St. Paul, Minn. - Second Lt. Clovis T. Ray of Three Rivers, Texas, died March 15 in Kunar province, Afghanistan, the Department of Defense confirmed Saturday. He was injured when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

He leaves behind a wife, Shannon, and 5-year-old son, Dean Aaron Ray.

Clovis and his identical twin brother, Eddie, an executive in Singapore, graduated from Macalester in 1999, Clovis earning a degree in sociology, and Eddie in economics. Both played football in high school and at Mac.

According to former Marine and Macalester alum Andrew Borene ‘98, both were extremely positive leaders on the football team.

“Clovis was aggressive, inspirational, and fiercely loyal—all the kinds of qualities that undoubtedly made him an ideal infantry leader, who could only have been loved by his men as much as he was by his football teammates,” said Borene. “He was also fearless. No one who played with (or against him) would ever question his courage. It is a significant loss for our nation, our college, our Fighting Scot football family, and most deeply Clovis’s young wife and son.”

The San Antonio Express-News wrote a story about Second Lt. Ray you can read here:


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