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Dear Larry,

Our family really appreciates all that you are doing in Bob's memory and I especially thank you.

Sincerely, Giugi Johnson

PHOTOS

COL Robert Lloyd Johnson USA (Retired)





Colonel Robert L. Johnson
US Army Retired

Col. Robert L. Johnson, USA, Ret., 79 of rural Frederick, was born in Browning, IL April 28, 1928 and died at home December 11, 2007. He married Josephine (Giugi) Gagliano December 15, 1951 at West Point, NY. She survives to say "Goodnight, sweet prince." Also surviving are four children; Fabienne (husband Dan) Brush of Naperville, IL, Enid (husband Scott) Ruzicka of Lombard, IL, Peter (wife Sonya) Johnson of LaGrange Highlands, IL, Robert (wife Carolyn) Johnson Jr. of Freeport, IL, one sister; Mary Nell (husband Bide) Thomas of Rushville, IL, one brother; Richard (wife Cicely) Johnson of Ottertail, MN, ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Charles (Pete) and Freida Johnson, one brother Edward Johnson and several Army brothers. His valiant military career which spanned twenty eight years included service in the Korea and Vietnam Wars, participation on Army Research and Development Teams that led to military science advancements such as the Patriot Missile, assignment as NATO Support Activity Commander in Europe and a Purple Heart. He graduated from Marion Institute, USMA, University of Arizona and the US Army Command and General Staff College, earning two Bachelors and one Masters Degree. He was a splendid warrior named as the Honorary Colonel of the Ninth Infantry Manchu Regiment and faithful member of St. Clare's Anglican Mission in Rushville, who chaired the Quincy Diocese Capital Campaign Committee.

Worthington Funeral Home
Rushville, Illinois

Forrest Johnson

I was discharged in December 1949 from WWII, and enrolled in college to begin my dental training. I was recalled from Inactive Reserves September 15, 1950 at the outbreak of the Korean War and served that time until December 14, 1951. During my enlistment, I cared for many long term wounded from both WWII and the Korean War.

Robert Johnson

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Whenever an American Patriot Missile intercepts an Iraqi Scud Missile over the desert sands of Saudi Arabia or Israel, one Schuyler resident feels a little more personally involved than most. In the early 1960's Bob Johnson, a retired US Army Colonel, who resided in Pleasant View was in on the ground floor of planning and development of what later became the Patriot. It has become one of the technological heroes of the Persian Gulf War for Americans at its success in intercepting and destroying the incoming Scuds and has helped protect lives and property of the Coalition Forces and helped take some of the pressure off Israel's need to retaliate.

Johnson, a graduate of the US Military Academy at West point, was wounded and lost a leg during the Korean War. He wasn't ready to retire so he fought to stay on active duty. He won that argument and became one of the first above-knee amputees to remain on active military duty since the Civil War.

Johnson went on to receive a master's degree in math from the Univ. of Arizona and to teach 4 years at West Point. In 1962, he and about a dozen other officers were assigned to the Army's Command Air Defense Agency at the Air Defense Center at Ft. Bliss, TX. Their major task was as dreamers. They were to study air defense and determine what was needed for the future. That was the very beginning of computerization, transistorizing, and technical revolutions.

At that time, air defenses were very limited. A battery could engage only one target at a time. They came up with the idea of a system to track multiple targets, kill enemy aircraft and be mobile enough to put with combat army units. In the early 1970's, those plans finally came to fruition in the Patriot Missile System. The plan required a phased array radar to track multiple targets. There was no such thing at the time.

They were right at the start of transistors and miniaturization of components. It was also included into the program as a bonus of the ability to intercept medium range ballistic missiles. This process started in the 1960's and wasn't finished until the 1980's. It was a rocky development process and also very expensive. COL Johnson was last involved with monitoring the Patriot system in 1970. He then became involved in the Air Forces anti-radar plane and the Hawk Missile. These ventures are an example of the Army and Air Force's successful cooperation.

(Information submitted by Col. Johnson's wife, Guigi)

Douglas Kettering

The only action was the sinking of our own destroyer escort USS Hobson in the middle of the Atlantic in April 1952. 176 men were lost, 61 saved at 10:30 at night Flight Quarters.

West Point Graduate



Among the cadets graduating from the United States Military Academy next Tuesday, is Robert L. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Johnson of Huntsville. An appointee of Representative Robert Chipperfield, Johnson was graduated from Rushville Community high school, and later attended Marion Military institute, prior to entering West Point. Upon graduating he will receive a Bachelor of Science degree, and will be commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Airborne Infantry.

The graduation exercises for the class of 478 this year will be held next Tuesday, and Johnson is one of 27 from Illinois who will be graduated.

Lt. Robert Johnson Seriously Wounded In Korean Action

First Lt. Robert L. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, of Huntsville township, was wounded seriously on March 17 while on duty in Korea. He received a mortar wound in the left leg, while serving as acting commander, according to information received by his parents on March

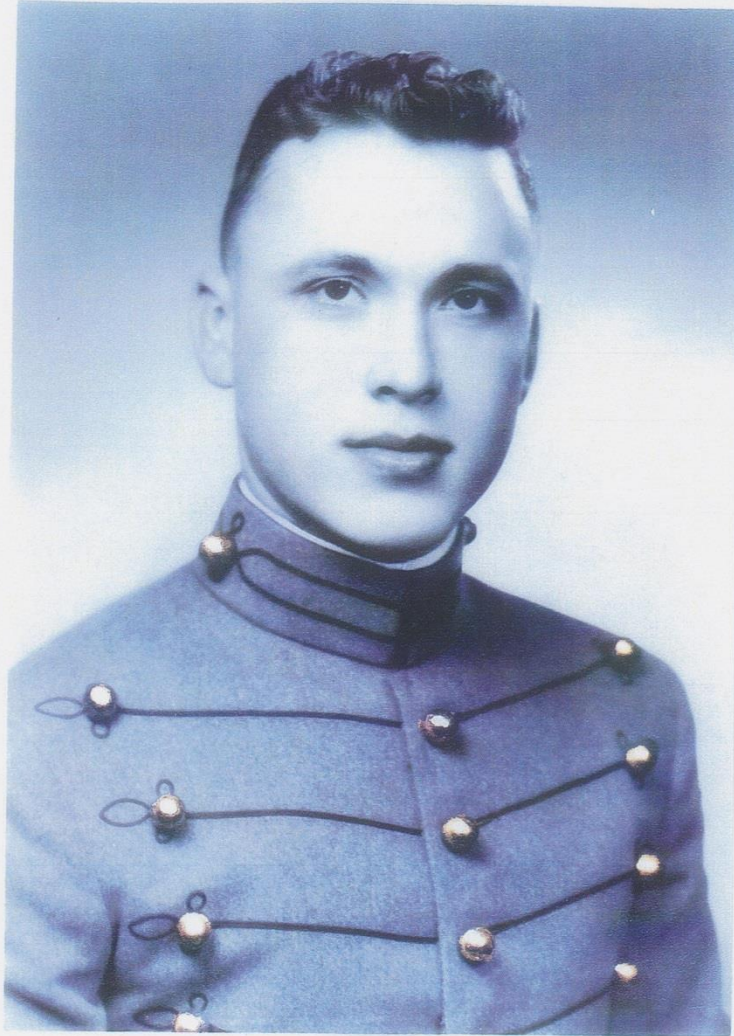


21. He is now in a Tokyo hospital.

Young Johnson's wife and daughter, who was born on March 10 reside in San Francisco.

A 1946 graduate of Rushville high school, he attended Marion Military Institute for one year prior to entering the West Point Military Academy, where he graduated in 1951. He received a bachelor degree in science there and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Airborne Infantry, later receiving his commission as first lieutenant.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ellis, of Buenavista township, are Mr. Johnson's maternal grandparents.



Cadet Robert Lloyd Johnson
USMA

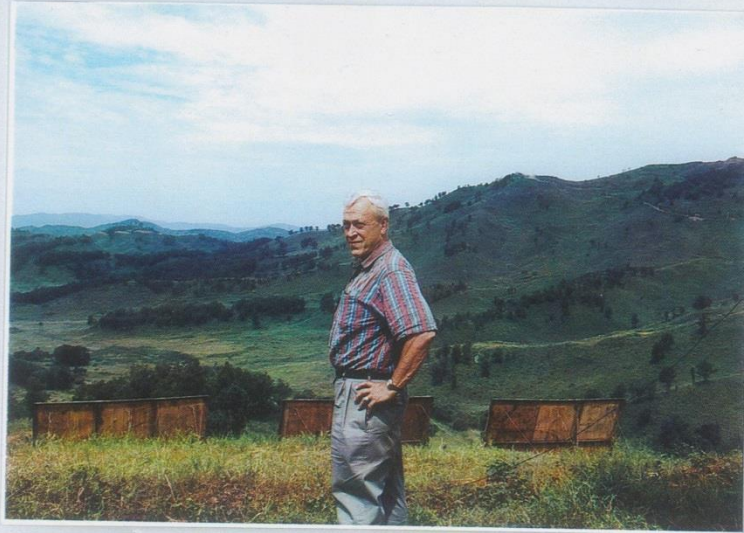
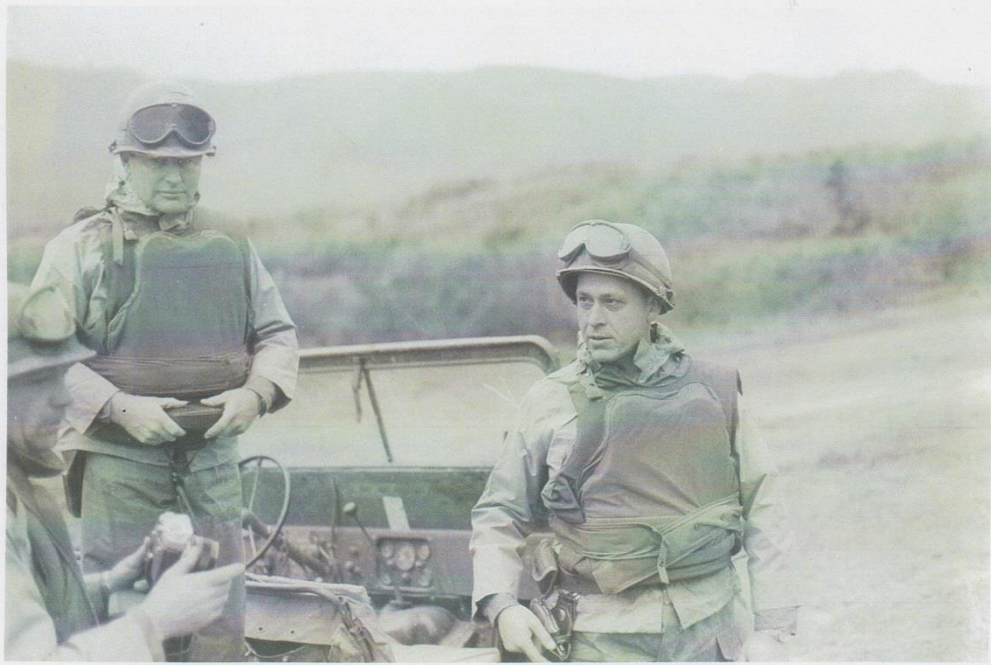
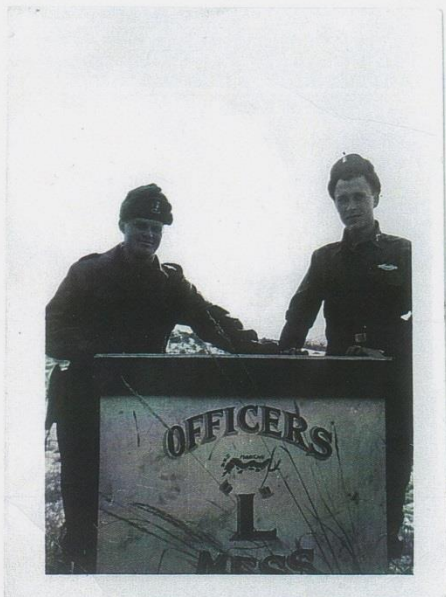


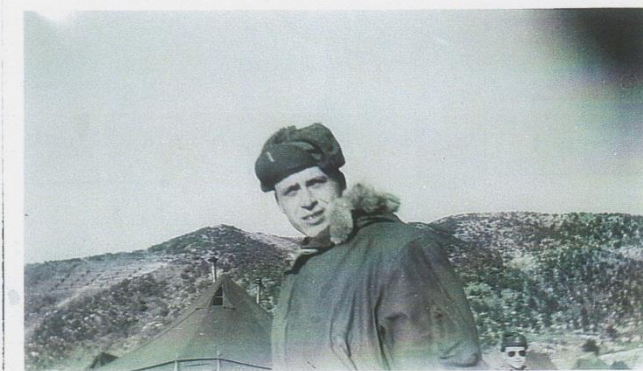
Photo taken Sept. '96
Photo - looking North
across DMZ and into
N. Korea. Prominent
Hill Mass is Hill 355
(Little Gibraltar) Finger
running down to left
was scene of major action
17 March '53 during which
I was wounded
Col (Ret) Robert Lloyd Johnson



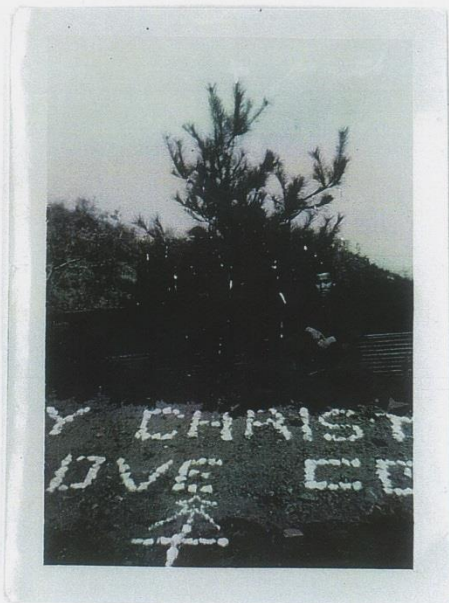
En route to Khe Sanh
S. Vietnam. Early '71.
Capt. Russell is my
counter part in Australia
Army Combat Development
Team (standing in sep.



Lt Shay on left
RLS



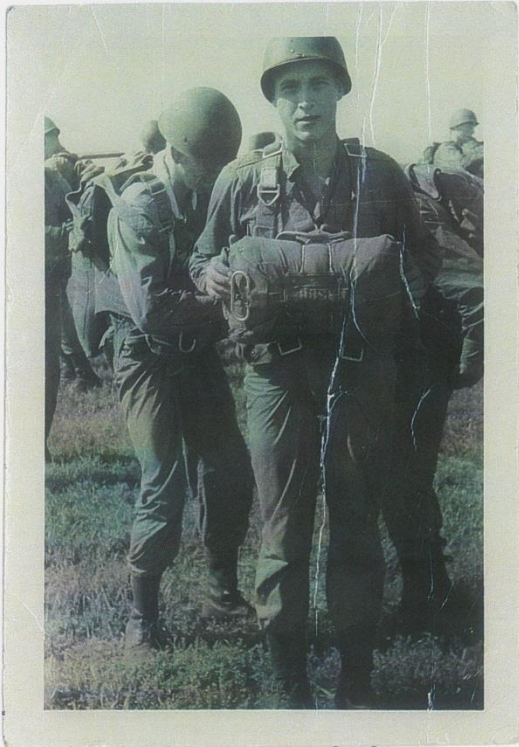
1st Lt Robert Johnson
Company Commander



This is Sin by our
Christmas tree
RLS



Old "Baldy" from our platoon position
RLS



1st Lt Robert L Johnson



1st Lt Robert L Johnson



1st Lt Robert L Johnson +



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1st Lt Robert L Johnson

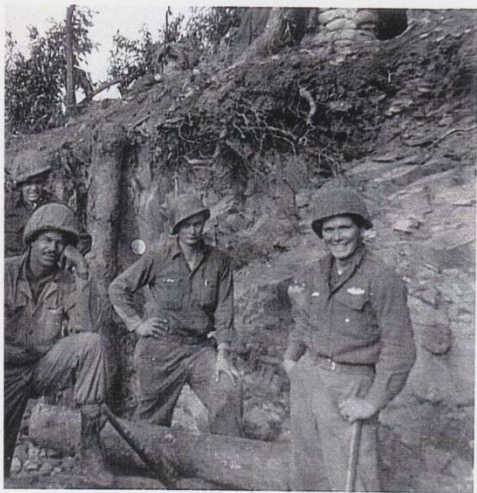
100m position
RLJ



1st Lt Robert L Johnson



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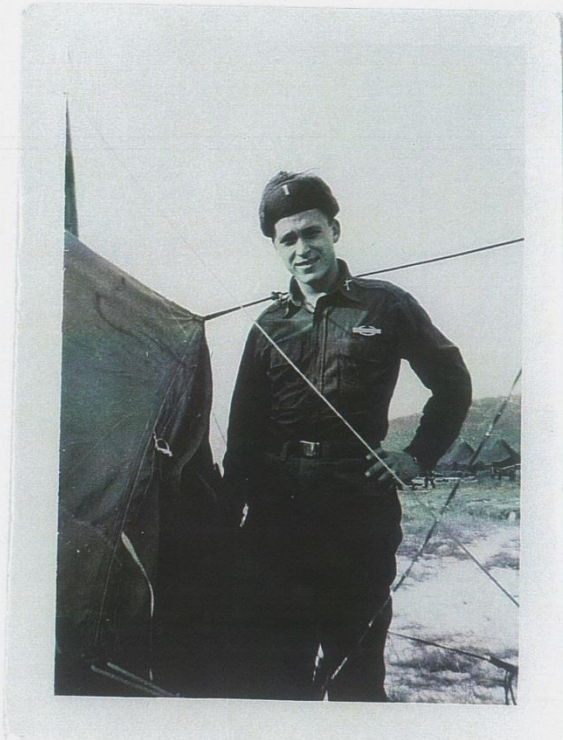


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- Rifleman
- Radioman
- Radioman
Rifleman
RLJ



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Houseboy RLJ

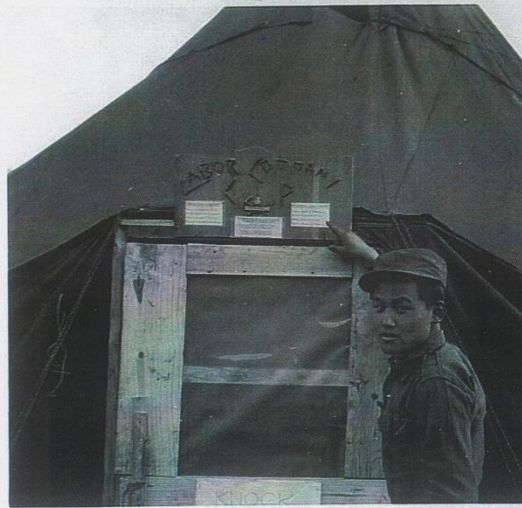




1st Lt Robert L Johnson



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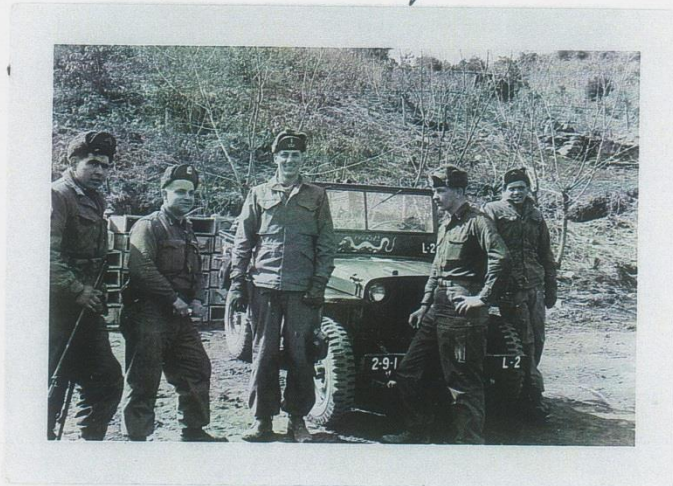


House boy Six

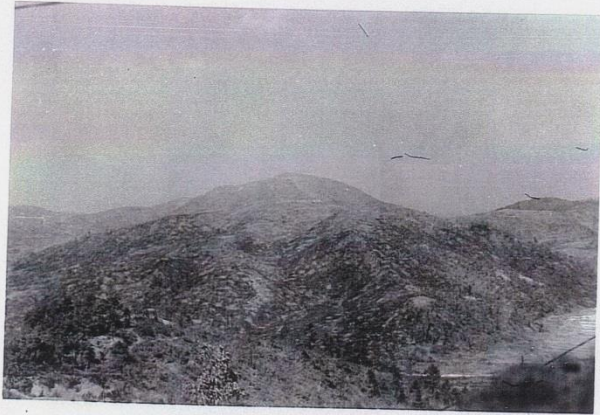




Lt Robert L Johnson



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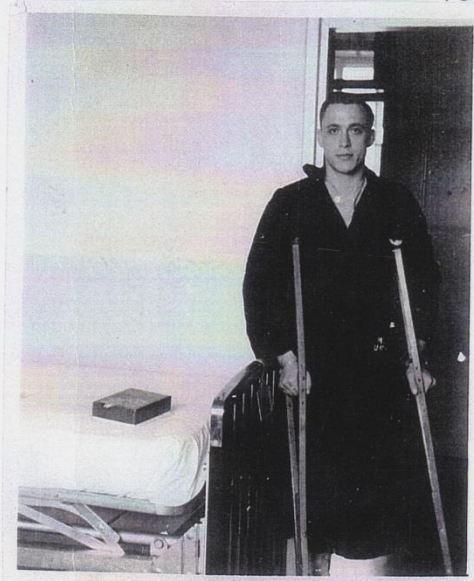
Hill 355 where Lt Robert Sch
was wounded

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Little
Gibraltar

Sgt Conner



1st Lt Robert L Johnson after being wounded







JOHNSON, R.L. CAPT.



*Cadet at Maria Institute 1946-1948



Lt shay inspecting wprs.
RLJ



myself inspecting weapons
RLJ

