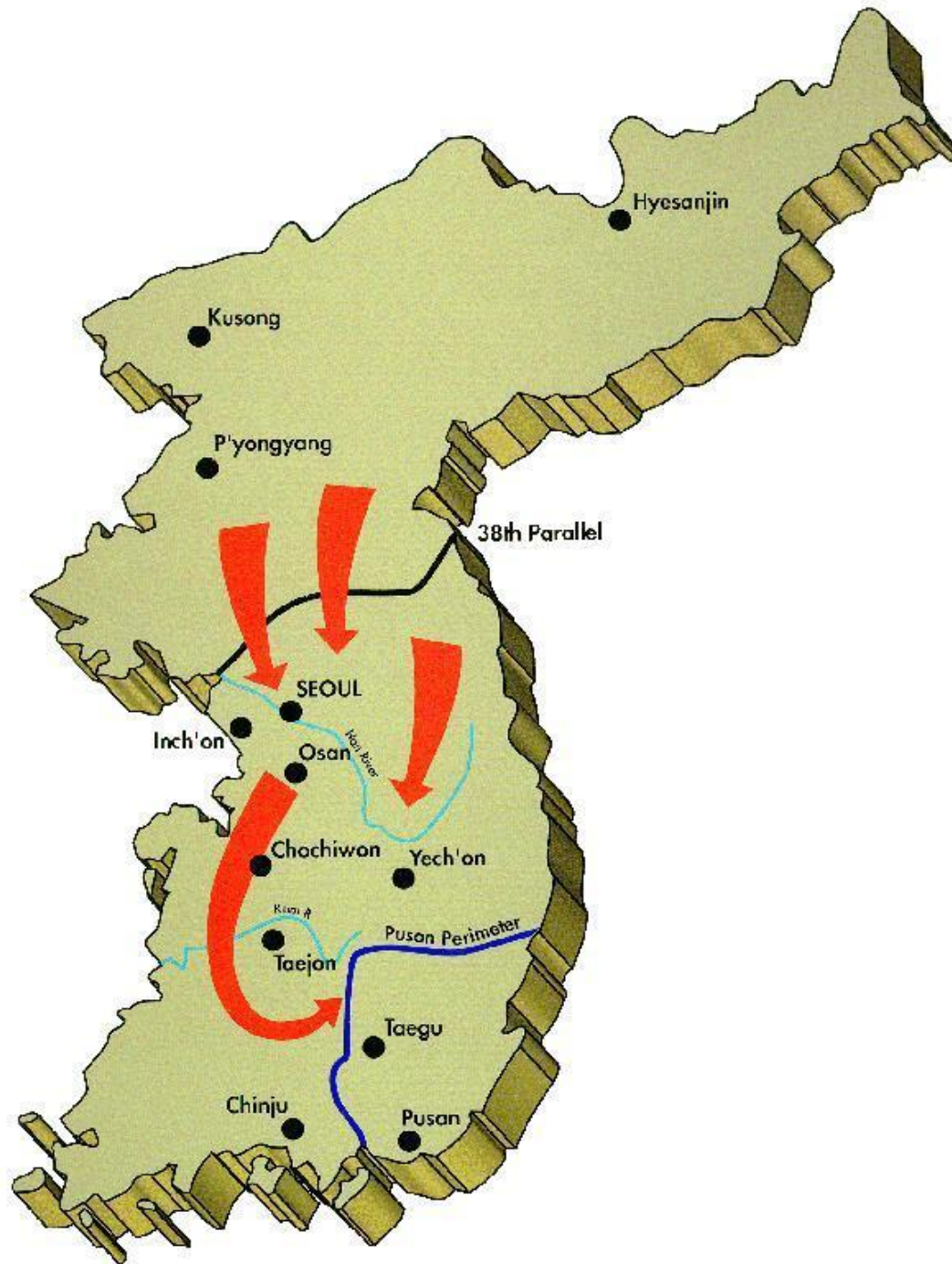


Doyle Mills of Brownwood, Texas
and the Battle of Osan in the Korean
War

The Korean War

6/25/1950 to 7/27/1953





Task Force Smith



- LTC Charles B. Smith.
- 1939 West Point grad.
- At Pearl Harbor at Schofield Barracks.
- Commander of 1st Bn./21st Inf. Regt. of the 24th Inf. Div.
- Based on Kyushu Island, Japan.

C-47 at Itazuke Air Base, Japan



- Only Co. B and C of 1st Bn/21st Inf Regt.
- Half of Bn's HHQ Co.
- Half of communication Plt. of the Bn.
- Only two 4.2. in mortars and two 75 mm recoilless rifles.
- Battery A of the 52nd FA Bn of the 24th Inf Div.
- Some officers and men of Co. M volunteered.
- Total of 540 men.
- Left Japan on 6/30/1950.

Taejon RR depot on 6/30/1950







Loading vehicles at Taejon RR depot



Task Force Smith marching from Osan



Osan, South Korea

- Village of Osan 20 miles south of Seoul, the capital.
- Early morning hours of 7/5/1950 Task Force Smith dug in alongside the Osan-Suwon road north of Osan.







Battle of Osan

- Rainy, overcast morning.
- KPA tanks engaged the task force and fought their way through the meager defenses.
- KPA's 16th and 18th Inf. Regt's had a combined strength of almost 5,000 troops.
- Temporarily halted, then outflanked Task Force Smith over running the hillsides overlooking the road.



MAP 3

US Casualties

- Initially thought 150 to 180 killed in action, wounded in action or taken prisoners of war.
- Few of the POW's survived the war.



PFC Doyle Mills



- Born 1/17/1933 in Santa Ana. Twin brother of Hoyt Mills.
- Son of Augustus G. Mills and Bessie Mamie Cothorn.
- Family moved to Brownwood in 1943/1944. Lived near the brickworks factory.
- Step father Paul Elmer Burson signed paperwork allowing them to join the Army in Jan 1950.
- Sent to Japan as HWI (heavy weapons infantryman).
- KIA on a hill overlooking the road.

Doyle Mills

- First man from Brownwood to die in the war.
- First man from Brown County to die in the war.
- One of six Texans to be killed in action at the Battle of Osan.
- Bodies recovered after the Inchon landing in September 1950.



DOLYE MILLS
TEXAS
PFC 21 INF 24 INF DIV
KOREA PH
JAN 17 1933 JULY 5 1950

Two Texans died before Battle of Osan

- USAF Capt. Remer L. Harding of Ft. Worth.
- WWII B-25 bomber pilot. 66 missions.
- TCU graduate.
- 13th Bomb Sq./3rd Bomb Wing in Japan.
- Crashed and died at Ashiya AB, Japan after bombing mission in Korea on 6/28/1950.
- Ft. Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.



USAF Tech Sgt Jack A. Morrison

- HOR: Grayson Co., Texas.
- Declared MIA on 6/30/1950 over Korea.
- Operation Raven. Wife Norma and two children airlifted back to USA.
- Morrison's body later recovered.

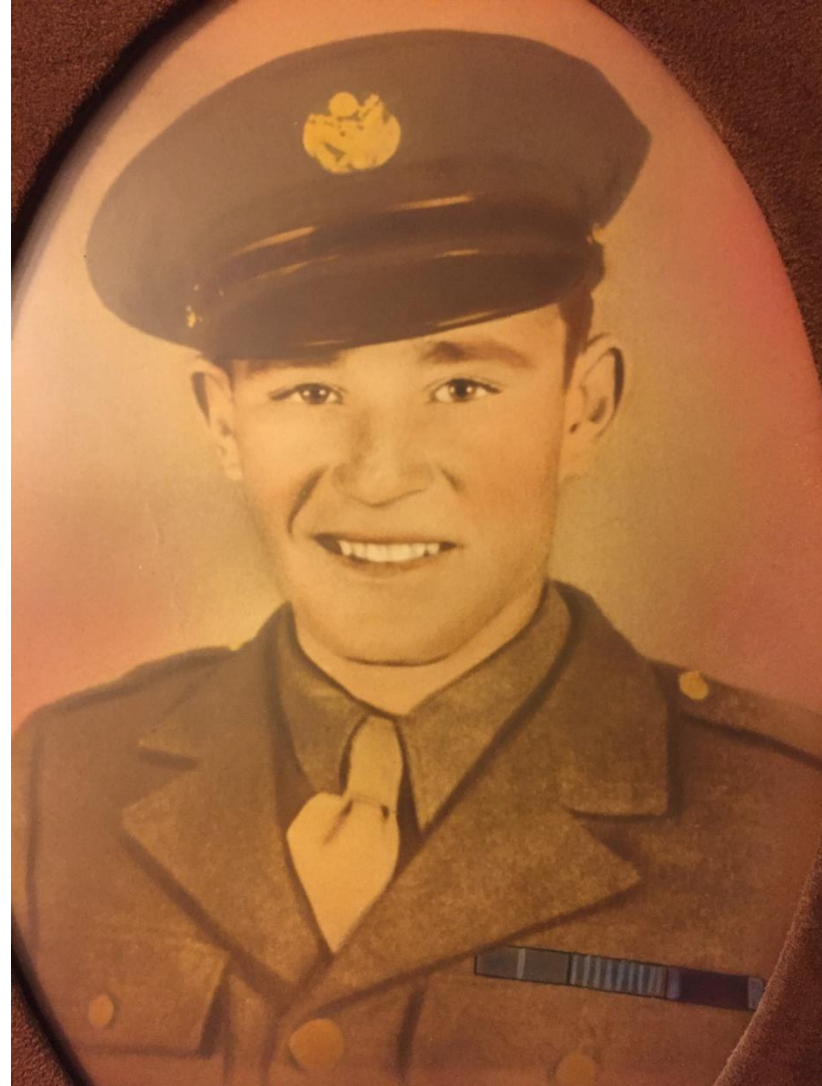
Five other Texans died at Battle of Osan



- Cpl. Raymond L. Chapman.
- HOR: El Paso County.
- Ft. Bliss National Cemetery.

Cpl. Vance W. Gwinn

- HOR: Gaines County.
- Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.
- Brother Cpl. Basil W. Gwinn had escorted his body home.



Private (E-2) Ignacio A. Saavedra



- HOR: El Paso County.
- Ft. Bliss National Cemetery.

Master Sergeant William H. Schellenger



- HOR: Harris County.
- Career soldier since 1940.
- Wife Levo obtained court order to open casket.
- Rose Hill Burial Park in Oklahoma City.

Private (E-2) Marion L. Singleton

- HOR: Tom Green County.
- Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, Texas.



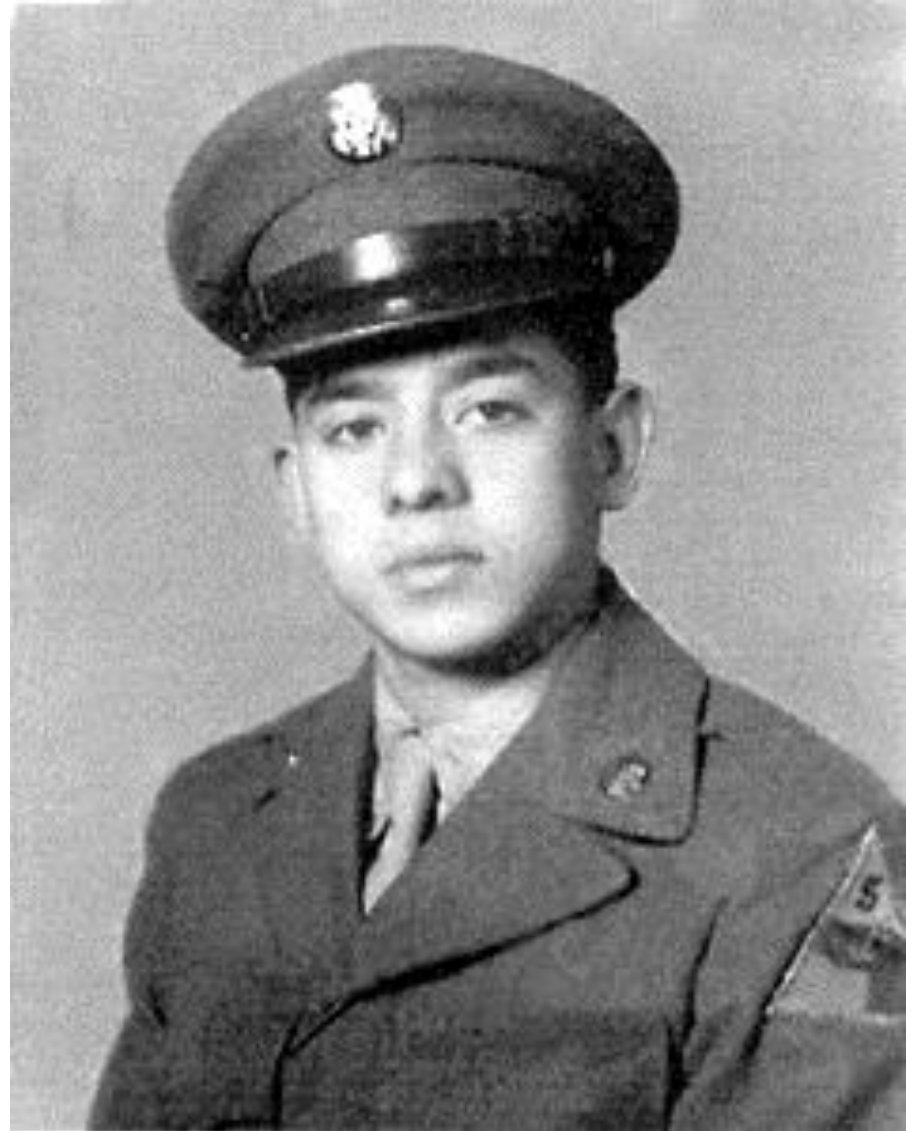
Four Texans Taken Captive at Battle of Osan



- Cpl. Omer L. Anderson.
- HOR: Floyd County.
- Survived the Tiger Death March.
- Died as POW on 2/28/1951 in North Korea.

Private (E-2) Nicolas C. Garza

- HOR: Milam County.
- Survived the Tiger Death March.
- Died as POW on 12/20/1950 in North Korea.



Private (E-2) Kermit K. Koch



- HOR: Gillespie County.
- Surgical technician in medical platoon.
- Survived the Tiger Death March.
- Died from malnutrition on 5/31/1951 at An-Dong, North Korea.

Master Sergeant Harvey T. Vann

- HOR: Robertson County.
- Career soldier.
- Survived Tiger Death March.
- Died as POW on 1/31/1951 in North Korea.



PFC Anselmo F. Zamora

- HOR: Comal County.
- Survived Tiger Death March.
- Died as POW on 2/24/1951 in North Korea.



Nine other men and one women
from Brown County died during the
Korean War

USMC 2Lt. James L. Ables



- Born in Brownwood.
- Uni of Texas.
- 5th Marine Regt/1st Mar Div.
- KIA on 4/29/1951 in South Korea.
- Greenleaf Cemetery, Brownwood.
- Grandmother Sarah Alice Son, president of Brownwood Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

USAF 1Lt. James E. Cantwell

- Born in Comanche.
- 1946 draft registration living at 1018 Santa Clara, Brownwood.
- 21st FTR Bomber Wing in Victorville, CA.
- Pilot of F-86 jet. Crashed northwest of Ft. Worth on 8/7/1953.
- Buried Greenleaf Cemetery, Brownwood.



PFC Roland W. Cullins

- Born in Coleman County.
- 3rd Bn./35th Inf Regt. of the 25th Inf Div.
- KIA on 2/14/1951 in South Korea.
- Bangs Cemetery.



ROLAND W CULLINS

TEXAS

PFC 35 INF 25 INF DIV

KOREA PH

APRIL 15 1924 FEB 14 1951

Navy Ensign (Nurse) Aleenye L. Emfinger

- Born in Eastland.
- Aleenye and fellow Ensign Margaret E. Chapman killed in auto accident near Flour Bluff in Nueces County on 10/11/1950.
- Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Owens.







ALYEENE EMFINGER

TEXAS

ENSIGN US NAVY

AUG 19 1926

OCT 11 1950

PFC Clarence E. Fairrow

- HOR: Brown County.
- Draft registration: 1945 living at 1205 Indian Creek Road, Brownwood.
- 19th Inf Regt. of the 24th Inf Div.
- WIA on 7/19/1950.
- KIA on 11/5/1950 in North Korea.
- Salt Creek Cemetery in Early.



CLARENCE E
FAIRROW

TEXAS

PFC

US ARMY

KOREA

AUGUST 17 1929

NOVEMBER 5 1950

PH

Navy Chief Aviation Electronics Mate

James N. Henson

- Brownwood H. S.
- Enlisted in 1940.
- Career navy man.
- WWII: Flight crew on USS Wasp when it sank 9/15/1942. Escorting transports with Marines to Guadalcanal. His plane went down at same time.
- Distinguished Flying Cross.
- Assigned to aircraft carrier in 1953.
- Died in plane crash on east coast in Jan. 1953.
- Father Boyd James lived at 1802 Fisk, Brownwood.

Army Sgt. First Class Willie E. Lee

- Career soldier. Had re-enlisted in 1945 at Camp Bowie.
- KIA on 7/28/1950.
- HOR: Waco.

Army Private Jasper V. Marquez

- Enlisted from Brown County.
- 2nd Inf Div.
- Seriously WIA on 9/6/1950 in South Korea.
- Captured as POW during Battle of the Chosin Reservoir on 11/28/1950.
- Died as POW on 1/20/1951 in North Korea.

Army Sergeant Quinton E. Miller



- Born in Owens.
- HOR: New Mexico.
- 223rd Inf Regt of the 40th Inf Div. (CA Natl Guard).
- KIA on 6/19/1952 in North Korean sector.
- Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Owens.



QUINTON E MILLER

NEW MEXICO

SFC 223 INF 40 INF DIV

KOREA PH

SEPT 29 1931

JUNE 19 1952

Army Sergeant James A. Newman

- HOR: Brown County.
- 7th Inf Regt of the 24th Inf Div.
- MIA on 10/12/1951 in the North Korean sector.

Army enlisted man Calvin C. Pelts

- For 1942 draft registration living on Rt. 4 in Brownwood. Worked at Pat Murphy Plaza Theater.
- Died in auto accident in Erath County on 6/18/1951.
- White Settlement Cemetery in Ft. Worth.
- HOR: Ft. Worth County.

Three other Heavy Weapons Infantrymen along with Doyle KIA at Battle of Osan on 7/5/1950

- Private Norman G. Cawthorn of Kentucky.
- Private (E-2) James L. Morrison of Michigan.
- Private (E-2) Salvatore F. Pennisi of New York.

3 HWI men taken captive on
7/5/1950 and later died as POW's

PFC William K. Holland



- HOR: Ohio.
- Co M of the 21st Inf Regt. (Volunteered).
- Survived Tiger Death March.
- Died on 6/11/1951 in North Korea.

PFC Clyde T. “Rocky” Rockwell

- HOR: Montana.
- Co. M of the 21st Inf Regt. (Volunteered).
- Survived Tiger Death March.
- Died on 12/31/1950 at Hanjang-ni, North Korea.



PFC Amos L. Scott



- HOR: Virginia.
- Co D of the 21st Inf Regt. (Volunteered).
- Died as POW on 1/31/1951.

77 other soldiers from Task Force
Smith KIA, MIA, or taken POW and
died in captivity

PFC Ramon “Gonzie” Alba



- HOR: California.
- KIA.

PFC Jimmie Allen



- HOR: Kentucky.
- KIA.

PFC Thomas H. Berardi



- HOR: Maine.
- POW.
- Died on 7/11/1951.

Private (E-2) Alfred C. Bordeau



- HOR: Michigan.
- POW.
- Died on 6/30/1951 at An-dong, North Korea.

PFC Boyd E. Cox



- HOR: Kentucky.
- MIA.

1Lt Jansen C. Cox



- HOR: Virginia.
- POW.
- Murdered by North Koreans on 12/31/1950.

Cpl. William C. Denson



- HOR: Kentucky.
- MIA.

PFC Gerald J. Fields



- HOR: Canoga Park, CA.
- WWII Navy veteran.
- KIA.

PFC William C. Fox



- HOR: Ohio.
- KIA.

PFC Robert L. Golden



- HOR: Ohio.
- KIA.

Private (E-2) Myron E. Gross



- HOR: Pennsylvania.
- POW.
- Died on 2/28/1951.

PFC Rodney N. Hamaguchi



- HOR: Hawaii.
- KIA.

Private (E-2) Charles R. Hendrix



- HOR: Alabama.
- KIA.

Private (E-2) Melvin J. Hill



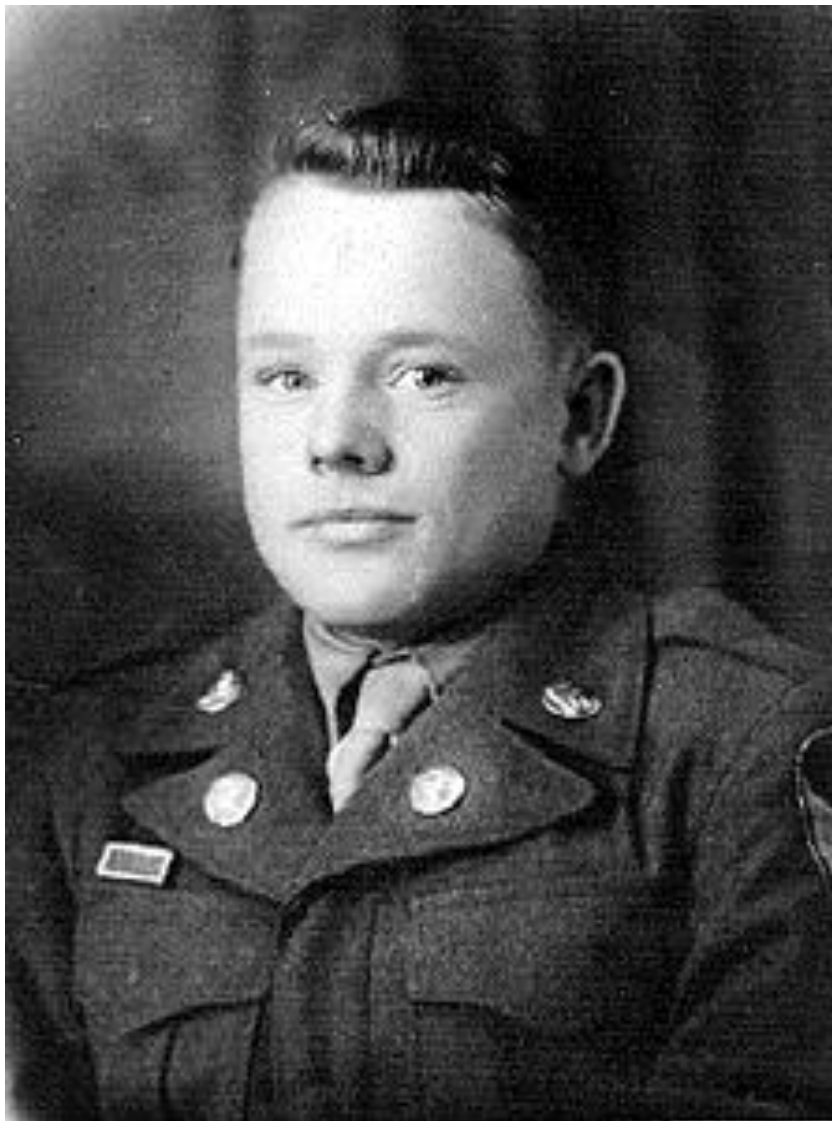
- HOR: Michigan.
- POW.
- Died on 11/18/1950.

Private (E-2) Karl Hoher, Jr.



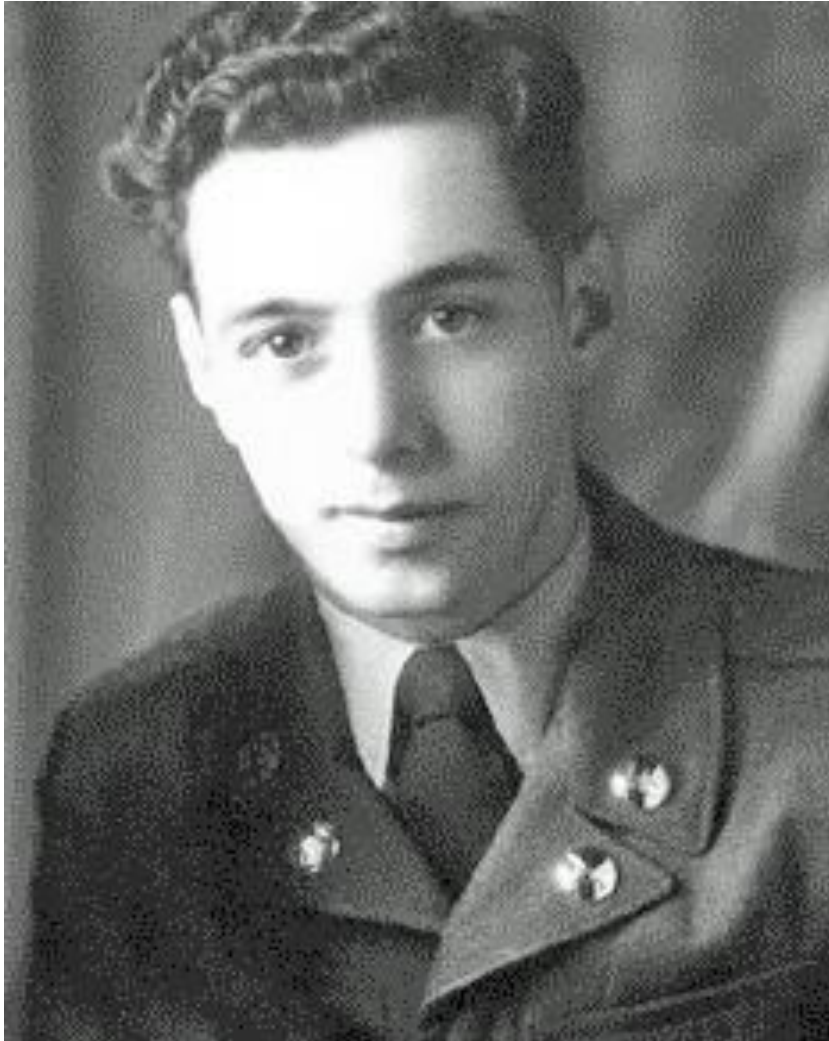
- HOR: New York.
- MIA.

PFC Harold A. Johnson



- HOR: Mississippi.
- MIA.

Cpl. Arthur M. Jones



- HOR: Maryland.
- POW.
- Survived Tiger Death March to Manpo, North Korea.
- Died 10/30 or 11/30/1950.

PFC Benjamin F. Jordan



- HOR: Missouri.
- KIA.

PFC Haden R. Lacy



- HOR: California.
- KIA.

Private (E-2) Melvin H. Lane



- HOR: Illinois.
- KIA.

Cpl. Paul A. “Junior” Larson



- HOR: Minnesota.
- KIA.

PFC John S. Lycan, Jr.



- HOR: Idaho.
- POW.
- Survived Tiger Death March.
- Died at Hanjang-ni on 12/5 or 12/31/1950.

Private (E-2) William R. McGill



- HOR: Pennsylvania.
- POW.
- Died on 1/31/1951.

Private (E-2) Frank J. McGlinchey



- HOR: Pennsylvania.
- KIA.

PFC Jeremiah F. Mongan



- HOR: Maryland.
- KIA.

Sgt. Floyd A. Roy



- HOR: Minnesota.
- WWII veteran.
- POW.
- Died on 7/31/1951.

Private (E-2) Neil R. Scott



- HOR: Ohio.
- POW.
- Died on 1/31/1951.

Private (E-2) Jerry D. Thomas



- HOR: Iowa.
- KIA.

Private (E-2) Vincent A. Vega



- HOR: Illinois.
- MIA.

Private (E-2) Eugene White



- HOR: unknown.
- KIA.

PFC Ransome Wolford, Jr.



- HOR: Kentucky.
- KIA.

KPA advanced southwards

- 7/6/1950 fighting at village of Pyongtack.
- Night of 7/7 to 7/8/1950 fighting at village of Chonan.
- 7/10 to 7/12/1950 Battles of Chonui and Chochiwon.
- 7/14 to 7/21/1950 Battle of Taejon.
- By the end of the month the 24th Inf Div had 3,602 KIA and WIA, and 2,962 POW out of original strength of 15,965.

MG William F. Dean and Lt. Gen.
Walton Walker at airfield near Taejon
on 7/7/1950.



Casualties of Task Force Smith retabulated at end of war

- 60 KIA.
- 21 WIA.
- 82 POW (32 died in captivity).



Task Force Smith POW's Captured July 6 1950



Front Seated: 1Lt B. Gramberg 1Lt John Fox PV2 Ben Ferguson

First American Soldiers Captured In The Korean War



Standing Outside City Hall At Seoul July 8-9, 1950



15 POWs Sitting Outside City Hall

Seoul, Korea
July 8, 1950



American POW's Paraded Through Seoul Korea

July 1950

Task Force Smith - Tiger Survivor POWs



July 5 - 8, 1950 The first American POWs captured in the Korean War are forced to march through the streets of Seoul Korea under Red banner which proclaimed "the Red cause as righteous and attacked the U.S. intervention."



POW'S captured in July 1950

- Inchon landing on the west coast of South Korea.
- In September 1950 taken by rail to Pyongyang and then to Manpo further north into North Korea.

Tiger Death March

On 10/31/1950 764 POW'S and 81 civilians met KPA Major Chong Myong Sil "The Tiger."

- From 11/1 to 11/9/1950 the Death March.
- Marched from Manpo to Chunggang-jin near the Yalu River near China.
- The Tiger was sadistic. Enjoying killing and the suffering of the POW's.
- No mercy. Three women (two nuns) shot.
- In charge of the prisoners well into the spring of 1951.

1Lt Cordus H. Thornton

- Born Farmersville, TX.
- WWII First Sergeant.
- WIA in France.
- OCS/College ???
- Field communications chief in Co. L of the 3rd/34th Inf Regt.
- POW at Battle of Taejon on 7/15/1950.

Made an example to the stragglers.

- 11/1/1950 personally executed by “The Tiger.”
- Refused a blindfold as he was facing the assembled POW’s.
- Stood proud and tall.
- An example for the soldiers and civilians.



Forest Pine Cemetery in Greenville



Nine days of marching 120 miles

- Total of 89 people shot by “The Tiger” on the march, POW’s and civilians.
- Year later fewer 300 alive.
- By the end of the war 66% of the original survivors of the Death March had died.
- Only after the Chinese took over the control of the POW’s did their living conditions improve.
- Only 278 POW’s of the march made it home to the USA.

Johnson's List's: PFC Wayne A. "Johnnie" Johnson

- Born in Ohio.
- Co L of the 21st Inf Regt.
- POW on 7/11/1950.
- Personally recorded the names of all those who died at great risk.
- Caught once with a list. Punished.
- Had a back up list.
- Tiger Survivor List smuggled out in toothpaste tube in 1953. Had more than 400 names.



“Johnnie” Johnson

- POW reunion in 1995.
- Army Sgt. Victoria Bingham of the DOD’s POW/MIA office.
- “Johnson List.”
- Johnson awarded Silver Star Medal for his efforts in making and hiding the list of POW’s who died.
- Died 6/1/2011 in San Marcos, Texas.

