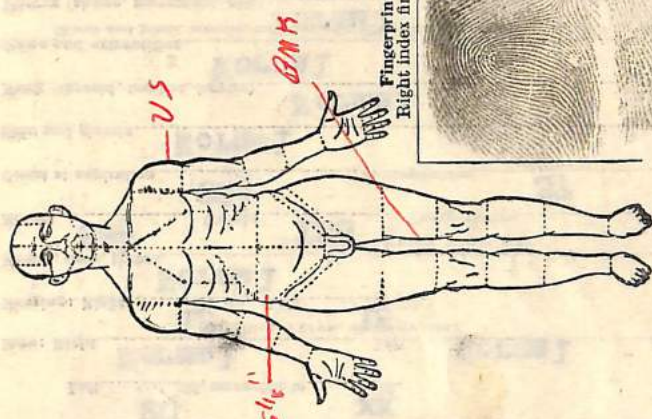
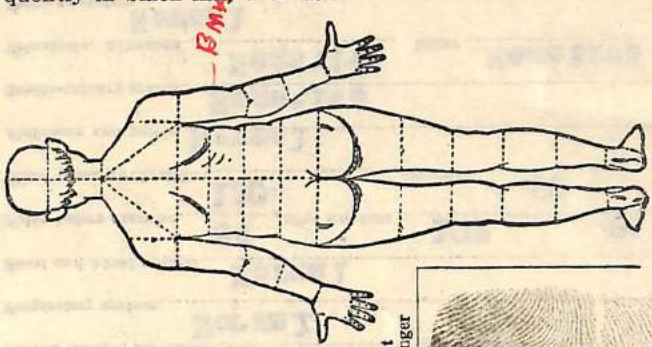


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Byron De La Beckwith

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Byron De La Beckwith, Jr. (November 9, 1920 – January 21, 2001) was an American white supremacist and Klansman from Greenwood, Mississippi, who was convicted in the 1994 state trial of assassinating the civil rights leader Medgar Evers on June 12, 1963. Two previous trials in 1964 on this charge had resulted in hung juries.

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Early life

De La Beckwith was born in Colusa, California,^[1] the son of Susan Southworth Yerger and Byron De La Beckwith, Sr., the town postmaster. His father died of pneumonia when he was five years old.^[2] One year later, De La Beckwith and his mother settled in Greenwood, Mississippi, to be near family. His mother died of lung cancer when he was 12 years old,^[3] and he was raised by his uncle William Greene Yerger and his wife thereafter.^[3]

Military service

In January 1942, De La Beckwith enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served as a machine gunner in the Pacific theater of World War II. He fought at the Battle of Guadalcanal and was shot in the waist during the Battle of Tarawa.^[4] De La Beckwith was honorably discharged in August 1945.

Byron De La Beckwith



Born	November 9, 1920 Colusa, California
Died	January 21, 2001 (aged 80) Jackson, Mississippi
Nationality	American
Known for	Assassin of Medgar Evers

Marriage and family

After serving in the Marine Corps, Beckwith moved to Providence, Rhode Island, where he married Mary Louise Williams.^[3] The couple settled in his hometown of Greenwood, Mississippi, and had a son together. Their son, Delay De La Beckwith is prominently featured in Paul Saltzman's documentary *The Last White Night* (2012) about his and his father's life.^[5]

De La Beckwith married Thelma Lindsay Neff after his divorce from Williams.^[1]

Career

De La Beckwith worked as a salesman for most of his life, selling tobacco, fertilizer, wood stoves and a variety of other goods.^[1] He attended the Greenwood Episcopal Church of the Nativity and became a member of the White Citizens' Council in 1954.^[1]

White supremacist activities

The White Citizens' Council was founded in 1954 following the United States Supreme Court's ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education* that school segregation was unconstitutional. Begun in Mississippi, chapters arose in towns across the South, where sometimes prominent citizens used a variety of economic tactics to suppress black activists and sustain segregation; they applied pressure through boycotts, denial of loans and credit, ending jobs and other means, and in Mississippi prevented school integration until 1964.^[6]

De La Beckwith became a member; however, he thought more direct action was needed. On June 12, 1963, he assassinated NAACP civil rights leader Medgar Evers outside Evers' home in Jackson.

The state twice prosecuted De La Beckwith for murder in 1964, but both trials ended with hung juries. The jurors were all male and all white. Mississippi had effectively disfranchised black voters since 1890, and they were thus prevented from serving as jurors, who were limited to voters. During the second trial, the former Governor Ross Barnett interrupted the trial to shake hands with Beckwith while Myrlie Evers, the widow of the activist, was testifying.^[1] In the 1980s, the *Jackson Clarion Ledger* published reports of its investigation of the trial, which found that the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission, supported by residents' taxes, had assisted De La Beckwith's attorneys in his second trial by using state resources to investigate members of the jury pool during *voir dire*.^{[1][2]}

In January 1966, De La Beckwith, along with a number of other members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was subpoenaed by the House Un-American Activities Committee to testify about Klan activities. Although De La Beckwith gave his name when asked by the committee (unlike other witnesses, such as Sam Bowers, who invoked the Fifth Amendment in response to that question), he answered no other substantive questions.^[2] In the following years, Beckwith became a leader in the segregationist Phineas Priesthood, an offshoot of the white supremacist Christian Identity Movement. The group was known for its hostility towards African Americans, Jews, Catholics, and foreigners.

According to Delmar Dennis, who acted as a key witness for the prosecution at the 1994 trial, De La Beckwith boasted of his role in the death of Medgar Evers at several KKK rallies and similar gatherings in the years following his mistrials. In 1967, he unsuccessfully sought the Democratic Party's nomination for Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi.^[2]

In 1973, informants alerted the Federal Bureau of Investigation of Beckwith's plans to murder A.I. Botnick, director of the New Orleans-based B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, for comments Botnick had made about white southerners and race relations. Following several days of surveillance, Beckwith's car was stopped by New Orleans Police Department officers as he crossed over the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway Bridge. Among the contents of his vehicle were several loaded firearms, a map with directions to Botnick's house highlighted, and a dynamite time bomb. On August 1, 1975, Beckwith was convicted of conspiracy to commit murder; he served nearly three years in the Angola Prison in Louisiana from May 1977 until his parole in January 1980.^[2] Just before entering prison to serve his sentence, Beckwith was ordained by Rev. Dewey "Buddy" Tucker as a minister of the Temple Memorial Baptist Church; a Christian Identity congregation in Knoxville, Tennessee.^[7]

1994 trial for Evers murder

In the 1980s, the reporting of the *Jackson Clarion Ledger* of the Beckwith trials stimulated a new investigation by the state and ultimately a third prosecution, based on new evidence.^[1] By this point, De La Beckwith was living in Signal Mountain, Tennessee, and was extradited to Mississippi for his trial at the Hinds County Courthouse in Jackson. The 1994 state trial was held before a jury of eight black and four white jurors; it ended with De La Beckwith's conviction of first-degree murder for killing Medgar Evers. New evidence included testimony of his having boasted of the murder at a Klan rally and to others over the three decades after the crime. The physical evidence was essentially the same as was used during the first two trials.^[1]

He appealed the guilty verdict, but the Mississippi Supreme Court upheld the conviction in 1997. The court said the 31-year lapse between the murder and De La Beckwith's conviction did not deny him a fair trial. He was sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole for first-degree murder. Although Mississippi had a death penalty in 1963, it was unavailable because it and other death penalty laws in force at the time had been declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Furman v. Georgia*. Beckwith sought review in the United States Supreme Court, but that Court denied certiorari.^[8]

On January 21, 2001, De La Beckwith died at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. He was 80 years old. He had suffered from heart disease, high blood pressure and other ailments.^[1]

Representation in other media

"Where Is the Voice Coming From?" (1963), a short story by the notable writer Eudora Welty, is considered one of the most significant works related to De La Beckwith's crime. Welty was from Jackson, Mississippi, and she said later:

"Whoever the murderer is, I know him: not his identity, but his coming about, in this time and place. That is, I ought to have learned by now, from here, what such a man, intent on such a deed, had going on in his mind. I wrote his story--my fiction--in the first person: about that character's point of view."^[9]

Welty's story was published in *The New Yorker* (July 6, 1963) soon after De La Beckwith's arrest. So accurate was her portrayal that the magazine changed several details in the story before publication, for legal reasons.^[10]

Byron De La Beckwith was the subject of the 1963 Bob Dylan song "Only a Pawn in Their Game", which deplores Evers' murder and the racial environment of the South.

In 1991, the murder of Evers and first trials of Beckwith were the basis of the episode entitled "Sweet, Sweet Blues", written by author William James Royce for the NBC television series *In the Heat of the Night*. In the episode, actor James Best plays a character based on De La Beckwith, an aging Klansman who appears to have gotten away with murder.

The 1996 film *Ghosts of Mississippi* tells the story of the murder and 1994 trial. James Woods portrayed De La Beckwith in an Academy Award-nominated performance. The prosecution lawyer Robert DeLaughter was played by Alec Baldwin. Myrlie Evers was portrayed by Whoopi Goldberg.

In 2001, Bobby DeLaughter published his memoir of the case and trial, *Never Too Late: A Prosecutor's Story of Justice in the Medger Evers Trial*.^[11]

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April 20, 1978

Captain James E. Kneale, Director
Navy/Marine Corps House Liaison
B324 Rayburn

Re: Byron De La Beckwith
337948

Dear Captain Kneale:

Enclosed is a request which I have received
from Mr. De La Beckwith in regard to his I.Q.
score while in the Marines.

I would certainly appreciate your assistance
in researching Mr. Beckwith's records in order
to find his I.Q. score.

Thank you, and please let me know if there
is any way in which I can be of further assistance
in this matter.

Sincerely,



DAVID R. BOWEN
Member of Congress

Enclosure

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12 MAY 1978

The Honorable David R. Bowen
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Bowen:

This is in further reply to your letter of
20 April 1978 regarding Mr. Byron DeLa BECKWITH,
former member of the U. S. Marine Corps, 33 79 48.

The I.Q. test is not administered by the Marine
Corps.

It is believed Mr. Beckwith is referring to the
General Classification test. He was administered
this test on 18 April 1944 and attained a score
of III-106.

It is a pleasure to be of service to you.

Sincerely,

L. J. GODBY *mlh*
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
Head, Records Branch, Personnel Services Division
By direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps

(M)

U. S. MARINE CORPS REPORT OF SEPARATION

NAVMC 78-PD.

1. LAST NAME BECKWITH		FIRST NAME Byron		MIDDLE NAMES Dela	2. RANK StfSgt	3. PAY GRADE 3	4. SERIAL NUMBER 337948	CODE COLUMN	
5. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES 306 George St., Greenwood, Miss.					6. RACE W	7. SEX M	8. CITIZEN X		9. DATE OF BIRTH 9 Nov 20
10. ADDRESS FROM WHICH PERSON WILL SEEK EMPLOYMENT 306 George St., Greenwood, Miss.					11. MARRIED X	12. NO. OF DEP. 1	13. PLACE OF BIRTH Sacramento, Calif.		

RECORD OF MARINE CORPS SERVICE

SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	14. REGISTERED YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	15. ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE 306 George St., Greenwood, Miss.		16. SEL. SER. BD. NO. -	17. COUNTY & STATE -
18. MEANS OF ENTRY ENLISTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUCTED <input type="checkbox"/> COMMISSIONED <input type="checkbox"/>		19. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE DHS Jackson, Miss.		20. DATE OF ENTRY 5 Jan 42	21. COMPONENT REG. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RES. <input type="checkbox"/>
22. PENSION CLAIM FILED <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23. PLACE OF SEPARATION FROM ACTIVE SERVICE MCAS Cherry Point, N. C.		24. DATE OF SEPARATION 4 Jan 46	25. ORG. AT SEPARATION AES-44
26. TYPE OF DISCHARGE CERT. Honorable				27. LENGTH OF FOREIGN AND/OR SEA SERVICE YEARS 1	MOS. 8 DAYS -
28. MILITARY SPECIALTIES Military Police (677); Mech Air (747A); Mech Gunner (604); Amphibious Tractor					
29. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED None		COURSES None		WEEKS -	

30. PRINCIPAL MILITARY DUTY
Mech Gunner (604); Amphibious tractor

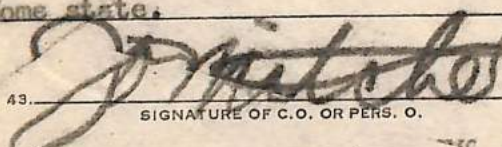
EMPLOYMENT AND NON-SERVICE EDUCATIONAL DATA

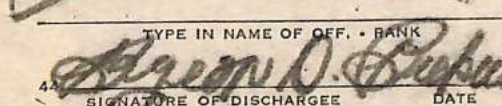
31. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION (TITLE) Manager	D.O.T. NUMBER 0-72	NO. YRS. 10/12	LAST EMPLOYED 1Jan42
JOB SUMMARY Supervised the work of eight employes engaged in mixing beverages of soft drinks - made out sales reports - kept production records and handles advertising - took inventories.			
32. SECONDARY OCCUPATION (TITLE) Salesman General	D.O.T. NUMBER 1-80	NO. YRS. 1	LAST EMPLOYED 1Jan42
33. LAST EMPLOYER BEFORE ENTRY INTO SERVICE Pepsi Cola Col, Greenwood, Miss.	DATE LEFT 1Jan42	34. JOB AID DESIRED YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
35. EDUCATION IN YEARS GRAMMAR 8 HIGH SCHOOL 4 COLLEGE - DEGREE -		36. MAJOR COURSES Acad.	
37. TRADE COURSES None	38. COURSES OF GREATEST INTEREST English Economics		39. LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED Greenwood High School Greenwood, Miss. 1939

PREFERENCES

40. PREFERENCE FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING Training in business administration.	
41. JOB PREFERENCE Administrative (Tech) field	REASON Miss highway dept.
42. LOCALITY PREFERENCE Mississippi	REASON Home state.

I certify that all information on this form pertaining to the Naval Service of the above named individual is in accordance with the records of the U. S. Marine Corps and that a copy of this form has been delivered to him in person.

43. 
SIGNATURE OF C.O. OR PERS. O.

44. 
SIGNATURE OF DISCHARGEE

DATE

TO: HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS
Washington 25, D. C.

Byron De La B. Keith, DW
331 W. Monroe,
Greenwood, Mississippi.

The Office of the Commandant,
U.S. Marine Corps.,
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Request for Medals and/or Decorations.

Gentlemen:

I here by submit my written request for
any or all Medals, Ribbons, Stars or other decorations
which my service record shows that I am
entitled to receive.

Enlisted 1/5/42, honorably discharged 1/5/46;
serial number, 337948, U.S.M.C.

I was awarded the Purple Heart at
US Naval Hospital, Sea Rights, Honolulu, T.H. after
the Battle of Tarawa. I served with Co A, 2nd
Cmp. Troop Bn, 2nd Mar. Div. I do not seem
to have, nor recall receiving any other
awards except on paper.

It was an honor and a privilege to
serve the U.S.A. in the U.S.M.C. with
you officers and men. I am still serving
the U.S.A. in a little different capacity as
noted below.

Most sincerely yours

Byron D. Keith

a member of The Mississippi Society - The
National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

WIF
20 Nov 43
Tarawa, Gilbert Is.
Cpl USMC 337948
CSW, chest

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HEADQUARTERS
U. S. MARINE CORPS

*Ans. file on Case
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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 337948

I, Byron DeLa BECKWITH, desiring to enlist in the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS for a period of 4 years, do declare that I was born 9 November, 1920, at Sacramento,

in the State of California; that I have ~~wife and children~~ {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 DHS., Jackson, Mississippi, this 5th day of January, 1942
(Show first place of acceptance)

*Accepted and signature witnessed:

Edwyn O. Schulyz (Signature of applicant, in full)
EDWYN O. SCHULYZ, MAJOR, U. S. M. CR.

Date and nature of any waiver: None

Acceptance approved, 5 January, 1942, at DHS., Jackson, Mississippi
and transferred, 5 January, 1942, to RD., MCB., San Diego, Calif.

Edwyn O. Schulyz
EDWYN O. SCHULYZ, MAJOR, U. S. M. C., Recruiting Officer.

I, Bryon DeLa BECKWITH, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have voluntarily enlisted as a **PRIVATE** for general service in the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, for a period of 4 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.

Byron DeLa Beckwith
(Signature of recruit, in full)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me at DHS., Jackson, Mississippi this 5th day of January, A. D. 1942, 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.

Edwyn O. Schulyz
EDWYN O. SCHULYZ, MAJOR, U. S. M. CR Recruiting Officer.

Notation of any special first assignment:

* 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.

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

Name, Byron DeLa BECKWITH; born, 9 November, 1920.

I CERTIFY that I have this 5th. day of January, 1942.

at DHS., Jackson, Miss., 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:

Brown eyes, Brown hair, Ruddy complexion; height 68 1/2 inches, weight 138 pounds, mean circumference 34 inches, expansion 4 1/2 inches,

vision (Snellen) right 20/20, left 20/20, indelible or permanent marks upon his person:

ANT: S 1/2" rt. Lower Abdominal Inguinal; VS lft. Deltoid; BMK lft. Lower Thigh.

POST: BMK rt. Arm.

S. S. McNair
STIRLING S. McNAIR,
Lt. MC-V(S), USNR., (M. C.), U. S. Navy.

Legal residence: 306 George St., Greenwood, LeFlore Co., Mississippi
(Street address and city or town) (State)

Name and address of person to be notified in case of emergency, giving degree of relationship; if friend, so state:

Mr. William G. YERGER, 306 George St., Greenwood, Miss. Uncle
(Name) (Address, including name of street and number of house) (Relationship)

DATES OF FORMER ENLISTMENTS AND DISCHARGES

(All prior naval or military service, including Reserves, must be entered below at time of enlistment)

ENLISTED	DISCHARGED	BRANCH OF SERVICE, RANK, TIME LOST, ETC.	CHARACTER

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

Date Rec'd JAN 8 1942
 Strength and Dist. _____
 Recruiting I. S.
 Carded _____
 Compared _____

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NAME: BECKWITH, Byron De La

ENTR: 5 JAN 42

TAKEN: 12 JAN 42

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337948



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Byron De La Beckwith

AS

**HONORABLE DISCHARGE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.**

SERIES A.

A458803

USMCAS, CHERRY POINT, N. C.

(Name of station.)

Byron D. Beckwith

(Name of enlisted man.)

5 January, 1942

(Date of enlistment.)

Sgt Sgt

(Rank at date of discharge.)

337948

(Serial number.)

4 January, 1946

(Date of discharge.)

USMCAS, CHERRY POINT, N. C.

(Place of discharge.)

(Rank best qualified to fill.)

{ H.D. Button } Yes

{ delivered, } (Yes or no.)

306 George St.,
Greenwood, Mississippi

(Home address.)

Pay per month at discharge, -- \$100.80

Paid in full at discharge, ---- \$132.53

Ch Hayes

Commanding Officer:

Note.—Stubs to be forwarded, as bound, to Headquarters,
U.S. Marine Corps, when the discharges in the book
have been issued.

FILE

337948

BECKWITH

Byron DeLa

BORN: 9 November 1920

AT: Sacramento, Calif.

ENLISTED: 5 January 1942

AT: Jackson, Miss.

8th Recruit Bn,

Rec. Depot, San Diego

JAN 8 1942

Rated Specialist 6 Class GUNNER ^{CREWMAN} APR 20 1942

"TEMPORARY"

APR - 4 1942

PVT. 1ST CLASS - LINE

Jd Co A 2d Amphibian Tractor Bn.

FMF

FEB 19 1942

Specialist 6 Class Revoked (mye) JUN - 1 1942

In the Field AUG 18 1942

ORGANIZATION

LINE

APR - 1 1943

CORPORAL

REDUCED TO:

LINE

SEP 14 1943

TEMPORARY

PVT 1ST CLASS

ORGANIZATION

LINE

SEP 15 1943

CORPORAL

TEMPORARY

LINE

MAR 1 1944

CORPORAL

Jd Co Transient Ctr.

Jd Casual Bn. 5th. Amphs. Corps.

DEC 10 1943

CasCo #1 MD. U.S.N.H.

Jd Oakland, Calif. Via "Lashwing Wave" FEB 3 1944

NOV 20 1943

Wounded in action

TEMPORARY

AVIATION (SPECIAL)

JUL 12 1944

CORPORAL

MB. NAV. Sup. Dep.

Jd Clearfield, Utah

By S/Rs
MAR 11 1944

TEMPORARY

AVIATION
(Special)

OCT - 1 1944

SERGEANT

By S/Rs

Jd MarAvnDet, NAS, Memphis, Tenn.

MAY 1 1944

TEMPORARY

AVIATION

JAN 16 1945

*STAFF SGT

MECHANICAL

Promoted
Back from

DEC - 4 1944

Jd Wing Serv Sq 9

FMF

MAR 3 1945

Jd. Fighting Sq 914 PND MAR 16 1945

Jd. Aircraft Engr. Sq. 44
USMCAS, Cherry Pt., N. C. MAY 14 1945

Awd GCMed eff 1/4/44

Honorable Dis

StaffSgt

JAN 4 1946

Aircraft Engr. Sq. 44

USMCAS, Cherry Pt., N. C.

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