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The Forgotten War June 1950 - July 1953

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MIA: 8,177

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President's Message

Hello to all of you

The Holidays are upon us and as I think back to those other Holidays in Korea; I have to lift my eyes toward Heaven and say, "Thank you Lord for all you have given me." I am sure I am not alone in this. We have had some bad times in the Pate family. My wife Nita lost a brother and her sister has been put in hospice. Just a matter of time. But we are not alone.

Bill Norwood printed a nice tribute to "Bo" Bolinski in the last newsletter but I would like to add my two cents worth. "Bo" was one of the most out-going men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I knew him in the camp and he was always there if someone needed him. When he got involved with this association, he made a complete commitment. There was never any thing he was asked to do that wasn't done.

He was encouraged many times to run for office, but he always refused. His excuse was, "If I cannot do a better job than the man I am replacing, I don't want the job." I will miss him tremendously as I am sure most of you will who knew him. Rest in peace my friend, you have earned it.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Norfolk, VA. Take care and May the Lord take a likening to you.

Pate

Chaplain's Corner

Hello to all my buddies and families. Our family is doing well and I hope everything is well with all of you. It was good to see those in [Georgia](#) that could attend. We really enjoyed the trip. I wish all of God's Blessings on you and your families through the holidays.

Chaplain's Corner continued

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday season. My prayer is taken from Phil.4

Our father; we give thanks to Thee for blessings that come to us during all the days of the year. We thank Thee for the joys that brighten our lives and the sorrows that discipline our spirits. We thank Thee for the friends who help us bear the burdens of life and whose faith in us has spurred us on.

At Christmas time, may the sweet life of Jesus breathe through the spirit and cause the light that radiates from lives truly devoted to Thee to glow so brightly that men who know Thee will not stop to wonder and begin to yearn for the hidden source of such spiritual beauty.

We pray also for God to be with us as we enter the New Year. May no fear of things unseen nor dread of the future mar the joy of the beginning of our journey. With confidence, may we set forth courageously and unafraid to do the will of God. In Jesus name, Amen

Chaplain, Norman Hale

Korean War POW/MIA Report (JPAC)

Let's continue our map work! Call it bird's eye exploring. You'll need a home computer, or please go to your local public library. Use **Google Maps**, in **satellite mode**. You can drop down on the locations you pick, almost anywhere on Earth. Don't worry, the librarian can explain "how to," if need be. In the little story that follows, you'll see map references, like **125 46 53 E, 39 56 21 N**. They are in East longitude and North latitude. They are pretty exact, down to a hundred feet or so. Just read them as they are, including spaces and the comma. When you are ready, punch them in. As soon as the map image shows on your screen, you can zoom in, zoom in, zoom in, down to helicopter level.

This time, we'll look at the 8th Cavalry battle at Unsan, North Korea, and go from there to the holding point at Sambakkol, "Cavalry Valley," then on to Camp 5 at Old Pyoktong. Again, not making light, these were terrible times, but at least we can see a little more, and hope to understand a little more. On 2 through 5 November 1950, the 8th Cavalry Regiment fought at the village of Unsan. (The main county town, several miles farther north, has the same name now, but don't worry about that.) Unsan village is at **125 48 09 E, 39 58 22 N**. This is the area that 1st Battalion initially held. 2nd Battalion was farther west, and 3rd Battalion south. Many good men were lost in the village and along the road south, toward the bridge at the very tip of the Camel's Head. Please go about three miles south, to **125 46 53 E, 39 56 21 N**. You can see the Camel's Head, just to the right, as you zoom in. This is where Father Kapaun and Dr. Anderson were captured on 5 November, with the wounded and the men who had held out for as long as they could.

From Unsan, POWs marched north. Some even reached Old Pyoktong, which would soon become Camp 5, for a couple of days in late November 1950. But an air strike on a supply dump there forced the North Koreans to move them back inland to a little village now called Sambakkol, scattered huts near **125 30 45 E, 40 34 33 N**. Others came later. Some were from 19th Infantry Regiment, captured near Anju on 5 November 1950. Other men from 25th Infantry Division and battles around Ipsok followed. Here they all stayed until late January 1951.

They marched on to Old Pyoktong, now known as Tongju-ri, about 21 January 1951. Old Pyoktong became Camp 5. Many other men, especially from 2nd Infantry Division, would follow. (We'll tell their story next time.) Let's look at Camp 5 itself. The village has not changed greatly since 1953. Mud huts are now cinder block.

There is a little paving and a little gravel. But you can still see outlines of the old village, centered at **125 26 00 E, 40 37 30 N**.

The old pagoda sick house and some of the burials behind it were at roughly **125 26 20 E, 40 37 30 N**. This is where father Kapaun died in May 1951. But most of the burials were on the adjacent north shore, just across from Camp 5. During the winter, men went across the ice, and after the thaw, around the edge of the back water arm. This is the area left and right from **125 26 20 E, 40 37 40 N**, sometimes called the first northern shore. Something you need to know: the Google satellite map has been "colorized." Most of the area in the back water arm is now dry land, for the Yalu River is now kept at a lower level by the big dam farther downstream. All of this is public information, but it came as a surprise to me, as well.

There was a second northern shore, where some Camp 5 burials were likely done, around **125 25 50 E, 40 37 45 N**. Both the first and second northern shores were still in Korea, on the near side of the main course of the Yalu River. Some burials might have been done across the Yalu River in China. We call this area the third northern shore, around **125 24 35 E, 40 37 45 N**. It is just over a mile from the lower tip of Camp 5: does not seem very likely, but you never can tell. More will follow, for different groups of men, as we go along.

Best of thanks! Phil O'B

CONTRIBUTION: Willie Freeman in memory of Bo.Bolinsky

DONATIONS: Willie Freeman (frequent donor), Tom Lyke for Association Operating Funds

SICK CALL: Tim Casey, Luis Lugo and Dick Raby

TAPS:

BROWNING, BILLIE, wife OF Jack Browning died, she had a massive stroke.

BYNUM, Simon T. POW 51/02/12-53/08/19. Cp 1 NFI

CLUB, CHARLE E. died, date unknown. He served with A Btry-82AAA BN, 2DIV. POW 50/12/01-53/08/23, Cps 5&3. NFI.

FRANCIONE, THOMAS V. died 10/30/2010. POW 50/11/02-53/08/12, Cp5. He served with Hq Btry, 99th FA BN, 1 Cav. NFI

GUERRA, RUDOLFO O. died (NFI). POW 50/11/30-53/08/23. Cp 3 & 5. He served with C.Btry, 38FA Bn, 2 Div. NFI

HANLIN, DONALD P, died (NFI). He served with D.Co. 6 Med Tk Bn, 24 Div. POW 51/04/25-51/05/51. NFI.

HALSE, DAILEY C. died 9/0/2010. He is survived by his wife, and a brother. He served with A.Btry. 38FABn,2Div. POW 50/11/30- 53/08/24.Cps 5&3.

JENNER, JOHN R. died. POW 51/04/23-53/08/31.Cp 1 & 4. He served with A. Co. 5RCT, 24 Div. NFI

MARKS, DELBERT, died 9/17/2010. He had intestinal surgery on Tuesday and through that was fine, but they think he had a blood clot that took him. He served with D.Co. 7Mar/1Mar.Div. POW 51/09/07-53/08/24, CP3A. William (Bill) and Liz Norwood attended his memorial Service.

MARYEA, GEORGE, died earlier this month. He served with Svc.Btry. 38 FA Bn, 2 Div. POW 50/11/30-53/08/05 NFI

NICHOLSON, THOMAS H. died ,10/25/2010. POW 51/11/05-53/08/10, Cp 5. He served with B.Co. 7Cav. 1 Cav. He is survived by his wife.

YOSS, ILE, died 10/06/2010. She is survived by her husband, Ray Yoss

INFORMATION

INMAN, EUGENE L, SR. Information received from, Kimberly P. Inman. My father, Eugene L. Inman, Sr., ex-POW of the Korean War and a member of your Association, who passed away November 2, 2009, was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in Columbus, Ohio on November 5, 2010

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced that the remains of U.S. service men, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and returned to their families for burial with full military honors and/or are being returned home. US Army. They are:

Cpl. **Floyd E. Hooper**, 27, of Stratton, Colo., (DPMO) announced today (9 /11/2010) that the remains of a U.S.serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors

Cpl. **Harry J. Reeve** of Philadelphia He will be buried in Radcliff, Ky. Captured and executed in November 1950, remains recovered 2004, identified 2010.

Sgt. **Charles P. Whitler** of Kentucky He will be buried in his hometown of Cloverport, Ky. Captured and executed in November 1950, remains recovered 2004, identified 2010.

Sgt. **Donald M. LaForest** of Michigan He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Captured and executed in November 1950, remains recovered 2004, identified 2010.

Master Sgt. **John G. Linkowski** of NY He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Captured and executed in November 1950, remains recovered 2004, identified 2010.

Cpl. **Frank H. Smith** lost on July 25, 1951 He will be buried in North Syracuse, N.Y. He was KIA/BNR July 1953.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans, visit the DPMO web site at www.dtic.mil/dpmo or call (703) 699-1420/ (703) 699-1169

SEEKING INFORMATION

Ted Morford, Capt. USAR, Retired, trying to locate any one that might help him. His friend Corporal Robert Salom Manier was wounded and taken Prisoner of War on July 5, 1951. He was a member of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. It was later reported he died in a North Korean POW prison. He was presumed dead on February 1, 1954.

Jack Dring is seeking information on **Marvin Hamelin**. Jack is in contact with Marvin's brother and niece. He was sent to the Turkish Brigade as a radio operation team using a 399 transmitter and was reported "Died as a POW." I would like more information on his death. Corporal Hamelin was a member of the 229th Signal Operations Company, U.S. Army. He was captured while fighting the enemy in North Korea on November 27, 1950 and died while a prisoner on January 27, 1951.

JOSEPH E. FORD "DAY AT THE VA HOSPITAL, ASHEVILLE, NC". **Donald Hensley**, a nephew of the **JOHN D, BRITTON** (nick name Hog Jaws) Korean War EX-POW (deceased), threw a pizza party a few weeks back for **Joseph E. Ford**, (who lives at the VA Hospital). A Korean War EXPOW, B.Btry, 15FA BN, 2 Div. captured February 1951, Camp I. We fed 39 men who are residents there and about 21 others who take care of the men there. Donald said, "I can not begin to express to you how much fun Joe had. All the men kept coming up and thanking him, it was very special for myself and the 2 other men I work with to attend and help serve them. I have told this to so many people and have had a lot of people want to help when we throw another Joe Ford day around Christmas. We need to somehow get people to stop by to visit these men for even a few minutes. We need the younger generation to respect what they have done for us."

TIGER SURVIVORS

The wife and I will not attend the Norfolk reunion and will use that time to do some traveling Many are now ill including some of the wives and many will not fly or drive any distance at all. Welcome to the golden years. Please stay in touch as I will send out information of the group as it comes in. 86 Tigers still survive. Most are over 80 and a handful is close to being 80. Love, Shorty the Tiger

SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE:

When a Veteran dies, inform the Veterans Administration at **1-800-827-1000**, and apply for all VA benefits that surviving dependents may be entitled to.

Also, advise Social Security at **1-800-772-1213**, and apply for all benefits available; such as burial allowance, monthly Social Security benefits, and/or Medicare.

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