

# 2nd Lt. Arthur Jackson, Holder Of Congressional Medal Of Honor, Now At Marine Barracks For Discharge

A third holder of the coveted Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest military award granted by the government of the United States, reported to the Marine Barracks December 26.

He is 2nd Lt. Arthur S. Jackson, 21-year-old Portland, Ore., marine, who is now at the post for separation. Lt. Jackson's citation reads:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, while serving with the battalion of a marine division in action against Japanese forces on the island of Peleliu, September 18, 1944. Boldly taking the initiative when his platoon's left-flank advance was held up by the fire of Japanese troops concealed in strongly fortified positions, PFC Jackson unhesitatingly proceeded forward of our lines, and courageously defying the heavy barrages, charged a large pill-box housing approximately 35 enemy soldiers. Pouring his automatic fire into the opening of the fixed installations to trap the occupying troops, he hurled white phosphorus grenades and explosive charges brought up by a fellow marine, demolishing the pill-box and killing all of the enemy. Advancing alone under the continuous fire from other hostile emplacements, he employed similar means to smash two smaller positions in the immediate vicinity.

"Determined to crush the entire pocket of resistance although harassed on all sides by the shattering blast of Japanese weapons and covered only by small rifle parties, he stormed one gun position after another, dealing death and destruction to the savagely fighting enemy in his inexorable drive against the remaining defenses and succeeded in wiping out a total of 12 pill-boxes and 50 Japanese soldiers. Stout-hearted and indomitable despite the terrific odds, PFC Jackson resolutely maintained control of the platoon's left-flank movement throughout this valiant one-man assault and, by his cool decision and relentless fighting spirit during a critical situation contributed essentially to the complete annihilation of the enemy in the southern sector of the island. His gallant initiative and heroic conduct in the face of extreme peril reflect the highest credit upon PFC Jackson and the United States naval service."

Young Jackson was commissioned a second lieutenant on August 7, 1945, having come up from the ranks. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor on October 5, 1945.

Other wearers of the medal to be stationed at the Marine Barracks were Capt. Mitchell Paige, who reported here from the South Pacific in October, 1944, and Major Joe Foss, who arrived in Klamath Falls in August, 1944.

Jackson's home address in Portland is 4429 N. E. 80th street. His wife is here with him.

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