

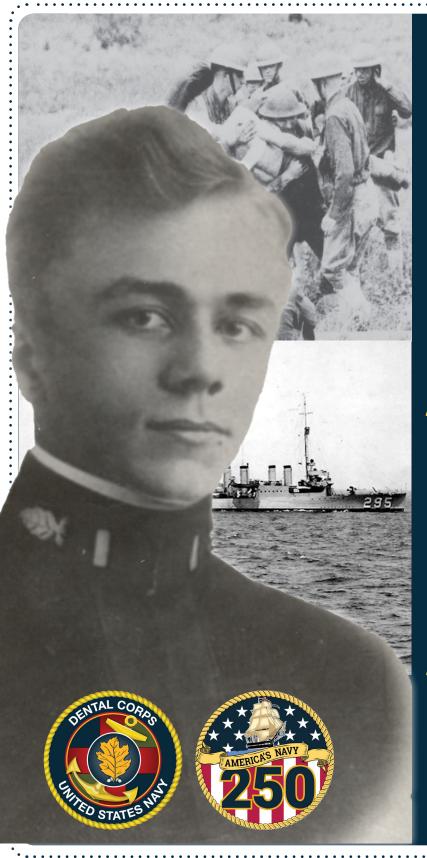
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NAVY DENTAL CORPS LEGENDS LTJG WEEDON E. OSBORNE





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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 regimental 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).