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Sgt. James E. Putnam (USMC) was killed in combat May 31, 1951, in Korea. He was born February 5, 1926, in Wheatland, Wyoming, and graduated from Aberdeen (WA) H.S. in 1943. Jim 17, enlisted in the Marines and served in the South Pacific being discharged in 1946. He attended and graduated from Washington State in Agriculture Education using the GI Bill for his education. In 1950 he married Evelyn Branch and was called back into the Marine Corps in December 1950 and shipped to Korea in January 1951. He is buried in the Wenatchee, Washington City Cemetery.

While in Korea his son Kenneth was born. Ken went on to service in the Marine Corps.

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