

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

Krum's Contribution to the Great Cause

EDWARD W. HANSON
Son of E. W. Hanson, Krum.
Enlisted in U.S. Army.

ARTHUR G. GIERKE
Son of A. G. Gierke, Krum.
Enlisted in U.S. Army.

BENJAMIN CARTER HESTON
Enlisted in U.S. Army.
Served in France.

ARTHUR G. GIERKE
Son of A. G. Gierke, Krum.
Enlisted in U.S. Army.

W. S. HESTON
Son of W. S. Heston of Krum, who served in the United States Navy.

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**From Denton Record Chronicle
July 31, 1919**

World War I

THE MERCHANTS
—AND—
BUSINESS MEN
—OF KRUM—

Are proud of our Denton County boys and especially of the record made by our Krum boys.

It was your courage and grit, 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

Farmers & Merchants Bank
Fowler Bros.
W. C. Collier Drug Co.
R. L. Cole & Co.
The Krum Bazaar

H. F. Lamm & Co.
J. S. Priett
Kohners Variety Store
Ned Gullett
Happy Hour Theater

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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 quit 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. Jackson

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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| <p>BARTHOLD, EDWARD Pfc Edward Barthold, son of Mr. and Mrs. August F. Barthold, Krum. Entered Air Corps 1942. Received Training as a parachute rigger at Perrin Field. Went to Independence, Kans., and is now stationed at Lubbock Army Air Field. Educated in Denton County. * (Buried Jackson Cemetery, Krum)</p> |  |
| <p>HERRING, ROY L. GM 3/c Roy L. Herring, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Herring, Krum. Volunteered Oct. 1942. Assigned to sea duty Dec 1942. Served in two major battles. Made one complete trip around the world. Graduate of Krum. *(Buried Jackson Cemetery, Krum)</p> |  |
| <p>HOPKINS, HERMAN H. S/Sgt Herman H. Hopkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hopkins, Krum. Entered service Aug. 1943. Trained Camp Maxey and at Camp Houze, 103rd Division. Overseas Sept. 1944 in France. Wounded 1944. Received Purple Heart and other decorations. With 7th Army. Graduate Krum High School.</p> |  |
| <p>LA MONICA, THOS. M. 1st Lt. Thos. M. La Monica son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom La Monica of Krum. Entered service Feb. 1941 in Inf O.C.S., Fort Benning, Ga. Overseas Oct 1944 with Third Army in Germany. Graduated Krum High School.</p> |  |
| <p>MILLER, BRUCE WAYMAN S 1/c Bruce Wayman Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Miller, Sr., of Denton. Entered service Sept 1943. Overseas March, 1944. In South Pacific with the Seabees. *(Buried Jackson Cemetery, Krum)</p> |  |
| <p>MILLER, RALPH B. T/Sgt Ralph B. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Miller of Krum. Wife, the former Mildred Stokes of Tennessee. Entered Army Jan 1941. Overseas Nov. 1944. On B-29 base in Guam. Graduate of Denton High School. *(Buried Jackson Cemetery, Krum)</p> |  |
| <p>WILKINS, CHAS. C. Pfc Chas. C. Wilkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Wilkins. Entered service Jan 1944. Overseas Aug 1944 with 2nd Marine Division somewhere in the South Pacific. Graduate of Krum High School. Attended Texas Tech.</p> |  |

* Information from Book: The Men and Women in World War II From Denton County

World War II



V-Mail

Mail was the primary means of communication during the war. The government created "Victory Mail" or V-Mail. V-Mail letters were microfilmed versions of full size sheets. The condensed letters were an effort to speed the delivery time and allow for more room in overseas shipping. All mail from military personnel was censored during the war. Officers could censor their own mail; enlisted men had to have their superior officers read their mail for any "sensitive" material- things that if the letter were intercepted by the enemy would give clues as to location, military strength, and upcoming military engagements. The letter size is 4 ½ inches by 5 inches. The date of the V-mail is December 13, 1943 & is from Joe Allen Bridges to Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Cole Krum, Texas.

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

POPULATION 518 ERIE PA TIMES

Krum, Tex., Has Five Boys In Viet Nam

KRUM, Tex. (UPI)—Mayor F. W. Fowler knows all the Krum, Tex. men in Vietnam and "they're all fine boys."

"Marshall, he was pretty active in high school, in sports and he helped his father run combines, they combined small grains in the summer."

"The Corbin boy, he was active in the Future Farmers and held one or two state offices. I think he was a recorder, state recorder."

"Shurbet, he's a real good kid. Worked around here as a dairy farm hand. I don't think he went to college."

"The Reed boy usually worked for farmers driving farm machinery, a truck driver."

"Marrs, he worked around the grain elevators."

"Yeah, I've known them all their lives. They're all fine boys."

Respectively, they are Spec. 3 Marshall Ray McKinney, Spec. 3 Ray Wilbur Corbin Jr., Spec. 4 Anthony A. Shurbet, Spec. 4 Larry Ray Reed, and Spec. 4 Max B. Marrs.

By the mayor's count, Krum has a population of 519 so, roughly, the five men from Krum serving in Vietnam represent 1 per cent of the community's population. The five Krum men, are not only all in Vietnam, they all are stationed at Long Binh. They have their own little reunions every chance they get at Long Binh's Loon Foon restaurant.

"Everyone at my office had been kidding me about being from Krum," McKinney said. "Everytime I found out about a new one, they said 'oh, no; not

another Krum. Now they just walk around saying 'I can't believe it. Five Krums. All right here at Long Binh.'"

Mayor Fowler admits, "There's not a whole lot to do around this town." The town actually got its name because it was located along the Santa Fe Railroad, he said.

"When the Santa Fe came through here in about 1888 the men that were surveyors for the railroad named the town after themselves," Fowler said. "A man by the name of G. O. Krum named Krum. He surveyed the town out and named it after himself."


Fowler refers to his community as a "bedroom town," because most of the residents work in Denton or Dallas.

"It's a real nice town though," he said. "For a small town, I would say it's about average."


Krum has escaped the women's liberation movement, the cultural revolution, generation gaps and the drug movement.

"We have had some hippies come through here once in a while but everybody gives them the cross look and they don't tarry long."


"We've got a nice town. There are no real rich or no real poor people here. Just average Americans."




MAX MARRS




Tony Shurbet



Ray Corbin



Larry Reed



Marshall McKinney

**Erie Pennsylvania Times
Ca. 1970**



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



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 26th 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.

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Corporal MARION W. RADECKE, US Army was born February 14, 1923 to Ernest Radecke & Icel Chestnut. Corporal Radecke was a member of the 179th Infantry Regiment, 45th 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 1st 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, (3rd 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, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group. Airborne, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.