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DONALD STUMP

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THE HONOLULU MEMORIAL IS LOCATED WITHIN THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC IN AN EXTINGUISHED VOLCANO NEAR THE CENTER OF THE CITY AT 2177 PUOWAINA DRIVE.

ON EITHER SIDE OF THE GRAND STAIRS LEADING TO THE MEMORIAL ARE EIGHT COURTS OF THE MISSING ON WHICH ARE INSCRIBED THE NAMES OF THE 18,096 AMERICAN WORLD WAR II MISSING FROM THE PACIFIC, EXCLUDING THOSE FROM THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, AND 8,200 AMERICAN MISSING FROM THE KOREAN WAR. TWO HALF COURTS HAVE BEEN ADDED AT THE FOOT OF THE STAIRCASE THAT CONTAIN THE NAMES OF 2,504 AMERICANS MISSING FROM THE VIETNAM WAR. AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS IS A CHAPEL FLANKED BY GALLERIES CONTAINING MOSAIC MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN ARMED FORCES IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONS AND IN KOREA.



DONALD PAUL STUMP
Sergeant (SGT), United States Army

SGT Stump's division, the 2nd Infantry Division, experienced some of the heaviest fighting during the early stages of the Korean War. By June 1952, however, the battle lines had stabilized somewhat, approximately along the area of the present-day demilitarized zone (DMZ) which separates North and South Korea.

In mid-July 1952, the U.S. 2nd Division relieved the 45th Division on the front line. The latter division had recently pushed the Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) back and occupied a series of low-lying hills south of the Yokkochon Valley in the very heart of the peninsula, west of Chorwon. Many of these hills came to be known by rather colorful nicknames: Arrowhead, Alligator Jaws, T-Bone, Spud, Arsenal, Eerie, and the famous Pork Chop Hill and Old Baldy.

Beginning on 17 July, the 23rd Infantry Regiment fought a series of battles to gain and retain possession of Hill 266, nicknamed Old Baldy because heavy artillery fire during earlier fighting had cleared all trees and vegetation from the hill. Initially, the 3rd Battalion, 23rd Infantry battled for the hill. By 21 July, however, surviving 3rd Battalion forces were so few that reinforcement became necessary. SGT Stump's G Company was chosen to renew the assault for the hill.

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The Korean War Honor Roll

Donald Paul Stump

Dallas, Iowa
Born 1929

Sergeant, U.S. Army
Service Number 55162838
Killed in Action
Died July 22, 1952 in Korea

Sergeant Stump was a member of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He was killed in action while fighting the enemy in North Korea on July 22, 1952. His remains were not recovered. His name is inscribed on the Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial. Sergeant Stump was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

G Company's attack began late on the 21st and continued into the early hours of 22 July. By 3:30 AM, the Americans had secured most of the hill, but the Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) retained control of part of the summit. Reportedly, G Company had difficulty fortifying the newly won terrain because of the steady rain of incoming enemy artillery and mortar fire.

It was during this mortar fire when SGT Stump moved to a foxhole to assist a wounded soldier and a mortar round struck a direct hit at the position and killed both men instantly. SGT Stump's body was never recovered. He, along with 8,200 Korean War MIAs, are recognized at the Honolulu Memorial in Hawaii.

