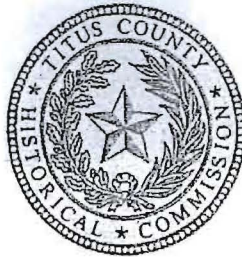


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Section I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS) — By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul 43, 1918) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, the Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded posthumously to the following enlisted personnel:

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS L.D. SUMMERLIN, RA6295139, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company B, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, displayed gallantry in action against an armed enemy on 21 August 1950 in the vicinity of Hyonpung, Korea. On that date his platoon was engaged in clearing the village of Hyonpung. During the action, the platoon leader was struck down by a burst of enemy automatic weapons fire. Sergeant Summerlin, the platoon sergeant, immediately and with complete disregard for his personal safety, dashed forward into the intense hostile fire to the aid of his fallen leader. As he reached the wounded officer's side, but a few yards from the enemy positions, he was killed by enemy fire. The gallantry and selfless action of Sergeant Summerlin in going to the aid of his platoon leader at the sacrifice of his own life reflect great credit upon himself and fully uphold the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the military service from Texas.

As noted by Military Historian, Hal Baker; "Action in the vicinity of Hyonpung in the first Battle of the Naktong Bulge near Changnyong south of Taegue. Brutal fighting. I've been down in that area. They were pretty much with their backs against the wall" ...Hal Barker, Dallas, Texas... (Honorary Life Member, 23rd Infantry Regiment Association, Korean War Branch... Founder – Korean War Veterans Memorial, Washington, D.C.)

Koreanwar.org The SFC L.D. Summerlin Memorial Park, a small rural park in the west/central part of Titus County, across from West New Hope Methodist Church, is granted a Titus County Historical Commission "Jack Hooker" Award of Merit. As such, the TCHC requests that Pct. 2 Commissioner regularly inspect the condition of the park and provide such maintenance and clean-up as may be appropriate (mowing & "weed-eating"). A swing set and a



covered picnic area with 2 tables are located here under the shade of several large oak trees. The West New Hope Methodist Church is a Texas Historical Marker site.

