

Korean War



Cpl. Ferdinand Berteletti
U.S. Army
Age 35

Born - December 11, 1911 Gattinara, Italy
Entered Service - 1942 Canton, Massachusetts

Ferdinand “Nando” immigrated from Italy to Canton when he was nine and grew up at 261 Neponset Street. In the mid 1930’s he married Gertrude Paioni from Mansfield. Nando was inducted into the Army in 1942 and saw action in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany but the most tragic thing for him was being notified of his wife’s death in 1945. In 1946, he was discharged but found it difficult to readjust so he re-enlisted. Berteletti was sent to occupied Germany and then transferred to Japan in 1950. He was then sent to Korea to guard Korean and Chinese prisoners of war. It was there that he was shot and killed February 3, 1951. His parents had returned to Italy by that time so they requested his body be sent there. On June 11, 1951 Nando was buried from St. Peter’s Church in Gattinara (the same church he had been baptized in as an infant).

Date of Death - February 3, 1951..... Korea
Buried - St. Peter’s Church Gattinara, Italy