

EVERYDAY EXAMPLE · PUBLIC RECORDS

Cpl. Larry E. Slaughter

Another Ochiltree County soldier, with even less online. One official record carries this report: the Defense Department casualty file at the National Archives. It gives his rank (corporal), his job (light weapons infantry leader, a small-team leader at the front), his unit (9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division) and his death in action on 17 March 1953. The report puts those codes in plain English and lists where to ask for the rest.

What was typed into the search: Larry Slaughter · Army · Korean War · Ochiltree County, Texas

Service	U.S. Army (Regular Army), Korean War
Unit	9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division
Conflict	Korean War
Hometown	Ochiltree County, Texas
Born	1931
Died	17 March 1953 (killed in action, Korea)

Summary sources: [NARA AAD: his Korean War casualty record \(DCAS\)](#).

Built only from public records. Family who want this corrected or removed: [corrections & takedowns](#). The full automatic report follows. It is a research summary, not an official record. Lines marked "Likely" are labeled guesses.

SERVICE STORY · RESEARCHED FROM PUBLIC RECORDS

Larry E Slaughter — *Army, Korean War*

Born 1931 · Died 17 March 1953

Service number 18389904

CONFIRMED

AT A GLANCE

Larry E Slaughter

Confirmed match

· Written for family readers — military jargon explained as you go.

WHO

Larry E Slaughter · born 1931 · died 17 March 1953

SERVICE

Army · Korean War · service no. 18389904

HIS JOB

Corporal — Light Weapons Infantry Leader (rank and duty as listed in the [casualty file](#))

WHERE

Ochiltree County, Texas

Most notable moment (from the records):

Killed in action on 17 March 1953 in North Korea, serving with the 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. Source: the Defense Department casualty file at the [National Archives](#).

Why we matched this record (Confirmed, 92 evidence points)

same last name; first name matches; same branch; record dated 1953, fits the years given; war listed as Korean War; home/burial state Texas matches; public casualty/death profile matched; unit listed as 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division.

Confirmed = an exact identifier matches. **Likely** = several independent details match.

Possible = some details match; needs checking.

01 · TIMELINE

What the records say, in order

17 March 1953

Killed in action in North Korea (Defense Department casualty file): Corporal, Army, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. from records found **CONFIRMED** ¹

RANKS EXPLAINED

His rank, explained

Each rank in his records, in plain English, with its pay grade and what it usually meant day to day.



Rate / rank

CPL — Corporal

Pay grade: E-4

What it meant: Junior NCO; often a fire-team leader.

Appendix · Original documents (archive scans)

Scans from the National Archives. Click to enlarge when viewing in a full browser.

02 · HIS JOB, AND WHAT THAT MEANT THERE

What someone in his job was likely doing

General descriptions from service manuals and base histories. They describe the typical specialty at that place, not documented personal events. See [Ranks explained](#) for badge, pay grade, and suffix decode.

JOB CODE 01745

Light Weapons Infantry Leader

What it meant: This is the duty written in his casualty file.

A typical day (general, not personal): An infantry non-commissioned officer who led a small team of riflemen and automatic riflemen in the front line.

03 · UNITS

The units in his records



9th Infantry Regiment

The 9th Infantry Regiment ("Manchu") is a parent infantry regiment of the United States Army.

[History \(Wikipedia\)](#) ↗ · [Insignia image](#) ↗



2nd Infantry Division

The 2nd Infantry Division ("Indianhead") is a formation of the United States Army. Since the 1960s, its primary mission has been the defense of South Korea in the event of an invasion from North Korea. Approximately 17,000 soldiers serve in the 2nd Infantry Division, with 10,000 stationed in South Korea, accounting for about 35% of the United States Forces Korea personnel. Known as the 2nd Infantry Division-ROK/U.S.

[History \(Wikipedia\)](#) ↗ · [Insignia image](#) ↗

FAMILY INPUT

Appeal, add information, or question a finding

Submissions stay **family-reported** until a record supports them. We re-run search with your hints and show what changed.

To add information, appeal, or question a finding, open the online version of this report and use the family form.

This is a public example. Families can add information or ask for a correction through the [corrections page](#).

04 · GAPS AND NEXT RECORDS

What we couldn't find, and how to get it

Most families' searches turn up only part of the story. These free records usually fill in the rest.

1

No VA-maintained burial record found under this name. Private-cemetery government headstones before 1997 are often missing from the VA dataset.

2

Discharge date, decorations and full unit list are in the personnel file. Army files for soldiers discharged 1912–1960 were largely destroyed in the 1973 St. Louis fire; NARA rebuilds them from pay, medical and unit records.

NEXT**Ask for his official file (free for family)**

Use form SF-180 or the National Archives' online eVetRecs. Give his full name, service number 18389904, branch and rough dates. Next of kin (spouse, child, parent, sibling) pay nothing. Files of anyone who left service more than 62 years ago are open to everyone.

[Start ↗](#)**NEXT****Burial case file (if he died in service)**

For soldiers who died in World War II or Korea, the Army's burial case file (IDPF) often says where and how he died and where he rests. Ask the U.S. Army Human Resources Command for it under FOIA; it's free.

[Start ↗](#)**NEXT****Korean War Project**

Free remembrance pages by unit, often with photos and notes from men who served with him.

[Start ↗](#)**NEXT****Headstone application**

Government headstone applications (NARA, 1925–1963, and later VA files) often give serial, unit and dates.

[Start ↗](#)

NEXT

Texas newspapers, free

The Portal to Texas History has scanned small-town Texas papers. Hometown papers often printed enlistments, letters home and casualty news.

[Start ↗](#)

05 · SOURCES

1 Korean War Extract Data File (DCAS), NARA RG 330 — https://aad.archives.gov/aad/record-detail.jsp?dt=2512&mtch=1&cat=all&tf=F&sc=27406,27409,27410,27361,27363,27364,27366,27384,27394&bc=,sl,fd&txt_27409=SLAUGHTER+LARRY&op_27409=0&nfo_27409=V,40,1900&rpp=200&pg=1&rid=30131

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