



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

PRESTON, BENBEMAN SPOTSWOOD JR. '32

Marine 1st Lieutenant Preston was killed in action on 3 February 1944. He was an officer of "I" Company, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division. Graduated from Hampden-Sydney College then Washington and Lee University Law School. At Namur on Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, he moved well ahead of his company on a reconnaissance mission to determine enemy strength. He was caught in an ambush by Japanese soldiers. His company commander reported he was bayoneted 21 times. He was awarded the Navy Cross. Interred at Highland Memorial Cemetery, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Preston came from Charleston, WV, for three years at Augusta. First year: Private, "D" Company, Football Team, Wrestling Team, Track Team, Monogram Club. Second year: Corporal, "A" Company, Football, Wrestling, Secretary Monogram Club. Third year: 2nd Lieutenant, "C" Company, Captain Varsity Wrestling Team, Assistant Captain Varsity Football Team, Major Monogram Club, *Ad Astra Per Aspera* Society.

("World War II KIA's" book, Alumni House)