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**RE:           Veteran's Name: WOODSON, Ralph A**  
**SSN/SN:**  
**Request Number: 1-5829811893**

Dear Sir:

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**Hometown: Crystal, West Virginia**

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Sincerely,

Timothy Leahey  
Archives Technician (1A)



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*Let us know if we have  
failed to protect it.*

Enclosure(s)

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HEADQUARTERS  
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96601

1/CGF/ab  
1650  
OCT 12 1965

From: Commanding General  
To: Private First Class Ralph A. WOODSON 2078709/0331 USMC  
Via: Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines

Subj: Award of Purple Heart Medal

Ref: (a) FMFPacO 1650.1, Ch 1

Encl: (1) Purple Heart Medal

1. In accordance with the authority delegated by reference (a), the Commanding General takes pride in awarding you the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received while operating against the insurgent communist guerrilla (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Viet Nam on 18 Aug 1965.

2. A permanent certificate will be issued you by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in the very near future. However, if you do not receive the certificate in a reasonable length of time, it is suggested that you submit an application to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code DL).

L. W. WALT

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CMC (DL)  
CG, FMFPAC  
CO, 4th Mar

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COMBAT HISTORY—EXPEDITIONS—AWARDS RECORD

COMBAT HISTORY—EXPEDITIONS

DATE OF ENTRY	DETAILS	DATES		SIGNATURE
		FROM (ON)—	TO—	
26May65	Participated in Operation against the insurgent Communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Viet Nam	7May65	18Aug65	Bydir <i>J. M. Powell</i>
28Aug65	WIA, GSW left leg, Chu-Lai, Viet Nam hospitalized.	18Aug65		Bydir <i>J. D. Davis</i>
9Oct65	Participated in Operation STANLITE in Chu-Lai, Republic of Viet Nam	18Aug65	24Aug65	Bydir <i>H. W. Trautwein</i>
B 18 1966	PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION DOUBLE EAGLE NEAR BONG SON, RVN 26JAN66 TO 17FEB66 RU 13177 UD #18-66			
MAR 10 1966	PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION UTAH NEAR QUANG NGAI, RVN 5MAR66 TO 7MAR66			By direction <i>A. C. Cooney</i>
MAR 18 1966	PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION MASSACHUSETTS NEAR CHU LAI, RVN	MAR 17 1966	MAR 18 1966	By direction <i>A. C. Cooney</i>
MAR 27 1966	PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION TEXAS NEAR QUANG NGAI, RVN 21MAR TO 24MAR66 PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IOWA NEAR QUANG TIN RVN			By direction <i>A. C. Cooney</i> By dir <i>A. C. Cooney</i>

AWARDS

DESCRIPTION	STARS, DEVICES	DATE APPROVED	APPROVED BY	DATE MEDAL ISSUED	SIGNATURE
<del>NAFEM</del>		22May65	SecNav		<i>J. M. Powell</i> Bydir
PH		18Oct65	CG, 3rdMarDiv	10Nov65	<i>C. F. Shrest</i> CO
Ltr of Appreciation		19Dec65	CO HMM-362	3Mar66	<i>A. C. Cooney</i> Bydir
VSM	w/2*	7May65	CO CoH 2ndBn 4thMar		<i>A. C. Cooney</i> Bydir
NATDEFSM		5May66	SecNav		<i>J. D. Davis</i> Bydir
NUC		29Apr66	SecNav		<i>J. M. Powell</i> Bydir
RVNCMDL	(1960-)	17Mar67	CO, H&SCo, TBS, QUANT		<i>H. R. O'Neil</i> Bydir

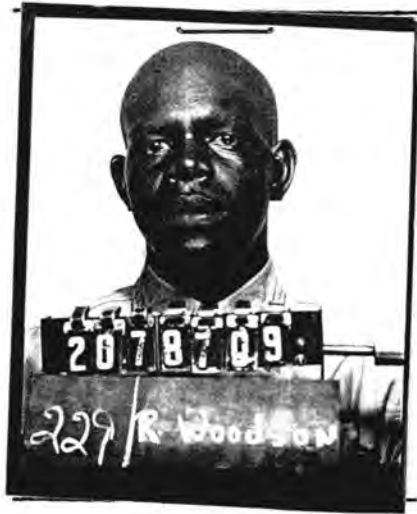
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WOODSON, RALPH A. JR.

2078709

NAME (Last) (First) (Middle) SERVICE NO.

HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Recruit Training Battalion  
Recruit Training Regiment  
Marine Corps Recruit Depot  
Parris Island, South Carolina 29905



Signature Ralph A. Woodson Jr Date of Photo MAY 1 1964

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RECORD OF SERVICE

ORGANIZATION	DATE	REASON	PRIMARY DUTY	PROFICIENCY		CONDUCT	SIGNATURE OF MARKING OFFICER
				GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS	DUTY		
2d RecruitTrngBn, CRDep, PISC	29 MAR 1964	Jd	Under RecruitTrng	/	/	/	C. P. Brodeur ByDir
2d RecruitTrngBn, CRDep, PISC	24 JUN 1964	Tr	RecruitTrng Compl	/	/	/	R. B. Borden ByDir
2dITBn 1st MCB	JUN 25 1964	Joined	Under Instn	/	/	/	
2dITBn 1st ITR MCB, CamLej	24 JUL 1964	Id	InfCombTrng andivCmbtTrng Completed	/	/	/	M. J. Marshall ByDir
1stMarBrig, FMF	9Sep64	Jd	Ammo Carr LMG	/	/	/	R. E. Christy ByDir
Co"H" 2dBn 4thMar 1stMarBrig, FMF	31Jan65	ChPriDu Semi-Ann	A-Gunner LMG	/	/	/	J. L. ... CO
Redesignated as Co"H" 2dBn 4thMar(-) Reain 3rdMarDiv FMF on 25May65							
Co"H" 2dBn 4thMar 3rdMarDiv FMF	3Jun65	ChPriDu	Gunner M-60	/	/	/	R. P. ... ByDir
Co"H" 2dBn 4thMar 3rdMarDiv FMF	31Jul65	Semi-Ann	Gunner M-60	/	/	/	M. J. ... CO
Co"H" 2dBn 4thMar 3rdMarDiv FMF	31Aug65	Tr	Gunner M-60	/	/	/	J. D. Davis ByDir
Co"H" 2dBn 4thMar 3rdMarDiv FMF	24Aug65	Tr	Gunner M-60	/	/	/	J. D. Davis ByDir
MB Yokosuka, Japan	25Aug65	Jd by SR	Sk USNH	/	/	/	185-65/52110 ByDir
MB Yokosuka, Japan	3Sep65	Tr	FrSk USNH	/	/	/	185-65/52110 ByDir
CoH, 2ndBn 4thMar 3rdMarDiv, FMF	23Sep65	Jd	Gunner M-60	/	/	/	C. F. ... CO
Co"H", 2dBn, 4thMar(-) 3rdMarDiv, FMF	31Jan66	Semi Ann	Gunner M-60	/	/	/	C. F. ... CO
Co"H", 2ndBn 4thMar 3rdMarDiv, FMF	1Mar66	ChPriDu	MG Team Ldr	/	/	/	J. H. ... CO
REDESIGNATED 1APR66 TO CO H, 2DBN 4THMAR, 1STMARDIV, FMF AUTH CG, FMFPAC MSG 232315Z (NOTAL) MAR66							
Co"H" 2ndBn 4thMar 1stMarDiv FMF	24Apr66	Tr	0331 MG Team Ldr	/	/	/	L. W. ... CO
EML INSTR CO, H&SBN, WASCOL, MSC QUANT VA	13Jun66	Jd	0311 RFLMn Instr.	/	/	/	104-66/30372 ByDir
EML INSTR CO, H&SBN, WASCOL, MSC QUANT VA	1July66	Tr	0311 RFLMn Instr.	Not Observed	/	/	115-66/30372 ByDir
H&SCO H&SBN TBS MCS Quantico, Virginia	2Jul66	Jd	0141 AdminMan	/	/	/	118-66/30371 ByDir
H&SCO H&SBN TBS MCS QUANT	30Nov66	Prom	0141	/	/	/	ByDir

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