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SERGEANT
DIRK R. ABBAS

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BRITTON, SD



- On November 26, 2019, South Dakota launched the Fallen Heroes Bridge Dedication Program. The program dedicates state bridges to South Dakota heroes who died while in active service, were prisoners of war, or were missing in action.

- The SD HWY-27 bridge over Crow Creek, south of Britton, will be dedicated as the SGT Dirk R. Abbas Bridge.

- SGT Abbas volunteered for the U.S. Marine Corps in February 1951. At Camp Pendleton, California, he completed submarine training and was assigned to the U.S.S. Perch. After returning from Christmas, he was reassigned to Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, where he would deploy to Korea. On October 6, 1952, SGT Abbas was killed in action by enemy artillery while his unit was conducting a night patrol.

