Lambert, James Owen

Field Title	Value	Meaning
Military Service Branch	A	U S ARMY
Country of Casualty	KR	Korea
Blank/Not Used/Unknown		
Casualty Group	A3	HOSTILE - Died while missing
File Reference Number	13803	13803
Name of Casualty	LAMBERT JAMES O	**LAMBERT, JAMES O**
Processing Date	7911	7911
Service Number	0064732	0064732
Military Grade or Rank	2LT	SECOND LIEUTENANT
Pay Grade	O1	
Date Died or Declared Dead	521002	10/02/1952
Service Component	V	Reserve (USAR, USNR, USAFR, USMCR, USCGR)
Home of Record-	CLARK	CLARK
Home of Record-State	18	Kentucky
Blank/Not Used/Unknown	*	*
Birth Date Year	29	29
Race	C	Caucasian
Blank/Not Used/Unknown	* *Z	* *Z
Sex	M	Male
Date Died or Declared Dead	521002	10/02/1952

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Local News

Lambert Qualifies

Cadet James O. Lambert has qualified as sharpshooter with the M-1 rifle on the range at the ROTC summer camp in Fort Benning, Ga. Lambert fired a score of 170 out of a possible 210. Cadet Lambert is the son of Emmett Lambert, 16 Taylor avenue. He is a student of the University of Kentucky.

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James Lambert Hits High Record As Sharpshooter

Special to The Sun

LEXINGTON, July 31—James Lambert of Winchester, one of 59 University of Kentucky ROTC students now in summer training at Fort Benning, Ga., has received one of the Army's top ratings in firing both the M-1 rifle and carbine on the post's rifle range.

Lambert was one of 29 U.K. cadets to qualify as a rifle sharpshooter—those with scores of 165 to 180 of a possible 200. He also was among 27 Kentuckians winning the sharpshooter classification in firing the carbine.

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James O. Lambert Awarded Army's Student Badge

James Owen Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Lambert, 16 Taylor avenue, University of Kentucky student, has been awarded the Army's Distinguished Military student badge for outstanding ROTC cadets.

The badge is awarded for "outstanding qualities of leadership, aptitude for military training, excellence in academic pursuits, and participation in campus activities.

A graduate of Winchester High school, Lambert is a senior in the College of Engineering.

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24 Nov 1951, Sat -Page 1

Lambert Graduates

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Second Lt. James O. Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Lambert, 16 Taylor Ave., Winchester, Ky., recently graduated from the company officers course at the Infantry School, Maj. Gen. John H. Church, commandant, announced.

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Lambert In Korea

WITH THE 2d INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA—Second Lt. James O. Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lambert, of Winchester, Ky., is now serving on the western Korean front with the 2d Infantry Division. His unit recently captured "Old Baldy" mountain, northwest of Chorwon, to climax one of the bitterest see-saw battles of the Korean war. Leiutenant Lambert joined the 2d Division on July 23 of this year and is serving as a platoon leader in the 23d Infantry Regiment. He entered the Army a year and a half ago and was stationed at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., before his overseas assignment. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

2nd Lt. James O. Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lambert of Winchester, is serving on the Western Korean front with the 2nd Infantry Division.

Lt. Lambert, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, is serving as a platoon leader in the 23rd Infantry Regiment. His unit recently captured "Old Baldy" mountain.

Missing In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Lambert of Powell county have received work that their son, Second Lt. James O. Lambert has been missing in action in Korea since Oct. 2.

Lt. Lambert was a member of the 23rd Infantry Regiment, Second Division. He sailed for Japan the latter part of March, 1952. He attended an intelligence school in Japan and was in Korea seven weeks before being reported missing.

Lt. Lambert was a graduate of Winchester High school in the class of 1947. He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1951, and was a member of the ROTC.

He entered the service June 15, 1951. He received training at Camp Breckinridge and attended officers' school at Fort Benning, Georgia.

The father of Lt. Lambert is employed at the Tennessee Gas Transmission pump station on the Clark-Powell county line.

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18 Jan 1954, Mon ·Page

Lambert Listed Among War Dead

Lt. James O. Lambert, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Lambert of Powell county, formerly of Winchester, has been placed on the list of those presumed dead in the Korean war, according to a message from the Defense Department.

Lt. Lambert, a member of the Second Division of the U.S. 23rd Infantry ,has been reported missing in action since Oct. 2, 1952.

The soldier, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, arrived in Korea in March, 1952, where he served until reported missing a few months later.

The soldier's father is employed with the Tennessee Gas Transmission Company.

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Lt. James O. Lambert, 23, (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Lambert, of Powell County, formerly of Winchester, has been listed as presumed dead by the Defense Department, after being reported missing in action in the Korean war since Oct. 2, 1952. He was a member of the 23rd Infantry of the U. S. Second Division.

National Korean War Veterans Memorial
Son of Emmett and Joe Plymale Lambert

First Lieutenant Lambert was a member of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division.
On 2 October 1952, men from Company E of the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, conducted a reconnaissance patrol near the town of Naebongch-on. The patrol faced heavy small-arms fire and was eventually forced back to friendly lines.

First Lieutenant Lambert was on this patrol when the unit came under attack. According to witnesses, 1LT Lambert was seriously wounded by small-arms fire during the action and was last seen being carried back to enemy lines by Chinese troops.

According to the debrief of former POW Antonio Matos-Rodriguez (taken prisoner at the same time), Lambert died of wounds after capture.
He remains MIA today.

Based on all information available, DPAA has assessed this case to be in the analytical category of Deferred.

Awarded
Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.
He was presumed dead on January 7, 1954.