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Vice Admiral John W. Roper, U.S.N.  
Chief of Naval Personnel  
Washington, D. C.

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY  
Social Security Administration

January 12, 1951

Bureau of Naval Personnel  
Casualty Section  
Arlington Annex, Rm. 1812  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attn: Mrs. M. E. Reeder

Please furnish information for the items checked below regarding the following-described veteran for use in connection with a claim for benefits under Public Law 734, 81st Congress, which amended the Social Security Act:

Name: Jesse Leroy BROWN Rate Ensign Serial 504477  
We have information that veteran was (enlisted)(commissioned) on first part of, 1947,  
at Unknown, and was discharged or released to inactive  
duty on Died December 4, 1950, at Korea.  
The type of his discharge or release to inactive duty was Death.  
The veteran was born October 13, 1926.

REMARKS:

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O. C. Pogge, Director  
Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance

Pers-G232-RMS  
Date 13 March, 1951

Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance  
Social Security Administration  
Equitable Building  
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Re: ENS Jesse Leroy BROWN, USNR  
(Deceased) 504477/1315

Gentlemen:

The following information is furnished in accordance with your above request:

☒ The above-described veteran entered on active duty on 15 April, 1947,  
and was discharged or released to inactive duty on (Deceased) 4 December, 1950.

☒ The type of this veteran's discharge \*  
or release to inactive duty was killed in action as the result of plane crash  
(Enemy action)(Asiatic area)

\* If the type of discharge is neither honorable nor dishonorable, please execute the reverse side of this form.  
Signature M. E. REEDER  
Rank Head  
Title Casualty Branch

☐ The veteran (WAS)(WAS NOT) discharged or released to inactive duty as a result of an injury or disability incurred or aggravated in service in line of duty.

Born on 13 October 1926 at  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

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If the individual was discharged for any of the reasons listed below in items 1 through 5, check the appropriate box. If the discharge was for a reason other than those listed in items 1 through 5, check the box in front of item 6:

- ☐ 1. Desertion.
- ☐ 2. Resignation accepted for the good of the service (Officer only).
- ☐ 3. On the ground that he was a conscientious objector who refused to wear the uniform or otherwise to comply with lawful orders of competent military authority.
- ☐ 4. By reason of conviction by a civil court for treason, sabotage, espionage, murder, rape, arson, burglary, robbery, kidnapping, assault with intent to kill, assault with a dangerous weapon, or of an attempt to commit any of these crimes.
- ☐ 5. Bad conduct as a result of a General Court-martial.
- ☐ 6. Other than 1 through 5 above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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31 JAN 1951

T-116 Robertson Place  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
January 28, 1951

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
Navy Department  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please send me two copies of the death  
certificate of my husband, Ensign Jesse Leroy  
Brown, USNR, 504477, who was killed  
in action in Korea December 4, 1950.

Thank you very kindly.

Very truly yours  
Mrs. Daisy Pearl Brown



T-116 Robertson Place  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi



Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
Navy Department  
Washington 25, D. C.

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BROWN, Jesse Leroy  
504477

5 February 1951

Mrs. Daisy P. Brown  
T-116 Robertson Place  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

My dear Mrs. Brown:

In response to the request in your letter of 28 January 1951 there are enclosed, as proof of death, two Reports of Death in the case of your husband, the late Ensign Jesse Leroy Brown, U. S. Naval Reserve.

On behalf of this Bureau, may I extend to you sincere sympathy in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ S. J. CARPENTER  
Lieutenant (jg) (MSC) USN  
Officer in Charge  
Medical Records Information Branch  
By direction of the Surgeon General

Encl:

(1) Two Reports of Death





DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

BUMED:3373:FCH:jvk (D)  
BROWN, Jesse Leroy  
504477  
5 February 1951

REPORT OF DEATH

The records of this Bureau show that:

Name BROWN, Jesse Leroy

Rank or Rate Ensign Service USNR

Service Number 504477 Race Negroid

Born (Date) 13 October 1926 Place Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Died (Date) 4 December 1950 Place North Korea

Cause: Principal INJURIES, MULTIPLE, EXTREME

Contributory \_\_\_\_\_

Killed in Action

C. A. SWANSON  
Rear Admiral, MC  
Surgeon General, U. S. Navy

151 S. J. CARPENTER  
LTJG MSC U.S.N.  
By direction

To: Mrs. Daisy Pearl Brown

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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IN REPLY REFER TO

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From: Chief of Naval Personnel

To: Officer-in-Charge  
U.S. Naval Reserve Officer Performance Recording Unit  
Naval & Marine Corps Reserve Center  
30th & Fort Streets  
Omaha 11, Nebraska

Subj: BROWN, Jesse L., ENS, USNR, 504477  
information concerning record of federal service

Encl: (1) Statement of Previous Service of Officers Commissioned  
in USNR after 30 June 1949.

1. Information in this Bureau indicates that subject officer was:

(a) Appointed in the U. S. Naval Reserve on 17 June 50.

(b) Last recalled to active duty on 17 June 50.

(c) Last released from active duty on 4 Dec 50; Died while serving  
on active duty

(d)

2. The statement indicated below is applicable in the case of subject officer:

☐ Subject officer had no prior Federal service (No research required).

☒ Subject officer had prior Federal service but was commissioned in USNR after 30 June 1949 (Research is required).

☐ Subject officer had prior Federal service but was commissioned in USNR before 30 June 1949 (No research required).

By direction

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Verification of all Federal service

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## Resume

### LIFE OF ENSIGN JESSE LEROY BROWN

On October 13, 1926 the third child was born to The Union of John and Julia Brown. He was given the name of Jesse Leroy Brown which is today a symbol of what courage and achievement can be in spite of overwhelming odds.

Since Jesse was a small boy on a Mississippi farm, he held a continuous desire to fly a plane. This ambition remained vivid during his high school days, for he chose subjects that might help him to become a pilot.

When he graduated, he went to study engineering at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, where he worked nights loading boxcars for the Pennsylvania Railroad to support himself.

Realizing that working eight hours at night was having a damaging effect on his grade, he became interested in the Navy college flight program for which he applied and was accepted following examinations for same.

When he enlisted in the Navy in 1946 he trained in Naval Aviation at Pensacola, Florida. He earned his wings in 1948 as the first Negro Naval Pilot and was sent for additional training in Jacksonville, Norfolk, and Quonset, R. I. He was assigned to serve on the Leyte and participated in the fleet maneuvers held in the Carribbean in 1949.

Ensign Jesse Brown died December 4, 1950 in combat in Korea. In addition to being the first Negro to receive the coveted Navy "Wings of Gold," the 24 year old youth was also the first to fly a combat mission from the deck of any aircraft carrier and was highly respected and admired by his shipmates aboard the 27,000-ton carrier Leyte.

## Program

### PRELUDE

NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... Audience

INVOCATION ..... Rev. E. L. Jones  
Pastor, Friendship and Mt. Olive Baptist Churches  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

### ENCOMIUMS:

Honorable E. J. Currie, Mayor  
City of Hattiesburg

Superintendent S. H. Blair  
Hattiesburg Public Schools

Principal N. R. Burger  
Royal Street High School

HYMN ..... "ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"  
Royal Street High School Chorus

"A TRIBUTE" ..... Rev. J. R. Cole  
Pastor, St. James C. M. E. Church, Hattiesburg,  
also Former Captain, U. S. Army

CITATIONS ..... Francis M. Hughes  
Rear-Admiral, U. S. N.

PATRIOTIC MUSIC ..... "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"  
Royal Street High School Chorus

BENEDICTION ..... Audience Standing

### TAPS

Master-of-Ceremonies  
Commandant A. B. S. Todd  
FRED SPANN POST  
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*Citation Ceremonies*

COMMEMORATING THE LATE

*Ensign Jesse Brown*

U. S. NAVAL AVIATION CORPS



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ROYAL STREET HIGH SCHOOL

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Saturday, September 29, 1951



JOSEPH NATHAN KANE  
HISTORICAL RESEARCH  
~~838 WEST END AVENUE~~  
NEW YORK 25, N. Y.

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255 West 88th Street,  
New York, 24, New York.

November 6, 1954.

U.S. Navy,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen;

Will you please advise the date when Ensign  
Jesse Leroy Brown of Hattiesburg, Miss., was commissioned  
or appointed. He crashed December 4, 1950 in Korea.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*Joseph Nathan Kane*  
JOSEPH NATHAN KANE

504477  
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