



*USNS General William Weigel  
(T-AP-119)*



**Hope Telford Lichtenwalner**  
**Private First Class U.S. Army**  
**7 November 1951 – 6 November 1959**



32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment



7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division

Hope “Ted” Lichtenwalner was born on 23 February 1930 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He attended grade school in Fogelsville, Pennsylvania, from 1937 to 1945. He then worked for Trexler Farms in South Whitehall Township for four years, loading alfalfa into a hay dryer. In 1949, he went to work for General Machine Corporation in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, where he operated a rotoblast machine in the foundry to clean castings. On 7 November 1951, while living at Schantz Spring in Upper Macungie Township, Pennsylvania, Ted was inducted into the Army as a Private in Philadelphia, and was assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky, for infantry training. He left Camp Breckenridge in April 1952 for Korea, where he was assigned to Company B (“Buccaneers”), 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry (“Red Arrow”) Regiment, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (“Bayonets”) as a Machine Gunner. At that time, the Division was assigned to defensive positions north of Hwachon. After being placed in reserve for a while, the Division returned to the lines in the “Heartbreak Ridge” sector and in the northern part of the “Punch Bowl.” The Division’s Operation Showdown, an assault on Triangle Hill northeast of Kumhwa, was launched in the early morning hours of 14 October 1952. They took Triangle Hill on October 26, and were then relieved by the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. They then relocated to holding positions on the “Jamestown Line.” Ted left his position on “Pork Chop Hill” on February 23, his birthday, for his return trip home. On 7 April 1953, after a 30-day trip on troopship USNS *General William Weigel (T-AP-119)*, which took him through the Panama Canal to New York, Ted set foot on United States soil once again and was assigned to Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. He was given 30 days furlough, during which time he married **Lila May Follweiler** (born 29 May 1923) at Friedens Union Church in Stoney Run, Pennsylvania. He was transferred to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, a week before he was released from active duty there as a Private First Class on 6 August 1953. He was then transferred to the Inactive Reserve until his discharge on 6 November 1959. Ted was awarded the Korean Service Medal (w/1 bronze star), United Nations Korean Service Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge. After Ted returned home, he resumed working for General Machine. He and Lila made their home in Haafsville, Pennsylvania, until November 1960, when they moved to a home they built in Wescosville, Pennsylvania. In 1955, Ted left General Machine to work as a Mechanic for Mack Trucks in Allentown. In 1975 he was transferred to the new Mack Trucks Plant in Macungie, where he worked until his retirement in 1991. Ted and Lila have a daughter, **Barbarann Lichtenwalner**. Ted’s parents were **Wilbur Nelson Lichtenwalner Sr.** (7 July 1892 – January 1984) and **Esther May Stettler** (7 May 1895 – November 1979). Ted has been a life member of Cetronia, Pennsylvania, Fire Company since 1951. He is also a member of Macungie Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9264; Ocean View, Delaware, VFW Post 7234; and Oak Orchard, Riverdale, Delaware, American Legion Post 28. Ted’s brother, **Wilbur Nelson Lichtenwalner Jr.**, served in the Army during World War II from 1941 to 1943.



Heartbreak Ridge Area



Punch Bowl Area