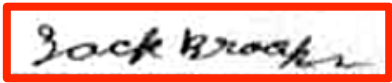


*Zach
Brooks*

Co. 49, 13th BN

165th Depot Brigade



Born At Chatfield

Died at Camp Travis
San Antonio, Texas



Zack Brooks, Private, U.S. Army
First World War

26 October 1894 – 10 August 1918

Requiescat in Pace

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Musical Prelude by The Drum and Bugle Corps of the Heritage Brass Band

Pledges to the United States

& Texas Flags All

To the Colour Band

Invocation Rev. Robert Lee, Pastor
Chatfield Baptist Church

Welcome. Rob Jones
Hodge-Martin-Chatfield
Museum

Scripture Lesson Deacons,
Chatfield Baptist Church

Life of Zack Brooks Rob Jones

“Amazing Grace” All With Band

Speaker Dr. Lila Rokoczy,
Military Sites Director,
Texas Historical Comm.

Laying of the Wreath Chatfield Baptist Church

Musical Salute Band

“American Legion Medley” Band and
Director, Larry Johnson

“Tatoo”

“Taps” Band

Closing Prayers. Rev. Glen Blackmon,
Pastor,
Chatfield United
Methodist Church

Pledge to the United States Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation under God, indivisible, With Liberty and Justice for all.

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Pledge to the Texas Flag

Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

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Jack Brooks is one of five young men from Chatfield and the surrounding area to die in World War I. He is the only African American from Chatfield who paid the supreme price. No photograph of Brooks is known to exist, but above is a group photo of African American soldiers in the same brigade in which Brooks served at Camp Travis, the 165th Depot Brigade.



Camp Travis, San Antonio, October, 1917

Named for Alamo Commander William Barret Travis, it was one of 16 training camps for the National Army that the United States created in order to provide the millions of men necessary to fight the First World War on a par with the European armies. It maintained an average of 34,000 men while Zack Brooks was there at the 5,730 acres comprising the main facility. A Hospital Ward is pictured below



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