

SHOCKMAN, James P.  
Enl 27 Sep 39  
Taken 20 Oct 39



235167



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

I, James Philip SHOCKMAN, desiring to enlist in the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS for a period of 4 years, do declare that I was born 15 June 1919, at Grand Rapids,

in the State of North Dakota; 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 Student; 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 RS DH Denver, Colorado, this 27th day of September, 1939

\*Accepted and signature witnessed:

Peters

Captain, U. S. M. C.

James Philip Shockman (Signature of applicant, in full)

Legal residence: General Delivery La Moure, N. Dakota

Date and nature of any waiver:

Acceptance approved, 25 September 1939, at RS DH Denver, Colorado and transferred, 27 September 1939, to RD MCB San Diego, California

Peters

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

I, James Philip SHOCKMAN, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have voluntarily enlisted as a PRIVATE in the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, for a period of 4 years, unless sooner discharged by proper authority. 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.

James Philip Shockman (Signature of recruit, in full)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me at RS DH Denver, Colorado this twenty-seventh day of September, A. D. 1939, 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.

Peters

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

Notation of any special first assignment:

Name and address of person to be notified in case of emergency, giving degree of relationship; if friend, so state: Catherine Shockman, Gen. Del., La Moure, N. Dak. Mother

(Name)

(Address, including name of street and number of house)

(Relationship)

\* 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.

**PERSONAL DESCRIPTION**

Name, James Philip SHOCKMAN; born, 15 June, 1919

I CERTIFY that I have this twenty-fifth day of September, 1939,

at RS DH Denver, Colorado, carefully examined the above-named man in accordance with the Regulations of the Navy; that he has stated to me that he has no disease, and in my opinion he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmities which would in any way disqualify him from performing the duties of a marine, and that his personal description is as follows:

Blue eyes, L Brown hair, Ruddy complexion; height 70 1/4 inches, weight 147 pounds, mean circumference 36 1/2 inches, expansion 3 inches, vision (Snellen) right 20/20, left 20/20, indelible or permanent marks upon his person:

ANT: PM Rt side of neck; VS LUA; Sc 1/2"L Rt knee; 2 Scs 1"L Lt knee; Sc 1/4"L Lt wrist. POST: Sc 3"L Lt shoulder; PM Rt shoulder; PS 1/4"D Rt hand.

*G. H. Ashley*  
G.H. ASHLEY, Lt. (MC) USN *Examining Surgeon.*

Reexamined \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Surgeon, U. S. Navy.

**DATES OF FORMER ENLISTMENTS AND DISCHARGES**

ENLISTED	DISCHARGED	BRANCH OF SERVICE, RANK, TIME LOST, ETC.	CHARACTER
<u>No prior service claimed.</u>			

Space below is for use in Adjutant and Inspector's Department

Date Rec'd <u>OCT 6 - 1939</u>	_____
Strength and Dist. <u>L V H</u>	_____
Recruiting <u>ME</u>	_____
Carded <u>CEH</u>	_____
Compared _____	_____

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

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275167  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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

To: Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.  
(See Circular Letter R-6, Appendix D, Manual of the Medical Department, for instructions)

1. Name SHOCKMAN, James Philip Rank or rate PFC USMC

2. Born: Place Grand Rapids, N.D. Date June 15, 1919

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

4. Eyes - - Hair - - Complexion - - Height - - Weight - -

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

Health record not available

FINGERPRINT

State which finger \_\_\_\_\_  
(Right index preferred)

6. Relation, name and address of next of kin or friend Mother: Mrs Catherine Shockman  
General Delivery  
La Moure, N. D.

7. Original admission: Place Beach Defense Detachment Fort Hughes, P.I. Date Presumptive May 6, 1942  
(Ship or station to which attached when first admitted to sick list)

8. Died: Place Manila Bay Area Date 5/6/1942 Hour - - -

9. Cause of death { Principal KILLED IN ACTION, DETAILS NOT KNOWN 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 NOT KNOWN

12. Summary of facts relative to the death: This man was carried as missing since May 6, 1942, the date of the capitulation of the Philippine Islands. A cablegram received via the International Red Cross states that prisoners report that this man was killed during the enemy's occupation of the Philippine Islands. No date of death is given. The Secretary of the Navy has held that in the absence of further information, the date of this man's death is to be set as May 6, 1942, the date of the capitulation.

HOWARD H. MONTGOMERY,  
Captain (MC), U. S. N.

Summary of facts—Continued

RECEIVED  
JUL 19 1943

By N. SAUNDERS

File 27516

(Medical officer)

(Rank)

, M. C., U. S. Navy.

Approved: Court of inquiry or board of investigation \_\_\_\_\_ be held.

(Will or will not)

(Commanding officer)

(Rank)

, U. S. Navy.

CAUTION: DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

275167

General Orders  
No. .... 78

26 July 1946.

VII-SOLDIERS MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (WD Bul. 8, 1926), the Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy during the period indicated was awarded posthumously by General J. M. Wainwright, United States Army, to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class James B. Shockman, United States Marine Corps, on 6 May 1942, sighted a man in distress in waters near Fort Hughes, Philippine Islands. Without regard for his own safety, he plunged, with another service man, into the water and started swimming to the rescue within full view of the enemy. After he swam a short distance, Jap airplanes attacked, killing him in the performance of his heroic deed. Private Shockman's willing self-sacrifice was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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FILE ON CASE - JEB  
FILE ON CASE - JFB

6 May 42

DIED Killed in action at Ft Hughes, P.I.

INTERRED Haly Rosary Cemetery  
La Mome, North Dakota

HEADSTONE APPLICATION VERIFIED ( )

DATE 5/28/63 (mmj)

275167

SHOCKMAN

James Philip

BORN: 15 June, 1919

AT: Grand Rapids, N. Dak.

NEXT OF KIN: Catherine Shockman - Mother  
Gen. Del., La Moure, N. Dak.

ENLISTED: 27 September, 1939

AT: Denver, Colo.

MCB., San Diego, Calif.

RECORDED DET.

JOINED

GUARD CO. #1

#1

BREMERTON, WASH.

"MISSISSIPPI"

DEC 10 1939 VIA

Temporary Appointment  
APPOINTED PVT. 1 CL.

DEC 26 1939

JOINED BKS. DET. JAN 24 1940

JOINED Cd. Co. #1 FEB 14 1940

FURLO FEB 29 1940 TO

JOINED CASUAL CO.

VIA

MARE ISLAND, CAL. MAR 10 1940 Pyro.

Left US 22 Mar 40

Jd BKS. DET. CAVITE, P.I. APR 24 1940

VIA "HENDERSON"

D. C. Appd. 8-28-40 T'd. 8-26-40 for

quitting his post without being  
properly relieved.

for wh. REDUCED TO PVT.

Temporary Appointment  
PVT. 1ST CLASS

MAY 10 1941

Jd co. C 1st Separate Marine Bn. MAY 1 1941

Joined CO. D. 1st Separate Marine Bn. JUN 1 1941

Jd CO. B 1st Separate Marine Bn. DEC 16 1941

(over)



AT Mariveles, Bataan DEC 23 1941 Via *mta*

AT Corregidor, P. I. DEC 27 1941 Via *barge*  
Designation changed to

Co K, 3rd Bn 4th MAR. JAN 1 1942

Jd Co M, 3rd Bn 4th MAR. JAN 8 1942

Jd Prisoners of War & Missing  
Persons Detach. HQMC. JUN 19 1942

Killed in action

~~Missing in action~~

MAY 6 1942

FILE

E. M. S.

Report from American Red Cross  
shows killed in action. See July  
1943 Muster Roll for details.

ADDRESS GIVEN ON DISCHARGE:

DL-mer  
275167

MAY 5 1950

Mr. Michael L. Shockman  
La Moure, North Dakota

My dear Mr. Shockman:

I am directed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps to inform you that you are entitled to the Purple Heart and enclosed Purple Heart Certificate posthumously awarded your son, the late Private First Class James P. Shockman, U. S. Marine Corps, 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 month.

You are also entitled to the enclosed Army Distinguished Unit Emblem with Oak Leaf Cluster, for your son's service in the Philippines 7 December 1941 to 9 April 1942; the American Defense Service Medal with Base clasp for his service in the United States and the Philippine Islands during the emergency; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal for service in the Asiatic-Pacific Area, and the Victory Medal for service during World War II.

The Philippine Defense Ribbon with one bronze star to which you are entitled for your son's service during the defense of the Philippine Islands, is not issued by this Headquarters; however, this letter will be of sufficient authority for the purchase thereof from any military shop.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. BLAKENEY  
Head, Decorations and Medals Branch

Encl:  
(5)

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KIA - 6 May 42  
Philippines

INITIALS mlt

NAME Shockman, James Philip

WHO \_\_\_\_\_

ENTERED THE USMC \_\_\_\_\_ (DATE) \_\_\_\_\_ (PLACE)

BORN 15 June 1919 AT Grand Rapids, N.D.

HEIGHT 70 1/4 INCHES Blue EYES Brown HAIR Ruddy COMPLEXION

PREVIOUS SERVICE None

RANK Pfc (TA)

SERVICE (SEA AND FOREIGN) Left US 17 Apr 46. Philippine Is 24 Apr 40 to 6 Dec 41. AB area 7 Dec 41 to 6 May 42

WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION 6 May 42

BATTLES, ENGAGEMENTS, SKIRMISHES AND EXPEDITIONS Philippine Is Opn (Bataan & Corregidor) 8 Dec 41 to 6 May 42

AWARDS Soldiers Medal; PN; Army Distinguished Unit Emblem w/ oak leaf cluster; AD SM w/ Base Clasp; AB CM; WW II VM; Philippine Defense Ribbon w/ one star;

REMARKS Had

SERIAL NO 275167

FURNISHED TO:  
Mr Michael S. Shockman  
La Moure, N.D.

Mr. Michael L. Shockman  
La Moure, North Dakota

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Encl:  
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DGK-1505-wel  
275167

6 Feb 1950

State of North Dakota  
Office of the Adjutant General  
Adjusted Compensation Division  
Fraine Barracks  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Attention E. J. Quine

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter FEH/sj 77055 of 10 January 1950, requesting information concerning Marine Corps service of the late, James P. SHOCKMAN.

The records of this office show that upon enlistment in the Marine Corps on 27 September 1939 the late James Philip SHOCKMAN gave his legal address as: General Delivery, La Moure, North Dakota.

Sincerely yours,

R. G. WILSON  
First Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps  
Head, Discharged Personnel Unit, Records Service Section  
By direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps

Encl:

(1) Your letter of 10 Jan 1950



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO  
QMGMN 293

19 Oct 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau of Naval Personnel  
Department of the Navy  
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable Remains of  
SHOCKMAN, James P. Pfc 275 167



1. The remains of the subject named decedent have been declared non-recoverable by Special Boards convened in the field and in the Office of The Quartermaster General.
2. A complete record of the findings is on file in the Office of The Quartermaster General under 293 File of subject decedent.

*W. E. Marsden.*  
W. E. MARSDEN  
Lt. (jg) MSC, USN  
Navy Liaison Officer  
Memorial Division

Copies furnished:  
BuMed  
293 File

FILE  
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DGK-357-lgb  
275167  
26 October 1949

Mr. T. W. Lynch  
Veterans Service Office  
LaMoure County  
LaMoure, North Dakota

My dear Mr. Lynch:

Your letter requesting information concerning the Marine Corps service of the late James Philip Shockman, has been received at this Headquarters.

An application for a state bonus need not necessarily be substantiated by a transcript of the Marine Corps service of the late James Shockman; however, there is a brief statement of service for Mr. Shockman's use.

In the event the State Bonus officials deem it necessary to obtain information relative to the Marine Corps service of Mr. Shockman's late son other than that contained on his application, such data will be secured by direct arrangement with Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps.

Sincerely yours,

E. T. GIST  
Head, Unit #1, Records Service Section  
By direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Encl: (1)  
Statement of Service

DGK-357-1gb  
275167  
26 October 1949

Mr. T. W. Lynch  
Veterans Service Office  
LaMoure County  
LaMoure, North Dakota

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The records of this office show that James Philip Shockman, 275167, born 15 June 1919 at Grand Rapids, North Dakota, enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps 27 September 1939 at Denver, Colorado, and served outside the continental limits of the United States from 10 March 1940 to 6 May 1942. He was killed in action 6 May 1942 at Fort Hughes, Philippine Islands as a private first class.

E. T. GIST  
Head, Unit #1, Records Service Section  
By direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps



# Veterans Service Office

LaMoure County  
LaMoure, North Dakota

September 23, 1949

*[Handwritten signature]*

*Marines*

Bureau of Naval Personnel  
Washington, D. C.

Re: James P. Shockman

Gentlemen:

The above referred to person was killed in action at Ft. Hughes, P. I. on May 6, 1942. His father is now desirous of making application to obtain payment of the veterans' bonus as declared by the State of North Dakota. In order to obtain such a payment he must supply the bonus officer with the deceased veteran's service number together with the dates of his domestic and foreign service. During his service he was a member of the U. S. Marine Corps.

Will you please forward to this office the service record or an extract from the record which supplies the above data. I trust that the information given is sufficient so that you can fulfill this request.

Very truly yours,

*T. W. Lynch*  
T. W. Lynch,  
Veterans Service Officer,  
LaMoure County, N. D.

TWL:f

293 FILE

## DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER
SHOCKMAN, James Philip		PFC	275167
ORGANIZATION	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
Co H, 4th Marines	White		
DATE OF DEATH/MIA	CAUSE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA	
6 May 1942	Killed in action, details not known.	Pt. Hughes, P. I.	
DATE OF FOD			
HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
70 1/2	147	Blue	Lt. Brown

## DENTAL CHART

UPPER RIGHT	UPPER LEFT
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
LOWER RIGHT	LOWER LEFT
16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS	TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PFC Shockman was reported in a cablegram received 20 Jun 43 via International Red Cross to have been killed during the occupation of the Philippines by the Japanese. Following the Japanese surrender certain recovered documents were received among which was a roster of the 4th Marines prepared in the Cabanatuan Camp. This roster, relating to PFC Shockman, states: "KIA 5/6/42, Ft. Hughes, Body in sea." Further information is contained in the citation for Soldier's Medal awarded posthumously to PFC Shockman as contained in WDGO No 78, 26 Jul 46, as follows: "PFC James P. Shockman, USMC, on 6 May 1942, sighted a man in distress in waters near Fort Hughes, Philippine Islands. Without regard for his own safety, he plunged, with another serviceman, into the water and started swimming to the rescue within full view of the enemy. After he swam a short distance, Jap airplanes attacked, killing him in the performance of his heroic deed. Private Shockman's willing self-sacrifice was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service." No further information has been received.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS  
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS  
AND REFER TO NO.

275167  
DGU-881-fcd



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

22 January 195.

From: Officer in Charge, Casualty Division,  
Personnel Department, U. S. Marine Corps.  
To: The Paymaster General of the Marine Corps.  
Subject: Report of death of SHOCKMAN, James Philip, 275167,  
Private First Class, U.S.M.C.  
References: (a) Ltr. CMC to PMG # 275167 over DGU-296- 1f  
dated 8 Jul 43.  
(b) Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended.  
(c) SECNAV. Ltr. #312213, dated 1 Sept., 1944.

1. Reference (a) is amended to show that evidence of the death  
of the subject named man was received in the Casualty Division,  
Personnel Department, U. S. Marine Corps, on 20 June 1943.

EDWIN G. CLARKE,  
By direction.

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275187  
DQU-296-1f

8 July, 1943.

From: The Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps.  
To: The Paymaster, U. S. Marine Corps.  
Subject: SHOCKMAN, James Philip, Private First Class,  
U.S.M.C., Report of death of.  
Enclosure: 1. Beneficiary slip executed 27 September, 1931.

1. The following information regarding the subject named enlisted man is furnished in connection with the payment of death gratuity authorized by the Act of May 22, 1928:

(a) The records of this office show that James P. Shockman was born 15 June, 1919 at Grand Rapids, North Dakota. He enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps 27 September, 1939 at Denver, Colorado. He has been officially carried in a missing status from the Philippine Islands since 6 May, 1942. There has now been received by the head of the Department an official cablegram from the International Red Cross, Tokyo, Japan, transmitting an American casualty list furnished by an American officer held prisoner of war. This report indicates that Private First Class Shockman was killed in action in the defense of the Philippine Islands, but no date of death was furnished. The date of death is therefore deemed to be 6 May, 1942, the date of the capitulation of the Philippine Islands, and death is presumed to have occurred in line of duty and not the result of his own misconduct. The records further show that at the time he was reported missing in action he was attached to Company "B", Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Philippine Islands. The records of this office fail to show that he was married at the time of death.

(b) Mrs. Catherine Shockman, mother, General Delivery, La Moure, North Dakota, is given as emergency addressee and is also designated as beneficiary in connection with the payment of death gratuity.

M. G. CRAIG,

----- By direction. -----



*nc*

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

SERIAL 275167  
DGU-871-vag

HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS  
WASHINGTON

21 June, 1946.

*Address  
correct*

My dear Mrs. Shockman:

The Graves Registration Service of the Marine Corps exerted every possible effort to recover and positively identify the remains of all its dead during World War II and I regret to inform you that despite all efforts the remains of your son, the late Private First Class James P. Shockman, U. S. Marine Corps, have not yet been identified.

This information was not previously furnished you pending receipt of reports of final searches made of the Pacific Theater of Operations for missing personnel and isolated graves. These searches are now considered complete and there appears little possibility that many more of our unlocated dead will be found or those bodies now remaining unidentified will eventually be identified.

The American Graves Registration Service of the Army is now attempting by every known scientific means to make further identifications. This will entail long and careful investigations and take many months to complete.

Please be assured that should the remains of your son be recovered or should one of our unidentified dead be positively identified as your son you will be promptly notified and furnished with necessary application blanks upon which to express your wishes regarding the ultimate disposition you desire made of the remains.

Sincerely yours,

D. ROUTH,  
Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps.

Mrs. Catherine Shockman,  
General Delivery,  
La Moure, North Dakota.

275167  
DGU-871-det

13 September, 1946.

My dear Mr. Shockman:

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Sincerely yours,

EDWIN C. CLARKE,  
Captain, U. S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Mike Shockman,  
Berlin,  
North Dakota.

*Death Certificate*

*Rm 1420*

PERSONAL AFFAIRS SECTION  
WELFARE DIVISION, SPECIAL SERVICES BRANCH  
HEADQUARTERS, U. S. MARINE CORPS

275167  
DSO- 1215-JJC

RE: Shockman, James Philip, Pfc., (275167)  
Born: 6-15-19, Grand Rapids, North Dakota.  
Enl: 9-27-39, Denver, Colorado.

DATE: 18 July 1946

MEMORANDUM TO: Home Service, American National Red Cross.

SUBJECT: Request for present address of mother of  
Private First Class Shockman.

1. A letter directed to the following address  
has been returned:

Mrs. Catherine Shockman (Mother)  
General Delivery  
La Moure, North Dakota.

A. F. PENZOLD, Jr.,  
Lt. Col., USMC,  
Officer in Charge.

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July 29, 1946

The La Moure, North Dakota, Chapter has informed us that the serviceman's mother, Mrs. Catherine Shockman, has been dead for almost a year and a half. This accounts for the return of your letter to her.

The serviceman's father, Mr. Mike Shockman, can be reached by sending mail to Berlin, North Dakota.

(Miss) Phyllis Nelson  
Home Service Correspondent

PN:as

295167  
 AGPD-B 201 Shockman, James D.  
 (12 Apr 46) USMC

17 July 1946

*jl*  
 Soldier's Medal

Commanding General  
 Fifth Army  
 Chicago, Illinois

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 3 July 1926, the Soldier's Medal was posthumously awarded by General J. M. Wainwright, United States Army, to Private First Class James D. Shockman, United States Marine Corps, for his heroism on 6 May 1942.

2. The Commanding General, Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, has been directed to have a Soldier's Medal appropriately engraved and to forward it to you for presentation to the father of Private Shockman, who is Mr. M. L. Shockman, General Delivery, La Moure, North Dakota. Mr. Shockman has been advised that you will communicate with him as to the time and place of presentation. It is desired that the Medal be presented with ceremony in accordance with paragraph 5, AR 600-45.

3. The official citation pertaining to this award is inclosed for presentation with the decoration.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. N. Gardner

Adjutant General

1 Incl  
 Citation

Copy For: Commandant, USMC, Washington, D.C.

FILED ON CASE



275167  
DGU-871-vag

21 June, 1946.

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Lieut. Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps.

Mrs. Catherine Shockman,  
General Delivery,  
La Moure, North Dakota.

*Received*

HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
DATE NOV 2 1945

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ANNEX "C" TO WAR DEPARTMENT SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE



The classification of this document is RESTRICTED Major USMC

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- Your Name Johnson, Nellis Arthur 2. Rank Sergeant 3. ASN 272444
- Home Address Rural Route # 1 Effingham, Illinois
- Last camp in which imprisoned Kamoioka
- If you have information concerning military personnel who died in action or during imprisonment, furnish the following information to the best of your ability:

FIRST CASE:

- Full Name of Deceased James Shockman 275167
- Grade or rank Pfc. c. Organization 1st M.C.
- Home Address La Mance North Dakota
- Date and place of death May 6, 1942 - Ft. Hughes, P.I.
- Cause of death bombed while trying to aid drowning man
- Place of burial Ft. Hughes
- Were you an eyewitness to his death? No

- Names of persons believed to have witness his death Sgt. P. C. Marsh - Cpl. Wm. Kerr
- If your information is hersay, give name and address of your informant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND CASE:

- Full name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_
- Grade or Rank \_\_\_\_\_ c. Organization \_\_\_\_\_
- Home address \_\_\_\_\_

BE-114-am HEADQUARTERS, MARINE CORPS, WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE PAYMASTER GENERAL OF THE MARINE CORPS

25 January, 1946

Gentlemen:

The accounts of the following named deceased personnel of the Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve have been reopened in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1 July, 1944, 58 Stat. 679. Detailed statements of account covering the period from date of death to the date of receipt of evidence of death by the Casualty Division, this Headquarters, are enclosed for whatever action may be deemed necessary in connection with effecting final settlements of account:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>GAO CLAIM NO.</u>
HASKIN, John E.	QMSgt	233887	1153470
MENDES, Alvaro C.	PFC	386115	1343290
MENDY, Joseph	PFC	806478	1349218
MEYER, William J.	PFC	438767	1316406
MITCHELL, Donald M.	Pvt	491025	1349373
MOLLES, Jeeze G.	PFC	516527	1349222
MOREAU, Braxton I.	PFC	399193	1349223
REED, Alvey A.	Corn	265682	1162573
SANKEY, George W.	Sgt	280838	1241132
SAZANOVICH, John	PFC	325117	Unknown
SCHANZBACH, Donald J.	PFC	279749	1333033
SCHEIB, Robert R.	Corn	259261	1248019
SCHERTZ, Paul E.	PFC	511007	1350332
SCURLOCK, Thomas L., Jr.	PFC	362889	1350371
SHIAVE, John D.	PFC	293892	1234138
SHOFFSTALL, Webster R.	PFC	275587	1239454
SHOCKMAN, James P.	PFC	275167	1237584
SHUTTA, Abe F.	PFC	448879	1377441
SIEGEL, Clifford	Pvt	473566	Unknown
SILVER, Victor H.	PFC	486540	1349692
SIMPSON, Russell T.	Corn	366162	1341057
STAVEY, Jack	Pvt	470536	1349195
STEWART, Robert V.	PFC	263117	1343413
STURMER, Herman F., Jr.	Pvt	506490	1349189
SUTHERLAND, Frank C.	PFC	367925	1341288
SUTO, Steve, Jr.	PFC	851651	1383494

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>GAO CLAIM NO.</u>
TEMPLETON, Jay R.	PFC	330502	1355209
TOLSON, Donald	PFC	319208	1349390
TEAL, Johnnie W.	Corp	275590	1243339
THOMPSON, Leonard A.	PFC	349445	1337235
VERHAALFN, Henry C.	Pvt	507341	1355062
VEPTUCCIO, Peter P.	Pvt	429725	1318337
VER VAECKE, Camille T. Jr.	PFC	336524	1337238
VOCILA, Russell W.	Pvt	475430	1319088
WALDENVILLE, Arthur B.	PFC	355637	1350353
WALKER, Charles D.	PFC	465590	1355213
WAPPEL, Frank A.	Pvt	801600	1312466
WATSON, William R.	Corp	318463	1333475
WEDERBROOK, Roy A.	PFC	301314	1156189
WETTERNACH, Laurence K.	Pvt	370836	1324457
WILEY, Robert	PFC	500485	1343182
WILLIAMS, Clyde R.	PFC	365522	1343183
WILSON, William H.	PFC	519382	Unknown
WININGER, Rondal E.	PFC	408048	1355176
WINTERLING, Joe N.	Corp	274706	1156191
YOKOM, Elmore F.	Sgt	340014	1350361
YORK, William H.	PFC	521424	1333235
ZALUT, Stanley	Pvt	832425	Unknown
ZPOLKE, George	PFC	531673	1377365

Very respectfully,

THOMAS J. CHANDLER  
Major, U. S. Marine Corps  
By direction

The General Accounting Office  
Claims Division  
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosures: 49.



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WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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*MARINE*  
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1. Your Name CECIL L WOOD
2. Rank GUNNER 3. ASN
4. Home Address Box 203 TROMBLED, MINN
5. Last camp in which imprisoned NA GOYA POW CAMP #7 TOYAMA JAPAN
6. If you have information concerning military personnel who died in action or during imprisonment, furnish the following information to the best of your ability:

FIRST CASE:

- a. Full Name of Deceased JAMES P SHOCK MAN *2 75167*
- b. Grade or rank PF C
- c. Organization 2<sup>ND</sup> BN 4<sup>TH</sup> MARINES
- d. Home Address MAY BE OBTAINED FROM HEADQUARTERS U.S. MARINE CORPS
- e. Date and place of death 6 MAY 1942, FORT HUGHES
- f. Cause of death HEAVY CALIBER BOMB LANDED ALMOST ON HIM
- g. Place of burial NO PART OF BODY WAS RECOVERED
- h. Were you an eyewitness to his death? NO
- i. Names of persons believed to have witness his death REPORTED TO ME BY MEMBER OF MY PLATOON
- j. If your information is hearsay, give name and address of your informant(s): CORP. RYARK, U.S.M.C.  
MY NOTES WERE TAKEN FROM ME MANY MONTHS AGO AND I CANNOT REMEMBER NAMES OF OTHER WITNESSES.

SECOND CASE:

- a. Full name of Deceased
- b. Grade or Rank
- c. Organization
- d. Home address

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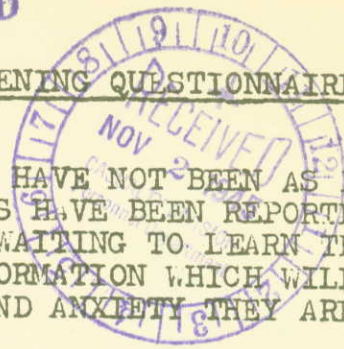
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HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS  
WASHINGTON

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DATE NOV-8-1945



The families of many of your comrades have not been as fortunate as yours. Their sons and husbands have been reported missing in action and they are anxiously waiting to learn their fate. You may be able to supply the information which will help to terminate the dreadful suspense and anxiety they are suffering.

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1. Your Name William J. Long 2. Rank PFC 3. ASN 1430
4. Home Address 109, Gowstock Toluca, Illinois
5. Last camp in which imprisoned Ominia Micho
6. If you have information concerning military personnel who died in action or during imprisonment, furnish the following information to the best of your ability:

FIRST CASE:

- a. Full Name of Deceased James Paul Sheakman (275167) file
- b. Grade or rank PFC c. Organization U.S.M.C.
- d. Home Address La Moore North Dakota
- e. Date and place of death May 6, 1942 Ft. Hughes
- f. Cause of death Bomb
- g. Place of burial Ft. Hughes
- h. Were you an eyewitness to his death? yes
- i. Names of persons believed to have witness his death About five Marines
- j. If your information is hearsay, give name and address of your informant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND CASE:

- a. Full name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Grade or Rank \_\_\_\_\_ c. Organization \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Home address \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Date and place of death \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE OF THE REGIMENTAL PAYMASTER,  
FOURTH MARINES, USAFFE.

13 Apr 1942  
(date)

The following named man has applied for National Service Life Insurance, effective 1 Jan 1942 :

NAME	SERIAL NO.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIARY	AMOUNT
SHOCKMAN, James P.	275167	Mrs. Michael L. Shockman, Grand Rapids, N. De.	\$5,000

/s/ O.E. JENSEN  
Major, A.P.M., U.S.M.C.R.

A radiogram listing the names of members of the Marine Corps and the Navy, giving the above information in reference to applications for National Service Life Insurance, was received in The Paymaster's Office, Headquarters, Marine Corps, on 13 Apr 1942

The original radiogram was transmitted to the Veterans' Administration.

- Copies of the original radiogram furnished:
- Casualty Section.
  - Marine Corps Allotment Office.
  - Navy Allotment Office.

**FILE R. M. B.**

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E X T R A C T C O P Y

1435-35  
DGU-881-1a

19 January, 1945.

STATEMENT CONCERNING RECEIPT OF CONCLUSIVE  
EVIDENCE OF DEATH

1. The below named personnel of the 4th Marines were unaccounted for at the time of the capitulation of the American forces in the Philippines and were officially carried as missing in action as of 6 May, 1942.

2. On the basis of information received through the facilities of the International Red Cross all of these officers and enlisted men were subsequently determined to have been killed in action on, or prior to, 6 May, 1942. The number of the Red Cross report on which action was taken changing status from missing in action to killed in action in each case and the date of the receipt of the report in the Casualty Division are shown after each name.

	<u>No. of Report</u>	<u>Date of Receipt</u>
* * * * *	*	*
SHOCKMAN, James Philip, 275167, PFC, USMC	US 316	20 Jun 43
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3. It is recommended that an official determination be made that evidence conclusively establishing the deaths of the above named personnel was received in the Casualty Division, Personnel Department, U. S. Marine Corps, on the dates set forth opposite their respective names.

EDWIN C. CLARKE,  
2nd Lt., USMC,  
Reviewing Officer.

APPROVED:

D. ROUTH,  
Major, U. S. Marine Corps,  
in Charge, Casualty Division,  
Personnel Department.



ACCOLADE INFORMATION SHEET

FILL OUT ACCOLADE AS FOLLOWS:

IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF

JAMES PHILIP SHOCKMAN

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY AT

Philippine Islands, 6 May 1942 (Presumed) - - -

SEND TO FOLLOWING ADDRESSEE(S):

1. Mrs. Catherine Shockman - - -  
General Delivery, - - - - -  
La Moure, North Dakota. - - -

2. - - - - -  
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3. - - - - -  
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Accolade sent: - - - - -

*by*

M. A. BUECHLER  
LAWYER  
LA MOURE, NORTH DAKOTA

October 26th, 1943.

Captain Thomas J. Chandler,  
Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Captain:

Re: James Philip Shockman  
Your file: No. 275167  
BE-84-ap

This will advise that Letters of Administration of the estate of the above named James Philip Shockman, deceased, have been issued to his father, M. L. Shockman, and certified copy of such Letters are enclosed herewith.

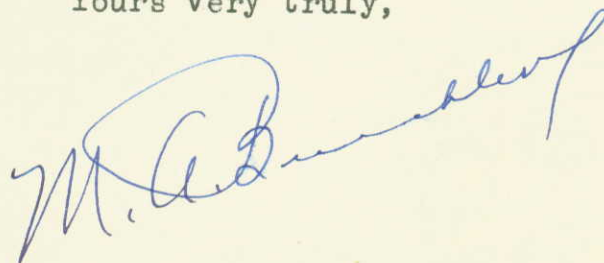
Form No. 1055, which you forwarded to Mrs. Shockman sometime ago, has also been executed by the applicant, M. L. Shockman, and I am returning the same herewith.

If there is anything further required in this matter, kindly advise and I will try to comply with such requirements.

Kindly forward any future correspondence and checks to this office.

Yours very truly,

MAB:J  
Encls.



FILE - E.A.M.

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23 September, 1943.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are copy of report of death, detailed statement of account covering the period from 1 April, 1942, to 30 September, 1943, inclusive, and Deposit Record Book No. 4-1200, in the case of the late Private First Class James Philip Shockman, U. S. Marine Corps.

It is requested that the receipt of these enclosures be acknowledged by stamped endorsement on copy of this letter.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS J. CHANDLER  
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps  
By direction

The General Accounting Office,  
Claims Division,  
Washington, D. C.

Enclosures: 3.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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The General Accounting Office,  
Claims Division,  
Washington, D. C.

Enclosures: 3.

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DGU-296-1f

8 July, 1943.

From: The Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps.  
To: The Paymaster, U. S. Marine Corps.  
Subject: ~~SHOCKMAN, James Philip, Private First Class,  
U.S.M.C., Report of death of.~~

Enclosure: 1. Beneficiary slip executed 27 September, 1931.

1. The following information regarding the subject named enlisted man is furnished in connection with the payment of death gratuity authorized by the Act of May 22, 1928:

(a) The records of this office show that James P. Shockman was born 15 June, 1919 at Grand Rapids, North Dakota. He enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps 27 September, 1939 at Denver, Colorado. He has been officially carried in a missing status from the Philippine Islands since 6 May, 1942. There has now been received by the head of the Department an official cablegram from the International Red Cross, Tokyo, Japan, transmitting an American casualty list furnished by an American officer held prisoner of war. This report indicates that Private First Class Shockman was killed in action in the defense of the Philippine Islands, but no date of death was furnished. The date of death is therefore deemed to be 6 May, 1942, the date of the capitulation of the Philippine Islands, and death is presumed to have occurred in line of duty and not the result of his own misconduct. The records further show that at the time he was reported missing in action he was attached to Company "M", Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Philippine Islands. The records of this office fail to show that he was married at the time of death.

(b) Mrs. Catherine Shockman, mother, General Delivery, La Moure, North Dakota, is given as emergency addressee and is also designated as beneficiary in connection with the payment of death gratuity.

M. G. CRAIG,

- - - - - By direction. - - - - -

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7 July, 1943.

My dear Mrs. Shockman:

It is a source of profound regret to me and to his comrades in the Marine Corps that your son, Private First Class James Philip Shockman, United States Marine Corps, 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,

T. HOLCOMB,  
 Lieutenant General, U. S. M. C.,  
 The Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps.

Mrs. Catherine Shockman,  
 General Delivery,  
 La Moure, North Dakota.

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5 July, 1943.

My dear Mrs. Shockman:

I deeply regret the death of your son, Private First Class James P. Shockman, U. S. Marine Corps.

Your son has been carried on the records of this office as "missing in action" since 6 May, 1942. However, an official cablegram from the International Red Cross, Tokyo, Japan, transmitting an American casualty list based on information received from an American officer who is a prisoner of war, states that he was killed in action in the Philippine Islands. Since no date of death was reported, for administrative purposes the date of death is deemed to be 6 May, 1942, the date of the capitulation of the Philippine Islands.

Inquiries regarding government insurance and pension should be addressed to the Veterans' Administration, Washington, D. C.

The Paymaster of the Marine Corps will write you regarding the settlement of your son's pay account.

If your son was employed in civilian life after January 1, 1937 and had a Social Security card, it is suggested that you communicate direct with the nearest Social Security Board field office, the address of which may be obtained from your post office, regarding any benefits to which you may be entitled under the Social Security Act. To facilitate identification by the Board please include his Social Security number, if available.

It is not necessary to employ the services of an attorney or claim agent.

With assurances of sympathy, I am

Sincerely yours,

M. G. CRAIG,  
Second Lieutenant, U.S.M.C.

Mrs. Catherine Shockman,  
General Delivery,  
La Moure, North Dakota.

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SHOCKMAN, James Philip

(Name: To be typewritten, surname to the left)

Enlisted, 27 September, 1939

Marine RS DH Denver, Colo.

(Place)

Under the provisions of the acts approved May 22, 1928, and May 12, 1930 (34 U. S. C. 943, 944), and March 17, 1941, relating to the payment of 6 months' pay to the widow or children or dependent relative of any officer or enlisted man on the active list of the Regular Marine Corps, or on the retired list when on active duty, or of any transferred member of the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve when on active duty, or of any officer or enlisted man of the Marine Corps Reserve, if ordered to active duty for a period in excess of 30 days and while so employed, who dies from wounds or disease not the result of his own misconduct, I give below the name and address of my wife and the name and address of each of my children.

Not Married

(Full name of wife; if not married, so state)

(Address of wife)

None

(Full name and address of each child; if none, so state)

In the event of my leaving no widow or child, or of their decease before payment is made, I then designate as my beneficiary under said act the following dependent relative, my

Mother

(Relationship)

Catherine Shockman

(Name in full)

General Delivery

(Address)

La Moure, N. Dak.

\* (Occasional Contributions)

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\*(State briefly wherein dependency consists, such as "allotments registered", "monthly contributions by Government check", etc.)

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In the event that payment cannot be made to the above-named dependent relative, I then designate as my beneficiary under said act the following dependent relative, my

None

(Relationship)

(Name in full)

(Address)

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\* State briefly wherein dependency consists

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the facts stated and disclosed in the foregoing beneficiary slip are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and were true on \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_, and have not changed since that date.

/s/ JAMES PHILIP SHOCKMAN

(Signature)

Private

(Rank)

, U. S. Marine Corps.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th

day of September, 1939

[SEAL] /s/ E. T. PETERS,

Captain, USMC.,

Recruiting Officer.

Authorized to administer oaths.

It must affirmatively appear hereon that the officer before whom the above oath was made had authority to administer oaths.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

This form must be sworn to before an officer of the United States Navy or Marine Corps, authorized to administer oaths, or before a notary public.

The full names and addresses of the beneficiaries should be carefully stated. If a married woman, her own Christian name should be given, not that of her husband, thus: "Mrs. Anna May Smith", not "Mrs. John Smith."

New beneficiary slips should be filled out and forwarded in all cases in which such action becomes necessary, by reason of a change in the status of the officer or enlisted man, or of his beneficiaries, due, for example, to marriage, death, birth of children, or the fact that a designated beneficiary should cease to be dependent. In any event payment will be made to the widow or children, if any, of the officer or enlisted man whether designated or not.

N. M. C. 502-A&I  
(Revised 1941)

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TELEGRAM

FROM: THE COMMANDANT U S MARINE CORPS TO: MRS CATHERINE SHOCKMAN  
(MOTHER)  
RELEASED BY: M G CRAIG GENERAL DELIVERY  
DATE: 1 JULY 1943 LA MOURE NORTH DAKOTA

DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU CABLEGRAM FROM INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS  
TOKYO JAPAN REPORTS THAT ACCORDING TO AMERICAN OFFICER HELD PRISONER  
OF WAR YOUR SON PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES P SHOCKMAN U S MARINE CORPS  
WHO HAS BEEN CARRIED ON THE RECORDS OF THIS HEADQUARTERS AS MISSING  
IN ACTION WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. DATE NOT  
GIVEN. PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY. LETTER FOLLOWS

T HOLCOMB  
LIEUT GENERAL USMC  
THE COMMANDANT U S MARINE CORPS

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TELEGRAM

FROM: THE COMMANDANT U S MARINE CORPS TO: **MRS CATHERINE SHOCKMAN (MOTHER)**  
RELEASED BY: **GENERAL DELIVERY**  
DATE: **EMMETT W SKINNER**  
**11 MAY 1942** **LA MOURE NORTH DAKOTA**

*MTR*  
THE COMMANDANT U S MARINE CORPS REGRETS TO ADVISE YOU THAT ACCORDING TO  
THE RECORDS OF THIS HEADQUARTERS YOUR **SON PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES P**  
**SHOCKMAN U S MARINE CORPS**  
WAS PERFORMING HIS DUTY IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY IN THE MANILA BAY  
AREA WHEN THAT STATION CAPITULATED X HE WILL BE CARRIED ON THE RECORDS  
OF THE MARINE CORPS AS MISSING PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION X NO REPORT  
OF HIS DEATH HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND HE MAY BE A PRISONER OF WAR X IT WILL  
PROBABLY BE SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE DEFINITE OFFICIAL INFORMATION CAN BE  
EXPECTED CONCERNING HIS STATUS X SINCERE SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO YOU IN  
YOUR ANXIETY AND YOU ARE ASSURED THAT ANY REPORT RECEIVED WILL BE  
COMMUNICATED TO YOU PROMPTLY X

T HOLCOMB

LIEUTENANT GENERAL U S M C

THE COMMANDANT U S MARINE CORPS



# United States Marine Corps

FIRST SEPARATE MARINE BATTALION  
NAVY YARD, CAVITE, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

May 10, 1941.

From: Commanding Officer.

To: Private JAMES P. SHOCKMAN

You are hereby appointed a PRIVATE FIRST CLASS <sup>TEMPORARY</sup> in the

United States Marine Corps from and including this date.

AUTH: MARCORPS DESPATCH 011606  
MAY, 1941.

R. H. MONTAGUE,

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps,  
BATTALION COMMANDER.

(TRIPLICATE FOR THE MAJOR GENERAL COMMANDANT)

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THE ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR,  
U. S. MARINE CORPS, HEADQUARTERS,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DECK COURT MEMORANDUM.

Company } MBNY., Cavite, P.I.  
Post or ship }  
Name SHOCKMAN, James P.  
Rank Private First Class  
Date of enlistment 27 September, 1939  
Date of trial 26 August, 1940.  
Offense 18 August, 1940. Quit-  
ting his post while a sentinels  
on Post No. 6, Navy Yard, Cavite,  
P.I., without being properly  
releived. Specification proved.  
Finding  
Sentence To reduction to next  
inferior rank.

Approved by C. A. 28 August, 1940.

Approved by [Signature] [Signature]

~~That portion of the sentence which involves bad-  
conduct discharge { was } remitted on condition that the  
accused maintain a record satisfactory to his commanding  
officer during a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Strike out  
"was" or "was not," as appropriate.)~~

~~Noted in service record book. (Strike out in case of  
acquittal.)~~

(Sig.) *J. R. Stillman*  
J. R. STILLMAN,  
Captain,  
Personnel Officer U. S. M. C.,  
Commanding

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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE PACIFIC  
100 HARRISON STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1 October, 1940.

From: The Commanding General.  
To: The Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, Navy,  
Yard, Cavite, P. I.

Subject: Dates of offenses.

References: (a) Article 7-18, 7-19, and 10-11 (42), Marine  
Corps Manual.  
(b) Deck court memoranda, cases of Pfc. James  
P. Shockman and Pvt. Robert R. Stockwell,  
USMC, tried 26 Aug 40.

1. It is requested that corrected deck court  
memoranda be prepared and transmitted in accordance with  
reference (a), in the cases of the following named men to  
show the dates of the offenses for which they were tried and  
convicted by deck courts on 26 August, 1940:

Pfc. James P. Shockman  
Pvt. Robert R. Stockwell.

L. N. Utz,  
by direction.

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Copy to: The Adjutant and Inspector.  
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To THE ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR,  
U. S. MARINE CORPS, HEADQUARTERS,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Deck*

DECK COURT MEMORANDUM.

Company } MBNY, Cavite, P.I.  
Post or ship }  
Name SHOCKMAN, James P.

Rank Private First Class

Date of enlistment 27 September, 1939.

Date of trial 26 August, 1940.

Offense Quitting his post with-  
out being properly relieved.

Finding Specification proved.

Sentence To reduction to next  
inferior rank. ✓

Approved by C. A. 28 August, 1940.

Approved by { I.S. in C. }  
                  { S.O.P. }  
~~XXXXX~~

~~That portion of the sentence which involves bad-  
conduct discharge { was } remitted on condition that the  
                          { was not }  
accused maintain a record satisfactory to his commanding  
officer during a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Strike out  
"was" or "was not," as appropriate.)~~

~~Noted in service-record book. (Strike out in case of  
acquittal.)~~

(Sig.) *J. H. Stillman*  
J. H. STILLMAN,  
Captain, \_\_\_\_\_, U. S. M. C.,  
Personnel Officer.  
                  Commanding

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# United States Marine Corps

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MB, PSNY., BREWERTON, WASHINGTON,

28 DECEMBER, 1959.

From: Commanding Officer.

To: Private JAMES P. SHOCKLEY, U.S.M.C.

You are hereby appointed a PRIVATE FIRST CLASS in the

**United States Marine Corps** from and including this date.

Auth HCO ltr 2165-15/7-450 over ACH-bwk, dated 20 Dec 59.

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TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

(TRIPPLICATE FOR THE MAJOR GENERAL COMMANDANT)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
WESTERN RECRUITING DIVISION  
HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT OF DENVER  
Room 107, Old Custom House, 16th & Arapahoe Sts.  
DENVER, COLO.

MR MICHAEL L SHOCKMAN  
LA MOURE N DAK

REPLY COLLECT WESTERN UNION DATE OF BIRTH YOUR SON  
JAMES PHILIP SHOCKMAN HAS HE EVER BEEN MARRIED HAD  
PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE OR BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY  
CRIME DO YOU CONSENT TO HIS ENLISTMENT IN THE  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS RECRUITING

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MARINE CORPS RECRUITING  
DENVER

MY SON JAMES PHILIP SHOCKMAN HAS NEVER BEEN MARRIED  
NO PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE NO CRIMINAL RECORD DATE  
OF BIRTH JUNE 15TH 1919 THIS TELEGRAM IS MY CONSENT  
TO HIS ENLISTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

MICHAEL L SHOCKMAN

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THE CITY MARSHAL  
LA MOURE N DAK

REPLY COLLECT WESTERN UNION RE ANY POLICE OR JUVENILE  
RECORD JAMES PHILIP SHOCKMAN AGE 20

MARINE CORPS RECRUITING

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MARINE CORPS RECRUITING  
DENVER

JAMES PHILIP SHOCKMAN HAS NO POLICE RECORD

CITY MARSHAL

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAMS

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY:

*E. T. Peters*  
E. T. PETERS,  
Captain, U. S. Marine Corps,  
Recruiting Officer.



**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
WESTERN RECRUITING DIVISION  
HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT OF DENVER  
Room 107, Old Custom House, 16th & Arapahoe Sts.  
DENVER, COLO.**

25 September, 1939

Chief of Police  
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:

Mr. James Philip Shockman, who states that he  
resided at La Moure, N. Dak., from  
1920, to present,  
(Date) (Date)

has applied for enlistment in the United States Marine Corps.

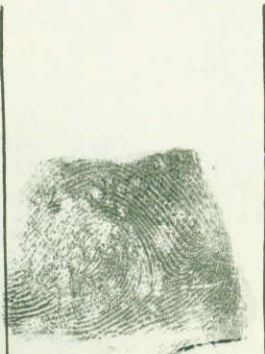
The Marine Corps cannot accept for enlistment any man who has ever been convicted of a crime by any civil court, or who has ever committed an act such as would render him liable to criminal prosecution in a civil court. If such a conviction, or the commission of such an act, is recorded against him, he must be rejected, unless the offense was of a trivial nature which would not reflect on the man's character or affect his desirability for enlistment.

It is requested therefore, that a search of your records be made to determine whether the above-named applicant has a police or juvenile record in your files or has ever been arrested or convicted of an offense within the area under your jurisdiction, and a report of your findings made on the back of this letter.

Your cooperation in completing and returning this form at an early date will be appreciated. An envelope which requires no postage is provided for this purpose.

Yours very truly,

*E. T. Peters*  
E. T. PETERS,  
Capt., USMC.,  
OFFICER IN CHARGE.



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Born: 15 June 1919 Hair: L. Brown  
Weight: 147 Eyes: Blue  
Height: 70 1/2" Other: \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
WESTERN RECRUITING DIVISION  
HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF DENVER  
1000 17th Street, Denver, Colorado

.....  
(City and State)

.....  
(Date)

1. Has he a police or juvenile record? .....
2. If so, what was the offense or charge? .....
3. What disposition of the case was made? .....
4. If sentence or fine was awarded, what term or amount? .....
5. Do you consider him a desirable type of citizen? .....
6. Any other remarks you may care to make .....

.....  
Find no record in this Dept. under the name of Jas Phillip Shockman

Sgt *Geo L Beckermul*

(Signature and title)

306 P.B.

In Charge. B of I.  
Police Dept.,  
Denver, Colo;.

# EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Date 27 September 19 39

Educational Qualifications of SHOCKMAN, James Philip  
(Name)

Enlisted—~~Reenlisted~~ at RS DH Denver, Colo. on 27 September 1939  
(Station) (Date)

- (a) Grade attained in elementary school Eighth
- (b) Number of years in high school (if not a graduate) and subjects taken, such as academic, business or technical
- (c) If a high school graduate, so state showing subjects taken, such as academic, business or technical  
Graduate Grand Rapids, N. Dak. High; Business.
- (d) Name of business school, vocational training center, or other educational institution attended, showing number of years of attendance and subjects taken  
None
- (e) Number of years of college training (if not a graduate), name of college, kind of training such as as academic, business or technical, and credits earned  
None
- (f) If a college graduate, give name of college, the course taken and degrees obtained  
None
- (g) Any other educational qualifications not covered above  
None

*This form must be securely attached to the enlistment contract or agreement to extend enlistment of all men accepted for first enlistment, reenlistment and extension of enlistment in the Marine Corps.*

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
Headquarters, District of Denver,  
Room 107 Old Custom House, 16th & Arapahoe Streets,  
Denver, Colorado.

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27 September, 1939

From: The Officer in Charge.  
To : Pvt. James P. SHOCKMAN, U. S. Marine Corps.  
Subject: Travel Orders.

1. You will proceed this date via Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway leaving Union Depot, 17th & Wynkoop Streets, at 5:45 p.m., to San Diego, California, where upon arrival you will report to the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, for assignment.
2. Upon your arrival at San Diego, board an "L" or "O" Bus, either of which will carry you to the Marine Corps Base.
3. Transportation necessary for the travel directed is furnished you herewith. You are furnished an upper berth and \$3.75 in cash for meals enroute. You are also furnished ten cents in cash for bus fare in San Diego.
4. Your staff returns are being forwarded under separate cover.
5. The travel herein enjoined is necessary in the Public Service.

E.T. PETERS.

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Copies to: The Major General Commandant.  
The Commanding General, MCB., San Diego, Calif.  
File.  
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No prior service claimed.