KOREAN WAR PROJECT REMEMBRANCE



CPT LAWRENCE SPRINGER TOHILL III Class 123-44

Silver Star

90th Field Artillery Battalion (155MM)

B Battery

25th Infantry Division

Hostile, Died (KIA)

Date Of Loss: May 9, 1952

CPT - O3

Service Number: O-0926022

Salt Lake City, Utah

Born: July 8, 1922

Burial: Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park - Salt Lake City, Utah

Captain Tohill was a member of Battery B, 90th Field Artillery Battalion, 25th Infantry Division. He was Killed in Action while fighting the enemy in North Korea on May 9, 1952. Posthumously awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry.

Utahn Killed In Korea Given Award

The silver star for gallantry in action recently was awarded posthumously to Capt. Lawrence S. Tohill III, 1636 Roosevelt Ave., Salt Lake City, it was announced Friday from 25th Infantry Division headquarters, Korea.

Capt. Tohill, who was commanding officer of Battery B, 25th Infantry Division's 90th Field Artillery Battalion, distinguished himself last May 9, near Kongdong, Korea, by remaining in an exposed observation position to direct artillery fire until an enemy mortar shell mortally wounded him.

His citation reads in part. "Despite the hazard from exploding hostile rounds, Capt. Tohill remained at his post and directed accurate fire on the enemy, remaining in his exposed position until he was mortally wounded by an enemy shell. Through his courageous example and outstanding leadership, he inspired the personnel of his battery to man their weapons and silence the enemy counterfire."

Capt. Tohill, 29, was born July 8, 1922, in Alamosa, Colo., a son of Lawrence S, and Mabel Redmond Tohill. He was educated in Salt Lake City schools and at University of Utah, enlisting in the army in 1943. He served three years during World War II A member of Utah National Guard, he was recalled to active duty in Sept., 1950, going to Korca in Sept., 1951.

His survivors include his widow, Mrs. Vivian Seidner Tohill, whom he married in Salt Lake City in October, 1945; a daughter, Lauren; a son, Sean; his father, and a sister, Mrs. Anna Erickson, all of Salt Lake City.

