



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
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QUANTICO, VIRGINIA 22134-5103

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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MMMA-3
30 Jul 10

Ms. MaryAnne Hansen Collins
1907 Richvale Lane
Houston, TX 77062

Dear Ms. Hansen Collins:

This responds to an inquiry from Senator John Cornyn, on your behalf, concerning certain awards for your father, the late Mr. Peter W. Hansen, for his service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

In addition to the awards previously listed on his Casualty Report, a copy of this is provided as enclosure (1). Your father is also entitled to the following awards, which are listed in order of precedence:

Purple Heart Medal for his death on March 21, 1945, in Japan while being held a Prisoner of War

Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal with Silver "W" for service on Wake Island during 1941-1942

As requested, enclosures (2) and (3) are forwarded. Regrettably, this Headquarters no longer stocks the silver "W" device. Since awards are authorized for reissue only once, any further replacement of awards, to include the silver "W" device, may be purchased from firms such as those listed on enclosure (4).

A copy of this letter will be filed in your father's official military records, which have been returned to the National Personnel Records Center. Any further inquiries should be directed to Navy Personnel Command, Retired Records Section, PERS 312D2, 9700 Page Avenue, Room 5409, St. Louis, Missouri, 63132.

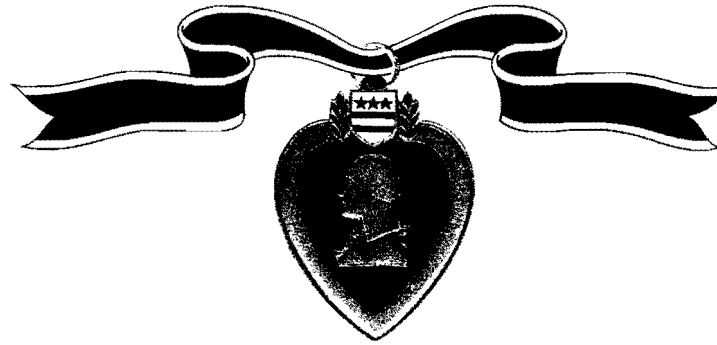
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Himler".

E. HIMLER
Assistant Head, Military Awards Branch
Manpower Management Division
By direction of the
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Encl: (1) Copy of Report of Casualty dtd 14 May 08
(2) Purple Heart Medal and Certificate
(3) Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
(4) Military Memorabilia Firms

| REPORT OF CASUALTY | | REPORT CONTROL SYMBOL DD-P&R(AR)1664 | | | |
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| | | 1. REPORT TYPE Final | | 2. DATE PREPARED 20080514 | |
| 3. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION | | | | | |
| a. NAME (Last, First, Middle and Suffix) Hansen, Peter Wales | | b. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 559-14-2471 | c. RANK | d. PAY GRADE E4 | e. OCCUPATIONAL CODE/ RATING EO |
| f. COMPONENT Regular | g. BRANCH USMC | h. ORGANIZATION Contractor Civilian Employee with U. S. Marine Corps | | | |
| 4. CASUALTY INFORMATION | | | | | |
| a. TYPE Hostile | b. STATUS Deceased | c. CATEGORY | d. DATE OF CASUALTY 19450321 | e. PLACE OF CASUALTY Wake Island | |
| f. CIRCUMSTANCES Died (illness) while in captivity as a POW. Determined as military service in accordance with Public Law 95-202 | | | | | |
| g. DUTY STATUS Contractor employee determined to have equivalent military service under Public Law 95-202 | | | | h. BODY RECOVERED | |
| 5. BACKGROUND INFORMATION | | | | | |
| a. DATE OF BIRTH 19010305 | b. PLACE OF BIRTH | | c. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP USA | | |
| d. RACE American | | | | | |
| e. ETHNICITY | | | | f. SEX Male | |
| g. RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE | | | | | |
| 6. ACTIVE DUTY INFORMATION | | | | | |
| a. PLACE OF ENTRY Wake Island | b. DATE OF ENTRY 19411208 | c. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY Los Angeles, CA | | | |
| 7. INTERESTED PERSONS/REMARKS (Name, Address, and Relationship) (Continue on separate sheet, if necessary) | | | | | |
| <p>Captured by the Japanese Imperial Army on Wake Island and interned from 1941 to date of death 1945. Public Law 95-202 authorized VA benefits for civilian/contract employee groups who rendered service to the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II. This document is issued as proof of death for that purpose only. Payment of Navy benefits is not authorized under existing legislation.</p> <p>Eligible for the following awards - World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Service Medal, and Prisoner of War Medal.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1st Defense Battalion 15th Marines VMF 211</i></p> | | | | | |
| FOOTNOTES: 1 Adult next of kin. 2 Beneficiary for gratuity pay in event there is no surviving spouse or child - as designated on record of emergency data. 3 Beneficiary for unpaid pay and allowances - as designated on record of emergency data. | | | | | |
| 8. REPORTING INFORMATION | | | | | |
| a. COMMAND AGENCY Navy Personnel Command, Millington, TN 38055 | | | | b. DATE RECEIVED 20080403 | |
| 9. DISTRIBUTION | | 10. SIGNATURE ELEMENT <i>J. Stollings</i> J. STOLLINGS, SUPERVISOR, RECORDS ANALYSIS UNIT, RECORDS SUPPORT BRANCH, BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMANDER | | | |
| NOTE: This form may be used to facilitate the cashing of bonds, the payment of commercial insurance, or in the settlement of any other claim in which proof of death is required. | | | | | |



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAS AWARDED THE

PURPLE HEART


ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON
AT NEWBURGH, NEW YORK, AUGUST 7, 1782
TO

CORPORAL PETER W. HANSEN, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED
IN ACTION

ON MARCH 21, 1945, IN JAPAN, RESULTING IN HIS DEATH

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 30TH DAY OF JULY 2010


GENERAL, U.S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

