

Robert A. Newport

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Robert A. Newport was born in December 1, 1925 in Oceanside, California. He had 1 brother and 2 sisters. He was raised in Chula Vista. At that time, there was no name for the area where they lived, but, their address was 127 Jefferson Avenue, Chula Vista. He fought in the World War II, in the Marines, at the age of 17 before finishing his senior year at the Sweetwater High School.

He took part in a Landing Badge, as he was a great Mark Shooter and was assigned with the Automatic Rifle. He died at the Landing Badge (Barge?) in an explosion that occurred after the enemy ship shot a bomb at them where he and many others died. He was only 19 years old.

As for medals and recognitions he received the Purple Heart as many others who where wounded or killed at war.

Robert Newport had a normal life as many others he went to Chula Vista High then went to Sweetwater High School where he played many sports like; basketball, volleyball, and also was a great football player. At this time, as many other kids, he didn't finish his last year; he decided to join the military.

He loved fishing and hunting, these were his hobbies and this explains why he was as good as a Mark Shooter.

As I was told by his sister, he was one of those guys who where crazy to take place in the war and his parents approved him doing it even knowing all the risks involved.

He joined the Marine Corps in California. His service number was 00319239.

He was a Private First Class (E3) in November 2, 1944, when he died. He is listed as Missing in Action (MIA) or Buried at Sea.

His name is listed on the Tablets of the Missing” at the Manila American Cemetery located at Manila, Republic of the Philippines.

He was awarded the Purple Heart.

