

Leslie Hamilton Solomon, T-41

14 October 1921 – 2 December 1950

(aged 29)



Sergeant First Class Leslie H. Solomon, who had been missing since December 2, 1950, listed a niece, Miss Evelyn Coleen Sullivan of 25 West Davant, as his next of kin. The 30-year-old soldier was serving with the Seventh Infantry Division. Last home four years ago. Sergeant Solomon joined the Army at the age of 16 and served in Germany during the last six weeks of World War II. His wife, Mrs. Ruth Solomon, last heard of in Washington State, learned from another soldier that her husband was ambushed on a combat patrol. The sergeant attended Rozelle School and Tech High School. He also leaves a brother, William A. Solomon of North Lake IL. Their father, William A. Solomon, Sr., of Memphis, died last January 23.

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He was listed as Missing in Action while fighting the enemy near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea on December 2, 1950. He was presumed dead on December 31, 1953. His remains were not recovered.

The Battle of Chosin Reservoir, also known as the Chosin Reservoir Campaign was a decisive battle in the Korean War. On 27 November, the Chinese Army surprised UN Forces at the Chosin Reservoir area. A brutal 17-day battle in freezing weather and rough terrain soon followed. In the period between 27 November and 13 December 1950, 30,000 United

Nations troops were encircled and attacked by approximately 120,000 Chinese troops.

The cold weather was accompanied by frozen ground, resulting in frostbite casualties, icy roads, and weapon malfunctions. In the end, over 17,000 UN forces were killed or wounded or missing in action, or died of wounds. The Chinese suffered three times that amount.

