

Ronald Cole Shuler, T-46

9 January 1928 – 20 May 1992

(aged 64)



Private Shuler, 23, suffered shrapnel wounds in the right-side arm and shoulder and in the face on September 11, 1951. His father last night praised the “super excellent care” given the Marine. He was flown from a field hospital to a base hospital in Seoul. From there he traveled by

train to the Pusan harbor, where he is a patient aboard the hospital ship Repose.

He was wounded on “Heartbreak Ridge” with many others in his company in an unsuccessful attempt to capture a Communist bunker on a hill.

In a letter written September 6, Private Shuler told his parents of some “very bitter fighting in which we lost over 100 men, but the Chinese lost over half of a division, they really hated to lose this ridge line. We were fighting mostly fresh troops from China and North Korea.”

He was recently named squad leader in Company 1 of the Seventh Regiment and described building a bunker in a deep hole along the top of a ridge. “I have a regular arsenal in here – my M-1 rifle, 34 clips of eight

bullets each, six hand grenades, bayonet, etc; Almost like the movies, hah!!”

Private Shuler played tackle on the Tech High grid squads of 1943-45. He attended Memphis State College and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville before he was recalled to Marine duty from the Reserves last October. He reached Korea in May and has been on the front ever since. Information from The Commercial Appeal, Friday, September 28, 1951.

