


THE BATTALION
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The Spirit of Twelve

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A black and white photograph showing a hand holding a lit torch. The torch is held vertically, and the flame is bright. In the background, the silhouette of a building with a tall, thin tower is visible against a light sky. The overall mood is solemn and commemorative.

In the early-morning hours, campus awoke. Disaster had struck. Stack had fallen. Aggies rushed to the Polo Fields. The tragedy was surreal, but the sorrow was a reality. Tears flowed freely. Grief was intense. The nation mourned with Aggies near and far, and the eyes of the world turned to Texas A&M. The "Spirit that can ne'er be told" united Aggies, and the healing began.

*Twelve fallen. Twelve remembered. Twelfth Man.
Twelve months later ...*