



2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry

**Robert Ray Ibach**  
**Sergeant U.S. Army**  
**20 January 1953 – 19 January 1961**

Robert was born on 6 January 1934 in the Village of East Texas, Pennsylvania, where he lived with his family in one of the three original buildings in East Texas, a stone house built in 1830 by the crossroads in the center of the village. He attended grade school at the two-room schoolhouse in East Texas, and attended Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, for two years. He later received his high school diploma through the General Education Development Testing Program. After his two years in high school, Robert went to work for Dorney Printing Company (which later became Day-Timers Printing Company) in East Texas. After he married in 1955, he moved to Allentown, Pennsylvania. Robert joined the Army Reserves on 20 January 1953 as a Private in the 409th Transportation Company (Light Truck). He underwent training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He attended Non-Commissioned Officers School where he was awarded a letter of commendation, and he advanced to the rank of Sergeant while serving in the Reserves. On 1 October 1956, Robert was called to active duty for two years. During his active duty he served with Company D, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, in Korea. He was stationed at a KATUSA (Korean Augmentees to the U.S. Army) Base near the Demilitarized Zone where U.S. and South Korean Army soldiers served side by side. After Korea, he returned to the States and was assigned to Garrison Headquarters at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland where he served as a small arms instructor until his release from active duty. He was discharged from active duty on 30 September 1958 as a Sergeant at Fort Meade, and returned to Reserve status until 19 January 1961. After Robert's release from active duty, he returned to work for Day-Timers Printing where he became a pressroom supervisor and later a manager for the Company until his retirement in 1996. Robert was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran and Reformed Church in Trexlertown, Pennsylvania. He died unexpectedly on 1 May 1998 of a heart attack at his home in Allentown, and is buried at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in Zionsville, Pennsylvania. Robert had two brothers who served in the Army: **John Daniel Ibach Jr.** and **Daniel Sherman Ibach**. Robert was married to **Doris B. Krause**. His parents were **John Daniel Ibach Sr.** (11 October 1897 – 13 February 1949) and **Beulah M. Hinkle** (19 March 1903 – 23 May 1976).



KATUSA Base where Robert was stationed in Korea