



Loreto De La Toba (1928 – 1950)

Loreto De La Toba listed his hometown as San Diego, CA

He was born in 1928 and was a Sergeant First Class (E7) in the United States Army. His Service Number was RA19237213.

He was assigned to an Infantry Company and had an MOS of 2745 (Light Weapons Infantry Leader).

The following history is provided for the time period around Thanksgiving, 1950:

On 25 November 1950, the regiment stopped for Thanksgiving Dinner near the Kuryang River and a small North Korean village named Ipsok. General MacArthur had announced that the Korean "Police Action" was almost over and that troops would be home for Christmas. The 25th Division, part of the US I Corps, launched an advance towards Unsan. The 27th Regiment was designated as the Corps reserve. However, Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) had other plans. They had moved six armies over the border into North Korea. They savagely attacked UN forces on 25 November, causing a retreat across the entire front. Captain Reginald Desiderio gave his life protecting the task force command post. Wounded numerous times, he still managed to encourage his men. He moved up and down the line shouting, "Hold on 'till daylight! Hold on 'till daylight, and we've got it. He was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously. Forced to conduct a fighting withdrawal, the "Wolfhounds" of the 27th Infantry Regiment withdrew to Yongbyon and then Sukchon taking up defensive positions. Further retreats were ordered to the Imjin River and finally to Pyongyang in early January where the division took up defensive positions. The Chinese had pushed American forces out of North Korea and recaptured Seoul.

Sergeant First Class De La Toba was a member of the 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He was Killed in Action while fighting the enemy in North Korea on November 27, 1950. Sergeant First Class De La Toba was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Korean War Service Medal. He is buried at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery and his grave is located at Plot: P 1536. He was buried on December 3, 1954. A street in the Sunbow community of Chula Vista was named in his honor.



