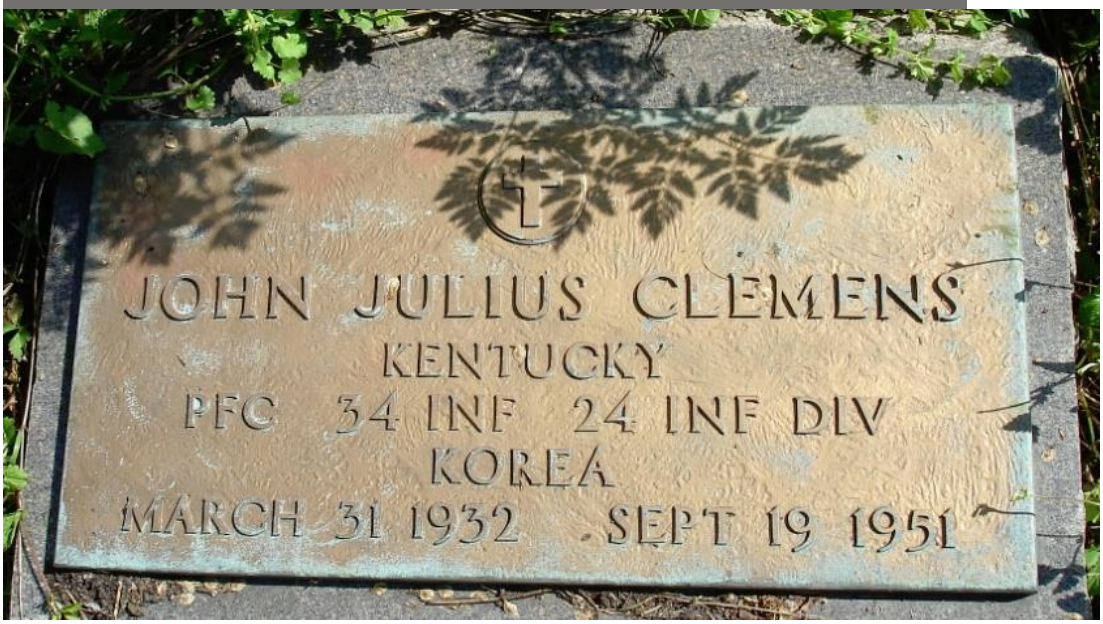
Clemens, John Julius

PFC John Julius Clemens

BIRTH 31 Mar 1932
Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky, USA

DEATH 19 Sep 1951 (aged 19)
South Korea

BURIAL Reeves Memorial Cemetery
Winchester, Clark County, Kentucky, USA



Military marker, Reeves Memorial Cemetery

Parents


John Henry Clemens
1883–1971


Lela *Bean* Clemens
1891–1971

Siblings


William McKinley Clemens
1936–1983

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Nathaniel Hampton, Jr., 49 Oliver street; John J. Clemens, 24 Pearl street; David Carter, Jr., 127 Second street, and Edward Wiliams, 22 Fifth street, enlisted in the regular army for three years in the grade of recruit. They will receive their basic training at the Third Armored Division, Fort Knox, Ky.

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Soldier's Body Enroute To City

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24 (CPS)— A Winchester soldier is now en route under military honor escort to his last revered resting place in Winchester.

Pfc. John J. Clemens, son of John H. and Lela Clemens, 24 Pearl Street, Winchester, lost his life as a result of the fighting in Korea. His was among the bodies of 510 American war heroes returned to the United States aboard the Loma Victory.

The Department of Defense announced today that the ship docked recently at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

The Winchester father has been notified by the Department of Defense. The body will be sent with a military escort to the point designated by each individual's next of kin.

A burial with military honors awaits each war hero who gave hs life for his country in Korea.

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Clemens Funeral

Pfc. John J. Clemens, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Clemens, 24 Pearl St. was killed in action in Korea September 19, 1951. Pfc. Clemens enlisted Jan. 3, 1951 and was sent to Korea in August.

He was a members of the Broadway Baptist church and a member of the usher board. Besides his parents he is survived by three brothers, Egbert and Richard Lawrence, Dayton, Ohio, William Clemens and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Plesant both of this city. Funeral services will be at the Broadway Baptist church Thursday at 2 o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our dear son and brother, John J. Clemens, who lost his life in Korea Sept. 19, 1951.

God hath not promised skies
always blue,
Flower strewn pathways all our
lives through.
God hath not promised sun with
out rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace with-
out pain.
But God hath promised strength
for the day.
Rest for the labor, light for the
day,
Grace for the trials, help from
above
Unfailing sympathy, undying
love.

Sadly missed by the Family.

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19 Sep 1966, Mon -Page 6

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear son, John J. Clemens, who departed this life in Korea, Sept. 19, 1951.

Memories are treasurers, none can steal. There is a heartache no one can heal. Some may forget you since you are gone, but I will remember no matter how long. Sadly missed by Mother and Dad.

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19 Sep 1958, Fri -Page 6

In Memoriam

In memory of our dear son, John J. Clemens, who lost his life in Korea, September 19, 1951.

Seven years ago today the Lord saw fit to take you away to a brighter world. God, who gave us you, had a right to claim his own.

Sadly missed by Mother, Dad and Brothers.

American Battle Monuments Commission
Full Name: John J Clemens
Birth Date: 1932
State Of Residence: Clark, Kentucky
Death Status: Killed in Action
Death: Died September 19, 1951 in Korea
Death Date: 19 Sep 1951
Rank: Private First Class, U.S. Army
Service Number: 15442072
Conflict Period: Korean War
Private First Class Clemens was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman 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.
Notes:
Private First Class Clemens was a member of the 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He was Killed in Action while fighting the enemy in North Korea on September 19, 1951.


Korean Service Medal


National Defense Service Medal

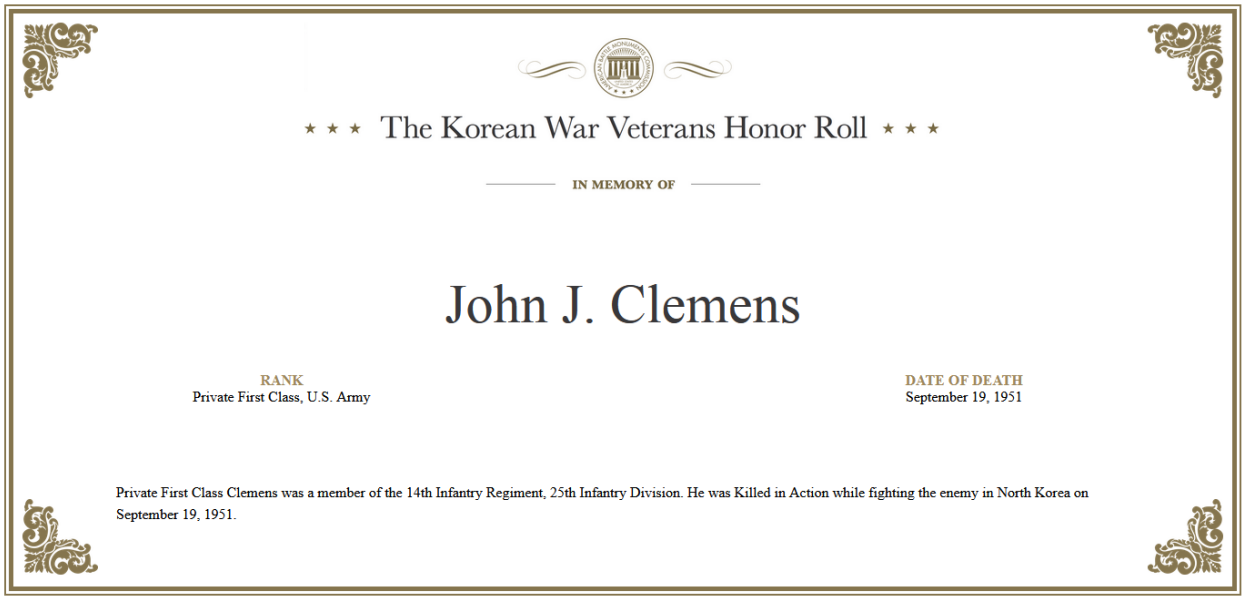

Purple Heart

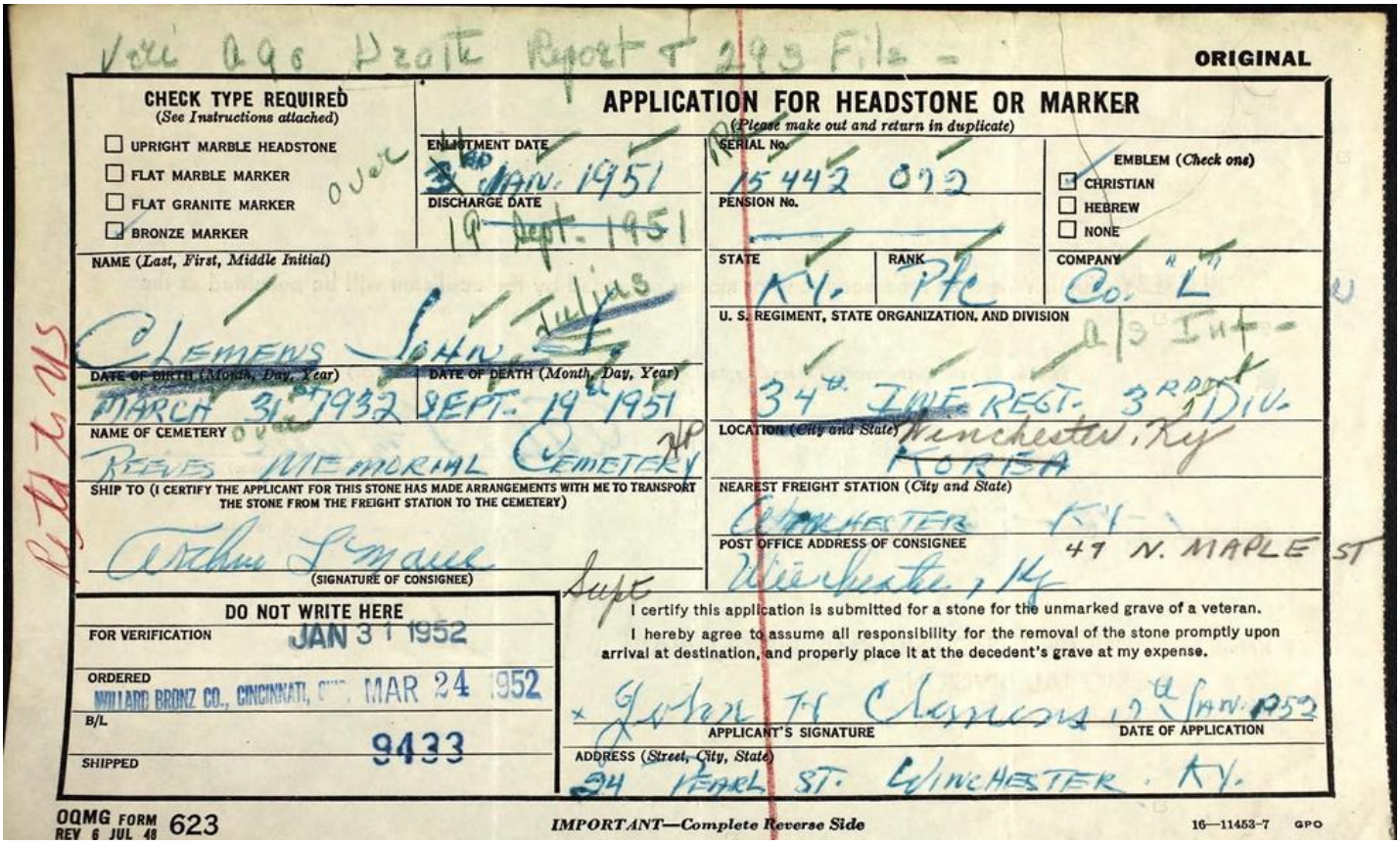

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation


Republic of Korea War Service Medal


United Nations Service Medal


Combat Infantryman Badge





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APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER
(Please make out and return in duplicate)

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED (See Instructions attached)
- ☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE
- ☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER
- ☐ FLAT GRANITE MARKER
- ☑ BRONZE MARKER

ENLISTMENT DATE: 3 JAN. 1951
DISCHARGE DATE: 19 Sept. 1951
SERIAL No.: 15 442 072
PENSION No.:
EMBLEM (Check one): ☑ CHRISTIAN ☐ HEBREW ☐ NONE
STATE: Ky.
RANK: Pfc
COMPANY: Co. "L"
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial): Clemens John Julius
U. S. REGIMENT, STATE ORGANIZATION, AND DIVISION: 34th INF REGT. 3RD DIV.
DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year): MARCH 31 1932
DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year): SEPT. 19 1951
LOCATION (City and State): Manchester, Ky KOREA
NAME OF CEMETERY: REEVES MEMORIAL CEMETERY
NEAREST FREIGHT STATION (City and State): Winchester Ky
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(SIGNATURE OF CONSIGNEE)
POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE: 49 N. MAPLE ST Winchester, Ky

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FOR VERIFICATION: JAN 31 1952
ORDERED: MAR 24 1952
WILLARD BRONZ CO., CINCINNATI, O.
B/L: 9433
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I certify this application is submitted for a stone for the unmarked grave of a veteran.
I hereby agree to assume all responsibility for the removal of the stone promptly upon arrival at destination, and properly place it at the decedent's grave at my expense.

× John J. Clemens 2 JAN 1952
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE — DATE OF APPLICATION

ADDRESS (Street, City, State): 94 PEARL ST. WINCHESTER, KY.

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from Tyler's history:
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PFC John Julius Clemens 14th Infantry Regiment
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Army
Hostile, Died (KIA)
Date Of Loss: September 19, 1951
Service Number: RA15442072
Born: March 31, 1932
Home Or Place Of Enlistment
Winchester, Kentucky
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Full Name
JOHN J CLEMENS
State of Residence
Kentucky
Birth Year
1932
Race
of African descent
Service Number
RA15 442 072
Grade
Private First Class
Army Branch
No Branch Assignment
Component
USA Đ RA

Place of Casualty
North Korea Sector
Date of Casualty
19 Sep 1951
Type of Casualty
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Place of Disposition
North Korea
Date of Disposition
19 Sep 1951
Conflict Period
Korean War
Branch
Army
Served for
United States of America

KIAs in 14th Infantry in Sept 1951

View	Name	Date Of Loss	Assigned	Location	Town/Hill	Burial
View	DUNNAWAY, KENNETH LEROY	AUG 29, 1951	E CO		CHIPO-RI	CEMETERY
View	HAMERQUIST, CHARLES EDWARD	SEP 15, 1951	I CO			CEMETERY
View	CLEMENS, JOHN JULIUS	SEP 19, 1951	L CO			CEMETERY
View	MCCLUNG, AUBREY CHESTER	SEP 20, 1951	A CO			CEMETERY
View	CHEPKE, MARTIN MITCHEL	SEP 20, 1951	F CO			CEMETERY
View	THOMAS, LEONARD	SEP 21, 1951	B CO			CEMETERY
View	TAYLOR, EDWARD JULIUS	SEP 21, 1951	L CO			CEMETERY
View	FIELDS, BERT LELAND	SEP 22, 1951	HQ HQ CO			CEMETERY
View	RABB, ROBERT LEE	SEP 22, 1951	HQ HQ CO			CEMETERY
View	ANDERSON, CHARLIE MARTIN	SEP 22, 1951	K CO			CEMETERY
View	ALLEMAN, LARRY CAROL	SEP 23, 1951	C CO			CEMETERY
View	JORDAN, JACK M	SEP 25, 1951				CEMETERY
View	SCHWARTZ, RAYMOND ROBERT	SEP 27, 1951	HQ CO			CEMETERY
View	HARMON, PAUL HERBERT	SEP 29, 1951	K CO			CEMETERY

KIA in 14th Infantry in Oct 1951

View	BENNETT, CLYDE WHITMAN	OCT 3, 1951	E CO			CEMETERY
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View	POWENSKI, JOSEPH LAWRENCE	OCT 6, 1951	MED CO			DNA NEEDED
View	FENTON, JOHN RUSSELL	OCT 10, 1951	K CO			CEMETERY
View	GEORGE, NICHOLAS JOSEPH	OCT 10, 1951	K CO			CEMETERY
View	GILLES JR, CHARLES WILLIAM	OCT 10, 1951	K CO			CEMETERY
View	GRIMM, ALLEN EARL	OCT 10, 1951	K CO			CEMETERY
View	UBER, LESTER JAMES	OCT 10, 1951	K CO			CEMETERY
View	DRAKE, CHARLES EARL	OCT 11, 1951	E CO			CEMETERY
View	WINKFIELD JR, MARSHALL	OCT 12, 1951	I CO			CEMETERY
View	HARDIMON, HORACE	OCT 13, 1951	HQ CO		CHOOMNIN	CEMETERY
View	PRANGE, CARL GEORGE	OCT 18, 1951	F CO			CEMETERY
View	SIMMONS JR, ROBERT J	OCT 18, 1951	F CO	KUMHWA	KUMSONG AREA	CEMETERY
View	MOENING JR, CLARENCE RAYMOND	OCT 18, 1951	MED CO			CEMETERY
View	SIGMUND, EDMUND GEORGE	OCT 21, 1951	C CO			CEMETERY
View	SMITH, THOMAS C	OCT 26, 1951				CEMETERY

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The 14th Infantry in Korea

In responding to the North Korean invasion of South Korea in June 1950 the U.S. Army found itself desperately short of units to halt the Communist advance. Continental U.S. (CONUS) units were stripped of personnel and equipment and sent to Korea on a priority basis. On 21 July 1950 the 3rd Battalion, 14th Infantry was reassigned to the Far East Command and then to the 1st Cavalry Division where it was redesignated as the 3rd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment. Unlike other units that had been cobbled together at the last minute, the 3rd Battalion, 14th Infantry was at full strength and due to it's rigorous training in mountain warfare, was in excellent shape to fight in the Korean mountains.

On 23 July 1951, the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry was transferred to Fort Benning where it was assigned to and redesignated as a battalion in one of the 3rd Infantry Division's regiments. The 3rd Division was initially sent to Japan, then to Korea. The remaining personnel and equipment of the

14th Infantry at Camp Carson were reassigned to other CONUS units. On 1 August 1951 the 14th Infantry less personnel and equipment was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division then fighting in Korea. To man and equip the 14th Infantry the assets of the 34th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Division, then conducting infantry training in Japan, were used. The 14th Infantry moved to Korea where it replaced the 24th Infantry Regiment, which was being inactivated as part of the integration of the Army.

The next two years found the Regiment in almost constant combat along the 38th Parallel occupying defensive positions like Heartbreak Ridge, Punchbowl and Pork Chop Hill and conducting aggressive combat patrols. The 14th Infantry's service in Korea earned the Regiment five campaign streamers and a Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation for gallantry at Munsan-Ni. Three Golden Dragons were awarded the Medal of Honor: PFC Bryant E. Womack, Medical Co, SGT Donn F. Porter Co G (both posthumously) and PFC. Earnest E. West, Co. L

Excerpted from history researched and organized by John Keliher at the 25th Infantry Division Association website.

1951

A Communist attack on New Year's Day 1951 broke through the ROK 1st Division on the right flank of the 25th Division, making the 25th's positions untenable. A new defensive line was established in the vicinity of Ch'onan early in January, after the division fought rearguard actions to allow the evacuation of Seoul.

On 25 January UN forces returned to the offensive. The 25th Division reached the Han River to the southeast of Seoul on 19-20 February. On 7 March the 25th attacked across the Han and headed north, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. By the end of March the 25th Division held a line above the Hant'an River south of Ch'orwon, about 35 miles northeast of Seoul.

On 22 April the Chinese launched another offensive, again pushing the UN forces back. The 25th Division fell back through successive blocking positions to a line about five miles northeast of Seoul. There the division prepared for another UN offensive, which was launched on 20 May 1951. The 25th progressed through a series of planned phase lines, crossed the 38th Parallel, and captured the "Iron Triangle" town of Kumhwa by the middle of June. On 21 June the 25th Division was relieved by the 3d Infantry Division and placed in reserve near Uijongbu [about 10 miles north of Seoul, South Korea, where it prepared positions along a secondary defensive line and conducted training and rear area security missions.

When armistice negotiations began on 10 July 1951, the war entered a new stage. The lines became static, with limited objective attacks and probing tank-infantry patrols replacing sweeping offensives. In mid-July the 25th Division returned to the front line, and by the end of the month was in its previous positions in the Ch'orwon-Kumhwa area. The division occupied these positions until mid-December, conducting frequent patrols and several company-sized raids to destroy enemy bunkers. The division also improved its own defensive positions. Artillery bombardments of enemy lines and ambushes of enemy patrols were also common activities.

In mid-December the 2d Infantry Division relieved the 25th, which then moved into reserve near Kapyong. There the division was engaged in training activities and in maintaining the secondary defensive line. Divisional elements were also provided for front line duties and rear area security missions as needed.