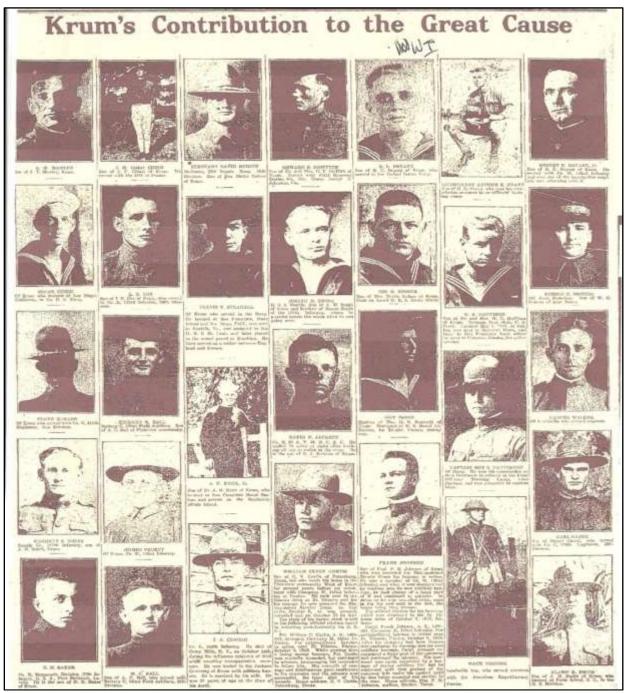
## Krum Military

Krum is very proud of its men and women who have served in the nation's armed forces. Sadly some of these soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in service of the nation so that freedom and the American way can be preserved.

#### WORLD WAR I



From Denton Record Chronicle July 31, 1919

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# HE MERCHANTS AND-BUSINESS *OF KRUM* Are proud of our Denton County boys and especially of the record made by our Krum boys. It was your courage and got, your never-give-up determination that was the deciding factor in ending the great war. To you boys is due all the honor and glory, and to you we pay this tribute: You went away like men. You stood the hardships like men. You fought like men. You delivered the goods whenever called upon. In fact, you are men-real men-the best that this great American nation could produce. We welcome you back and wish for you all the good things that can possibly come your way. H. F. Lamm & Co. J. S. Proett W. C. Collier Drug Co. R. L. Cole & Co. Ned Gullett

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# FARMER YOUTH NEAR KRUM HIKES 25 MILES TO ENLIST IN ARMY

David P. Jackson, 19, son of a farmer near Krum, wanted to join the army so badly he walked twenty-five miles at night to board a train for Fort Worth and a recruiting station.

So he told Sergeant W. B. Wisener, recruiting officer in charge of the army station, Wednesday morning when Wisener got to the office and found Jackson at the door.

The youthful volunteer was footsore and weary. He said he guit his work in the field Tuesday evening and walked to Denton where he boarded a train for Fort Worth.

Jackson's desire to get into the army and strike a blow for Democracy has been growing. It seems, ever since his brother volunteered.

Jackson enlisted here in the coast artillery and was sent Wednesday night to Fort Sam Houston. Two other recruits left with him. The army station has recruited eight men since the first of the week.



Fort Worth Star Telegram-May 17, 1918 -David P. Jakcson

## World War II

# Krum had over 70 men who served during World War II Below are just a few of these servicemen

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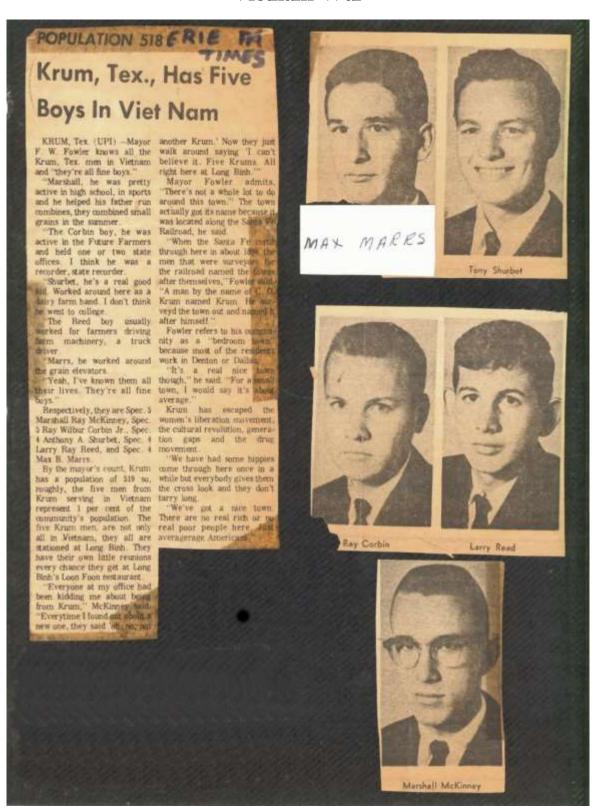
Allen Bridges and Sheila Dymond (pictured above) married in England .

The Denton Record Chronicle news headline from Feb 28, 1946:

#### British Bride of Krum Soldier Is Still Anxious To See a Ten-Gallon Hat and Texas Bluebonnets

An honest-to-goodness ten-gallon hat, spring complete with bluebonnets and a new wardrobe of coupon free clothes are the only things Mrs. Joe Allen Bridges, first British war bride to reach Denton since the end of the war, has left to desire from Texas. The Denton county boy and the English girl met at a dance near her home in November. 1942, soon after he was sent overseas, and they were married Nov. 21, 1943

#### Vietnam War



Erie Pennsylvania Times Ca. 1970



Standing: L to R: Marshall McKinney, Max Marrs, Ray Corbin Kneeling: Larry Read, Tony Shurbet

# Krum Reunion Held in Viet Nam

SAIGON—A Texas town has 1 per cent of its population stationed at an Army base near here, which seemed good enough reason for a reunion. Spec. 5 Marshall Ray McKinney of Krum, Texas, a town of about 500 persons, discovered that four other Krum men were serving at the Long Binh base, 20 miles northeast of the capital. The men celebrated their reunion at a restaurant in Long Binh. "Every time I found out about a new one," McKinney said, his co-workers remarked, "Oh, no, not another Krum."

Chicago Tribune Ca. 1970

#### **Koiner Brothers**

Two brothers from Krum became the highest ranking officers to serve from Krum. It is a tribute to the Koiner family to have two sons serving with such distinction:



Col. Wylie J. Koiner served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1990. His areas of service included Southeast Asia, Vietnam, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Germany, Italy, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Oman, and the USA.

Lt. Col. John H. Koiner served in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 to 1982. He also served in all parts of the world, much of the time in Vietnam and Southeast Asia.

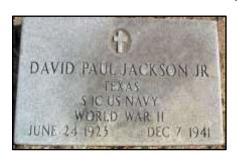


#### Krum Soldiers Who Died While Serving In The Military



Pvt WILLIAM M. MITCHELL, son of Willis Henry Mitchell and Mable Boyles was born in Missouri on May 6, 1925.. He entered the service March 1944 and was trained in Infantry at Ft. McClellan, Alabama. He was in the 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Company C. in Germany. Pvt. Mitchell went overseas November 1944 and was reported missing in action December 1944 in Germany. Among other decorations he was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously. The November 14, 1948 Denton Record Chronicle reports: "The bodies of three more Denton County men were returned to this country for reburial as the United States Army Transport Carroll

Victory docked in New York Tuesday." Pvt Mitchell was one of these soldiers.



Sergeant David PAUL JACKSON JR., US Navy was born at Greenville, Texas June 24, 1923 to David P. Jackson Sr. & Mae Ethel Greene. He attended Krum High School before he entered the Navy in December 1940. He was aboard the battleship Arizona at Pearl Harbor and was killed during the Japanese sneak attack on Dec 7, 1941. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.



Corporal JOHN W. DOYLE, Infantry, was born February 12, 1920 to Burl Doyle and Emma Adcock of Krum. He was in the Infantry during the Korean War & was killed In action--casualty date November 22, 1951. After his parents' death he and his brother Billy lived with his grandmother Mrs. John Adcock of Krum. Corporal Doyle's brother Pvt Billy Doyle also serving in Korea, accompanied Corporal Doyle's flag draped coffin home after his death.

### Krum Soldiers Who Died While Serving In The Military



Corporal MARION W. RADECKE, US Army was born February 14, 1923 to Ernest Radecke & Icel Chestnut. Corporal Radecke was a member of the 179<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He was killed in action June 15, 1952 while fighting the enemy in North Korea.. Corporal Radecke was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Korean War Service Medal.



Ensign JOE DON WATSON, US Navy was born October 22, 1950 and died on August 25, 1975 in an F-4 Phantom jet fighter while trying to land on the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt. An article from the Denton Record Chronicle dated August 31, 1975 reports that "Officers said the jet landed on the flight deck and then crashed into the sea. A Navy spokesman said the gear designed to stop the plane malfunctioned. Neither the plane nor the bodies of the fliers has been recovered." Ensign Watson was the son of George Edwell Watson and Venita Jean Basye.



Sgt 1<sup>st</sup> Class JUSTIN S. MONSCHKE was born October 20, 1978 to Larry Monschke and Patty Forsythe. He was killed October 14, 2007 in a south Bagdad region of Arab Jabour Iraq in Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2002, he earned his Green Beret. He was in the U.S. Army Rangers, Special Forces and was an instructor in Rangers. Sgt Monschke had earned a Silver Star, a Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Army Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, (3<sup>rd</sup> Award), Army Service Ribbon, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Parachutist

Badge, Air Assault Badge and Russian Parachutist Badge. He was assigned to Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Group. Airborne, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.