KOREAN WAR PROJECT REMEMBRANCE



CPT TURNACE HARTWELL BROWN Class 124-44

57th Field Artillery Battalion (105MM)
Headquarters Battery

7th Infantry Division

Hostile, Died While Captured (POW)

Date of Loss: December 2, 1950

1LT - O2

Service Number: O-1185863

Daleville, Alabama

Born: September 13, 1922

Burial: Forest Meadows East Cemetery - Gainesville, Florida

Captain Brown was a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 57th Field Artillery Battalion, 7th Infantry Division. He was taken Prisoner of War while fighting the enemy near Hagary, North Korea on December 2, 1950 and died while a prisoner on January 31, 1951. His remains were returned on September 14, 1994 and positive Identification was made on July 13, 2012 and he was buried on October 5, 2012.

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In late November 1950, Brown and elements of the 31st Regimental Combat Team, known as Task Force Faith, were advancing along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir, in North Korea. After coming under attack, they began a fighting withdrawal to positions near Hagaru-ri, south of the reservoir. During this withdrawal Brown went missing.

Between 1991 and 1994, North Korea gave the United States 208 boxes of remains believed to contain the remains of 200-400 U.S. service members. North Korean documents, turned over with some of the boxes, indicated that some of the human remains were recovered from the area where Brown was last seen.

In the identification of the remains, scientists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) used circumstantial evidence and forensic identification tools, such as radiograph and mitochondrial DNA which matched Browns sister and niece.

CAPT. TURNACE H. BROWN - POW/MIA

One of the Chosen Few is coming home to be interred with his family at Forest Meadows East Cemetery on Friday, October 5th, 2012. After waiting for sixty years, the family of Capt. Turnace H. Brown, long-time Gainesville family, can see closure with the return of some of the remains of their soldier-boy. Capt. Brown was lost during a battle at the north end of the Chosen Reservoir on December 6, 1951. In the 1990's the Democratic People's Republic of North Korea turned over to the United Nations Command 208 boxes of remains purported to be the remains of U.S. servicemen. Among some of those remains were the remains of Captain Brown, as revealed through DNA testing.

The family will receive visitors on Thursday evening between the hours of 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm at Milam Funeral Home. The memorial service will be held Friday at 11:00 am in the chapel at MILAM FUNERAL HOME with interment following at Forest Meadows East with Full "Military Honors" Flowers would be appreciated but family requests that in lieu of flowers donations can be made to Fisher House.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE UNDER THE CARE OF MILAM FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES 311 South Main St., Gainesville, Florida 32601. 352-376-5361.

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