

Isiac E Richards

He was a **Korean War Era** casualty on September 19, 1951. ★ He served with honor in the **United States Army**. ★ He is remembered by the people of **Mississippi** ★ May his positive example inspire us, as global citizens. ★ When we work together, we can help one another. America's Fallen



Korean War



US Army



Mississippi



State Flower



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▼ STATE OVERVIEW

Mississippi

Isiac E Richards is among the 3,910 American Gold Star casualties recorded in our archive with close ties to Mississippi. This is a substantial number of individuals who gave their lives in service to their country.

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SERVICE OVERVIEW

Name	Isiac E Richards
From	Jones County, Mississippi
Death	September 19, 1951
War	Korean War
ID	14322128
Rank	Corporal
Specialty	Light Weapons Infantryman

Branch US Army
Group Company L, 3rd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division
MIA Status Declared Dead while Missing
Cause MIA Missing in Action Declared Dead
Location North Korea, Battle of Heartbreak Ridge
Awarded ★ Purple Heart

ORIGINS



According to our records [Mississippi](#) was his home or enlistment state and [Jones County](#) included within the archival record.

SERVICE



He had enlisted in the United States Army. Served during the Korean War. Richards had the rank of Corporal. His military occupation or specialty was Light Weapons Infantryman. Service number assignment was 14322128. Attached to Company L, 3rd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division.

CASUALTY



During his service in the Korean War, Army Corporal Richards was reported missing and ultimately declared dead on [September 19, 1951](#). **Recorded circumstances attributed to: MIA Missing in Action Declared Dead. Incident location: North Korea, Battle of Heartbreak Ridge.**

DETAILS



The Battle of Heartbreak Ridge was a month-long battle in the Korean War which took place between September 13 and October 15, 1951. It was one of several major engagements in the hills of North Korea a few miles north of the 38th parallel.

Both sides suffered high casualties. Over 3,700 American and French and an estimated 25,000 North Korean and Chinese. These losses made a deep impression on the UN and US command, which decided that battles like Heartbreak Ridge were not worth the high cost in blood for the relatively small amount of terrain captured.

REMEMBERED



Isiac E Richards is buried or memorialized at Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial. This is an American Battle Monuments Commission location.



Isiac is remembered at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington. This is a National Parks Service and American Battle Monuments Commission location.

COMMENDATIONS

- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ Combat Infantryman Badge
- ★ Marksmanship Badge
- ★ Korean Service Medal
- ★ National Defense Service Medal
- ★ Republic of Korea Presidential Citation
- ★ Republic of Korea War Service Medal
- ★ United Nations Service Medal
- ★ Army Presidential Unit Citation
- ★ Army Good Conduct Medal





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