

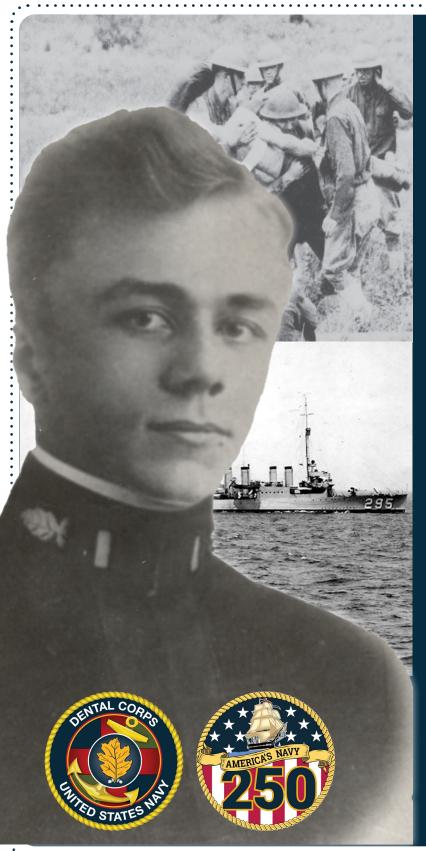
## NAVY MEDICINE FAST FACTS

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## NAVY DENTAL CORPS LEGENDS LTJG WEEDON E. OSBORNE





- Dr. Weedon Edward Osborne
  (1892-1918) of Chicago, Illinois,
  was appointed an assistant dental
  surgeon, with the provisional rank
  of lieutenant junior grade in 1917.
- After tours at the Navy Yard
  Boston and aboard the battleship
  USS Alabama (BB 60), Osborne
  was assigned to the 6th Marine
  Regiment in March 1918.
- On June 6, 1918, while serving as a regmental dentist, Osborne was part of the forces ordered to seize the town of Bouresches, southwest of Belleau Wood. During the fight, he was killed in action while carrying a wounded Marine to safety.
- Osborne was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor and Distinguished Service Cross and became the namesake of the Clemson-class destroyer USS Osborne (DD 295).