

Don Carlos Hempstead

Don Carlos Hempstead was a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps Reserve who also went to Washington State University. He was born on August 23rd, 1920, his parents are Don Carlos Hempstead (Father) and Jessie C. Hempstead (Mother). Don's father worked at the international revenue office in Spokane WA. Don also had two siblings, Guss S. Hempstead (Brother) and a younger sister Marygale Hempstead, they lived together in Spokane Washington up until 1938 when he graduated high school. Don Went to Lewis and Clark high school in Spokane WA, and their school has made a plaque to honor veterans that served in World War 2. On this plaque Don's name is engraved and displayed in the school along with other members who went to that school and served in the military as well. After high school Don went to a recruiter and asked the Marine Corps if he could join and ended up joining the Marine Corps reserve. Don took the officer route for the military where he will do college to get an education while in the reserves and then start his military training after completion of school. In 1940 he started his college education at Washington State University in Pullman WA, there he was studying Electrical Engineering. While attending WSU Mr. Hempstead lived at Stimson Hall on campus and joined they Montezuma club. While in this club Don played baseball and made it into the evergreen paper when his team played against Tau Kappa Epsilon on May 9th, 1941, to which they lost by 1 point. The game was apparently very exciting since the beginning in that it was a neck and neck game where Hempstead took the lead (gaining attention on the evergreen) but lost in the end by 1 point. In 1941 Don Hempstead got his orders to serve his country to help the war in the pacific, he was assigned to 1stBn, 22ndMarReinf, 5th AC, FMF (see abbreviations

below). The 1stbn 22nd marines is a very old infantry unit in the marine corps that was first activated in the 1860's and still a part of the military today. Don was assigned to this unit which saw most of its combat in various battles in Germany, but also supported other marine forces in the pacific as a reinforcement unit to help the battles while pushing up the islands towards Japan. Don Hempstead was a platoon leader in company C and they participated in various island landings and engagements, some of these were Engebi, Perry Islands, Eniwok Atoll, and Marshall Islands in February 18-19 and February 22, 1944. During these landings Don was recommended to be awarded the Navy Cross for exemplary leadership and sacrifice for his platoon and his country. Unfortunately, 1stLT Hempstead was grievously injured on Engebi and Perry islands after leading his platoon and fighting off many Japanese soldiers. These wounds were too severe to heal from and he later died on Marshall Island. July 26, 1944. For his outstanding heroism and performance in duty he was later awarded the navy cross for his actions. Don Hempstead is currently buried at The Golden Gate National Cemetery and is honored at the National WW2 Memorial in Washington D.C. for his service to his country.

Listed below is more information about Don Carlos Hempstead and some resources that can be used.

- Resources:

1. <https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>
2. <https://www.wwiimemorial.com/Registry/Search.aspx>

3. https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_World_War_II_Cemetery_Records
4. <http://valor.defense.gov/Portals/24/Documents/ServiceCross/USMCNavyCross-WWII.pdf>
5. <http://1-22infantry.org/>
6. <https://valor.militarytimes.com/hero/7688>

- Abbreviations:

1. BN: Battalion
2. MarReinf: Marine Reinforcement
3. AC: Active Component
4. FMF: Fleet Marine Force
5. WW2: World War 2

Navy Cross Citation: The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Navy Cross to Second Lieutenant Don C. Hempstead, Jr. (MCSN: 0-19640), United States Marine Corps Reserve, for extraordinary heroism as a Platoon Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-Second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Fifth Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Engebi and Parry Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshals Group, on 18, 19 and 22 February 1944. Dauntlessly leading his platoon in hand-to-hand combat immediately upon landing, First Lieutenant Hempstead pressed home the attack and, striking fiercely on both islands, neutralized the immediate opposition. When his platoon suffered heavy casualties in the assault on Parry island, he refused evacuation

for his own wound and, determined to crush all resistance, continually exposed himself to enemy fire to lead his men in the offensive throughout the day. Quick to observe a fellow officer wounded and under attack, First Lieutenant Hempstead unhesitatingly went to his aid and, personally killing four of the Japanese and driving numerous others to flight with grenades and carbine fire, saved the life of his comrade. By his initiative, courage, forceful leadership and unwavering devotion to duty, he served as an inspiration to his men, and his gallant conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Pictures:

1. Spokane Newspaper
2. Letter of recommendation for Navy Cross award.
3. Continuation of Letter of Recommendation
4. Image of Don C. Hempstead in Uniform
5. Lewis and Clark High School Memorial for their servicemember students.
6. Stimson Hall Montezuma Members Group Photo, with Don C. Hempstead listed.
7. Washington State Evergreen newspaper (Intramurals) Don C. Hempstead listed about their baseball match.

EMPSTEAD, DON CARLOS
Spokane, Washington
Elect. Engg., 1940-41

Aug 1944

Injured in Battle, Hempstead Continued to Lead His Men

Marine Lieutenant Don C. Hempstead Jr., formerly of Spokane, has been decorated with the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism as a platoon leader during action against the enemy on Engebi and Parry islands in the Marshalls.

"Upon landing in the assault wave on Parry island, Hempstead's platoon was immediately engaged in heavy hand-to-hand combat by a numerically superior enemy force," Hempstead's commanding officer said in the recommendation for the award. "Although he had suffered a foot fracture in the landing, Lieutenant Hempstead, disregarding his painful and disabling injury, led his platoon against the enemy, himself killing



many, and by his courageous and daring leadership so inspired his men that they completely annihilated the enemy force engaging them. Seeing that all but two of the noncommissioned officers in his platoon were either killed or seriously wounded, he refused to be evacuated and continued to lead the platoon in the assault throughout the day."

During another action on the island, Lieutenant Hempstead saved the life of a wounded fellow officer who was being attacked by the enemy. He personally killed at least four Japanese and drove off the remainder. By the end of the day he was completely disabled by his injury and was evacuated despite his protests, the citation said.

Lieutenant Hempstead's commanding officer further cited the young officer for his "valiant and outstanding leadership" on Engebi island.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Hempstead of Everett. Mr. Hempstead was with the internal revenue office in Spokane.

13 March 1944

From: The Commanding Officer, BLT One, Twenty Second Marines
 To: The Commanding General, Fifth Amphibious Corps
 Via: The Commanding Officer, Twenty Second Marines
 Subject: The awarding of the Navy Cross, recommendation for in the case of Don C. Hempstead, Jr. Second Lieutenant, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

1. It is recommended that the Navy Cross be awarded to Second Lieutenant Don C. Hempstead, Jr. U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

2. Second Lt. Hempstead participated in the landing attack on Engebi and Parry Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, on February 18-19 and February 22, 1944. Hempstead landed in command of a rifle platoon on Engebi Island and was immediately engaged in hand to hand combat on the beach. With complete disregard for his own safety, he himself killed many Japanese in leading his platoon in the attack and by his valiant and outstanding leadership was a constant inspiration to his men. This action by Hempstead's platoon was a vital factor in securing the left flank of the battalion and contributed greatly to the Landing Team's success on Engebi.

Upon landing in the assault wave on Parry Island, Hempstead's platoon was immediately engaged in heavy hand to hand combat by a numerically superior enemy force. Although he had suffered a foot fracture in the landing, Second Lt. Hempstead, disregarding his painful and disabling injury, lead his platoon against the enemy, himself killing many, and by his courageous and daring leadership, so inspired his men that they completely annihilated the enemy force engaging them. Seeing that all but two of the non-commissioned officers in his platoon were either killed or seriously wounded, he refused to be evacuated and continued to lead the platoon in the assault throughout the entire day. During the subsequent action, his platoon was exposed to five inch gunfire, mortar and machine gun fire, which caused many casualties. He promptly withdrew his platoon from the immediate area to reorganize and continue the attack in the face of heavy machine gun and mortar fire.

During this attack, seeing First Lt. Swanson, who was lying wounded, attacked by several enemy, Hempstead personally killed at least four of them by grenade and carbine fire, driving the remainder to flight and saving First Lt. Swanson's life. By the end of the day, his injury produced complete disability and he was evacuated in spite of his protests. His utter disregard for his own safety while leading his platoon into hand to hand combat with the enemy and his daring and outstanding courage in the subsequent assaults

ere an inspiration to his men.

3. Sample citation follows:

(repeated below.)

Signed W. H. FROMHOLD.

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
FLAGSHIP OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

In the name of the President of the United States, the Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet, takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY CROSS to

SECOND LIEUTENANT DON C. HEMPSTEAD, JR.
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION:

"For extraordinary heroism as a platoon leader during action against enemy forces on Engebi and Parry Islands 18-19 February and 22 February, 1944. Leading his platoon in the front lines in both attacks, he displayed outstanding courage, leadership and utter disregard for his own safety. On both Engebi and Parry Islands he led his platoon in hand to hand combat as soon as they had landed on the beach, in both cases annihilating the enemy opposing them. During the assault on Parry Island, his platoon suffered heavy casualties, including all but two of the non-commissioned officers, and although himself a walking wounded, he refused to be evacuated and continued to lead his platoon in the assault throughout the entire day.

During the subsequent action he continually exposed himself to enemy fire without regard for his own safety and saved the life of a fellow officer who was wounded and being attacked by personally killing four of the enemy and driving numerous others to flight with grenades and carbine fire. His outstanding courage and inspiring leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service."

Signed:

C. W. NIMITZ

Admiral, U. S. Navy





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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
America today is seething with an ever-mounting fervor of patriotism, leading her into a frenzied preparation for defense. The immediate plans are not only for defense of this land, but for extensive offense in foreign lands. This means WAR, all-out war, and soon.

What is the cause for this electrifying surge of patriotic activity, this sudden quickening of a spirit of national unity? American people, from the millions to the WPA worker, are thinking in terms of national defense. The army, navy and air corps are making young men as fast as pos-

sible and training them in all phases of modern warfare. Production of war materials—guns, munitions, airplanes, battleships—is proceeding at full speed. Civilians are urged by radio and press to invest in government bonds, and to think seriously about doing their bit for national defense.

There must be a cause for such intense national feeling. It could not have arisen spontaneously; it must have undergone an incubation period. Yet it could not have been long, since less than a year ago Americans were saying, "This European conflict does not affect us—let us maintain strict neutrality at all costs." Then, "Sell foods to the allies—aid to Britain, short of war—selective service act—all out aid to Britain"—now "extension of convoy protection." The next step is "send a fighting force."

Thus cumulative, progressive change of American opinion has taken place in a few short months—from peace to war. Prisoners of peace have been gradually overwhelmed and defeated, until now only a few faint voices are to be heard decrying an American war. Parallel this movement with the screaming events that have occurred in Europe during the same period of time, and some reason for its growth can be visualized. Hitler's German armies sweeping over Poland, Austria, France, Yugoslavia, Greece, England next?

The cause for increasing Americanism? FEAR. Fear of the power that has conquered nation after nation with a devastating swiftness. Fear that America may well succumb to a similar fate if defense is not adequate. Fear that England and democracy with it, may be reduced to non-entity.

SANFORIZED CHAMBRAY FOR HARD PLAY



Ted Kara Gets Annual Black Eye

TED KARA, three time winner of a national collegiate athletic association boxing championship from the University of Idaho, is scheduled for one black eye a year.

He battled for the Vandals through seven dust mists in the 120 pound division and through the national tournament to his third title without as much as a scratch. He felt confident that he would skip the university year minus a "shiner."

After returning to the Moscow campus, he drew his baseball equipment and on the diamond met his doom. A foul ball took a bad hop and smacked him square in the right eye for his annual black eye.

Idaho Star Proves Fast Track Man

DALE CLARK, husky University of Idaho junior from Banner's Ferry, is proving himself a superman in spring athletics.

He is one of the largest and fastest Vandal athletes with a strong yen for baseball, where he is doing a commendable job in left field and a fine piece of work in pounding the horseshoe for his share of hits.

His speed has attracted Mike Ryan to the extent that he enlisted Clark for a bit of sprinting in the Idaho-Washington State track meet when the baseball team was idle for the afternoon. He clipped off a third place in both the 100- and 200-yard dashes for Idaho points. He traveled to Corvallis from Eugene last Saturday to take part in the Idaho-Oregon State meet, leaving the baseball team in Eugene for the afternoon.

Intramurals . . .

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was tied at one to one. Hills, D. Goodman, and Ford Carr got on for the Hall boys in the first of the second and same home on Joe Hinisch four bagger. Later in the same inning, D. Hempstead hit another with one on. Two singles, two walks, a triple and a four-ply blast gave the winners a six run barrage also. Both teams scored once in the third, but TKE managed the winning run in the next inning.

Score by innings:
Stinson 161 00-8
TKE 161 1x-9
Batteries: Joe Hinisch and Ford Carr; Snyder and Bethards.

Alpha Delta Sigma Pledges Seventeen

ALPHA DELTA SIGMA, men's advertising honorary, pledged 17 men at a meeting at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house last night. Initiation of the new pledges will be held next Wednesday.

Pick of the Programs

- FRIDAY—P.M.**
5:00—Blindfold Record Preview.
5:30—Children's Hour.
6:15—Looney Tunes.
6:35—Study and His Rhythms.
6:45—Farmer's Evening Hour.
7:00—News.
7:15—You Asked For It.
7:30—On the Sports Front.
7:45—Masterworks of Music.
8:00—Foreign Observer.
8:45—Ruth Lane, soprano.
9:00—News.
9:15—Ask de Professor.
9:30—Comment, Half of the Air.
10:00—SILENT.
- SATURDAY—ALL DAY.**
6:45—On the Farm Front.
7:00—News.
7:15—Coffee Pot Parade.
10:00—News.
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