

THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 5<sup>TH</sup> MARINE  
DIVISION, F.M.F., TAKES PLEASURE IN  
COMMENDING

PRIVATE MANSEL D. MARTIN  
UNITES STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE  
FOLLOWING

**CITATION**

“FOR MERITORIOUS CONDUCT IN THE  
PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES AS ACTING WIRE CORPORAL,  
WHILE SERVING WITH A MARINE ARTILLERY BATTALION  
DURING OPERATIONS ON IWO JIMA, VOLCANO ISLANDS  
FROM 19 FEBRUARY TO 21 MARCH 1945. THROUGHOUT  
THE OPERATION PRIVATE MARTIN’S DEVOTION TO DUTY AND  
COURAGE IN LAYING AND SERVICING TELEPHONE LINES TO

HIS FORWARD OBSERVER CONTRIBUTED MATERIALLY TO THE  
SUCCESSFUL MAINTENANCE OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION.  
AT ALL TIMES WHILE HE WAS IN THE FRONT LINES WITH  
FORWARD OBSERVER SECTIONS, HIS TECHNICAL SKILL AND  
COURAGE IN REPAIRING TELEPHONE WIRES AND ACTING AS  
TELEPHONE OPERATOR UNDER HEAVY ENEMY MORTAR AND  
SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
SUCCESS OF THE ARTILLERY FORWARD OBSERVER'S MISSION.  
HIS CONDUCT WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST  
TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE."

**T.E. BOURKE**

**MAJOR GENERAL, U.S.M.C.**

**COMMANDING**

**5<sup>TH</sup> MARINE DIVISION**