

Gordon Joseph Lippman

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PERSONAL DATA:

Home of Record: Lemmon, SD

Date of birth: 11/25/1924

MILITARY DATA:

Service Branch: Army of the United States

Grade at loss: O5

Rank: Lieutenant Colonel

Promotion Note: None

ID No: 060536

MOS: 1542: Infantry Unit Commander

Length Service: 22

Unit: HHC, 3RD BDE, 1ST INF DIV, USARV

CASUALTY DATA:

Start Tour: 09/16/1965

Incident Date: Not Recorded

Casualty Date: 12/11/1965

Status Date: Not Applicable

Status Change: Not Applicable

Age at Loss: 41 (based on date declared dead)

Location: Province not reported, South Vietnam

Remains: Body recovered

Repatriated: Not Applicable

Identified: Not Applicable

Casualty Type: Hostile, died of wounds

Casualty Reason: Ground casualty

Casualty Detail: Gun or small arms fire

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REGISTRATION CARD (Men born on or after July 1, 1924, and on or before December 31, 1924)
(Also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date of their birth on or after January 1, 1943.)

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)	ORDER NUMBER
W <u>78</u>	<u>GORDON Joseph Lippman</u> (First) (Middle) (Last)	<u>13670</u>

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
119 E. ALMOND ST. Compton L.A. Calif.
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON LINE 2 ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS
SAME
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same, insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE <u>NE: 14508</u> (Exchange) (Number)	5. AGE IN YEARS <u>18</u> DATE OF BIRTH <u>Nov. 25 1924</u> (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH <u>L A P</u> (Town or county) <u>NORTH DAKOTA</u> (State or country)
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7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS
MRS. ARLEEN Lippman-710 B. ST. HOT SPRINGS. S. DAKOTA

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
C. S. SMITH-240 E. Compton BLVD. Compton-Calif.

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS
240 E. Compton BLVD. Compton L.A. Calif.
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

Gordon Joseph Lippman
(Registrant's signature)

Bookmobile Schedule

County Public Library
visits the following
weeks:

3rd: Vale, 9:00 A.M.
4th: Kings Park, 11:00
5th: 10 P.M. January 4th:
6th: Hillis, 2:00 P.M.—8:00
7th: 10 P.M.—5:00
8th: North Spring-
9th: 10 A.M.—5:00 P.M.;
10th: Estates, 10:00 A.M.—
11th: January 6th: Dunn-
12th: Woods, 1:45 P.M.—8:00
13th: Odley Subdivision, Sul-
14th: tor, Woodlawn Manor
15th: Vernon Terrace, 10:00
16th: 10 P.M. January 7th:
17th: Stonewall Manor, 9:30
18th: 10 P.M.; Chantilly,
19th: —4:00 P.M.

Movies at County Library

"The Wonderful World of
Films" continues the "Family
Film Night" program at the
Headquarters Library meeting
room, Fairfax, January 5, at 7:30
with the following films:

"Amelia and the Angel," 30
minutes, black and white.
Amelia is one of five little angels
in an end-of-term play. When
her little brother destroys her
wings she searches everywhere
for a new pair.

"Angotee," 32 minutes, color.
In telling the story of Angotee,
the film describes the life and
customs of an Eskimo family,
the typical upbringing of an
Eskimo boy and the favored
place he occupies in the family.

"Eskimo Artist Kenojuak," 20
minutes, color. A film essay a-
bout Kenojuak, an Eskimo

RECENT DEATHS

Thomas M. Healey of Vienna
died last week. He is survived
by his wife, and one daughter.
Funeral services were held
Friday at 2 P.M., with interme-
in Suitland, Md.

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Lt. Col. Gordon L. Lippman
a former resident of Vienna, was
killed by sniper fire in Viet Nam
on December 11. He was a native
of North Dakota, and a veteran
of the Korean War, in which he
received the Distinguished Ser-
vice Cross for gallantry. He
survived by his wife, two sons,
Mark and Michael and a daugh-
ter, Lura Lee Lippman. His fun-
eral took place on Tuesday
9:45 A.M. from Fort My-
Chapel, and burial was in Ar-
lington Cemetery.

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LTC Gordon Joseph Lippman

ID: 260775  

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Gordon Joseph Lippman

First Name: Gordon

Middle Name: Joseph

Last Name: Lippman

Birthplace: Zap, ND, USA

Date of Birth: 25 November 1924

Gender: Male

Date of Death: 11 December 1965

Branch: Army (1784 - present)

Rank: Lieutenant Colonel

Years Served: 1943 - 1965

Home of Record: Lemmon, SD

Engagements:

- World War II (1941 - 1945)
- Korean War (1950 - 1953)
- Vietnam War (1960 - 1973)

Biography:

Gordon Joseph Lippman **Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army**

Gordon Joseph Lippman enlisted in the U.S. Army on 19 March 1943 at Los Angeles, CA. He served with the 517th Parachute Regiment in the European Theater of Operations in Italy, Southern France, the Ardennes-Alsace, and in Germany. He was wounded in December 1944 during the Battle of the Bulge. A short time later, SGT Lippman received a battlefield commission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry.

On 27 November 1950, then-First Lieutenant Gordon Joseph Lippman was serving with Company A, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, in Korea. During the early morning hours, near Ipsok, Korea, a strong hostile force attacked the supply train of 1LT Lippman's 1st Battalion. Despite exposure to intense hostile fire, he organized the supply troops in a perimeter defense and led the machine gun crew to vantage points from which they could direct effective counterfire on the attacking enemy. Advancing through a deadly small arms and mortar barrage, he contacted the supply area of an adjacent unit which enabled the two forces to combine their strength and repel the hostile incursion. 1LT Lippman's valorous actions earned him the U.S. Army's third highest award for valor, the Silver Star Medal.

On 11 April 1951, then-Captain Lippman was serving as Commanding Officer of Company A, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division in the vicinity of Do Chung, Korea. CPT Lippman was leading his men across the Hantan River in the predawn darkness in an attempt to secure the high ground on the opposite shore from a well-entrenched hostile force. When his men were in the middle of the river, an enemy outpost discovered the operation and directed machine-gun fire on the wading troops. Quickly deploying his men, CPT Lippman led a charge against the hostile emplacement, destroying it and enabling the Company to finish the crossing with a minimum of casualties. He then reorganized the Company and led his men across a flat, exposed area toward the objective. The enemy, emplaced in a strong perimeter defense on the crest of the hill, directed such a devastating volume of fire on the friendly troops that only a platoon of the Company reached the base of the objective with CPT Lippman. The remainder of Company A was pinned down by the intense fire. He realized that the platoon would be forced to launch a frontal assault against the enemy positions unless some method was used to divert the hostile fire from the attacking troops. Armed only with a pistol and grenades, he quickly moved up the slope and attacked the enemy emplacements. For forty-five minutes, he maneuvered to within a few yards of these positions, harassing the hostile troops and drawing their concentrated fire. His courageous action enabled the platoon to work its way to a position from which an assault was launched that routed the enemy. CPT Lippman's courage and heroism earned him the U.S. Army's second highest award for valor, the Distinguished Service Cross.

On 11 December 1965, Lieutenant Colonel Lippman was serving as Executive Officer of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. That day, Viet Cong snipers infiltrated his camp perimeter near Lai Khe, South Vietnam, and LTC Lippman was trying to locate the snipers. While he was moving across an open area, he was shot and killed.

Medals, Awards and Badges

Distinguished Service Cross
Silver Star Medal
Legion of Merit
Bronze Star Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
Purple Heart with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Medal
Army Commendation Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
Army Good Conduct Medal
American Campaign Medal
European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Stars
World War II Victory Medal
Army of Occupation Medal (Germany)
National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star
Korean Service Medal with Bronze Service Star
Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Service Star
United Nations Service Medal
Vietnam Campaign Medal
Republic of Korea War Service Medal
Army Presidential Unit Citation
Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
Combat Infantryman Badge with 2 Stars (Third Award)
Master Parachutist Badge with Combat Jump Star

Distinguished Service Cross Citation

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Captain (Infantry) Gordon Joseph Lippman (ASN: 0-60536), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving as Commanding Officer of Company A, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. Captain Lippman distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces in the vicinity of Do Chung, Korea, on 11 April 1951. Captain Lippman was leading his men across the Hantan River in the pre-dawn darkness in an attempt to secure the high ground on the opposite shore from a well-entrenched hostile force. When the friendly troops were in the middle of the river, an enemy outpost discovered the operation and directed machine-gun fire on the wading troops. Quickly deploying his men, Captain Lippman led a charge against the hostile emplacement, destroying it and enabling the company to finish the crossing with a minimum of casualties. He then reorganized the company and led his men across a flat, exposed area toward the objective. The enemy, placed in a strong perimeter defense on the crest of the hill, directed such a devastating volume of fire on the friendly troops that only a platoon of the company reached the base of the objective with Captain Lippman, the remainder being pinned down by the intense fire. He realized that he platoon would be forced to launch a frontal assault against the enemy positions, risking annihilation, unless some method was employed to divert the hostile fire from the attacking troops. He immediately moved up the slope and, armed with a pistol and grenades, attacked the enemy emplacements. For forty-five minutes he maneuvered to within a few yards of these positions, harassing the hostile troops and drawing their concentrated fire. This courageous action enabled the platoon to work its way to a position from which an assault was launched that routed the enemy.

General Orders: Headquarters, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea: General Orders No. 784 (October 19, 1951)

Silver Star Medal Citation

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to First Lieutenant (Infantry) Gordon Joseph Lippman (ASN: 0-60536), United States Army, for gallantry in action as a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. During the early morning hours of 27 November 1950 near Ipsok, Korea, a strong hostile force attacked the supply train of Lieutenant Lippman's battalion. Despite exposure to intense hostile fire, he organized the supply troops in a perimeter defense and led the machine gun crew to vantage points from which they could direct effective counterfire on the attacking enemy. Advancing through a deadly small arms and mortar barrage, he contacted the supply area of an adjacent unit, thus enabling the two forces to combine their strength and repel the hostile incursion. Lieutenant Lippman's valorous actions are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

General Orders: Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division, General Orders No. 186 (March 31 1951)

Honors

The name Gordon J Lippman is located on Panel 4E Line 12 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

Burial

Lieutenant Colonel Gordon Joseph Lippman is buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Arlington County, VA, in Section 3, Site 4140-F.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=16904689>

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Memento Semper

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Field Title	Value	Meaning
MILITARY SERVICE	A	DA [Department of the Army]
COUNTRY OF CASUALTY	VS	Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)
TYPE OF CASUALTY	A2	Hostile - Died of Wounds
REFERENCE NUMBER	1006	1006
NAME	LIPPMAN GORDON JOSEPH	LIPPMAN GORDON JOSEPH
DATE RECORD PROCESSED	6512	6512
SOCIAL SECURITY OR SERVICE #	O60536	O60536
MILITARY GRADE	LTC	LIEUTENANT COLONEL
PAY GRADE	O5	LIEUTENANT COLONEL (U.S. ARMY, U.S. AIR FORCE, U.S. MARINE CORPS) or COMMANDER (U.S. NAVY, U.S. COAST GUARD)
DATE OF DEATH or DATE DECLARED DEAD (MM/DD/YYYY)	12/11/65	12/11/1965
HOME OF RECORD CITY	LEMMON	LEMMON
HOME OF RECORD STATE CODE	42	South Dakota
SERVICE OCCUPATIONAL CODE	1542	Infantry Unit Commander (ARMY)
DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	11/25/24	11/25/1924
REASON	D	Gunshot or Small Arms Fire
AIRCRAFT OR NOT AIRCRAFT	7	Ground Casualty

RACE	C	Caucasian
RELIGION CODE	62	Roman Catholic
LENGTH OF SERVICE	22	22
MARITAL STATUS	M	Married (Spouse Listed)
SEX	M	Male
CITIZEN CODE	1	U.S.
POSTHUMOUS PROMOTION	0	Not Posthumously Promoted
DATE TOUR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BEGAN (MM/DD/YYYY)	650916	09/16/1965
LAST RECORD CODE	1	Final Record
BODY RECOVERED OR NOT	*	Body Recovered
AGE	41	41
COMPONENT	R	Regular (RA, USN, USAF, USMC, USCG)
COMMENTS		
TYPE		
PROVINCE CODE	99	Province and MR Unknown - Province and MR Unknown
CORPCD	*	*
PROCD	2	2
FLAG	—	—

