



1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division

February 16, 2018



The 3rd Infantry Division had 13 Medal of Honor recipients from the Korean War. 2LT Darwin Kyle was posthumously awarded his for actions on this date in 1951.

During fighting near Hill 185, 2LT Kyle twice led assaults against fortified enemy positions, killing at least seven enemy soldiers with his bayonet, rifle, and grenades.

2LT Kyle, who received both a Bronze Star and Silver Star during World War II, began the Korean War as a Master Sergeant but received a battlefield commission several months before he was killed.

Camp Kyle, Korea, which closed in 2005, was named after 2LT Kyle.

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STATE West Virginia
 COUNTY Boone
 TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Sherman District

9-137

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

(D1-578)

FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION

SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT No. 367
 ENUMERATION DISTRICT No. 6

SHEET No. 2 B

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE X

WARD OF CITY X

4001

NAME OF INSTITUTION _____

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 5th DAY OF January, 1920. Benjamin F. Wall ENUMERATOR.

8043

Serial number of family.	Household number.	Number of dwelling units in household.	Number of persons in household on January 1, 1920.	NAME of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family. <small>Under surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any.</small> Include every person living on January 1, 1920. Omit children born since January 1, 1920.	RELATION to head of family.	SEX.	AGE.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.	CITIZENSHIP.	EDUCATION.	NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE.						Whether able to speak English.	OCCUPATION.			Number of farm schedule.
											PERSON.		FATHER.		MOTHER.			Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as engineer, salesman, laborer, etc.	Industry, business, or establishment in which at work, as cotton mill, dry goods store, farm, etc.	Employer's name, or name of firm.	
											Place of birth.	Mother tongue.	Place of birth.	Mother tongue.	Place of birth.	Mother tongue.					
51	X 27	29		Montgomery Charles	Head	M	31	W			yes	yes	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	yes	Miner	Coal mine	W	51	080
52				— Nettie E.	Wife	F	21	M			yes	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			52	
53				— Chester A.	Son	M	3	S					West Virginia	North Carolina	West Virginia	yes	None			53	
54				— Mable L.	Daughter	F	1	S					West Virginia	North Carolina	West Virginia	yes	None			54	
55				William Elizabeth M.	Sister-in-law	F	14	S			yes	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			55	
56				— John A.	Brother-in-law	M	12	S			yes	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			56	
57				— Robert S.	Brother-in-law	M	20	S			no	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	Laborer	Coal mine	W	57	080
58	X 28	29		Morris South	Head	M	35	M			yes	yes	United States	United States	United States	yes	Miner	Coal mine	W	58	080
59				— Eva E.	Wife	F	24	M			yes	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			59	
60				— Ethel G.	Daughter	F	4	S					West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			60	
61	X 29	30		George Ernest R.	Head	M	28	M			yes	yes	West Virginia	Ohio	West Virginia	yes	Miner	Coal mine	W	61	080
62				— Mary E.	Wife	F	18	M			no	no	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			62	
63				— Sadie M.	Daughter	F	2	S					West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			63	
64				— Dorothy L.	Daughter	F	1	S					West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			64	
65	X 30	31		Walla Finley	Head	M	23	M			no	no	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	Miner	Coal mine	W	65	080
66				— Omie M.	Wife	F	20	M			no	yes	West Virginia	United States	West Virginia	yes	None			66	
67				— Lola L.	Daughter	F	1	S					West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			67	
68				— William P.	Son	M	1	S					West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			68	
69	X 31	32		Johnson Homer	Head	M	39	M			yes	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	Fireman	Coal mine	W	69	080
70				— Demie J.	Wife	F	32	M			yes	yes	West Virginia	Virginia	Ohio	yes	None			70	
71				— Harold A.	Son	M	15	S			no	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	Miner	Coal mine	W	71	080
72				— Roy R.	Son	M	13	S			no	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			72	
73				— Marie M.	Daughter	F	7	S			no	no	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			73	
74				— Rose A.	Daughter	F	4	S					West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			74	
75				— Nellie M.	Daughter	F	2	S					West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			75	
76				— Guiney E.	Son	M	1	S					West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			76	
77	X 32	33		Walla William H.	Head	M	62	M			yes	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	Miner	Coal mine	W	77	080
78				— Martha	Wife	F	45	M			no	no	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			78	
79				— William H.	Son	M	16	S			no	no	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	Miner	Coal mine	W	79	080
80				— Martha L.	Daughter	F	14	S			no	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			80	
81				— Emma J.	Daughter	F	10	S			no	no	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			81	
82				— Madys M.	Daughter	F	6	S			no	no	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			82	
83				— Stella L.	Daughter	F	2	S					West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			83	
84	X 33	34		King William W.	Head	M	33	M			yes	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	Electrician	Coal mine	W	84	158
85				— Blanche D.	Wife	F	24	M			yes	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			85	
86				— Irvin E.	Son	M	10	S			yes	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			86	
87				— William W.	Son	M	7	S			yes	no	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			87	
88				— Earle A.	Son	M	5	S			no	no	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			88	
89				— Helen E.	Daughter	F	1	S					West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			89	
90				— Howard E.	Son	M	1	S					West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			90	
91	X 34	35		Kyle Charles W.	Head	M	38	M			yes	yes	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	yes	Electrician	Coal mine	W	91	158
92				— Carl	Wife	F	24	M			yes	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			92	
93				— Charles L.	Son	M	3	S					West Virginia	North Carolina	West Virginia	yes	None			93	
94				— Virginia B.	Daughter	F	1	S					West Virginia	North Carolina	West Virginia	yes	None			94	
95	X 35	36		Katey James E.	Head	M	53	M			yes	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	Miner	Coal mine	W	95	080
96				— Azara B.	Wife	F	40	M			yes	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			96	
97				— James F.	Son	M	20	S			no	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	Motor helper	Coal mine	W	97	080
98				— Audra M.	Daughter	F	18	S			no	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			98	
99				— Elford	Son	M	13	S			no	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			99	
100				— Mable H.	Daughter	F	11	S			yes	yes	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	yes	None			100	

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930

Enumeration District No. 3-4

Sheet No. 13 B

State West Virginia

Incorporated place

County Boone

Ward of city Block No.

POPULATION SCHEDULE

Supervisor's District No. 10

Township or other division of county Peytona District

Unincorporated place Institution

Enumerated by me on April 25, 1930, J. W. Giles, Enumerator.

Table with columns: PLACE OF ABODE, NAME, RELATION, HOME DATA, PERSONAL DESCRIPTION, EDUCATION, PLACE OF BIRTH, MOTHER TONGUE, CITIZENSHIP, OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT, VETERANS. Rows 51-100.

Big Coal Mine

Beardy Creek

ABBREVIATIONS TO BE USED IN COLUMNS INDICATED: (List of abbreviations for various categories)

ENTRIES ARE REQUIRED IN THE SEVERAL COLUMNS AS FOLLOWS: (List of instructions for data entry)

Darwin Kyle

in the Kentucky, U.S., Birth Index, 1911-1999



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Name: Darwin Kyle

Date of Birth: 1 Jun 1921

Birth Place: Letcher, Kentucky, USA

Mother's Name: Pearl Keffer

Volume Number: 064

Certificate Number: 31524

Volume Year: 1921

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Description

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Kanawha County Clerk's Office

State of West Virginia, County of Kanawha, To-wit:

I, PAUL E. WEHRLE, Clerk of the County Court of Kanawha County, in the State of West Virginia, DO CERTIFY, that on examination of the Marriage Register of said County, of which by law, I am legal custodian, I find that

Darwin K. Kyle Age 23 and Betty Alice Totten Age 18 were
Born in Kentucky and Born in West Virginia
married in said County on the 15th, day of July, 1944
by Rev. H. E. Crowder

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal
of the said Court, this 26th day of August,
A. D. 1958 and in the 96th, year of said State.

PAUL E. WEHRLE, Clerk,
Kanawha County Court.

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By

Deputy.



West Virginia Veterans Memorial

Remember...

**Darwin Keith Kyle
1921-1951**

"He was the bravest man I ever saw."

Sgt. James Yeomans

Darwin Keith Kyle was born June 1, 1921, in Jenkins, Kentucky, to Charles and Pearl Keffer Kyle. Darwin's mother was born and raised in Midway, West Virginia. She and her husband moved to Jenkins during World War I where Charles worked for a brief time. It was during their stay in Kentucky that Darwin, who was called "Gus," was born. The family returned to West Virginia when Gus was very young, and he grew up and received his education in Midway, located in the Big Coal River area of Boone County.

On July 15, 1944, Gus Kyle married Betty Alice Totten, and the couple became the parents of two daughters, Donna Kay and Nancy Carol.



Marriage Certificate for Darwin and Betty Kyle

Gus Kyle's military service spanned both World War II and Korea. During World War II, he was credited with single-handedly carrying out an operation in which several tanks were destroyed and which saved the lives of several comrades. He was awarded the Silver Star and the Bronze Star.



Hungnam during December 1950 evacuation
Courtesy Naval Historical Center

After hostilities broke out in Korea, Master Sgt. Darwin Kyle, with Company K, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, proved his valor again. In December 1950, Kyle directed removal of the wounded from the Hungnam beachhead while under fire and was recognized for his gallantry. He received a battlefield commission as a lieutenant, his lieutenant bars being presented by Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway. He also was awarded the Bronze Star and the Silver Star. On February 16, 1951, Lieutenant Kyle was leading an attack on Hill 185, and during this charge his platoon came under heavy enemy fire. At one point Kyle charged the position and was killed by submachine fire. For his gallantry and self-sacrifice Lt. Darwin Kyle was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, the citation stating:

When his platoon had been pinned down by intense fire, he completely exposed himself to move among and encourage his men to continue the advance against enemy forces strongly entrenched on Hill 185. Inspired by his courageous leadership, the platoon resumed the advance but was again pinned down when an enemy machinegun opened fire, wounding six of the men. Lieutenant Kyle immediately charged the hostile emplacement alone, engaged the crew in hand-to-hand combat, killing all three. Continuing on toward the objective, his platoon suddenly received an intense automatic-weapons fire from a well-concealed hostile position on its right flank. Again leading his men in a daring bayonet charge against this position, firing his carbine and throwing grenades, Lieutenant Kyle personally destroyed four of the enemy before he was killed by a burst from an enemy submachinegun.

The body of Lt. Darwin "Gus" Kyle was returned to the United States and on September 27, 1951, was buried in Sunset Memorial Park in South Charleston.

In 1955, a new school in South Charleston was named Kyle Elementary School in his honor. In May 1996 a bridge in Madison was dedicated in memory of Darwin Kyle with a ceremony attended by his sister Mable Foster and brother William.

Honor...



West Virginia Archives and History welcomes any additional information that can be provided about these veterans, including photographs, family names, letters and other relevant personal history.

Darwin Kyle



Medal of Honor recipient Darwin Keith Kyle (June 1, 1918-February 16, 1951) was born in Jenkins, Kentucky, and raised in Midway, Boone County. He enlisted in the Army in 1939. During World War II, he fought in France and Germany, earning both the Silver and Bronze stars.

After his discharge in August 1945, Kyle returned to West Virginia. He reenlisted in the Army in July 1947 and was assigned to the 6th Infantry Division in Korea as part of the occupation force. When the Korean War broke out in June 1950, Master Sergeant Kyle was assigned to Fort Devens, Massachusetts. In September 1950, Kyle's unit, Company K, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, was sent to Korea. During the retreat at the port city of Hungnam in December 1950, Kyle was credited with moving injured men to safety while under gunfire. For his heroism and leadership abilities, Kyle received a battlefield promotion to second lieutenant in January 1951.

On February 16, 1951, the new platoon leader was given orders to remove Chinese defenders from their position near Kamil-ni northeast of Suwon. In an intense exchange between the American and Chinese forces, Kyle took out one emplacement with a grenade and killed the three-man crew. He killed four enemy soldiers in hand-to-hand combat until he was shot and killed.

Kyle was buried in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in South Charleston on September 27, 1951. His widow, Betty Kyle, and two daughters, received his posthumous Medal of Honor on January 16, 1952. A school in South Charleston was named in his honor in 1955, and in May 1996, a bridge at Madison was named the Lt. Darwin K. Kyle Memorial Bridge.

*This Article was written by [Henry Franklin Tribe](#)
Last Revised on October 12, 2018*

Darwin K Kyle

in the U.S., World War II Hospital Admission Card Files, 1942-1954

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Name: Darwin K Kyle

Admission Date: Aug 1944

Discharge Date: 1944

Diagnosis: SecondDiagnosis: (1) Wound infection, trivial, not elsewhere classified or (2) Wound infection, trivial, not elsewhere classified, or not specified as to degree^;
CausativeAgent: Blast or Explosion, Not Elsewhere Classified

Type of Discharge: Duty

Length of service: No entry made

Service Number: 06987590



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List of Officers receiving Battlefield Commissions (confirmed) and later Killed in Action During the Korean War				
NAME	SERIAL #	RANK	DATE OF DEATH	
MAIRICH MARK W	2262058	SECOND LIEUTENANT	5/18/1951	
RAMPENDAHL DIETER	2262063	SECOND LIEUTENANT	4/7/1951	
HARRIS CLARENCE A	2262079	SECOND LIEUTENANT	2/4/1951	
ROMERO GILBERT J	2262080	SECOND LIEUTENANT	2/14/1951	
LAND JOHN F	2262115	FIRST LIEUTENANT	2/6/1951	
SJODIN JOHN R	2262120	FIRST LIEUTENANT	1/1/1951	MOH
ADAMS WILLIAM R	2262254	FIRST LIEUTENANT	11/30/1950	
ENGLISH LEMUEL L	2262261	SECOND LIEUTENANT	11/27/1950	
KRAWCION NICK	2262262	SECOND LIEUTENANT	11/7/1950	
OSBORNE HAROLD H	2262263	SECOND LIEUTENANT	11/26/1950	
LEE ELVIN M	2262281	SECOND LIEUTENANT	10/30/1950	
TAYLOR MARVIN E	2262287	SECOND LIEUTENANT	4/16/1951	
BOWSHIER RONALD C	2262291	SECOND LIEUTENANT	12/2/1950	
NIXON CHARLES L	2262303	SECOND LIEUTENANT	4/29/1951	
GANDY JOHN E	2262309	SECOND LIEUTENANT	11/26/1950	
CLAYTON DALLAS E	2262318	SECOND LIEUTENANT	11/30/1950	
BARBEY JOHN C	2262324	SECOND LIEUTENANT	2/12/1951	
CROCKETT JOHN O	2262332	SECOND LIEUTENANT	11/28/1950	
HORNUNG FREDERICK	2262333	FIRST LIEUTENANT	11/25/1950	
KELLY CARL L	2262336	SECOND LIEUTENANT	2/12/1951	
SMITH ALBERT W	2262340	FIRST LIEUTENANT	11/30/1950	
SMITH JOSEPH W	2262370	SECOND LIEUTENANT	11/27/1950	
HARVEY GEORGE W	2262406	SECOND LIEUTENANT	2/15/1951	
WILLIAMS GERALD F	2262412	SECOND LIEUTENANT	1/10/1951	
COLTON EDWARD A	2262604	SECOND LIEUTENANT	4/25/1951	
KYLE DARWIN K	2262608	SECOND LIEUTENANT	2/16/1951	MOH
LE BLANC GERALD C	2262609	SECOND LIEUTENANT	4/25/1951	
MOSS LAWRENCE D	2262677	FIRST LIEUTENANT	2/9/1951	
LOVETT LEROY	2262763	FIRST LIEUTENANT	11/25/1951	
BOYLE THOMAS D	2262789	SECOND LIEUTENANT	4/23/1951	
HANSEN JOHN L	2262816	SECOND LIEUTENANT	3/12/1951	
TEMPLIN WILLIAM E	2262827	SECOND LIEUTENANT	4/17/1951	
CUOZZO PAUL A	2262850	SECOND LIEUTENANT	4/6/1951	
MAHONEY EDWIN F	2262880	SECOND LIEUTENANT	4/16/1951	
LEE JASPER W	2262881	SECOND LIEUTENANT	5/24/1951	
SMITH WILLARD E	2262917	FIRST LIEUTENANT	3/25/1953	
ATWOOD VIRGIL M	2262952	SECOND LIEUTENANT	6/3/1951	
BURKE DOYLE J	2262982	SECOND LIEUTENANT	5/28/1951	
SAWYER KENNETH E	2263011	SECOND LIEUTENANT	9/16/1951	
BOXLER ALVIN A	2263050	SECOND LIEUTENANT	9/9/1951	
MARTINSON ODVIN A	2263070	SECOND LIEUTENANT	7/6/1951	
HEADLEY VERDUN E	2263087	SECOND LIEUTENANT	9/8/1951	
BALL DALE E	2263155	SECOND LIEUTENANT	9/8/1951	
SUDUT JEROME A	2263203	SECOND LIEUTENANT	9/12/1951	
HANSEN ANDREW G JR	2263214	SECOND LIEUTENANT	9/21/1951	
SHICK CHAUNCEY E	2263266	SECOND LIEUTENANT	9/8/1951	
BUTTON LEONARD W	2263284	FIRST LIEUTENANT	5/13/1953	
LARSON JASON C	2263554	SECOND LIEUTENANT	2/16/1952	
COLLIER ROGERS B	2263556	FIRST LIEUTENANT	9/27/1952	
COINER RANDALL E	2263765	SECOND LIEUTENANT	4/16/1953	

Darwin K Kyle

in the U.S., Korean War Casualties, 1950-1957

[Kyle, Darwin Keith](#) in tree "Kyle Family Tree"

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Name: Darwin K Kyle

Birth Date: 1918

Race: White

Home State: West Virginia

Casualty Date: 16 Feb 1951

Casualty Country: South Korea

Casualty Type: Killed in Action OR Missing in Action, KIA

Group: KIA or Missing in Action, KIA

Branch: Infantry

Component: Organized Reserve Corps (ORC)

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

Pay Grade: Second Lieutenant

Disposed Date: 16 Feb 1951

Disposed Place: South Korea

Organization: In Div - 3rd

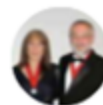
Element Sequence: Cv Div Cav Regt Inf

Unit #: 0007

Service Occupation: Field Communications Chief



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Headquarters 3D Infantry Division

APO 468

General Orders 29 Mar 1951

Number - 81

I -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL -- By direction of the president under the provisions of the act of congress approved 2 July 1926 (WD Bulletin 8, 1926), and pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulations 600-45, the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy is awarded the following-named officer:

SECOND LIEUTENANT (then MASTER SERGEANT) DARWIN K. KYLE, 02262608, Infantry, Company "K", 7th Infantry, 3d Infantry Division, United States Army. On 24 December 1950, during the final stages of the evacuation of the beachhead of Hungnam, Korea, a tremendous explosion of an ammunition dump sprayed the area with shrapnel and white phosphorous. Many of the men boarding landing crafts were wounded and all were stunned by the explosion and the concussion that followed. Lieutenant Kyle, quickly regaining his senses and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, restored order and directed the removal of the wounded. One of the landing crafts had been hit and the rudder mechanism completely destroyed. Fearlessly, Lieutenant Kyle returned to the beachhead inferno to find tools and materials. Constantly endangered by succeeding explosions, he was able to effect emergency repairs and guide the craft away from the flaming beach, shortly before the beach was rocked by an explosion which would have destroyed the craft if it had remained. The courage, initiative, and concern for his comrades displayed by Lieutenant Kyle saved many lives and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered the military service from the State of West Virginia.

Headquarters 103d Infantry Division

Office of the Commanding General

APO470, U.S.Army

6 February 1945

General Orders

Number - 53

I--AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as ammended, the Silver Star is awarded following named individual:

Sergeant Darwin K. Kyle, 6987590, (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company "L", 411th Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. During the early morning hours of 19 January 1945, in the vicinity of , France, Private Kyle, was subjected to intense enemy small arms, mortar, artillery, and 20 millimeter automatic weapon fire. Private Kyle, observing that six of our supporting tanks had been disabled by direct fire of the enemy, quickly grabbed a rocket launcher and crawled toward the enemy emplacement. From an advantageous position he commanded direct observation on the hostile strongpoint. He accurately fired three rounds into the enemy emplacement, knocking out the gun and killing the crew. As a result of this action, tanks were able to enter the town and the company was materially assisted in its subsequent withdrawal. Private Kyle's exemplary fortitude and gallant actions were in accordance with the highest traddition of military service.



*Under Service -
11 Nov 51 to 26 Jan 52 (10)*

200 P.D. BU 1-9-52

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the type headstone or marker requested by the applicant will be permitted at the grave.

(Be sure you have noted what type is indicated by applicant on form)

Clarence Love

(Signature of superintendent, sexton, or caretaker)

Date 9-28-51

16-11453-4

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CHECK TYPE REQUIRED
(See Instructions attached)

- PUMPHREY-MARBLE-HEADSTONE
- FLAT-MARBLE-MARKER
- FLAT GRANITE-MARKER
- BRONZE-MARKER

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER

(Please make out and return in duplicate)

LAO 27 Jan 51

ENLISTMENT DATE
November 11, 1939

SERIAL No.
02262608

DISCHARGE DATE

PENSION No.

EMBLEM (Check one)
 CHRISTIAN
 JEWISH
 NONE

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Kyle, Darwin K.

STATE
W. Va.

RANK
2d Lt.

COMPANY
Co. "K"

U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION
7th Inf. Regt. 3rd Division

DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year)
June 1, 1921

DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year)
February 16, 1951

NAME OF CEMETERY
Sunset Memorial Park

LOCATION (City and State)
South Charleston, W. Va.

SHIP TO (I CERTIFY THE APPLICANT FOR THIS STONE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ME TO TRANSPORT THE STONE FROM THE FREIGHT STATION TO THE CEMETERY)
Betty A. Kyle
(SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)

NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State)
South Charleston, W. Va.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE
South Charleston, W. Va.

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FOR VERIFICATION	OCT 4 1951
ORDERED	Columbus, Miss. 7 FEB 1952
B/L	6542129
SHIPPED	

I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran.
I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense.

Mrs Betty A. Kyle
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Sept. 26, 1951
DATE OF APPLICATION

ADDRESS (Street, City, State)
5635 McCorkle Ave. South Charleston, W. Va.



#MedalOfHonor Darwin "Gus" Keith Kyle was born on June 1, 1921 in Jenkins, Kentucky. Kyle joined the Army from Racine, West Virginia in November 1939.

A Master Sergeant at the beginning of the Korean War, "Gus" received a battlefield commission and the Soldier's Medal during the evacuation of Marines from Hungnam.

On February 16, 1951, near Kamil-ni, Korea, when Kyle's platoon had been pinned down by intense fire, he completely exposed himself to move among and encourage his men to continue the advance against enemy forces strongly entrenched on Hill 185. Inspired by his courageous leadership, the platoon resumed the advance but was again pinned down when an enemy machine gun opened fire, wounding 6 of the men.

Kyle immediately charged the hostile emplacement alone, engaged the crew in hand-to-hand combat, killing all 3. Continuing on toward the objective, his platoon suddenly received an intense automatic-weapons fire from a well-concealed hostile position on its right flank. Again leading his men in a daring bayonet charge against this position, firing his carbine and throwing grenades, Kyle personally destroyed 4 of the enemy before he was killed by a burst from an enemy sub-machine gun.

Darwin Kyle is buried at the Sunset Memorial Park in South Charleston, West Virginia.

The U.S. Army named a camp after Kyle, Camp Kyle, near Uijeongbu, South Korea.

Visit the museum and see a tribute to Kyle's brave actions. The Hall of Valor pays tribute to American Infantrymen who have received the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for bravery.

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MEDAL OF HONOR
2LT DARWIN K. KYLE
KOREAN WAR | 16 FEBRUARY 1951



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DISCHARGED U. S. ARMY 8/15/45 (Honorable)

SERIAL NUMBER 2300	1. NAME (Print) DARWIN KEITH KYLE <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>	ORDER NUMBER 2089-A
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2. ADDRESS (Print)
Box 127, DAWES, KANAWHA W. VA.
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

3. TELEPHONE East Bank 5036 <small>(Exchange) (Number)</small>	4. AGE IN YEARS 27 <small>DATE OF BIRTH (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small> June 1, 1918	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Jenkins, <small>(Town or county)</small> Ky. <small>(State or country)</small>	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP USA
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7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Pearl (nmn) Kyle <small>(Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)</small>	8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON
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9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON
Box 127, Dawes, Kanawha W. Va.
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

10. EMPLOYER'S NAME
Unemployed

11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS
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I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

REGISTRATION CARD
D. S. S. Form 1

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Darwin K. Kyle
(Registrant's signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE		HEIGHT (Approx.)		WEIGHT (Approx.)		COMPLEXION	
White	X	5' 11"		145#		Sallow	
		EYES		HAIR		Light	
Negro		Blue		Blonde		Ruddy	X
		Gray		Red		Dark	
Oriental		Hazel		Brown	X	Freckled	
		Brown	X	Black		Light brown	
Indian		Black		Gray		Dark brown	
				Bald		Black	
Filipino							

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....

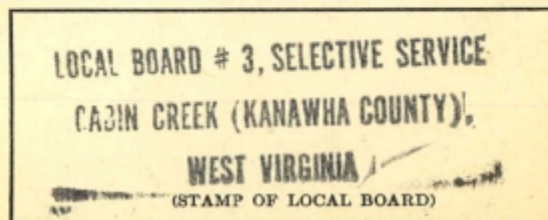
Scar on forehead. Scar on right hand.

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Helen L. Durette
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for _____ 4, Kanawha W. Va. _____
(Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration _____ 8/17/45 _____



(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)



LT. DARWIN K. KYLE

This Congressional Medal of Honor winner fought in Korean War. Born in Jenkins, June 1918. Second Lt. Kyle in U. S. Army with Co. K, 7th Inf. Regt., 3d Inf. Div. Lt. Kyle rallied his men amid intensive fighting to renew attacks on enemy machine-gun positions. He killed 7 men in 2 assaults, then was slain by enemy fire, February 16, 1951.

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