

UNDERWOOD (486672) Thomas Ellis
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RESERVE
486672

DURATION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY

UNDERWOOD

Thomas Ellis

BORN: 12 May 1922

AT: Parker, Fla.

ENLISTED: 22 October 1942

Accepted: Tampa, Fla.

AT: Orlando, Fla.

5th Recruit Bn, OCT 23 1942

Rec. Depot, Parris Is. Cl 3c

Active duty fr 10/22/42 to 3/7/45

Ret FMF, Trng Center.

Jd 4 Separate Bn MB, New River, N. C. NOV 24 1942

Co. "B" 1st Separate Bn.

Jd Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C. DEC 13 1942

19th Separate Recruit Bn. FMF, Trng Center,

Jd 1 MB, New River, N. C. DEC 13 1942

PVT 1st CLASS LINE JUL 15 1943

Designation changed to

Co. "B" 1st Bn, 24th Mgr, FMF, MAR 26 1943

In the Field ORGANIZATION CORPORAL LINE JUL 18 1944
Via Du Page

TEMPORARY CORPORAL LINE NOV 24 1944

Wounded in action FEB 25 1945

Killed in action MAR 4 1945

DISPOSITION: REMAINS INTERRED IN PLOT #
ROW 29, GRAVE #1406, 4TH MARINE DIVISION

486672
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30 September 1948

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Underwood:

I am directed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps to forward to you the following posthumous awards to which you are entitled as the next of kin of the late Corporal Thomas E. Underwood, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve:

Copy of Presidential Unit Citation awarded the Assault Troops of the Fifth Amphibious Corps, reinforced, for service on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, and ribbon bar with two stars which replaces the bar with one star previously awarded you

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal

Victory Medal World War II.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. HAMEL,
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps.

Enclosures: 4.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Underwood,
Route #1, Box #419,
St. Petersburg, Florida.

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SEP 26 1946

My dear Mrs. Underwood:

The return of American dead of World War II from overseas cemeteries has now been provided for by the Congress. The records of this office indicate that you are the person authorized to direct the final disposition of the remains of the late Corporal Thomas E. Underwood, U. S. Marine Corps.

Enclosed with this letter are two pamphlets relating to disposition of World War II Armed Forces dead. An application form is also enclosed upon which you are requested to express your wishes in order that the Government may have information necessary to proceed with plans for the return of American dead.

Before executing the application form, it is requested that you read carefully the enclosed pamphlets of information regarding the return of the dead. After you have read the pamphlets carefully and have made your decision, please execute the enclosed application form and return it within thirty days from date of receipt, using the accompanying envelope which requires no postage. If you desire to delegate this authority to some other person who has agreed to assume the responsibility of claiming the remains, please execute Part II of the application and return it in the enclosed envelope at your earliest convenience.

This operation is world-wide in scope and will be executed in an orderly and reverent manner, area by area, a time-consuming operation. Should your expressed preference, therefore, be the return of the remains to the United States, it will not be necessary for you to make funeral or other personal arrangements immediately. The expected date of return of remains will be transmitted to you sufficiently in advance to permit such personal arrangements as you may desire.

Sincerely yours,

Enc: (6)

A. A. VANDEGRIFT,
 General, U.S.M.C.,
 Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Mrs. Cora L. Underwood,
 Route #1, Box #419,
 Saint Petersburg 6, Florida.

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SEP 26 1945

My dear Mrs. Tenke:

The return of American dead of World War II from overseas cemeteries has now been provided for by the Congress. The records of this office indicate that you are the person authorized to direct the final disposition of the remains of the late Sergeant Joseph Tenke, U. S. Marine Corps.

Enclosed with this letter are two pamphlets relating to disposition of World War II Armed Forces dead. An application form is also enclosed upon which you are requested to express your wishes in order that the Government may have information necessary to proceed with plans for the return of American dead.

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Sincerely yours,

A. A. VANDEGRIFT,
General, U.S.M.C.,
Commandant of the Marine Corps.

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Enc: (6)

note
Mrs. Joseph Tenke,
125 East Apple Street,
Connellsville, Pennsylvania.

CERTIFICATE OF SETTLEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

O. Vou. No.

PAID BY

S. F. B. WOOD
CAPTAIN, A.P.M., U.S.M.C.

Claim No. 1740737

WASHINGTON, August 22, 1945
(Date)

CERTIFICATE No.

1121181

Paying Officer will please show this CERTIFICATE NUMBER on the check used in payment hereof, and insert the check number in space provided below.

Core Lee Underwood, as mother of Thomas Ellis Underwood, deceased,
Route 1, Box 419,
St. Petersburg, 6, Florida.

(Checks to be drawn as below)

I CERTIFY there is due from the United States to the above-named claimant(s), payable from the appropriation(s) indicated, the sum of—

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY AND 85/100

Dollars (\$ 120.85)

on account of

pay due decedent at date of death, March 4, 1945, as corporal, United States Marine Corps Reserve, serial No. 486672. (Letter of transmittal dated June 26, 1945.)

1751702 Pay, Marine Corps, 1945

Limitation 1751702.

Checks to issue:

Claimant as above, Paid by check No. 63867 Dated SEP 20 1945 \$60.43

George A. Underwood, as father of Thomas Ellis Underwood, deceased,
Route 1, Box 419,
St. Petersburg 6, Florida. \$60.42

RECORDED

Paid by check No. 63868 Dated SEP 20 1945

To: Disbursing Assistant Paymaster,
Marine Corps.

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MEMORANDUM

Copy for Administrative Office

CERTIFICATE OF SETTLEMENT
CLEAR AS EVIDENCED BY A/A
& N/E FILES
DIFFERENCES

10 SEP 20 1945
(date) (initials)

RECORDED

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R E C E I P T



Sept 24. 1945
 (Date)

I, Cora L. Underwood, mother of the late Corporal
 Thomas E. Underwood, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve,

do hereby acknowledge receipt of the following personal effects belonging
 to him:

- 1 Leather Jacket.
- 1 Watch (Broken).
- 1 Watch Band.
- 2 Pocket Knives.
- 1 Large Knife.
- 1 Sweetheart Pin.
- 1 Address Book.
- 9 Snapshots in Envelope.
- 3 New Testaments.
- 1 Oil Stone.
- 2 Keys.
- 1 Shoulder Patch.
- 1 Name Stamp.
- 2 Fountain Pens and Pencil in Case.
- 1 Pair of Pliers.
- 2 Photographs in Folder.
- 7 Air Mail Stamps.
- 1 Table Scarf.
- 2 Greeting Cards.
- 1 Silk Handkerchief Bag.
- 1 Shell.
- 1 Pair of Glasses in Case.

Cora L. Underwood

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FIFTH INDORSEMENT
on CO, 1stBn, 24thMar, 4thMarDiv, Serial 0074
dated 5 April 1945.

INITIALS QUARTERS, U. S. MARINE CORPS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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- Asst CMC:
- Secy:
- Legal Aide:
- PGP:
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- Pub Rel:
- Dir Pers:
- Exec Off:
- Exec Div:
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- Chief Proc:
- Off Proc:
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- Female Proc:
- Chief Perf:
- Off Perf:
- Enl Perf:
- Disch:
- Mil Hist:
- Prom:
- Disc:
- Dec & Med:
- Tar Prac:
- Cas:
- Morale:
- Insp & Ex:
- Chief Detail:
- Off Detail:
- Enl Detail:
- Class:
- Chief Rec Stat:

Commandant of the Marine Corps.
The Secretary of the Navy. (Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals).

Subject: Recommendation for award of the Bronze Star Medal in the case of Corp. Thomas E. Underwood, USMCR., deceased.

1. Forwarded, recommending that Corporal Underwood be awarded the Bronze Star Medal, posthumously.

*Basic correspondence not recorded this date.
9/2/45 me*

STANDARD
SUPERIOR MARINE

CORP. THOMAS E. UNDERWOOD USMCR
CO, 1stBn, 24thMar, 4thMarDiv, FMF rec BS
(post)
Concurred in by all.

COMPANY "B", FIRST BATTALION, TWENTY-FOURTH MARINES
 FOURTH MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE
 % FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

6 May, 1945

Inventory of personal effects of Corp. Thomas E.
 UNDERWOOD, (486672), U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, deceased.

Address of next of kin:

Cora L. Underwood (M)
 Route #1, Box #419
 St. Petersburg, Fla.

- 1. 1-Oilstone —
- 2. 1-Pr. Glasses —
- 3. 3-Bibles —
- 4. 1-Wristwatch (Geneva) —
- 5. 2-Pocket knives —
- 6. 1-Chain w/2 keys and 1 Identification tag. *tho. R.*
- 7. 1-Pr. Slip Joint Pliers —
- 8. 1-Broach (Sweetheart) —
- 9. 1-Shoulder Patch —
- 10. 1-Address Book —
- 11. 1-Name Stamp —
- 12. 1-Wristwatch Band —
- 13. 1. Scarf - *TABLE* —
- 14. 1-Silk Bag —
- 15. 2-Christmas Greeting Cards —
- 16. 11-Photos —
- 17. 1-Pen and Pencil Holder W/1 Pen and wood pencil —
- 18. 1-Leather Jacket —
- 19. 7-Stamps (Airmail-6Cents) —
- 20. 1-Fountain Pen —
- 21. ~~1-Safety Razor~~ *tho. R.*
- 22. 1-Cigarette Lighter *tho. R.*
- 23. ~~1-Seap Box~~
- 24. 1-Pocket Knife —

J. D. Swayer
 JOSEPH D. SWOYER
 Capt. USMCR.

Emile St. J. Billeaud
 EMILE St. J. BILLEAUD
 1st. Lt. USMCR.,
 INVENTORING OFFICERS

(Enclosure G)

*file
 m/c*

AUG 21 1945

Serial No. 486672 Date

Name Corp Thomas E. UNDERWOOD - USMCR

Awarded

Recommended for BRONZE STAR (POST)

Place of service IWO JIMA, V.I.S.

Date of service 3-4-45

Classified: CONFIDENTIAL SECRET

This information furnished by Decorations and Medals Division.
(Telephone Ext. 7504)

FILE ON CASE

FILE ON CASE - JFB

USMC CASUALTY REPORT

DATE 29Mar45

CARD Yes

CAS. NO. 026882

NAME UNDERWOOD, Thomas Ellis		RANK Corp	CLASS USMCR	IDENT. NO. 486672	
ORGANIZATION Co B, 1st Bn, 24th Mars, 4th MarDiv, FME		TYPE OF CASUALTY KIA	AREA PAC	DATE OF CASUALTY 4Mar45	
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DATE OF BIRTH 12May22	PLACE OF BIRTH Parker, Florida	LEGAL RESIDENCE St. Petersburg, Florida			AVCAD
NEXT OF KIN Mr. & Mrs. George A. Underwood		RELATION Prnt	ADDRESS OF KIN Route 1, Box 419, St. Petersburg, Florida.		
BENEFICIARY (Name and Address) DGB: Mrs. Cora Lee Underwood (mother) Address same as above.					
PLACE OF CASUALTY Iwo, Volcano Islands		NATURE OF WOUND		PRESENT STATUS	
REMARKS (Additional Information - Disposition of Remains)					
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NAME UNDERWOOD, Thomas Ellis		RANK Corp	CLASS USMCR	IDENT. NO. 486672	

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Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 4 March 1945

L.P.

ACCOLADE SENT

AUG 29 1945

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SMOR

WAL EMERGENCY

Frank J. ...

No. 486672

U. S. MARINE CORPS



SERVICE-RECORD BOOK

OF

UNDERWOOD
(SURNAME)

THOMAS ELLIS
(CHRISTIAN NAME)

RANK

~~PRIVATE~~

~~PRIVATE FIRST CLASS~~
Corporal (~~Temp~~)(Temp)

OCT 22 1942
(DATE OF ENLISTMENT)

PREVIOUS SERVICE (ACTIVE)

Years Months Days

DATE OF EXPIRATION OF EACH EXTENSION

N.M.C. 109-A&I
12-9 41-100M

1. Rec'd in A & ...
 (initial and pass to box number)
 2. Casualty ...
 4. MA. Hct. (FILE)

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SERVICE RECORD

OF

Name UNDERWOOD, THOMAS ELLIS

Citizenship WHITE-U.S.

Date of birth 12 MAY. 1922, 1

Place of birth PARKER, FLA

Legal residence 29 ST. & 64 AVE. No. ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency MRS. CORA LEE UNDERWOOD, (MOTHER) 29 ST. & 64 AVE. No. ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

Accepted for enlistment at SDHS TAMPA, FLA.

Enlisted as PRIVATE

At DHS, ORLANDO, FLA.

OCT 22 1942, 19 DURATION NATIONAL EMERGENCY years, to serve during minority.

Foreign shore service last enlistment (months):

From _____ to _____

Sea service last enlistment (months):

From _____ to _____

W. H. Sears

W. H. SEARS LT(MC)-V(5)USNH

U.S.M.C.,
Recruiting Officer.

Thomas Ellis Underwood

(SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT IN FULL)

Identification Card No. Nov. 54: NOV 13 1942

Identification tag issued NOV 13 1942, 19

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- 54. I-BOOKER KATIE
- 55. I-ROBEY BOB
- 56. I-CHAMBERLAIN JAMES
- 57. I-DEWITT LARRY
- 58. I-LEWIS BEN
- 59. I-SCOTT (WILSON)
- 60. I-TRUCKER JACK
- 61. I-BEN & BENNETT
- 62. I-LEWIS
- 63. I-CHAMBERLAIN
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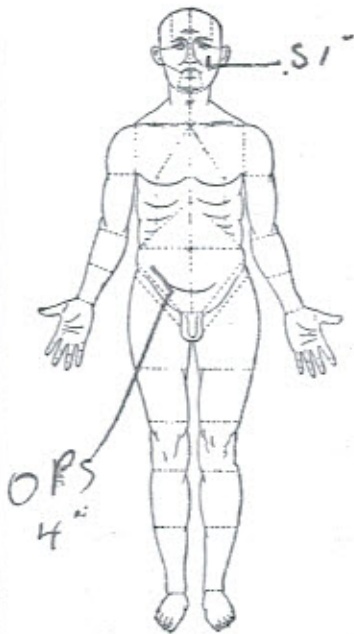
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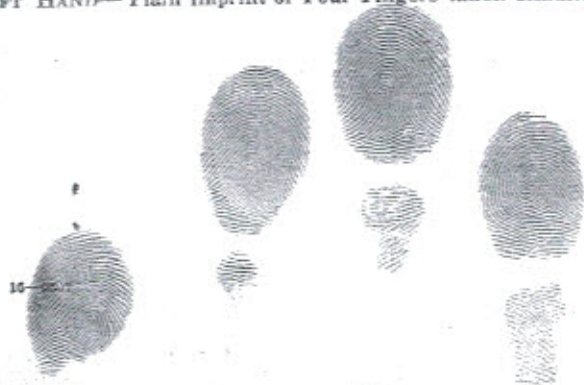
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	9. RING
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Examined OCT 22, 1942
 Eyes Blue
 Hair Black
 Complexion Ruddy
 Height 69 inches.
 Weight 140 pounds.

LEFT HAND— Plain imprint of Four Fingers taken simultaneously



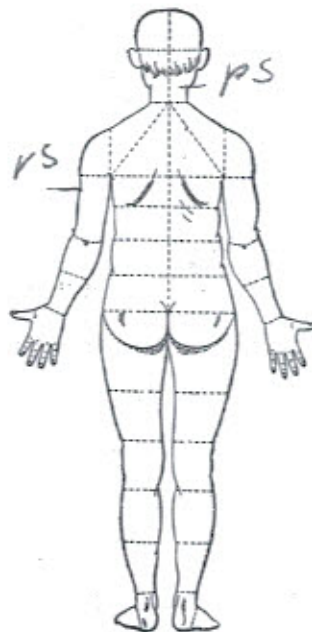
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RIGHT HAND

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	1. THUMB



Date and nature of any waiver

NONE

W. H. Sears
 W. H. SEARS LT(MC)-V(S)USMAgeon.

RIGHT HAND— Plain imprint of Four Fingers taken simultaneously



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OFFENSES.—Enter date, place, organization, offense, and punishment. Give date and hour from and to which a.o.l. or a.w.o.l.; courtmartial; desertion and known attending circumstances; rewards offered. All entries will be signed by commanding officer. Where no offenses are committed no entries will be made

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FURLOUGHS

FROM—	TO—	DAYS	DATE OF RETURN	FROM—	TO—	DAYS	DATE OF RETURN
9 Feb 43	17 Feb 43	8	17 Feb 43				

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INFANTRY WEAPONS RECORD
Rifle Qualification Course

WHERE ATTACHED	RANGE	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	SCORE	FINAL QUALIFICATIONS	SIGNATURE AND RANK OF VERIFYING OFFICER	NO. AND DATE M.Q. ORDER	DATE INSIGNIA DELIVERED
RIFLE RANGE, M.B.	NEW RIVER, N.C.	DEC	11	1942	231	UNQUAL.	<i>[Signature]</i> Captains		

Pistol Qualification and Short Courses

WHERE ATTACHED	RANGE	DATE	COURSE	QUALIFICATION OR SCORE	DATE INSIGNIA DELIVERED

Credits for qualification as Distinguished Rifleman and/or Pistol Shot

16-0647

AUTOMATIC RIFLE, THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUN, MACHINE GUN, 87 MM GUN, 3" MORTAR, BAYONET, RIFLE GRENADE, HAND GRENADE

Where attached	Weapon	Course	Qualification	Date	Date insignia delivered
5th Recruit Bn, R. Depot Camp Pendleton, Calif.	BAYONET <i>Carbine Ford</i>		EXPERT	NOV 19 1942	
				SEP 24 1943	<i>[Signature]</i>

SPECIAL MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS

ARTILLERY.—Gun pointer, sighting type of gun, etc.
 AVIATION.—Pilot, motor mechanic, fitter, aerologist, etc.
 CAVALRY.—Saddler, horseholder, veterinarian, etc.
 COMBAT ENGINEERS.—Draftsman, military maps, demolitions, etc.
 COMMUNICATIONS.—Radio operator, radio mechanic, telephone operator, lineman, signaller, etc.
 MISCELLANEOUS.—Scout, interpreter, chauffeur, tank driver, tractor driver, railroad engineer, armorer, range estimator, instrument operator, etc.

PAY ACCOUNT RECORD OF *Underwood, Thomas E.*

(See instructions on page 25)

ORGANIZATION OR POST	BY WHOM PAID (Name of paymaster)	DATE INCLUSIVE TO WHICH LAST PAID OR SETTLED	BALANCE		ORGANIZATION OR POST	BY WHOM PAID (Name of paymaster)	DATE INCLUSIVE TO WHICH LAST PAID OR SETTLED	BALANCE	
			Overpaid	Unpaid				Overpaid	Unpaid
5th Recruit Bn, R. Depot 1 MB, Parris Island, S.C.	E. G. BOCK	NOV 19 1942	\$	\$ 82	30		\$		
<i>REC SEP RB FMP</i>					31				
<i>1st MB NEW RIVERS MS</i>	B. J. Klingenberg	DEC 1 2 1942		4 16	32				
<i>Comp at Quantico, N.C.</i>	<i>F. J. Klingenberg</i>	<i>DEC 2 2 1942</i>		<i>34 04</i>	33				
<i>Comp at Quantico, N.C.</i>	<i>F. J. Klingenberg</i>	<i>DEC 2 2 1942</i>		<i>22 34</i>	34				
<i>Comp at Quantico, N.C.</i>	<i>F. J. Klingenberg</i>	<i>DEC 2 2 1942</i>		<i>64</i>	35				
<i>Comp at Quantico, N.C.</i>	<i>M. J. Cherry</i>	<i>31 Mar 43</i>		<i>3 34</i>	36				
<i>Comp at Quantico, N.C.</i>	<i>W. D. Cherry</i>	<i>30 Apr 43</i>		<i>26 64</i>	37				
<i>Comp at Quantico, N.C.</i>	<i>R. A. Coxeter</i>	<i>MAY 31 1943</i>		<i>24 94</i>	38				
<i>Comp at Quantico, N.C.</i>	<i>R. A. Coxeter</i>	<i>JUN 30 1943</i>		<i>23 24</i>	39				
<i>Comp at Quantico, N.C.</i>	<i>R. A. Coxeter</i>	<i>JUL 31 1943</i>		<i>28 87</i>	40				
<i>Comp at Quantico, N.C.</i>	<i>R. A. Coxeter</i>	<i>AUG 31 1943</i>		<i>26 37</i>	41				
<i>Comp at Quantico, N.C.</i>	<i>R. A. Coxeter</i>	<i>SEP 30 1943</i>		<i>28 87</i>	42				
<i>Comp at Quantico, N.C.</i>	<i>R. A. Coxeter</i>	<i>OCT 31 1943</i>		<i>31 37</i>					

10. 1st Bn. 24th MAR. 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMP	R. A. COXETER	NOV 30 1943		28 87	43			
10. 1st Bn. 24th MAR. 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMP	R. A. COXETER	DEC 31 1943		26 37	44			
10. 1st Bn. 24th MAR. 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMP	R. A. COXETER	FEB 29 1944		88 65	45			
10. 1st Bn. 24th MAR. 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMP	R. A. COXETER	MAR 31 1944		61 95	46			
10. 1st Bn. 24th MAR. 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMP	P. M. GRAVES	30 APR 44		30 26	47			
10. 1st Bn. 24th MAR. 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMP	P. M. GRAVES	31 MAY 44		48 55	48			
10. 1st Bn. 24th MAR. 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMP	P. M. GRAVES	31 AUG 44		194 09	49			
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10. 1st Bn. 24th MAR. 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMP	P. M. GRAVES	31 OCT 44		39 49	51			
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10. 1st Bn. 24th MAR. 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMP	P. M. GRAVES	JAN 31 1945		57 59	54			
10. 1st Bn. 24th MAR. 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMP	T. W. TURCOTTE	4 MAR 45		120 85	55			
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Entered the Marine Corps Res (date) (place)

Born 12 May 22 at Pastor, Fla.
Height 67 Inches Eyes Blue Hair R Complexion

Previous Service: _____

Rank: _____

Service: (Sea and Foreign) _____

Col (94)

13 Jan 44 to 4 Mar 45

Wounds Received in Action: _____

25 Feb 45; 4 Mar 45

Battles, Engagements, Skirmishes, Expeditions. Loi Namur, M.I. 17 Feb 44 to

8 Feb 44; Saipan, M.I. 15 June 44 to 23 Jul 44 and 9 Aug 44 to 10 Aug 44;

Guinea M.I. 24 Jul 44 to 1 Aug 44; Iwo Jima 19 Feb 45 to 4 Mar 45

Awards: Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart with Gold Star,

PVC ribbon bar with 2 stars, G.I.C. medal, WWII Medal

Remarks: in active duty throughout enlistment. Had sta

Serial Number: _____

Furnished To: _____

Mr & Mrs. George A. Underwood
Route 1 Box 419
St. Petersburg, Fla.

U. S. M. C.

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OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATION RECORD

UNDERWOOD, THOMAS ELLIS
(Name in full, surname to left)

Age 20 years Occupation FISHING TACKLE MFG

How many years have you worked at it? 2

Name of last employer FLA. FISHING TACKLE & MFG Co.

Business FISHING TACKLE

Address SR PETERSBURG, FLA.

Your weekly wage in this position, \$ 20.00

Describe the jobs or enterprises in which you exercised the greatest authority or leadership, such as foreman, manager, captain, etc. NONE

In the columns below draw one line in black ink under those occupations at which you have worked; draw two lines under those at which you are an expert.

After each underlined occupation write in years column also the number of years (i. e., 1, 5, 9) of experience you have had in that occupation.

OCCUPATION	YRS.	OCCUPATION	YRS.
1 Aerial cameraman, still camera		42 Motorcycle mechanic	
2 Aerial photographic laboratory technician		43 Painter, general	
3 Aerial phototopographer		44 Painter, sign	
4 Airplane engine mechanic		45 Painter, sign letterer	
5 Airplane fabric and dope worker		46 Parachute mechanic	
6 Airplane mechanic		47 Photographer, amateur, expert	
7 Armorer		48 Photographer, camera-man, still	
8 Automobile electrician		49 Plumber, general	
9 Automobile mechanic, Diesel engine		50 Power man, telephone	
10 Automobile mechanic, general		51 Radiator repairman	
11 Baker		52 Radio electrician	
12 Barber		53 Radio operator, amateur	
13 Blacksmith, general		54 Radio operator, commercial	
14 Blacksmith, tool		55 Rigger, general	
15 Blaster and powderman		56 Rodman and chainman, survey	
16 Blueprinter		57 Sheet-metal worker	
17 Bricklayer, general		58 Shovel operator, gas engine	
18 Bridge carpenter		59 Stenographer	
19 Butcher		60 Stone mason	
20 Cable splicer, telephone and telegraph		61 Storage battery electrician	
21 Carpenter, general		62 Student, chemical engineering	
22 Chief clerk		63 Student, civil engineering	
23 Clerk, general		64 Student, electrical engineering	
24 Clerk, postal or mail		65 Student, mechanical engineering	
25 Construction foreman		66 Surveyor, general	
26 Cook		67 Switchboard installer, manual, telephone and telegraph	
27 Cordage worker		68 Tailor	
28 Draftsman, general		69 Telephone and telegraph lineman	
29 Draftsman, topographical		70 Tire repairer	
30 Electrician, general		71 Tractor driver	
31 Engineman, gas, oil, and gasoline		72 Truck driver	
32 Filter operator, water supply		73 Typist	
33 Horse trainer		74 Upholsterer	
34 Instrument maker		75 Welder, electric arc	
35 Line surveyor, telephone and telegraph		76 Welder, oxyacetylene	
36 Linotype or monotype operator		77 Well driller	
37 Lithographer, general		78 Wire chief, telephone and telegraph	
38 Machinist, general		79 Wireworker	
39 Mechanic, general			
40 Mess sergeant			
41 Meteorologist			

If you are an expert in any occupation not listed above, write it here _____

Outline any previous military experience (including C. C. C.) you have had, give period of service, rank or grade, and organization. NONE

Number of children. NONE
Unmarried

Thomas Ellis Underwood
(Signature of recruit)

Date 2 Nov, 1942

10-5647-1 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1942

glen
(Initials of officer)

SCHOOLING:
Grade reached in school 8 Did you graduate? N.O.

Years in high school 1 Did you graduate? NONE

Years in college _____ Did you graduate? NONE

Subjects of specialization _____

Years in technical school _____

Name course(s) pursued _____

Do you speak a foreign language well? _____ (insert language)

Any other languages? _____

Describe any talent you have in furnishing public entertainment. _____

List any hobbies, pertaining to any subject listed on page 36, with years of experience and indicate by underlining in red ink in the same manner as specified for occupation. _____

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AND REFER TO

• QB4-VDB
27 September 1945.

NAVY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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• End 6 on CO, 1stEn, 24thMars,
4thMarDiv, Serial 0074 dated
5 April 1945.

From: Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals.
To: The Secretary of the Navy.

Subj: Recommendation for award of the Bronze Star Medal in
the case of Corporal Thomas E. Underwood, USMCR., deceased.

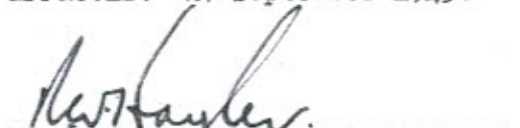
1. The Board concurs with the fourth endorsement of the Commander
in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and recommends the posthumous award of
the Bronze Star Medal to:

Corporal Thomas E. Underwood, USMCR

By direction of the Board.


H. G. PATRICK.

APPROVED: 27 September 1945.


Senior Member, Navy Department
Board of Decorations and Medals.
By direction of the
Secretary of the Navy.

CC: USMC

*Citation
written 12/14/45
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FIFTH INDORSEMENT
on CO, 1stBn, 24thMars,
4thMarDiv, Serial 0074
dated 5 April 1945.

HEADQUARTERS, U. S. MARINE CORPS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

MC - 544945

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps.
To: The Secretary of the Navy. (Navy Department Board
of Decorations and Medals).

Subject: Recommendation for award of the Bronze Star Medal
in the case of Corp. Thomas E. Underwood, USMCR.,
deceased.

1. Forwarded, recommending that Corporal Underwood be
awarded the Bronze Star Medal, posthumously.

Thomas E. Underwood

24 SEP 1945

Received
Sec. of Navy

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P15/EF37(1)

Serial 35202

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AND PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

6 AUG 1945

4th Endorsement on
CO, 1stBn, 24thMars,
4thMarDiv, Serial
0074 dated 5 April
1945.

From: Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
To: The Secretary of the Navy.
Via: The Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

Subject: Award of the Bronze Star Medal, case
of Corporal Thomas E. Underwood,
(486672), U.S. Marine Corps Reserve,
(Posthumous) - recommendation for.

1. Forwarded.
2. The Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet,
recommends that the Bronze Star Medal be awarded, posthumously,
to:

Corp. Thomas E. Underwood, USMCR



J. H. HOOVER
Deputy Cinopac & Cinopoa.

Copy to: (4th End. only)
ComGenFMFPac
ComGen4thMarDiv

1740-55-110
0296/359

HEADQUARTERS,
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC,
c/o FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO.

Serial: 40758 ✓

JUN 7 1945



3d Endorsement on
CO, 1stBn, 24thMars,
4thMarDiv, Serial
0074 dtd 5Apr45.

From: The Commanding General.
To : The Secretary of the Navy.

Via : (1) The Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet
and Pacific Ocean Areas.
(2) Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Subject: Award of the Bronze Star Medal, case of Corporal
Thomas E. UNDERWOOD, (486672), U. S. Marine Corps
Reserve, (Posthumous) - recommendation for.

1. Forwarded, recommending the award of the Bronze
Star Medal, posthumously, to Corporal UNDERWOOD, as a suitable
decoration for the act cited.

H. H. [Signature]
H. H. [Signature]

Copy to:
CG, 4thMarDiv

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1740-65
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HEADQUARTERS
FOURTH MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE,
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

24 May, 1945.

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2nd Endorsement on
CO, 1st Bn, 24th Mar
ltr serial: 0074
dtd 5 April, 1945.

From: The Commanding General.
To: The Secretary of the Navy.
Via: (1) The Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.
(2) The Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and
Pacific Ocean Areas.
(3) The Commandant of the Marine Corps.
Subject: BRONZE STAR MEDAL, recommendation for posthumous
award of, case of Corporal Thomas E. UNDERWOOD,
(486672), U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.
1. Forwarded, approved.

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Q. B. CATES.

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HEADQUARTERS, TWENTY-FOURTH MARINES,
FOURTH MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE,
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Serial No: 2307. 19 April, 1945.

1st Endorsement on
CO, 1st Bn, 24th Mar
ltr serial: 0074,
dated 5 Apr 45.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commanding General, Fourth Marine Division.
Subject: Bronze Star Medal (posthumous), recommendation
for, case of Corporal Thomas E. Underwood
(486672), U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

1. Forwarded, approved.
2. Corporal Underwood was awarded the Division
Commander's Citation for the Saipan and Tinian operation.

W. I. Jordan
W. I. JORDAN.

1740/HCP-sgr

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST BATTALION,
 TWENTY-FOURTH MARINES, FOURTH MARINE DIVISION, FMF,
 C/O FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Serial No. 0074.

5 April, 1945.

From: The Commanding Officer.
 To : The Secretary of the Navy.
 Via : (1) The Commanding Officer, Twenty-Fourth
 Marines, Fourth Marine Division, FMF.
 (2) The Commanding General, Fourth Marine
 Division, FMF.
 (3) The Commanding General, Fleet Marine
 Force, Pacific.
 (4) The Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Subject: Bronze Star Medal, recommendation for, case
 of Corporal Thomas E. UNDERWOOD, (486672),
 U. S. Marine Corps Reserve of Company "B",
 First Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines.

Enclosure: (A) Sample Citation for subject named man.

1. It is recommended that the subject named man
 be awarded the Bronze Star Medal (posthumously) for heroic
 achievement in action against the enemy on IWO JIMA, VOLCANO
 ISLANDS, on 4 March, 1945.

2. When his unit was held up by heavy enemy fire,
 Corporal UNDERWOOD, as squad leader, deployed his squad for
 the assault. Under this intense enemy fire the carbine he
 was using was shot from his hands. Undaunted by this narrow
 escape he picked up a Browning Automatic Rifle and continued
 to lead his men in a successful assault. It was at this time
 that Corporal UNDERWOOD was fatally wounded.

3. As a result of his aggressive and inspiring
 leadership, the enemy was destroyed permitting the advance
 of his platoon.

4. Corporal UNDERWOOD's next of kin with address
 is:

Mrs. Cora L. UNDERWOOD, (Mother),
 Route #1, Box #419,
 St. Petersburg, Fla.

H. C. Parks
 H. C. PARKS.

SAMPLE CITATION

In the name of the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy, takes pleasure in awarding the BRONZE STAR MEDAL (posthumously) to

CORPORAL THOMAS E. UNDERWOOD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic achievement as squad leader of a marine rifle squad during operations against the enemy on IWO JIMA, VOLCANO ISLANDS, on 4 March, 1945. When his unit was held up by heavy fire from an entrenched enemy strong point, Corporal UNDERWOOD deployed his squad for the assault. Picking up a Browning Automatic Rifle, when his carbine was shot from his hands, he continued to lead his men in a successful attack, during which he lost his life. As a result of his aggressive and inspiring leadership, the enemy was destroyed and the strong point reduced. His courage and conduct throughout were in keeping with the best traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL,
Secretary of the Navy.

SAMPLE CITATION

ENCLOSURE (A)

APR 1946

486672

107-2480/TAD-hwt 3rd Endorsement 28 September, 1946
REHABILITATION OFFICE, 7TH MARINE RESERVE DISTRICT, ROOM 225, P.O.
BUILDING, JACKSONVILLE, 2, FLORIDA.

From: The District Rehabilitation Officer.
To : The Commandant of the Marine Corps.

1. The subject-named award was presented to Mrs. George A. Underwood, Route #1, Box 419, St. Petersburg, Florida, on 26 September, 1946, with an appropriate informal ceremony and was given due publicity in the local St. Petersburg newspapers.


T. "A" DEMOSTHENES.



IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
AND REFER TO

HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON

SERIAL **486672**
DGP-286-cag

AUG 26 1946

MC- 807651

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps.
 To: The Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Air Station,
 Jacksonville, Florida.

Subject: **Bronze Star Medal with citation posthumously awarded
 the late Corp. Thomas E. Underwood, USMCR.**

Inclosures: (a) Ltr. fr. CMC to parents.
 (b) Citation.

1. The records of this office indicate that the proper recipient(s) of the subject award are the parents of the late Corporal Underwood, Mr. & Mrs. George A. Underwood, Route #1, Box #419, St. Petersburg, Fla. In view of this, the decoration is being transmitted to you by registered mail, with the request that it be presented by you: The Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, or such other representative as you may deem appropriate.

2. In accordance with current policy, presentation of the award should be made with appropriate ceremony and given due publicity, if the recipient(s) so desire(s); otherwise, it is requested that it be delivered informally by you or your representative.

3. On the occasion of presentation, please have inclosures (a) and (b) delivered.

4. Appropriate report of presentation or delivery should be made to the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

5. The request that the presentation of the award be made by you, or such representative as you may designate, is in keeping with a desire that the ceremony, whether formal or informal, be appropriate to the occasion.

A. E. O'NEIL

-----By direction-----

IN REPLY
REFER TO NA29/p15Address
Commanding Officer
Naval Air StationUNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

18 September 1946

To: Commanding Officer,
Marine Barracks

Subj: Bronze Star Medal with citation posthumously
awarded the late Corp. Thomas E. Underwood, USMCR.

Ref: (a) CMC ltr 486672, DGP-298-cag, MC-807651,
dated Aug 26 1946

1. Enclosures are forwarded for delivery in accordance with
reference (a).

A R Brady
A. R. BRADY
Commanding Officer

Encls:
1. Ltr fr CMC to parents
2. Citation
3. Bronze Star Medal
4. Copy of ref. (a)

cc: Headquarters US Marine Corps
Washington, DC

107-2480/TAD-hwt 3rd Endorsement 28 September, 1946
REHABILITATION OFFICE, 7TH MARINE RESERVE DISTRICT, ROOM 225, P.O.
BUILDING, JACKSONVILLE, 2, FLORIDA.

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T. "A" DEMOSTHENES.



IN REPLYING ADDRESS
 COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
 AND REFER TO

SERIAL 486672
 DGP-298-cag

HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS
 WASHINGTON

AUG 26 1945

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A. E. O'NEIL

-By direction-

TYPE #1

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DGP-298-cag

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	Chief Control
	Exec Div
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	Casualty
	Mess M
	Chief Detail
	Off Det
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	Chief Records
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	Rehab
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	Welfare

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Underwood:

I wish to assure you of my deep appreciation of the heroic service of your son, the late Corporal Thomas E. Underwood, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, during operations against Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 4 March 1945, for which he was posthumously awarded the Bronze Medal with citation by the President of the United States.

I tender again my sympathy and condolence in your bereavement. The Marine Corps shares your pride in the gallant action of your son.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. VANDEGRIFT
General, U.S.M.C.
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Mrs. George A. Underwood,
Route #1, Box #419,
St. Petersburg, Florida.

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Signed JUL 24 1946

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The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the BRONZE STAR MEDAL posthumously to

**CORPORAL THOMAS E. UNDERWOOD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,**

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic service as Squad Leader while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 4 March 1945. When his unit was held up by vicious fire from an entrenched enemy strong point, Corporal Underwood deployed his men for an assault, dauntlessly picking up a Browning Automatic Rifle when his carbine was shot from his hands. Fatally wounded as he valiantly led a spirited attack against the fiercely defended hostile emplacement, Corporal Underwood, by his aggressive courage and inspiring leadership, contributed materially to the destruction of the enemy position, thus enabling his platoon to advance. His unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Petersburgh, Florida
B.--Parker, Florida

71-42-B-2

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Serial 35202

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
 AND PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS
 HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

6 AUG 1945

4th Endorsement on
 CO, 1stBn, 24thMars,
 4thMarDiv, Serial
 0074 dated 5 April
 1945.

From: Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
 To: The Secretary of the Navy.
 Via: The Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps. ←

Subject: Award of the Bronze Star Medal, case
 of Corporal ~~Thomas E. Underwood,~~
 (486672), U.S. Marine Corps Reserve,
 (Posthumous) - recommendation for.

1. Forwarded.
2. The Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet,
 recommends that the Bronze Star Medal be awarded, posthumously,
 to:
 Corp. Thomas E. Underwood, USMCR

J. H. BEEVER
 Deputy Cincpac & Cincpoa.

Copy to: (4th End. only)
 ComGenFMFPac
 ComGen4thMarDiv

FILE ON CASE - 11B

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HEADQUARTERS,
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC,
c/o FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO.

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Serial:

JUN 7 1945

3d Endorsement on
CG, 1stBn, 24thMars,
4thMarDiv, Serial
0074 dtd 5Apr45.

From: The Commanding General.
To: The Secretary of the Navy.
Via: (1) The Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet
and Pacific Ocean Areas.
→(2) Commandant of the Marine Corps. ←
Subject: Award of the Bronze Star Medal, case of Corporal
Thomas E. UNDERWOOD, (486672), U. S. Marine Corps
Reserve, (Posthumous) - recommendation for.

1. Forwarded, recommending the award of the Bronze
Star Medal, posthumously, to Corporal UNDERWOOD, as a suitable
decoration for the act cited.

E. M. SMITH

Copy to:
CG, 4thMarDiv

210-10-1000000

OFFICE OF THE DIVISION QUARTERMASTER,
FOURTH MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE,
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

30 April, 1945.
(Date)

From: The Division Personal Effects Officer.
To: The Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Subject: Inventory of effects of personnel.

The following valuables and personal papers were found on the body of:

UNDERWOOD, Thomas E. USMC(R) 486672, Corp.
(Name-last, first, middle initial) (Serial/File No) (Rank)

whose status is: Killed In Action, buried in the Fourth Marine Division Cemetery, Iwo Jima. As reported by Administrative Casualty Report No. 10-I.J.

- \$.05 CURRENCY
- STAMPS
- 14 PICTURES
- 1 CARD, SOCIAL SECURITY, NO. 312-24-5148
- 2 CARD, MISCELLANEOUS
- 1 PAPERS, MISCELLANEOUS
- 1 WALLET
- 1 RING
- 1 BRACELET, I.D.
- 1 LIGHTER
- 1 PEN
- 3 KEYS

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IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS
AND REFER TO NO.
486672
DGU-296-jew



HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

31 July, 1945.

My dear Mrs. Underwood:

The valuables listed on the attached inventory belonging to your son, the late Corporal Thomas E. Underwood, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, were received in this office and are transmitted to you by registered mail.

Please sign the enclosed receipt and return it to this office in the attached envelope which requires no postage.

Should any other effects be located and identified as the property of your son, they will be forwarded to you as soon as practicable after their receipt.

Sincerely yours,

M. G. CRAIG,
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps.

Enc: (3)

Mrs. Cora Lee Underwood,
Route #1, Box 419,
St. Petersburg, Florida.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

R:GM

From: Bureau of Medicine & Surgery, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

To: Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
(See Circular Letter B-5, Appendix D, Manual of the Medical Department, for instructions)

1. Name: Cpl. UNDERWOOD, Thomas Ellis 486672 Rank or rate Cpl. USMCR

2. Born: Place Parker, Fla. Date 12 May 1922

3. Nationality White, US Religion Protestant
(White—U. S., Colored, Samoan, etc.) (Denomination)

4. Eyes Blue Hair Black Complexion Ruddy Height 69 Weight 140

5. Marks, scars, etc. (noted in health record)

FINGERPRINT

State which finger _____
(Right index preferred)

6. Relation, name and address of next of kin or friend Mrs. George A. Underwood, (Mother),
Route #1, Box #419, St. Petersburg, Fla.

7. Original admission: Place Co. "B" 1st Bn. 24th Mar. Date 4 March 1945
4th Mar. Div. FMF
(Ship or station to which attached when first admitted to sick list)

8. Died: Place Asiatic Area Date 3-4-45 Hour _____

9. Cause of death { Principal WOUND, FRAGMENT, SHELL, BACK. 2584 Key Letter K
 Contributory _____

10. Death is not the result of own misconduct and is in the line of duty.
(Is or is not) (Is or is not)

11. Disposition of remains Interred in the 4th Marine Division Cemetery, Iwo Jima,
Row #29, Grave #1406.

CASUALTY STATISTICS
 NOTE
 [Handwritten signature and number 486672]

12. Summary of facts relative to the death: This certificate prepared with information
furnished by the Commandant, Marine Corps and data contained in the Health Record.

D. R. KOHLI
 Lt. (MC), USN

REVERSE OF FORM CONTAINS
 (Continue on back of this form)

FMFPAC FORM 10
RESTRICTEDRESTRICTEDMAIL BRIEFNOTIFYING REPORT OF DEATH

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONNOT TO BE DELIVERED TO
NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS

From: The Commanding Officer, 1st En., 24th Mar.,
4th War Div., FMF., SFPAC., San Francisco, Calif.

To: SECNAV

Date: 30 May, 1945.

Info: MARCORPS, WASH.
CG, FMF, PAC.

SERIAL 6418

NAME IN FULL: Thomas Ellis UNDERWOOD SERIAL NO: 486672

ORGANIZATION: B-1-24, 4th Mar Div., FMF. RANK: Corporal

BRANCH OF SERVICE: U. S. Marine Corps Reserve ON ACTIVE DUTY: YES

DATE OF DEATH: 4 March, 1945. RELIGION: Protestant

PLACE OF DEATH: Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Key Letter K.

DEATH DUE TO OWN MISCONDUCT: (YES) (NO) (UNDETERMINED)FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: Cora L. UNDERWOOD, (Mrs.)
Route #1, Box #419,
St. Petersburg, Fla.

RELATIONSHIP: Mother NEXT OF KIN NOT NOTIFIED:

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS: 11 March, 1945 Buried Plot #1, Row #29, Grave #1406, 4th Mar
Div Cemetery, Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands.

PAY PER MONTH (Base Pay): \$66.00

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIARY: Cora Lee UNDERWOOD,
Route #1, Box #419,
St. Petersburg, Fla.

GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE (NSI, etc.) AND DATE TO WHICH PREMIUMS HAVE BEEN PAID:

AMOUNT: \$10,000 NSI

LAST INSTALLMENT PAID: February, 1945.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

AUTHORIZED: C. L. BATES RELEASED BY: C. L. BATES

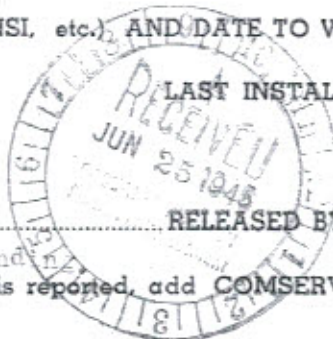
Lt Col., SMC, Commanding

1st Lt., USMC, Adjutant

INSTRUCTIONS: If Naval Personnel is reported, add COMSERVPAC as an information addressee.


CASUALTY STATISTICS
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RECORDED



FIRST BATTALION, 24TH MARINES, 14TH MARINE DIVISION, FMF.,
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Corporal Thomas E. UNDERWOOD, (486672), USMC, was recommended for the
"Bronze Star Medal" on 5 April, 1945.



H. P. HINES,
1stLt., USMC,
Adjutant.

CONDITIONS ENGAGEMENTS EXPERIENCES/RECORDS SERVICE

"Hq", 1stBn., 24thMar., 4thMarDiv., FMF., C/O FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

Embarked aboard USS HENDRY (APA-118) at Maui, T.H. 3Jan45, and sailed therefrom on 4Jan45. 4Jan45 arrived at Pearl Harbor, T. H., and sailed therefrom on 6Jan45. 6-9Jan45 on maneuvers in Hawaiian Area. 9Jan45 arrived at Pearl Harbor, T. H., and sailed therefrom on 12Jan45. 12-17Jan45 on maneuvers in Hawaiian Area. 18Jan45 arrived at Pearl Harbor, T.H., and sailed therefrom on 27Jan45. 5Feb45 arrived at Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, and sailed therefrom on 7Feb45. 11Feb45 arrived at Saipan, Marianas Islands. 13Feb45 rehearsal at Tinian, Marianas Islands. 16Feb45 sailed from Saipan, Marianas Islands. 19Feb45 arrived and disembarked at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands.

19Feb45 to 4Mar45 participated in the battle of Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands.

SA - 4 Mar 45
H. I. HINES, 1stLt., US

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MEDALS (including good-conduct medals and bars, but excluding those awarded for qualification with infantry weapons), BADGES, AND DECORATIONS; MEDAL OR BADGE NUMBER AND DATE AWARDED

Hq-1-24, 4thMarDiv., FMF., C/O F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

Awd 1 Star on Asiatic-Pac Ribbon for participation in Battle of Roi-Namur, Marshall Islands. Auth:GenOrd #207, 7Feb44.

Awd 1 Star on Asiatic-Pac Ribbon for participation in Battles of Saipan and/or Tinien, Marianas Islands.

Awd. Pres. Unit Citation Ribbon w/Star, permanently, for participation in Battle of Saipan, Marianas Islands.

H. I. HINES
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Adjutant.

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For Meritorious Service to Army (Battle of Saipan) 16 Jan 1945 *Maj Gen C B CATERS*

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FIRST BATTALION, 24TH MARINES, 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMF,
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Participated in the Battle of Tinian, Marianas Islands from
July, 1944 until 7 August, 1944.

H. I. HINES,
By direction.

H. I. HINES,
By direction.

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MEDALS (including good-conduct medals and bars, but excluding those awarded for qualification with infantry weapons), BADGES, AND DECORATIONS; MEDAL OR
BADGE NUMBER AND DATE AWARDED

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (Pasted on page 23)

SUBJECT

DATE

BY WHOM ISSUED

For distinguished service to duty (Battle of Saipan) 6 Jan 1945
Maj Gen C. B. CATES

EXCEPTIONS ENCLOSURES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

FIRST BATTALION, 24TH MARINES, 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMF,
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Participated in the Battle of Saipan, Marianas Islands from
June, 1944 until 9 July, 1944.

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H. I. HINES,
By direction.

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H. I. HINES,
By direction.

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MEDALS (including good-conduct medals and bars, but excluding those awarded for qualification with infantry weapons), BADGES, AND DI
BADGE NUMBER AND DATE AWARDED

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (Pasted on page 23)

SUBJECT	DATE	By W
<i>For Meritorious Service to Saipan</i>	<i>16 Jan 1945</i>	<i>Maj Gen C. B.</i>

16-9547-1

FIRST BATTALION, 24TH MARINES, 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMF,
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Embarked aboard the U. S. S. CALVERT at Maui, T. H. on 10 May, 1944 and sailed therefrom on 11 May, 1944. 11-13 May, 1944 at Honolulu, T. H. Sailed therefrom on 14 May, 1944. 14-19 May, 1944 at Pearl Harbor, T. H. on maneuvers in Hawaiian Area. 20-28 May, 1944 at Pearl Harbor, T. H. Sailed therefrom 29 May, 1944 and arrived at Eniwetok, Marshall Islands on 8 June, 1944. 8-10 June, 1944 at Eniwetok, Marshall Islands. Sailed therefrom 11 June, 1944 and arrived and disembarked at Saipan, Marianas Islands on 15 June, 1944.

H. I. HINES,
By direction.

16-9847

MEDALS (including good-conduct medals and bars, but excluding those awarded for qualification with infantry weapons), BADGES, AND DECORATIONS; MEDAL OR BADGE NUMBER AND DATE AWARDED

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION (Pasted on page 23)

SUBJECT	DATE	BY WHOM ISSUED
<i>For distinguished heroism to White (Battle of Saipan)</i>	<i>16 Jan 1945</i>	<i>Maj Gen C. B. CHASE</i>

16-9847-1

EXPEDITIONS ENGAGEMENTS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

73rd COMPANY
FIRST BATTALION, 24TH MARINES, 4TH MARINE DIVISION, FMF,
c/o FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

-2Feb44. Participated in the Battle of Roi-Namur Island, Kwejalein Atoll,
Marshall Islands.

M. G. Cokin
M. G. COKIN,
Captain, USMCR,
Commanding.

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Captain, USMCR,
Commanding.

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BY WHOM ISSUED

For Meritorious Service to Navy (Battle of Roi-Namur) 16 Jan 1945 *Maj Gen C. B. CHAFFIN*

10-5547-1

INFANTRY WEAPONS RECORD
Rifle Qualification Course

WHERE ATTACHED	RANGE	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	SCORE	FINAL QUALIFICATIONS	SIGNATURE AND RANK OF VERIFYING OFFICER	NO. AND DATE M.Q. ORDER	DATE INSIGNIA DELIVERED
RIFLE RANGE, M.B.	NEW RIVER, N.C.	DEC	11	1942	231	UNQUAL	<i>J. H. Smith</i> Captain		

Pistol Qualification and Short Courses

WHERE ATTACHED	RANGE	DATE	COURSE	QUALIFICATION OR SCORE	DATE INSIGNIA DELIVERED

Credits for qualification as Distinguished Rifleman and/or Pistol Shot

16-6647

AUTOMATIC RIFLE, THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUN, MACHINE GUN, 37 MM GUN, 3" MORTAR, BAYONET, RIFLE
GRENADE, HAND GRENADE

Where attached	Weapon	Course	Qualification	Date	Date insignia delivered
5th Recruit Bn, R. Depot Alb. Parry Isippl Camp Fontleton, Calif.	BAYONET <i>Carbines</i>	<i>Font</i>	EXPERT	NOV 7 8 1942 SEP 24 1943	<i>Smith</i>

SPECIAL MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS

ARTILLERY.—Gun pointer, stading type of gun, etc.
 AVIATION.—Pilot, motor mechanic, rigger, aerologist, etc.
 CAVALRY.—Saddler, horseboer, veterinarian, etc.
 COMBAT ENGINEERS.—Draftsman, military maps, demolitions, etc.
 COMMUNICATIONS.—Radio operator, radio mechanic, telephone operator, lineman, signalman, etc.
 MISCELLANEOUS.—Scout, interpreter, chauffeur, tank driver, tractor driver, railroad engineer, armorer, range estimator, instrument operator, etc.

OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATION RECORD

1 UNDERWOOD, THOMAS ELLIS
 2 (Name in full, surname to left)

3 Age 20 years Occupation FISHING
 4 TACKLE MFG

5 How many years have you worked at it? 2

6 Name of last employer FLA. FISHING
 7 TACKLE & MFG. Co.

8 Business FISHING TACKLE

9 Address PETERSBURG, FLA.

10 Your weekly wage in this position, \$ 20.00

11 Describe the jobs or enterprises in which you exercised
 12 the greatest authority or leadership, such as foreman,
 13 manager, captain, etc. NONE

14 In the columns below draw one line in black ink under
 15 those occupations at which you have worked; draw two
 16 lines under those at which you are an expert.

17 After each underlined occupation write in years column
 18 also the number of years (i. e., 1, 5, 9) of experience you
 19 have had in that occupation.

OCCUPATION	YRS.	OCCUPATION	YRS.
1 Aerial cameraman, still camera		42 Motorcycle mechanic	
2 Aerial photographic laboratory technician		43 Painter, general	
3 Aerial phototopographer		44 Painter, sign	
4 Airplane engine mechanic		45 Painter, sign letterer	
5 Airplane fabric and dope worker		46 Parachute mechanic	
6 Airplane mechanic		47 Photographer, amateur, expert	
7 Armorer		48 Photographer, camera-man, still	
8 Automobile electrician		49 Plumber, general	
9 Automobile mechanic, Diesel engine		50 Power man, telephone	
10 Automobile mechanic, general		51 Radiator repairman	
11 Baker		52 Radio electrician	
12 Barber		53 Radio operator, amateur	
13 Blacksmith, general		54 Radio operator, commercial	
14 Blacksmith, tool		55 Rigger, general	
15 Blaster and powderman		56 Rodman and chainman, survey	
16 Blueprinter		57 Sheet-metal worker	
17 Bricklayer, general		58 Shovel operator, gas engine	
18 Bridge carpenter		59 Stenographer	
19 Butcher		60 Stone mason	
20 Cable splicer, telephone and telegraph		61 Storage battery electrician	
21 Carpenter, general		62 Student, chemical engineering	
22 Chief clerk		63 Student, civil engineering	
23 Clerk, general		64 Student, electrical engineering	
24 Clerk, postal or mail		65 Student, mechanical engineering	
25 Construction foreman		66 Surveyor, general	
26 Cook		67 Switchboard installer, manual, telephone and telegraph	
27 Cordage worker		68 Tailor	
28 Draftsman, general		69 Telephone and telegraph lineman	
29 Draftsman, topographical		70 Tire repairer	
30 Electrician, general		71 Tractor driver	
31 Engineman, gas, oil, and gasoline		72 Truck driver	
32 Filter operator, water supply		73 Typist	
33 Horse trainer		74 Upholsterer	
34 Instrument maker		75 Welder, electric arc	
35 Line surveyor, telephone and telegraph		76 Welder, oxyacetylene	
36 Linotype or monotype operator		77 Well driller	
37 Lithographer, general		78 Wire chief, telephone and telegraph	
38 Machinist, general		79 Wireworker	
39 Mechanic, general			
40 Mess sergeant			
41 Meteorologist			

40 If you are an expert in any occupation not listed above,
 41 write it here _____

Outline any previous military experience (including C. C. C.) you have had, give period of service, rank or grade, and organization. NONE

SCHOOLING:
 Grade reached in school 8
 Years in high school 1
 Years in college _____
 Subjects of specialization _____
 Years in technical school _____
 Name course(s) pursued _____

Did you graduate? NO

Did you graduate? NONE

Did you graduate? NONE

(Insert language)

Do you speak a foreign language well? _____

Any other languages? _____

Describe any talent you have in furnishing public entertainment. _____

Number of children NONE

Number of children NONE

Number of children NONE

Number of children NONE

Number of children NONE

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Number of children NONE

List any hobbies, pertaining to any subject listed on page 36, with years of experience and indicate by underlining in red ink in the same manner as specified for occupation. NONE

Date 2 Nov, 1942

Thomas Ellis Underwood
 (Signature of recruit)

gja
 (Initials of officer)

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Summers

Personally appeared before me, this 11 (Day) th

of June, 1945, Cora Lee Underwood
(Month) (Name of Affiant)

who deposes and says:

I am the mother of Thomas Ellis Underwood
(Relationship) (Name of
Marine), Corporal, U. S.
(Rank)

Marine Corps, deceased, and decedent is not survived by a widow.

If later records show that the decedent is in fact survived by a widow, I hereby agree to refund any monies which I may hereafter receive as beneficiary of the six months' gratuity on the death of the aforesaid Thomas Ellis Underwood deceased.

* Cora Lee Underwood
(Signature of Affiant)

(S E A L)

John J. Fisher
(Notary Public)
State of Fla. at Large

My commission expires: Nov. 14, 1945

COMPANY "B", FIRST BATTALION, TWENTY-FOURTH MARINES
 FOURTH MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE
 6 FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

6 May, 1945

Inventory of personal effects of Corp. Thomas E.
 UNDERWOOD, (486672), U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, deceased.

Address of next of kin:

Gora L. Underwood (M)
 Route #1, Box #419
 St. Petersburg, Fla.

1. 1-Oilstone
2. 1-Pr. Glasses
3. 3-Bibles
4. 1-Wristwatch (Geneva)
5. 2-Pocket knives
6. 1-Chain w/2 keys and 1 Identification tag. *N.A.R.*
7. 1-Pr. Slip Joint Pliers
8. 1-Brooch (Sweetheart)
9. 1-Shoulder Patch
10. 1-Address Book
11. 1-Name Stamp
12. 1-Wristwatch Band
13. 1. Scarf - *TABLE*
14. 1-Silk Bag
15. 2-Christmas Greeting Cards
16. 11-Photos
17. 1-Pen and Pencil Holder w/1 Pen and wood pencil
18. 1-Leather Jacket
19. 7-Stamps (Airmail-6Cents)
20. 1-Fountain Pen
21. 1-Safety Razor *N.A.R.*
22. 1-Cigarette Lighter
23. 1-Soap Box *N.A.R.*
24. 1-Pocket Knife

J. D. Sawyer
 JOSEPH D. SHOYER
 Captain, USMCR.

Emile St. J. Billeaud
 EMILE St. J. BILLEAUD
 1st. Lt. USMCR.,
 INVENTORING OFFICERS

(Enclosure G)

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6 April, 1945.

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Dec & Med
Tar Prac
Cas
Morale
Insp & Ex
Chief Detail
Off Detail
Enl Detail
Class
Chief Rec Stat
Stat
Ident
Hist
Mail & File
War Bond

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Underwood:

It is a source of profound regret to me and to his comrades in the Marine Corps that your son, Corporal Thomas Ellis Underwood, United States Marine Corps Reserve, ~~lost his life in action~~ against the enemies of his country and I wish to express my deepest sympathy to you and members of your family in your great loss.

There is little I can say to lessen your grief but it is my earnest hope that the knowledge of your son's splendid record in the service and the thought that he nobly gave his life in the performance of his duty may in some measure comfort you in this sad hour.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. VANDECRIFT,
 General, U.S.M.C.,
 Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Underwood,
 Route 1, Box 419,
 St. Petersburg, Florida.

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- (t) Sgt. KERMIT SHAW, (326220), USMCR.
Corp. LEONARD O. FRITZE, (539605), USMCR.
Corp. HOWARD W. JOHNSON, (493488), USMCR.
Corp. ROBERT F. SEITZ, (478935), USMCR.
Corp. THOMAS E. UNDERWOOD, (486672), USMCR.
FC HENRY F. DENSON, Jr., (471846), USMCR.

"For excellent service in the line of his duties while serving as a squad leader of a rifle squad during the invasion and capture of Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July, 1944. His courageous leadership, initiative, and devotion to duty were an inspiration to those in whose charge he had been placed and his willingness to give battle aided materially to the success of his organization."

- (u) Corp. CHARLES A. TOWNSEND, (465380), USMCR.
FC JAMES E. DRURY, (488754), USMCR.

"For excellent service in the line of his duties as squad leader in a rifle squad during the invasion and capture of Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June to 9 July, 1944. His initiative, devotion to duty and willingness to give battle contributed materially to the complete destruction of the enemy."

- (v) Sgt. JOSEPH S. COWAN, (256673), USMC.
Sgt. PETER LOCATELLI, (8-3695), USMCR.
Sgt. ANIELLO A. ULIAFICO, (379826), USMC.
Sgt. CELIO E. SPERANDIO, (409217), USMC.
Corp. JOHN C. BRADDOCK, (473168), USMCR.

"For excellent service in the line of his profession while serving as squad leader in a rifle platoon during the invasion and capture of Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July, 1944. His initiative, energy, and devotion to duty contributed greatly to the success of his unit in the operation."

- (w) Sgt. CHARLES A. TOWNSEND, (465380), USMCR.

"For excellent service in the line of his profession while serving as a squad leader of a rifle squad during the invasion and capture of Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, 15 June to 1 August, 1944. His initiative, energy, and devotion to duty contributed greatly to the success of his unit."

- (x) Corp. JAMES J. CHVALAL, Jr., (387548), USMCR.
Corp. PAUL T. GECKLE, (807504), USMC.
Corp. JOSEPH H. LEITCH, (300984), USMC.
FC JOHN A. CUTHBERTSON, (259061), USMCR.

"For excellent service in the line of his profession while serving as a squad leader of a rifle squad during the invasion and capture of Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June to 9 July, 1944. His initiative, energy, and devotion to duty contributed greatly to the success of his unit in the operation."

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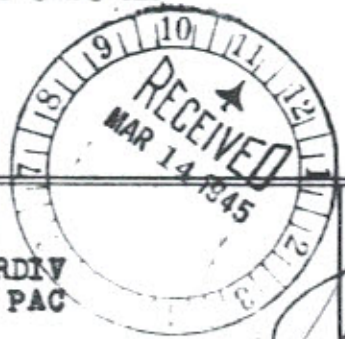
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MAY 11 1945

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Underwood:

I am directed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps to inform you that you are entitled to the Purple Heart with gold star and the inclosed Purple Heart Certificate posthumously awarded your son, the late Corporal Thomas E. Underwood, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, in the name of the President of the United States and by direction of the Secretary of the Navy. The Purple Heart which is being engraved will be forwarded to you within the next two months.

You are also entitled to the inclosed copy of the Presidential Unit Citation awarded the Fourth Marine Division, Reinforced, for service in action against the enemy in the Marianas Islands, and Presidential Unit Citation ribbon bar with star, inasmuch as your son was a member of that organization during the period specified in the Citation, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal for his service in the Asiatic-Pacific Area. The medal will not be ready for issuance until six months after the war, and it is requested that you make application to this office for the award at that time.

Sincerely yours,

A. E. O'NEIL,
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps.

Inclosures: 3.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Underwood,
Route 1, Box 419,
St. Petersburg, Fla.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION to the

FOURTH MARINE DIVISION, REINFORCED

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CITATION:

"For outstanding performance in combat during the seizure of the Japanese-held islands of Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas from June 15 to August 1, 1944. Valiantly storming the mighty fortifications of Saipan on June 15, the Fourth Division, Reinforced, blasted the stubborn defenses of the enemy in an undeviating advance over the perilously rugged terrain. Unflinching despite heavy casualties, this gallant group pursued the Japanese relentlessly across the entire length of the island, pressing on against bitter opposition for twenty-five days to crush all resistance in their zone of action. With but a brief rest period in which to reorganize and re-equip, the Division hurled its full fighting power against the dangerously narrow beaches of Tinian on July 24 and rapidly expanded the beachheads for the continued landing of troops, supplies and artillery. Unchecked by either natural obstacles or hostile fire, these indomitable men spearheaded a merciless attack which swept Japanese forces before it and ravaged all opposition within eight days to add Tinian to our record of conquests in these strategically vital islands."

For the President,

James Forrestal

Secretary of the Navy

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USMC CASUALTY REPORT

DATE 29Mar45

CARD 103

CAS. NO. 026882

NAME UNDERWOOD, Thomas Ellis		RANK Corp	CLASS USMCR	IDENT. NO. 486672	
ORGANIZATION Co B, 1st Bn, 24th Mars, 4th MarDiv, FME		TYPE OF CASUALTY KIA	AREA PAC	DATE OF CASUALTY 4Mar45	
DATE APPT./ENLIST 22Oct42	PLACE OF APPT./ENLIST Orlando, Florida	DATE ACTIVE DUTY 22Oct42	PRIOR SER. DISC. STA. No	MARITAL S	RACE W
DATE OF BIRTH 12May22	PLACE OF BIRTH Parker, Florida	LEGAL RESIDENCE St. Petersburg, Florida			AVOID
NEXT OF KIN Mr. & Mrs. George A. Underwood		RELATION Prnt	ADDRESS OF KIN Route 1, Box 419, St. Petersburg, Florida.		

BENEFICIARY (Name and Address) DGB: Mrs. Cora Lee Underwood (mother)
Address same as above.

PLACE OF CASUALTY Iwo, Volcano Islands	NATURE OF WOUND	PRESENT STATUS
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REMARKS (Additional Information - Disposition of Remains)

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MAY 15 1945

TELEGRAM

(KIA)

IDENTIFICATION
NUMBER 486672

DGU-296-td

FROM: COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

TO: MR AND MRS GEORGE A UNDERWOOD (PARENTS)

ROUTE 1 BOX 419

ST PETERSBURG FLORIDA

DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR

RELATIONSHIP
RANK-NAME
CLASSIFICATION

SON CORPORAL THOMAS E UNDERWOOD USMC

WAS KILLED IN ACTION

(DATE-LOCATION) 4 MARCH 1945 AT IWO JIMA VOLCANO ISLANDS

IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY AND SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY. WHEN
INFORMATION IS RECEIVED REGARDING BURIAL YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED. TO
PREVENT POSSIBLE AID TO OUR ENEMIES DO NOT DIVULGE THE NAME OF HIS
SHIP OR STATION. PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY. LETTER
FOLLOWS.

RELEASED BY M G CRAIG

DATE 29 MARCH 1945

A A VANDEGRIFT
LIEUT GENERAL USMC
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

026882

486672
DGU-893-1h

27 March, 1945.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Underwood:

A report has just been received that your son, Corporal Thomas E. Underwood, USMCR, was wounded in action on 25 February, 1945, at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country. He sustained a contusion of the head.

The report further states that he was returned to duty, which indicates that his injuries were not serious. It is hoped that he will communicate with you at his earliest opportunity.

Your concern is realized, and you may be sure that should additional reports concerning his welfare be received in this office, you will be promptly notified. Please inform this Headquarters of any change in your address.

Sincerely yours,

F. BELTON,
Major, U. S. Marine Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Underwood,
Route 1, Box 419,
St. Petersburg, Florida.

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REGIMENTAL PROMOTION ORDER #129-44 (Continued) 24Nov44.

RANK:	NAME:	SERNO:	UNIT:	RANK FROM:
Corp.	PLATT, Eugene K.	508000	3rdBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	PLENAR, Frank W.	833217	3rdBn.	30Aug44.
Corp.	POIRIER, Henry W.	508202	2ndBn.	31Aug44.
Corp.	POPIELARSKI, Adolph M.	473205	1stBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	POSTEN, Harold S.	450757	RWpns.	31Aug44.
Corp.	POSTLE, Sherman W. Jr.	494449	RWpns.	18Jul44.
Corp.	POUNDERS, Robert F. Jr.	515167	H&SCo.	29Aug44.
Corp.	POYNTER, Dexter B.	895209	3rdBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	PREZIOSI, Richard P.	450901	RWpns.	27Apr44.
Corp.	PRICE, Robert D.	811807	1stBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	PRITCHETT, James H.	418772	1stBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	PRZYBYLSKI, Leo G.	505485	2ndBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	RAINEY, James T.	430153	1stBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	RAU, Donald W.	905667	1stBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	READ, Phillip G.	327836	3rdBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	REED, Robert M.	283916	2ndBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	REEKIE, John	482135	3rdBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	REILLY, John G.	800198	H&SCo.	18Jul44.
Corp.	REIMAN, Delmar C.	830306	3rdBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	REMENTER, Albert F. Jr.	440033	1stBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	REWERTS, William J.	831380	1stBn.	31Aug44.
Corp.	RICHARDSON, Shirl G.	621642	1stBn.	27Apr44.
Corp.	ROBBINS, Harvey A.	836819	3rdBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	RODGERS, Raymond M.	440942	1stBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	ROGERS, Allen H.	461187	3rdBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	ROSE, Nelson E.	408021	3rdBn.	9May44.
Corp.	ROSS, Harold J.	440480	1stBn.	22Mar44.
Corp.	RUSSELL, James C.	478900	1stBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	SANDERS, Donald R.	290690	3rdBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	SAPP, James R.	809584	3rdBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	SAWYER, Charles F.	471061	3rdBn.	30Aug44.
Corp.	SCHERER, Henry D.	801429	3rdBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	SCHULTZ, Arthur Jr.	498883	3rdBn.	31Aug44.
Corp.	SEIFERT, Edward P.	486385	3rdBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	SEITZ, Robert F.	478935	1stBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	SGANGA, Joseph T.	502740	2ndBn.	27Apr44.
Corp.	SITKO, Stanley V.	809954	3rdBn.	31Aug44.
Corp.	SLEVIN, Francis R.	478908	1stBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	SMITH, Stanley D.	815645	RWpns.	27Apr44.
Corp.	SNIECKUS, Bronislaw A.	460430	2ndBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	SNYDER, Gordon S.	809642	3rdBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	SORRELLS, Alan H.	815396	3rdBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	SPARKS, Ova "J"	500256	2ndBn.	31Aug44.
Corp.	STAEYERT, Peteus J.	427674	1stBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	STAMM, Daniel J.	297270	RWpns.	29Aug44.
Corp.	STANEY, Arnold F.	522158	1stBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	STANKOSKI, Edward J.	489455	2ndBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	STARK, Kenneth C.	494131	3rdBn.	9May44.
Corp.	STEHLER, David H.	503034	3rdBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	STEWART, Edward L.	411453	1stBn.	27Apr44.
Corp.	SWANSON, Robert W.	504381	1stBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	SWARTZ, Richard B.	418321	2ndBn.	2May44.
Corp.	SWEET, Charles N.	315706	2ndBn.	27Apr44.
Corp.	TENME, Mark O.	367849	RWpns.	31Aug44.
Corp.	THOMAS, Lavern E.	888915	2ndBn.	31Aug44.
Corp.	TRIMPE, Ernest A.	640740	3rdBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	TRUDO, Leonard E.	522893	3rdBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	TULLY, Kenneth J.	500314	2ndBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	UNDERWOOD, Thomas E.	486672	1stBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	VAN ATTA, Richard C.	486575	3rdBn.	18Jul44.
Corp.	VERSCHAEVE, Jerome M.	455441	1stBn.	29Aug44.
Corp.	VICKERY, George W.	500763	2ndBn.	9May44.

APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE
 UNDER SECTION 602 (a) NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE ACT OF 1940 AND REGULATIONS OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
 WITHOUT REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

(For use by persons who enter the active service in the land or naval forces of the United States after October 3, 1940. Application must be made to the Veterans Administration while in the active service and within 120 days after entrance into such service. NOTE.—Persons in the active service on October 3, 1940, and persons who thereafter reenlist or reenter the active service immediately following discharge from previous enlistments or who thereafter are discharged to immediately accept commissions and whose services are continuous, must make application on Insurance Form 350 a, which requires a complete report of physical examination.) USE INK OR TYPE.

1. NAME IN FULL: (Please print or type) First Thomas Middle Ellis Last name 486672 UNDERWOOD

2. HOME ADDRESS: Number 299t. and 64th Ave. No. Street or Rural route St. Petersburg County, city, town, or post office Florida State FL

3. I WAS BORN AT City, town, or post office St. Petersburg State FL Day of month 12 Month May Year 1922 Age nearest birthday 21

4. DATE OF ENTRY INTO PRESENT TOUR OF ACTIVE DUTY 10 Oct 40 5. PRESENT ORGANIZATION Rank, grade, or rating Pvt. 1st Lt. Organization, Regiment, Station, Ship, Depot 4th Recruit Bn. R. Depot 6. SERIAL NUMBER 486672 MB, Parris Island, S. C.

7. DATE OF SEPARATION FROM LAST TOUR OF ACTIVE DUTY. (If no previous active duty, state "none.") NONE 8. ARE YOU NOW DISABLED ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY OR DISEASE? IF SO, STATE DETAILS NO

9. I HEREBY APPLY FOR INSURANCE ON THE FIVE-YEAR LEVEL PREMIUM TERM PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 10000

10. I WILL PAY PREMIUMS AS INDICATED BELOW:

BY DEDUCTION MONTHLY	BY ALLOTMENT MONTHLY	PAYMENTS TO BE MADE DIRECT TO VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AS FOLLOWS:			
		Monthly	Quarterly	Semiannual	Annual
\$ <u>6.50</u>	\$ <u>6.50</u>				

11. ARE YOU NOW CARRYING GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE? (ANSWER "YES" or "NO") NO IF "YES" GIVE AMOUNT OF INSURANCE AND POLICY NUMBER IF AVAILABLE. AMOUNT, \$ _____ POLICY NO. _____
 (No person may carry a combined amount of National Service Life Insurance and U. S. Government Life Insurance in excess of \$10,000 at any one time)

12. FULL NAME OF BENEFICIARY (If married woman, her own first and middle name and husband's last name must be stated) Relationship Amount for each beneficiary Post-office address (Number and street, city, town, or post office)

PRINCIPAL	Relationship	Amount for each beneficiary	Post-office address
<u>Cora Lee Underwood</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>Route 1 Box 419 St. Petersburg Fla.</u>
<u>George Alphas Underwood</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>10000</u>	<u>Same</u>

Permitted class of beneficiaries: Husband or wife, child, parent, brother or sister of the insured. (See reverse side, Paragraph 4.)

13. I REQUEST THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE of this policy be made the DEC 1 1942 day of 1942, 19____. If no date is specified the insurance herein applied for shall become effective as follows:
 a. If the first premium is to be paid by allotment or deduction, the insurance will become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the application and allotment or authorization for deduction are executed, provided the amount of the premium is deducted from the applicant's active service pay in accordance with the allotment or authorization, or
 b. If the first premium is paid by direct remittance, the insurance will become effective as of the day on which the application and tender of premiums are made and forwarded to the Veterans Administration.
 (See reverse side, Paragraph 1, for further information as to effective dates of insurance)
 THE UNITED STATES IS NOT LIABLE FOR DEATH OCCURRING PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE POLICY

14. I REQUEST THE POLICY BE MAILED TO—
Cora Lee Underwood (Name, Print or type) Route 1 Box 419 St. Petersburg Fla. (Address)

15. (A) I WILL AUTHORIZE (Allotment) from my pay for month of NOV 11 1942 (Deduction) to cover the monthly premium of \$ 6.50 on the amount of insurance applied for. (This authorization may be effective during periods of active service only.)
 (B) I enclose herewith remittance payable to the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES by Draft (Money order) (Check) in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the first _____ premium of \$ _____ on the amount of insurance applied for.
 (Write above whether monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual)

SIGNED AT St. Petersburg ON THE 10th DAY OF NOV 1942

WITNESSED BY: JAMES L. WEBB Major USMC MB, Parris Island, S. C.
 (Rank and organization. See reverse side, Paragraph 6)

Thomas Ellis Underwood
 (Applicant sign here. Do not print signature)

NOTE.—Penalties for fraud in securing for self or another the issue or payment of insurance: \$1,000 to \$5,000 fine and imprisonment. Insurance will be forfeited for mutiny, treason, spying or other specified offenses. (Sections 613, 815, and 818, National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940.)

Effective Date _____ Age _____ Amt., \$ _____ Premium, Mo. \$ _____ Or \$ _____ S. A. \$ _____ A. \$ _____

Beneficiary _____

Action taken _____

Examiner _____ Reviewer _____

Certificate issued _____ Policy issued _____

ORIGINAL DELIVERED TO VETS. ADM.

FILE-E. S.

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ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE COMPLETELY ANSWERED



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

2/3(C)

I, Thomas Ellis UNDERWOOD, desiring to enlist in the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS for a period of † years, do declare that I was born 12 May, 1922, at Parker

in the State of Florida; that I have § ~~xxxxxx~~ neither wife nor child; that there is

nobody dependent upon me for support beyond my ability to contribute from the pay of a private; that I know of nothing wrong with my health or body that the doctor did not find when he examined me; that I am of good habits and character; that no judge or jury has ever found me guilty of a crime; that I have never deserted from the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, and have never been discharged therefrom with a dishonorable, bad-conduct, undesirable, or inaptitude discharge, or for disability, and that I have never served therein except as stated to the recruiting officer and recorded on the reverse side of this contract; and that I am a citizen of the United States. I agree to accept from the United States such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing as are or may be established by law.

Given at SDHS, Tampa, Fla., this 20th day of October, 1942

(Show first place of acceptance)

*Accepted and signature witnessed:

James D. Petty
James D. Petty,

Thomas Ellis Underwood
(Signature of applicant, in full)

Stf-Sgt., USMC, M. C.

Date and nature of any waiver:

Acceptance approved, _____, 19____, at _____
and transferred, _____, 19____, to _____

_____, U. S. M. C., Recruiting Officer.

I, _____, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have voluntarily enlisted as a PRIVATE for general service in the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, for a period of † years, unless sooner discharged by proper authority, and that no promise or assurance of any kind has been made to me concerning assignment to any particular duty or promotion during my enlistment. And I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America; that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles for the Government of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States. And I do further swear (or affirm) that all statements made by me, as now given in this record, are correct.

(Signature of recruit, in full)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me at _____ this _____ day of _____, A. D. 19____, and

I CERTIFY that I minutely inspected the above-named man previous to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judgment and belief, he fulfills all legal requirements; that, after fully informing him of the nature of the service he is to perform, I have enlisted him into the service of the United States under this contract of enlistment as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied marine, and in doing so have strictly observed the regulations which govern the recruiting service; also that the prior service as shown on the reverse side has been verified by me personally from the man's discharge certificates, and that I am satisfied that his status as to citizenship is †

_____, U. S. M. C., Recruiting Officer.

* To be signed by the officer or noncommissioned officer first accepting the applicant.
† Native born, use initials U. S.; naturalized, N. U. S.
‡ Period of enlistment to be inserted by applicant in own handwriting.
§ Strike out words not applicable.

Notation of any special first assignment:

RESERVE

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



I, _____, desiring
(First name) (Middle name, if any) (Surname, in capitals)
 to enlist in the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE for the DURATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY, do declare that I was born _____,

at _____, in the State of _____; that I have neither wife nor child and that there is nobody dependent upon me for support beyond my ability to contribute from the pay of a private; that I know of nothing wrong with my health or body that the doctor did not find when he examined me; that I am of good habits and character; that no judge or jury has ever found me guilty of a crime; that I have never deserted from the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Revenue Cutter Service, and have never been discharged therefrom with a dishonorable, bad-conduct, undesirable, or inaptitude discharge, or for disability, and that I have never served therein except as stated to the recruiting officer and recorded on the reverse side of this contract; that I am by present occupation a _____; and that I am a citizen of the United States. I agree to accept from the United States such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing as are or may be established by law, and if discharged by sentence of court martial or for bad conduct, undesirability, unfitness, or inaptitude, I agree to surrender my uniform in exchange for civilian clothing.

Given at _____, this _____ day of _____, 19____

ACCEPTED AND SIGNATURE WITNESSED:*

WITNESS:*

(Signature of applicant, in full)

_____, U. S. M. C.

DATE AND NATURE OF ANY WAIVER

NONE

Transferred 23 October, 1942, 19____, to Private 1st Class, 4th Marine Division, U. S. M. C.

I, Thomas Ellis UNDERWOOD, do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted as a PRIVATE in the VOLUNTEER MARINE CORPS RESERVE for the DURATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY, unless sooner discharged by competent authority; and I do obligate myself during such enlistment to serve in the Marine Corps in time of war or during the existence of a national emergency declared by the President. And I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America; that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles for the Government of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States. And I do further swear (or affirm) that all statements made by me, as now given in this record, are correct.

Thomas Ellis Underwood
(Signature of enlisted man, in full)

DMS, ORLANDO, FLA.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me at _____
 this 22nd day of October, A. D. 1942

I CERTIFY, that I minutely inspected the above-named man previous to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judgment and belief, he fulfills all legal requirements; that, after fully informing him of the nature of the service he is to perform, I have enlisted him into the service of the United States under this contract of enlistment as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied marine, and in doing so have strictly observed the regulations which govern the recruiting service; also that the prior service as shown on the reverse side has been verified by me personally from the man's discharge certificates, and that I am satisfied that his status as to citizenship is † _____

W. H. Seab
W. H. SEABS LT(MC)-V(S) USMC
 Ass't to OIG, U. S. M. C., Recruiting Officer.

Name and address of person to be notified in case of emergency, giving degree of relationship, if friend, so state:
Mrs. Cora Lee Underwood, 29 St. & 64 Ave. N. St. Petersburg, Fla. (Mother)
(Name) (Address, including name of street and number of house) (Relationship)
 Home or residence, with street and number 29 St. & 64 Ave. N. St. Petersburg, Fla. (Pinellas County)

* To be signed by the officer or noncommissioned officer witnessing signature. † Native born, use initials U. S.; naturalized, N. U. S.

N. M. C. 523-A&I

CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIAN TO ENLISTMENT OF A MINOR IN THE MARINE CORPS

*We ^I George A Underwood and Laura Lee Underwood residing in St Petersburg, County of Pineles and State of Florida, do freely consent to the enlistment of duration (Name in full) in the United States Marine Corps as a PRIVATE, to serve YEARS, unless sooner discharged, subject to all the requirements and lawful commands of the officers who may, from time to time, be placed over him; do hereby relinquish all claim to his service, and to any wages or compensation for the same, and do hereby certify that he was born in Parker Florida on the 12 day of May, 1922

And ^{we} ^I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that Thomas Ellis Underwood (Name in full) ^{* we are the parents} ^{I am the father and only surviving parent} ^{I am the mother and only surviving parent} ^{I am the legally appointed guardian} of the said that he has no other legal guardian, and that he has never been married, had military service, or been convicted of any crime: So help me God.

George A Underwood
(Signature of father or guardian)
Laura Lee Underwood
(Signature of mother)

ADDRESS (with street and number) Route 1, Box 419, St. Petersburg, Fla

Personally appeared before me George A Underwood and Laura Lee Underwood residents of St Petersburg in the county of Pineles, and State of Florida, each of whom is well known to me as a credible person, and made oath that the foregoing statement is correct and true, and signed the same in my presence this 20 day of Oct, 1942

W. M. Harris
(Signature of officer administering oath)
Notary Public State of Florida at Largo
My Comm. Exp. Jan 22, 1945

*Strike out words which do not apply.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

REPORT OF DEPENDENTS

Name of Marine UNDERWOOD Thomas E. (486672)
(Surname) (First name) (Middle initial) (Identif. No.)

Under the provisions of the Act of 7 March 1942, relating to allotments of pay for the support of dependents of officers and men who are missing, interned, or captured by the enemy, I submit the following information for consideration in determining the relationship and extent of dependency of claimants requesting support by allotments to be made from my base pay plus longevity:

I wish my Mother
(State relationship)
Cora L Underwood
(First name) (Middle initial) (Surname)
29 St. & 64 Ave. No. St. Petersburg Fla.
(Street address) (City) (State)

to receive: (Complete only one of the following)

- (a) Approximately per cent of my base pay plus longevity, and of any base pay plus longevity to which I may be entitled in the future.
- (b) twenty-two and no/100 dollars (\$22.00) per month of my pay.
(Strike out the alternative above which is rejected)

The following may be accomplished if desired:

In addition to the foregoing I wish the following named dependent relative,

my
(State relationship)
.....
(First name) (Middle initial) (Surname)
.....
(Street address) (City) (State)

to receive under the Act of 7 March 1942:

- (a) Approximately per cent of my base pay plus longevity, and of any base pay plus longevity to which I may be entitled in the future.
- (b) and no/100 dollars (\$.....00) per month of my pay.

I fully understand that my signing this form does not of itself constitute an allotment of any pay, but that it is intended only as a general guide for the convenience of the Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps, and the Secretary of the Navy, either of whom is free to render a decision without being bound by any request I have made on this form.

Thomas Ellis Underwood
(Signature)

WITNESSED:, 19.....
(Day) (Month) (Year)

W. H. [Signature]
(Signature)

W. E. SHASS
(Rank) Ass't to OIC U. S. Marine Corps

Commanding
(Name of Company or Detachment in full)