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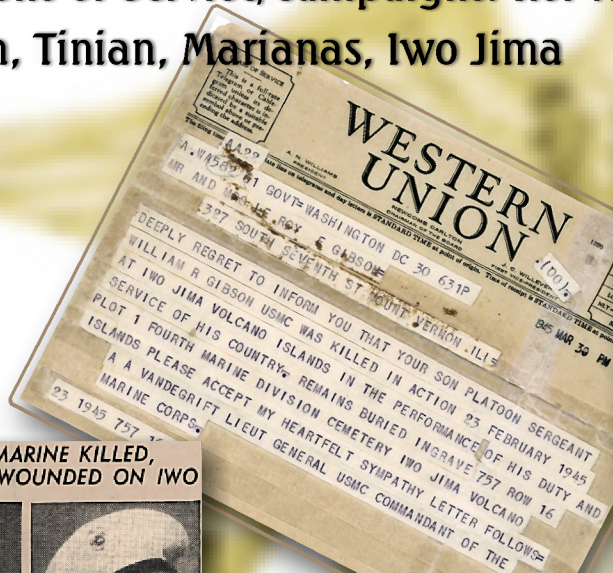


PLATOON SGT. WILLIAM R. GIBSON - MARINES

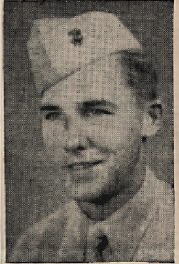
Unit(s)/Ship(s): Co. "K", 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division

Dates of Service: 1943 - KIA 23rd February, 1945 - Iwo Jima

Locations of Service/Campaigns: Roi-Namur, Marshall Islands, Saipan, Tinian, Marianas, Iwo Jima



MT. VERNON MARINE KILLED, BROTHER WOUNDED ON IWO 4/3/45



William R. Gibson
Dead



Leroy E. Gibson, Jr.
Wounded

Platoon Sergeant William Richard Gibson was killed February 23 on Iwo Jima and his brother, Corporal Leroy E. Gibson, Jr. was wounded in action in the same battle March 6. They are the Marine sons of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy E. Gibson, Sr., 327 S. 7th street.
According to the message from the Navy Department, Sgt. Gibson's remains are buried in grave 707 row 16 plot, 14th Marine Division cemetery on Iwo.
He was born at LeCenter, Ky., in 1924 and had lived until March 4 would be 21 years of age. He enlisted for service February 4, 1943 and received training at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.
Sgt. Gibson participated in the invasion of the Marshall Islands and later was wounded at Saipan for which he received the Purple Heart. While recuperating in a base hospital he was visited by his brother, who was enroute to the states.
Sgt. Gibson was graduated from high school here with the class of 1942 and prior to his enlistment was employed at C. A. Lewry's Grocery store.
Besides the Purple Heart he wore the Presidential Unit Citation and Bronze Star.
Cpl. Gibson is 23 years of age. He enlisted for service December 26, 1941 and has made two trips overseas. He received training at San Diego, Calif., and after a furlough was stationed at New River, N. C.
According to a letter received from him he was shot in the right leg.
Besides his parents and Marine brother, Sgt. Gibson is survived by a sister, Bobbie and a younger brother, Donald.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the BRONZE STAR MEDAL with Combat "V" to CORPORAL WILLIAM R. GIBSON, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

"For heroic achievement while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 4 July 1944. Placed in charge of a patrol sent out to locate and silence a Japanese sniper who had inflicted many casualties. Corporal Gibson rendered valiant service by single-handedly killing the enemy, thereby preventing further casualties to our forces. Courageously leading numerous other patrols into hostile territory, he successfully carried out each vital assignment. His unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
James Forrestal
Secretary of the Navy

