



SFC Ellis Coon

November 15, 1920 - February 14, 1951

Sergeant First Class Ellis Coon was born in Pike County, MS, November 15, 1920 to the late Mr. Isah Coon and the late Mrs. Viola Coon. He joined the U.S. Army while living in Osyka, MS, and was a member of Battery C, 503rd Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division in 1950. He was reported Missing In Action (MIA) on December 1, 1950, after his unit was engaged in the Battle of Ch'ongch'on in the vicinity of Kunu-ri, North Korea.

Using information provided by repatriated POWs after the war, it was determined that SFC Coon had been a Prisoner of War (POW) in Camp #5, and died of malnutrition and lack of medical care on or around Feb. 14, 1951. His remains were not recovered, and he was not identified among the remains returned to U.S. custody after the war. The Army issued a presumptive finding of death in March 1954 and declared Coon non-recoverable in January 1956.

On Dec. 21, 1993, North Korea unilaterally turned over 34 boxes of remains believed to be of U.S. service members who had died during the war. Among these remains were some reportedly recovered from Tongju-ri, Pyokdong County, North Phyongan Province—the same area as POW Camp #5. Scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) and autosomal DNA (auSTR) analysis to identify SFC Coon's remains.

SFC Coon's name is recorded on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific also known as the Punchbowl Cemetery, along with the others who are still missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

A visitation for SFC Coon will be held from 5pm-7pm, Friday, April 28, 2023, at Craft-Dillon Funeral Home in McComb, MS. The Funeral Service is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Craft-Dillon Funeral Home starting at 2pm.

Minister Julius Williams will officiate the funeral service with interment to follow in Hollywood Cemetery.

Please share your condolences at www.craftfuneralhome.org.

Cemetery Details

Hollywood Cemetery

Pennsylvania Ave.
McComb, MS 39648

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *SFC Ellis Coon*

October 09, 2023 at 08:24 AM



“ *Our staff will continue to keep your family in our prayers. We thank you for allowing us to serve your family during this difficult time.*
~~~~*Craft-Dillon Funeral Home & Craft-Dillon-Ginn Funeral Chapel*

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