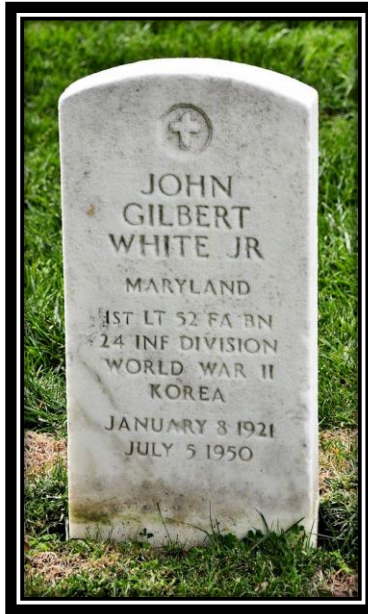


KOREAN WAR PROJECT REMEMBRANCE



**1LT JOHN GILBERT WHITE JR
Class 66-43**

52nd Field Artillery Battalion (105MM)

24th Infantry Division

Hostile, Died (KIA)

Date Of Loss: July 5, 1950

1LT - O2

Service Number: O-0516681

Camp Mead, Maryland

Born: January 8, 1921

Burial: Arlington National Cemetery

First Lieutenant White was a member of the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion, 24th Infantry Division. He was Killed in Action while fighting the enemy in South Korea on July 5, 1950. His father was Colonel John Gilbert White, Senior, U.S. Army, stationed in Albuquerque at the time of the death of Lieutenant White.

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1st White was with a 540-man unit that was the first American unit to fight in Korea. Task Force Smith had 406 men from the 21st Infantry Regiment and 134 men from the 52nd Field Artillery Battalion.

The task force was near Chukmi Ryung on 5 July 1950 when it was attacked by two regiments (16th and the 18th) from the NKPA 4th Infantry Division (strength 5,500) supported by 36 T-34 tanks. The lead element of the attacking force was 33 T-34 tanks from the 105 Armored Division that was in support of the NKPD 4th Infantry Division.

The battle began 0700 hours and lasted for six hours. The task force was out flanked on both flanks and with the threat of encirclement had to retreat. The task force suffered 150 casualties in dead wounded and missing. Today on a tree covered hilltop at Chukmi Ryung near Osan stands an obelisk that commemorates the brave stand that was made by the brave men from Task Force Smith. This day the free world drew a line in the sand to stop the spread of communism throughout the world.
By JAMES W. BOLT