

Fidel Guzman Flores (1930 – 1950)

Fidel Flores was born on April 24, 1930 in Chula Vista, CA. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Flores of Route 1, Chula Vista. He was a student of Chula Vista Junior High School in 1946, and then went to continuation school. He and his family came to Chula Vista from Texas in 1945.

He joined the U. S. Marine Corps and was a Private First Class (PFC/E3) when he died in South Korea on 29 November 1950 at the age of 20. He had been in South Korea since September 14, 1950.

Landing at Wonson, S. Korea, his unit proceeded to the Yalu River, and was evidently returning with his tank unit to the Wonson area when he was killed in action.

A brief history of the 1st Tank Battalion during the Korean War follows:

On 31 Jan 1950 at the Battalion was at Camp Pendleton, CA and then shipped out to Pusan, Korea arriving 3 Aug 1950. A list of battles and dates follow:

"Action against aggressor forces (Northern Koreans) Korea." 3 Aug 50 to 11 Sep 50.

"Assault and seizure of Inchon" 15Sep50 to 16Sep50.

"Capture and securing of Seoul." 17Sep50 to 7Oct50

"Participated in the Wonsan-Hungnam-Chosin campaign, Northern Korea." 26Oct50 to 12Dec50 "

Private First Class Flores was a member of Company D, 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division. He was Killed in Action (KIA) while fighting the enemy in Korea on November 29, 1950. Private First Class Flores was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Service Ribbon, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal. He is buried at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery and his grave location is at Plot: O 737. He was buried on November 23, 1954.



