a P-47 Thunderbolt pilot.

**1Lt. R. Finley Jones, AUS**

Killed in action on Luzon on Jan. 17, 1945.

**Capt. Philip H. Killey, AUS**

Killed in action near Chouigui Pass, Tunisia, on April 2, 1943.

**2Lt. Lewis A. Lillard, USAAC**

Killed in a bomber crash at Bowen Field, Boise, Idaho, on May 3, 1943. (Lillard matriculated with the class of '41 and graduated with the class of '42.)

**Maj. William S. McCauley, AUS**

Died in Austria on Dec. 20, 1944, from wounds received while he was the commanding officer of C Troop, 4th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, at Bogheim, Germany.

**Capt. Dan J. Morton, AUS**

Killed in action in France on July 28, 1944, during the attack on Ville-

## CLASS OF 1939

IN MEMORY OF OUR BROTHER RATS WHO  
DIED IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY

1942 - 1953

CHARLES CASTRO ARMS  
RAYMOND CECIL BRITTINGHAM JR  
BERNARD PITZER CARTER JR  
WILLIAM WINSTON COLEMAN  
JOSEPH HENRY FLEMING III  
FREDERICK ALLEN HIPPEY  
WILLIAM PARHAM KEVEN JR

JACKSON STERLING LITRELL  
ROBERT WILLIAMSON NIX III  
FRANK MOORMAN PARKER JR  
WILLIAM FREDERICK TOPHAM  
GEORGE MAJOR WHITE  
JOHN DAVID WILSON



## GALLANT WARRIORS

Charles Augustus Butler, Jr.  
Willis Jefferson Dance, Jr.  
Charles Henry Gompf  
Fleming Clark Goolsby  
Fred Bruce Hill  
Gilder Stansbury Horne, Jr.  
Victor Hugo Idol, Jr.  
Robert Finley Jones  
Phillip Henry Killey  
Lewis Archie Lillard  
William Sayers McCauley  
Dan Joseph Morton

Charles Francis Nash III  
George Booker Peters  
James Fiske Searcy  
William Gray Shultz  
Manley Olin Simpson, Jr.  
Joseph Alfred Sosbee, Jr.  
Augustus Rudd Spencer  
George Hubert Steed, Jr.  
Joseph Rodney Swetting, Jr.  
Paul Jones Thomson, Jr.  
Thomas Lee Thrasher, Jr.  
Norman Randolph Turpin

Men of 1941 who made the sacrifice in World War II  
Erected by their 50th Reunion Classmates  
Who loved them  
May 1991

IN MEMORY OF OUR CLASSMATES  
WHO DIED IN WORLD WAR II

JOHN, RICHARD BANKS  
ALFRED PARKER GODDIN JR.  
CHARLES HENRY GOMPFF  
ROBERT LANCASTER GUY  
LOUIS ARMISTEAD HEINDL JR.  
SHIRLEY THOMAS HOLLAND JR.  
MERIWETHER JONES  
EVERETT GLENN KING  
ROBERT AUGUSTUS LEWIS  
LEWIS ARCHIE LILLARD  
GEORGE ALVIN MASSENBURG JR.  
JOHN KNUDSON MCCULLOUGH  
DAVID RAMSEY OAKLEY  
MANLEY OLIN SIMPSON JR.  
NORMAN RANDOLPH TURPIN  
ROBERT DADE WALL

PRESENTED BY THE CLASS OF  
1942

baudon when the tank in which he was riding received a direct hit; he was S-2 of the Combat Command.

### Cadet Charles F. Nash III, RCAF

A Royal Canadian Air Force student pilot, he was killed in a plane crash at Monckton, New Brunswick, Canada, on June 13, 1942.

### George B. Peters, AUS

A member of the Army Transport Service, he was killed off the coast of Italy in a shipboard explosion on Oct. 15, 1944.

### 2Lt. James F. Searcy, USA

Killed in action on Sept. 1, 1943, in the Southwest Pacific.

### Lt. Joseph A. Sosbee, Jr., USCG

A member of the U.S. Coast Guard and Geodetic Survey, he was killed in the line of duty in the Aleutians on July 18, 1943, when the Coast Guard amphibian plane in which he was riding crashed into a mountain in a heavy fog.

### 1Lt. Augustus R. Spencer, AUS

Killed in action in Italy on Nov. 4, 1943.

### 1Lt. George H. Steed, Jr., USAAC

Killed in action on Feb. 8, 1945.

### Lt. Joseph R. Swetting, Jr., USAAC

Lost in a test flight over New Guinea on Aug. 16, 1944.

### Capt. Paul J. Thomson, Jr., USMC

Killed in action on Saipan on June 16, 1944.

### 2Lt. Thomas L. Thrasher, Jr., USAAC

A flight instructor in the Army Air Corps, he was killed in the crash of an Army bomber near Lubbock, Texas, on June 5, 1942.

### Lt. Norman R. Turpin, AUS

Killed in action on Negros Island in The Philippines on July 14, 1945.

## Class of 1942

### 2Lt. John R. Banks, USA

Killed in action on Oct. 8, 1943, in Italy.

### Capt. Alfred P. Goddin, Jr., USA

Killed in action on April 1, 1945, on Luzon.

### 2Lt. Robert L. Guy, USAAF

Killed in action on Nov. 2, 1943, over Rabaul, New Britain.

### 2Lt. Louis A. Heindl, Jr., USAAF

Killed in an airplane accident in Orlando, Florida, on Sept. 19, 1943.

### Lt. Shirley T. Holland, Jr., USAAF

Missing in action over Burma on Sept. 18, 1944; declared killed in action on Feb. 21, 1946.

### 1Lt. Meriwether Jones, USAAC

A B-24 pilot, he was killed in action on April 21, 1944, over Bucharest, Rumania, at the conclusion of a bombing run on the rail marshalling yards. When his formation was attacked by about 45 enemy fighters his aircraft was badly damaged and on fire. Jones gave his crew the order to abandon ship and tried to affect a safe landing; he was killed by the force of the crash of his plane.

**Capt. Everett G. King, USAAF**

Killed in action on Aug. 15, 1944, he was last seen when pursuing two German Messerschmitts. He was shot down over the small French town of Evreux-Paris and was buried there by the local priest. King was a flight commander and P-47 pilot, as was his twin brother, Edwin V. King '42.

**1Lt. Robert A. Lewis, USA**

Killed in action in Germany on Sept. 20, 1944.

**Lt. George A. Massenburg, Jr., USN**

Declared missing in action in the Saipan area of the Pacific on July 13, 1944; declared killed in action on Jan. 19, 1946.

**2Lt. John K. McCullough, USAAC**

Died on May 8, 1943, when his plane crashed in the South Pacific after he had been overseas for about six weeks.

**1Lt. David R. Oakey, USAAF**

Died on Nov. 18, 1943, in an airplane crash near Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

**Lt. Manley O. Simpson, Jr., USA**

Killed in action on Okinawa on May 6, 1945.

**1Lt. Robert D. Wall, USA**

Killed in action on Luzon on Feb. 25, 1945.

**Class of 1943**

**2Lt. Hawes N. Adams, USAAF**

A P-38 pilot, he was killed in action on June 12, 1943, over North Africa.

**1Lt. Marvin J. Anderson, Jr., USAAF**

Killed in action on Feb. 24, 1943, in North Africa.

**2Lt. Beverly S. Blackburn, USA**

Killed in action on April 17, 1945, in Germany.

**2Lt. Whitman S. Carpenter, USMC**

Killed in action on Feb. 21, 1945, on Iwo Jima.

**2Lt. Woodard Hoover, USA**

Killed in action on Dec. 29, 1944, in Huy, Belgium.

**Lt. Thaddeus W. Jones, Jr., USAAF**

Killed in action on July 2, 1944, when flying a P-38 out of Hollandia, New Guinea.

**1Lt. Benjamin R. Kearfott, USA**

Killed in action in France on June 6, 1944. He was with the 29th Division and was buried somewhere on French soil.

**2Lt. Robert T. Lemmon, Jr., USA**

Declared missing in action in France on Aug. 15, 1944; declared killed in action on Dec. 4, 1944. (Lemmon matriculated with the class of '42 and graduated with the class of '43.)

**2Lt. W. Dow Markin, USA**

Killed in action on Dec. 20, 1944, in Belgium.

**2Lt. Harry L. Smith, Jr., USA**

Killed in action on July 1, 1944, in Italy.



(Lt. Col. Edward J. Roxbury, USA, an assistant professor of military science and tactics at VMI, was an honorary member of the class of 1944. He was killed in action in August 1944.)



**2Lt. Peyton L. W. Thompson, Jr., USA**

Killed in action in France on Aug. 7, 1944.

## Class of 1944

**1Lt. James G. Allen, Jr., USAAF**

Killed in action on Aug. 15, 1944, in Italy.

**2Lt. John H. Christian, Jr., USA**

Died on Aug. 21, 1944, in the accidental explosion of a mine at Camp Maxey, Texas.

**2Lt. Cecil P. Coburn, USA**

Killed in action on Mar. 2, 1945, near Serrig, Germany.

**Pfc. Frank G. Hamilton, USA**

Killed in action on Oct. 29, 1944, on Leyte Island, The Philippines.

**Pvt. Richard J. Marshall, Jr., USAAF**

Killed in action on Feb. 3, 1943, when the transport on which he was traveling was torpedoed in the North Atlantic.

**Sgt. William A. Smith, USAAF**

Died on April 24, 1944, of injuries sustained in action in the South Pacific.

**2Lt. Virginius R. Stell, Jr., USAAF**

Killed on May 26, 1944, over the North Atlantic on a flight from Labrador to Ireland.

**2Lt. Joseph A. Summers, Jr., USA**

Killed in an airplane crash at Williams Field, Arizona, on Sept. 25, 1943.

**2Lt. Richard W. Twombly, USA**

Killed in action by an enemy grenade in France on Jan. 6, 1945; he was a platoon leader, Third Platoon, Company K, 232nd Infantry.

**Pfc. Maurice L. Tyler, Jr., USA**

Killed in action on April 1, 1945, in Germany.

## Class of 1945

**2Lt. Charles H. Augustine, USAAF**

Killed in action on Dec. 5, 1944, over Germany.

**2Lt. Jay K. Bowman, Jr., USAAF**

Declared missing in action over Germany on Jan. 19, 1945; declared killed in action on Feb. 5, 1946.

**Cpl. Franklin W. Coffman, USMC**

Killed in action on Nov. 5, 1944, in the Central Pacific.

**Pfc. Richard P. Dillon, USA**

Killed in action in Kahlternhans, Alsace Lorraine, France, on Jan. 6, 1945; he was with the 42nd (Rainbow) Division, and is buried in the Dillon Family Plot in Stonewall Jackson Cemetery in Lexington.

**Pfc. Andre P. Fallwell, USA**

Killed in action on Dec. 25, 1944, in Luxembourg.

**Benjamin A. Frye, Jr.**

Killed in action on April 7, 1944, over Germany.

**2Lt. Sidney R. Gittens, Jr., USA**

Killed in action on Mar. 7, 1945, in Germany.

**Lt. William H. Humlong, Jr., USAAF**

Killed on Mar. 19, 1946, in a plane crash that also took the life of Maj. Gen. James E. Parker, commander of the 20th Air Force. Humlong was co-pilot of the plane, which fell in northern Formosa. His body was recovered and buried in Manila.

**Sgt. Robert E. Jones, USA**

Killed in action on Jan. 4, 1945, in Luxembourg.

**Lt. James S. MacLean, Jr., USAAF**

Declared missing in action on Jan. 20, 1945, when the badly crippled plane he was piloting disappeared over Austria and crashed into the Adriatic. He was declared killed in action on Jan. 21, 1946.

**2Lt. William Mahl, Jr., USA**

Died on Mar. 27, 1946, in an airplane crash in Germany.

**Lt. George W. Renneman, USAAF**

Killed in action on June 5, 1944, in an airplane crash.

**2Lt. Layne Rogers, Jr., USA**

Declared missing in action on April 20, 1944, over Germany; presumed dead.

**Cpl. James P. Taylor, USMC**

Killed in action on Feb. 23, 1945, on Iwo Jima.

**Sgt. Harold W. Treakle, USA**

Killed in action on Jan. 25, 1945, in France.

**Pfc. David G. Waller, USA**

Killed in action on Dec. 5, 1944, in Germany.

**2Lt. Harvey M. Walthall, USAAF**

Killed in action on Aug. 4, 1944, over Germany.

**A/C Walter P. White, USAAF**

An aviation cadet, he was killed in an airplane accident on Oct. 19, 1943, near Newport, Arkansas.

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**Pfc. John R. Bush, USA**

Died on Aug. 10, 1944, in the accidental discharge of a pistol while on strike duty in Philadelphia.

**Pvt. William C. Campbell, Jr., USA**

Killed in action on Mar. 28, 1944, at Anzio Beachhead, Italy.

**Cox'n Arnold H. Ewell, USN**

Killed in action at Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944; he was the helmsman on an LCT boat during the invasion of Normandy.

**2Lt. John K. Jones, Jr., USAAF**

Killed in action on Dec. 24, 1944, over Germany.

**Pfc. Walter S. Smith, Jr., USA**

Killed in action on Feb. 9, 1945, in Germany.

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**Pfc. George D. Akers, USA**

Killed in action on April 18, 1945, near Leipzig, Germany.