

CLINTON GALEN MCLAUGHLIN
1932-1951

Clinton Galen McLaughlin was born 23rd of March 1932 to Laura V McCreery and George McLaughlin, the only child the couple had. He lived his boyhood in Ten Sleep, Wyoming. It was from Ten Sleep that Clinton (Sandy) joined the Army and served as a private first class in the 5th Cavalry Infantry the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea in 1950-1951. He was killed in Korea June 1, 1951 and his body returned for burial to the States. His parents were divorced and his mother Laura was the sole member of his family as Clinton Galen McLaughlin had no siblings.

Memories: Sandy was as you might suspect red haired—not the soft sandy it sounds, but a very deep red. His complexion was nearly without color--a very contrasting stark white. I can see him still as he went to and from school and lived near the convergence of the Nowood and the Ten Sleep creeks. Always, Sandy seemed to be alone. In the spring of 1951, a dance was held at the Princess Hall and Sandy was there sitting in one of the chairs placed round the walls of the hall watching the dancers and staring into space. He was wearing his military uniform, very neat and very tidy. His uncles, the McCreery boys were strapping men, but Sandy was small probably less than 5 ft 7 inches and of medium weight. My memory of it is that he didn't dance; he spent the evening alone and did not appear to associate with anyone, but he seemed to be deep in thought. I recall that at Intermission in the evening, the dancers moved to the doors of the Princess and went into the café part of the building. I saw Sandy sitting there as the hall emptied and the band went for a break—still alone and still deep in his thoughts. That was Sandy McLaughlin's last public appearance in Ten Sleep. He was shipped to Korea and died there in 1951. (*Faye V Bell, SLC, UT May 2012*)

TEN SLEEP G. I. KILLED

Pfc. Clinton G. McLaughlin, son of Mrs. Lorea McLaughlin, Ten Sleep, was reported killed in action in fighting in Korea, it was announced yesterday by the defense department which listed five Wyoming marines and soldiers as being wounded.

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army in Korea were Pvt. Charles E. Allard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Allard of Riverton; Second Lt. Phillip R. Berrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil R. Berrey, Casper.

Wounded while serving in Korea with the marine corps were Pfc. Albert T. Oates, jr., son of Mrs. Rose C. Hitz of Lusk; Pfc. Roy L. Olson, Sheridan; Pfc. Eugene M. Orr, Newcastle.

Pvt. Howard W. Harrison, Cheyenne, previously wounded, returned to duty.

BODY OF TEN SLEEP SOLDIER ARRIVES SUN.

Another Korean war fatality, Clinton McLaughlin of Ten Sleep, will arrive in Worland Sunday afternoon. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Ten Sleep Methodist church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars chaplain officiating.

McLaughlin was killed in action in Korea June 1. He is survived by his father, George McLaughlin of Meeteetse, and his mother, Mrs. Laura McLaughlin of Ten Sleep.

A color guard and pallbearers from Worland Floyd Minch Post No. 44 will meet the train Sunday, and the Ten Sleep Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will furnish pallbearers, firing squad and color guard for the military funeral at Ten Sleep Tuesday.

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