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Thomas Charles Oesterreicher

Corporal, USMC

Short Biography

Thomas Charles Oesterreicher was born in Palm Valley, FL on March 29, 1922. He enlisted in the US Marine Corps in late January 1942. He served with the Post Service Battalion at Quantico, VA from 1942 to early 1945. He worked as a boat operator, mechanic, and engineer. He joined the1st Marine Division in early 1945, prior to that unit's assault on Okinawa, Japan. During the Battle of Okinawa, the final battle of World War II, Oesterreicher was killed in action on June 15, 1945. He is buried in section D, Plot 89 at St. Augustine National Cemetery in St. Augustine, FL.

UCF VLP has a full and a grade-leveled biography for upper-elementary and middle-school of Thomas C. Oesterreicher.

1st Marine Division



Key Historical Themes & Events

- USMC History
- World War II
- The Battle of Okinawa
- St. Augustine National Cemetery

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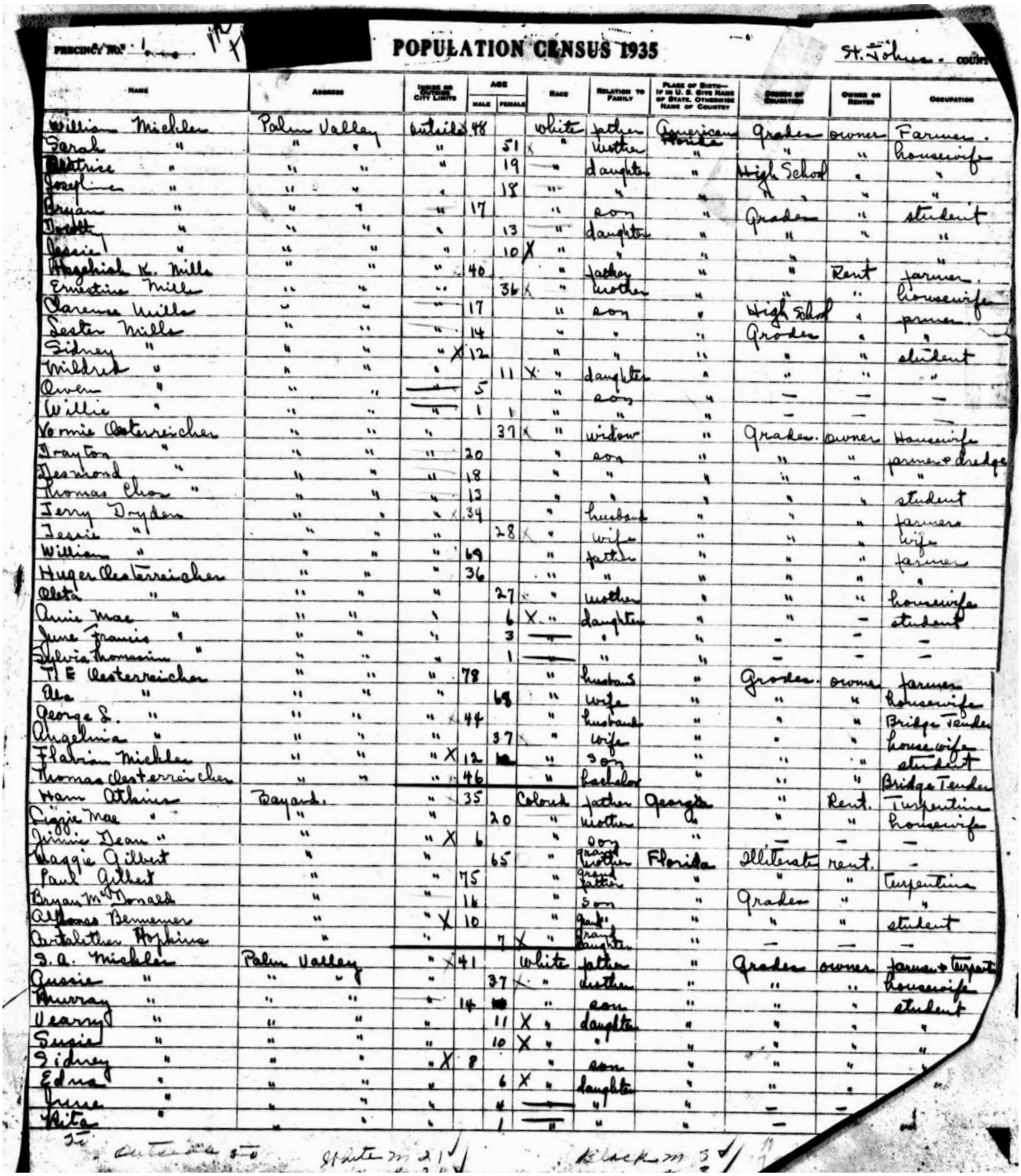
1935 Florida Census



PRECINCT NO. 1 [redacted] POPULATION CENSUS 1935 St. Johns COUNTY

Name	Address	Inside or Outside City Limits	Age Male	Age Female	Race	Relation to Family	Place of Birth—If in U. S. Give Name of State, Otherwise Name of Country	Degree of Education	Owner or Renter	Occupation
William Mickler	Palm Valley	outside	48		white	father	American Florida	Grades	owner	Farmer.
Sarah "	" "	"		51	"	mother	"	"	"	housewife
Beatrice "	" "	"		19	"	daughter	"	High School	"	"
Josephine "	" "	"		18	"	"	"	"	"	"
Bryan "	" "	"	17		"	son	"	Grades	"	student
Dorothy "	" "	"		13	"	daughter	"	"	"	"
Jessie "	" "	"		10	"	"	"	"		"
Hazelrich K. Mills	" "	"	40		"	father	"	"	Rent	farmer.
Ernestine Mills	" "	"		36	"	mother	"	"	"	housewife
Clarence Mills	" "	"	17		"	son	"	High School	"	farmer.
Lester Mills	" "	"	14		"	"	"	Grades	"	"
Sidney "	" "	"	12		"	"	"	"	"	student
Mildred "	" "	"		11	"	daughter	"	"	"	"
Owen "	" "	—	5		"	son	"	—	—	—
Willie "	" "	—	1	1	"	"	"	—	—	—
Vonnie Oesterreicher	" "	"		37	"	widow	"	Grades.	owner	Housewife
Drayton "	" "	"	20		"	son	"	"	"	farmer & dredge
Desmond "	" "	"	18		"	"	"	"	"	"
Thomas Chas "	" "	"	13		"	"	"	"	"	student
Jerry Dryden	" "	"	34		"	husband	"	"	"	farmers
Jessie "	" "	"		28	"	wife	"	"	"	wife
William "	" "	"	69		"	father	"	"	"	farmer
Huger Oesterreicher	" "	"	36		"	"	"	"	"	"
Oleta "	" "	"		27	"	mother	"	"	"	housewife
Annie Mae "	" "	"		6	"	daughter	"	"	—	student
June Francis "	" "	"		3	—	"	"	—	—	—
Sylvia Thomasina "	" "	"		1	—	"	"	—	—	—
T. E. Oesterreicher	" "	"	78		"	husband	"	Grades.	owner	farmer
Ala "	" "	"		68	"	wife	"	"	"	housewife
George S. "	" "	"	44		"	husband	"	"	"	Bridge Tender
Angelina "	" "	"		37	"	wife	"	"	"	housewife
Flavian Mickler	" "	"	12		"	son	"	"	"	student
Thomas Oesterreicher	" "	"	46		"	bachelor	"	"	"	Bridge Tender
Ham Atkins	Bayard.	"	35		Colored	father	Georgia	"	Rent.	Turpentine
Lizzie Mae "	"	"		20	"	mother	"	"	"	housewife
Jimmie Dean "	"	"	6		"	son	"	—	—	—
Maggie Gilbert	"	"		65	"	grand mother	Florida	Illiterate	rent.	—
Paul Gilbert	"	"	75		"	grand father	"	"	"	Turpentine
Bryan McDonald	"	"	16		"	son	"	Grades	"	"
Alfonso Bennemer	"	"	10		"	grand	"	"	"	student
Cartalether Hopkins	"	"		7	"	grand daughter	"	—	—	—
S. A. Mickler	Palm Valley	"	41		white	father	"	Grades	owner	farmer & turpentine
Aussie "	" "	"		37	"	mother	"	"	"	housewife
Murray "	" "	"	14		"	son	"	"	"	student
Vearny "	" "	"		11	"	daughter	"	"	"	"
Susie "	" "	"		10	"	"	"	"	"	"
Sidney "	" "	"	8		"	son	"	"	"	"
Edna "	" "	"		6	"	daughter	"	"	"	"
June "	" "	"		4	—	"	"	—	—	
Rita "	" "	"		1	"	"	"	—		

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In 1935, 13-year-old Thomas and his 2 older brothers, Jacob and Desmond, lived with their mother, Vonnie Oesterreicher. She had divorced her husband, Jacob Oesterreicher, and was the head of the house. Thomas attended school.

"Florida, U.S, State Census, 1867 - 1945," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed August 4, 2026), entry for Thomas Charles Oesterreicher.

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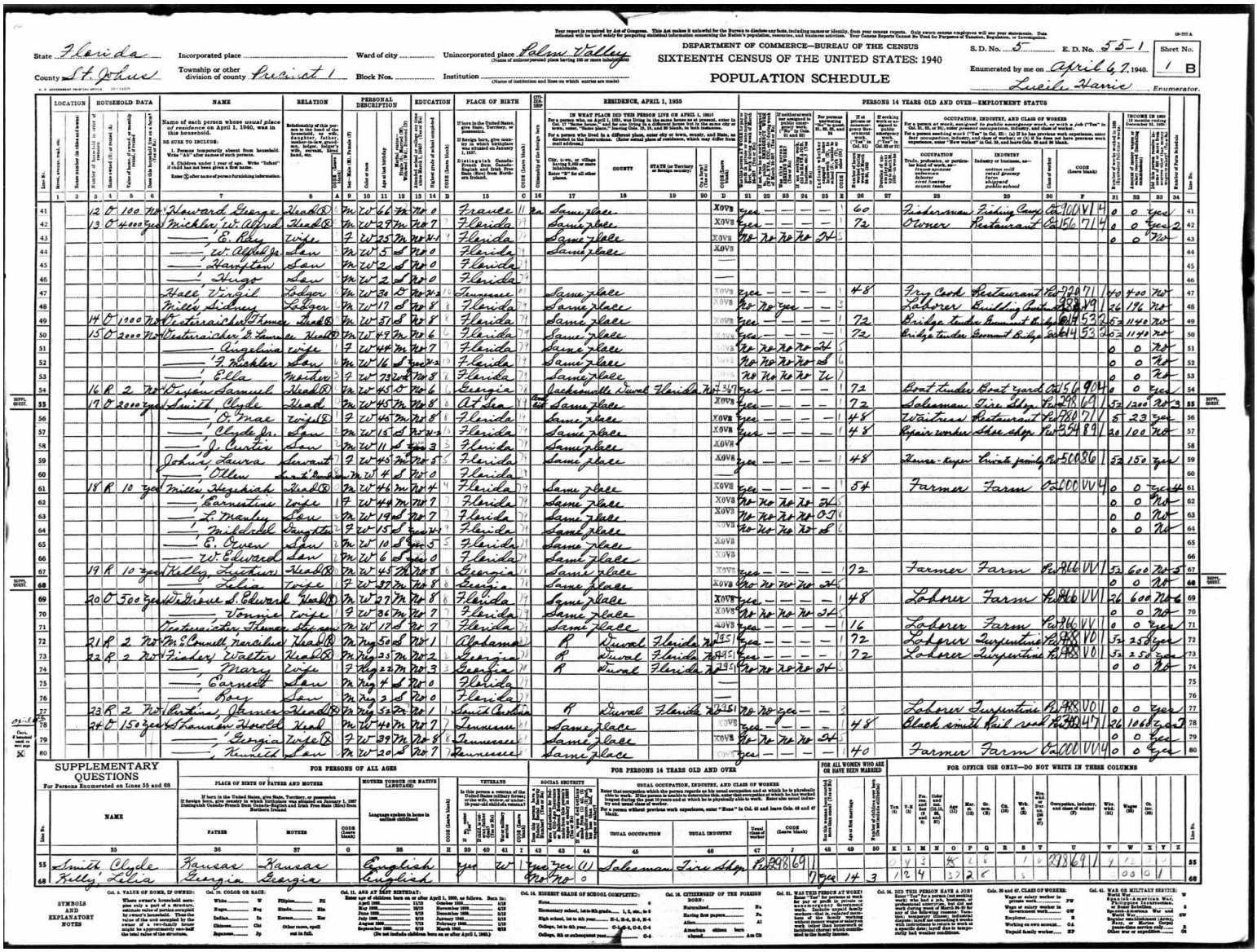

By 1940, Vonnie had married a farmer named Stanley Edward Degrove. 17-year-old Thomas (line 71 on the census) lived with them. He no longer attended school and worked as a farm laborer.

"1940 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: accessed August 4, 2026), entry for Thomas Charles Oesterreicher.

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Transcript of an article in *The St. Augustine Record*

Local Men In
Marine Corps

Staff Sergeant John H. McDaniel of the U.S. Marine Corps today opened a temporary recruiting office on the second floor of the U.S. Post office Building, and announces it will remain open tomorrow.

This Morning, before sergeant McDaniel had time to sit down, the following local youths were accepted for service, and will be sent to district headquarters in Orlando for final examination and enlistment:

Ivy Vernon Adams…
Roy Edward McBee…
Thomas Charles Oesterreicher, 19, General Delivery, St. Augustine.

Sergeant McDaniel urges all young men between the ages of 17 and 30 to apply immediately at the Post Office Building today or tomorrow, and get full information regarding enlistment in this famous fighting force, the U.S. Marines.

On January 29, 1942, the newspaper *The St. Augustine Record* listed Oesterreicher among 3 local men who enlisted with the US Marine Corps from the St. Augustine, FL area.

"Local Men in Marine Corps," *The St. Augustine Record* (St. Augustine, Florida), January 29, 1942, Newspapers.com.

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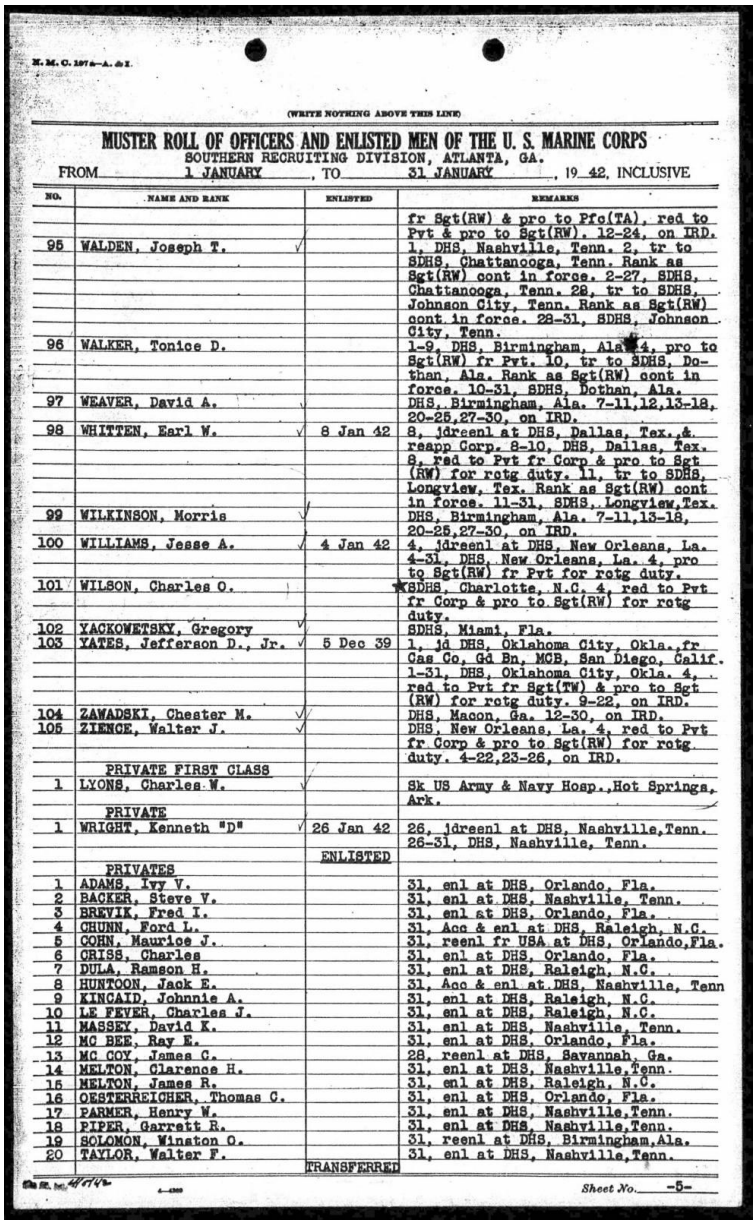
Muster Roll: January 1942



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MUSTER ROLL OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE U. S. MARINE CORPS
SOUTHERN RECRUITING DIVISION, ATLANTA, GA.
FROM 1 JANUARY, TO 31 JANUARY, 19 42, INCLUSIVE

NO.	NAME AND RANK	ENLISTED	REMARKS
			fr Sgt(RW) & pro to Pfc(TA), red to Pvt & pro to Sgt(RW). 12-24, on IRD.
95	WALDEN, Joseph T.		1, DHS, Nashville, Tenn. 2, tr to SDHS, Chattanooga, Tenn. Rank as Sgt(RW) cont in force. 2-27, SDHS, Chattanooga, Tenn. 28, tr to SDHS, Johnson City, Tenn. Rank as Sgt(RW) cont in force. 28-31, SDHS, Johnson City, Tenn.
96	WALKER, Tonice D.		1-9, DHS, Birmingham, Ala. 4, pro to Sgt(RW) fr Pvt. 10, tr to SDHS, Dothan, Ala. Rank as Sgt(RW) cont in force. 10-31, SDHS, Dothan, Ala.
97	WEAVER, David A.		DHS, Birmingham, Ala. 7-11,12,13-18, 20-25,27-30, on IRD.
98	WHITTEN, Earl W.	8 Jan 42	8, jdreenl at DHS, Dallas, Tex., & reapp Corp. 8-10, DHS, Dallas, Tex. 8, red to Pvt fr Corp & pro to Sgt (RW) for rotg duty. 11, tr to SDHS, Longview, Tex. Rank as Sgt(RW) cont in force. 11-31, SDHS, Longview, Tex.
99	WILKINSON, Morris		DHS, Birmingham, Ala. 7-11,13-18, 20-25,27-30, on IRD.
100	WILLIAMS, Jesse A.	4 Jan 42	4, jdreenl at DHS, New Orleans, La. 4-31, DHS, New Orleans, La. 4, pro to Sgt(RW) fr Pvt for rotg duty.
101	WILSON, Charles O.		SDHS, Charlotte, N.C. 4, red to Pvt fr Corp & pro to Sgt(RW) for rotg duty.
102	YACKOWETSKY, Gregory		SDHS, Miami, Fla.
103	YATES, Jefferson D., Jr.	5 Dec 39	1, jd DHS, Oklahoma City, Okla., fr Gas Co, Gd Bn, MCB, San Diego, Calif. 1-31, DHS, Oklahoma City, Okla. 4, red to Pvt fr Sgt(TW) & pro to Sgt (RW) for rotg duty. 9-22, on IRD.
104	ZAWADSKI, Chester M.		DHS, Macon, Ga. 12-30, on IRD.
105	ZIENCE, Walter J.		DHS, New Orleans, La. 4, red to Pvt fr Corp & pro to Sgt(RW) for rotg duty. 4-22,23-26, on IRD.
	PRIVATE FIRST CLASS		
1	LYONS, Charles W.		Sk US Army & Navy Hosp.,Hot Springs, Ark.
	PRIVATE		
1	WRIGHT, Kenneth "D"	26 Jan 42	26, jdreenl at DHS, Nashville,Tenn. 26-31, DHS, Nashville, Tenn.
		ENLISTED	
	PRIVATES		
1	ADAMS, Ivy V.		31, enl at DHS, Orlando, Fla.
2	BACKER, Steve V.		31, enl at DHS, Nashville, Tenn.
3	BREVIK, Fred I.		31, enl at DHS, Orlando, Fla.
4	CHUNN, Ford L.		31, Acc & enl at DHS, Raleigh, N.C.
5	COHN, Maurice J.		31, reenl fr USA at DHS, Orlando,Fla.
6	CRISS, Charles		31, enl at DHS, Orlando, Fla.
7	DULA, Ramson H.		31, enl at DHS, Raleigh, N.C.
8	HUNTOON, Jack E.		31, Acc & enl at DHS, Nashville, Tenn
9	KINCAID, Johnnie A.		31, enl at DHS, Raleigh, N.C.
10	LE FEVER, Charles J.		31, enl at DHS, Raleigh, N.C.
11	MASSEY, David K.		31, enl at DHS, Nashville, Tenn.
12	MC BEE, Ray E.		31, enl at DHS, Orlando, Fla.
13	MC COY, James C.		28, reenl at DHS, Savannah, Ga.
14	MELTON, Clarence H.		31, enl at DHS, Nashville,Tenn.
15	MELTON, James R.		31, enl at DHS, Raleigh, N.C.
16	OESTERREICHER, Thomas C.		31, enl at DHS, Orlando, Fla.
17	PARMER, Henry W.		31, enl at DHS, Nashville,Tenn.
18	PIPER, Garrett R.		31, enl at DHS, Nashville,Tenn.
19	SOLOMON, Winston O.		31, reenl at DHS, Birmingham,Ala.
20	TAYLOR, Walter F.		31, enl at DHS, Nashville,Tenn.
		TRANSFERRED	

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The January 1942 Muster Roll for the Southern Recruitment Division in Atlanta, GA, recorded Oesterreicher's enlistment, as a private on January 31 at Marine District Headquarters at Orlando, FL (line 16).

"US, Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed June 25, 2026), entry for Thomas Charles Oesterreicher.

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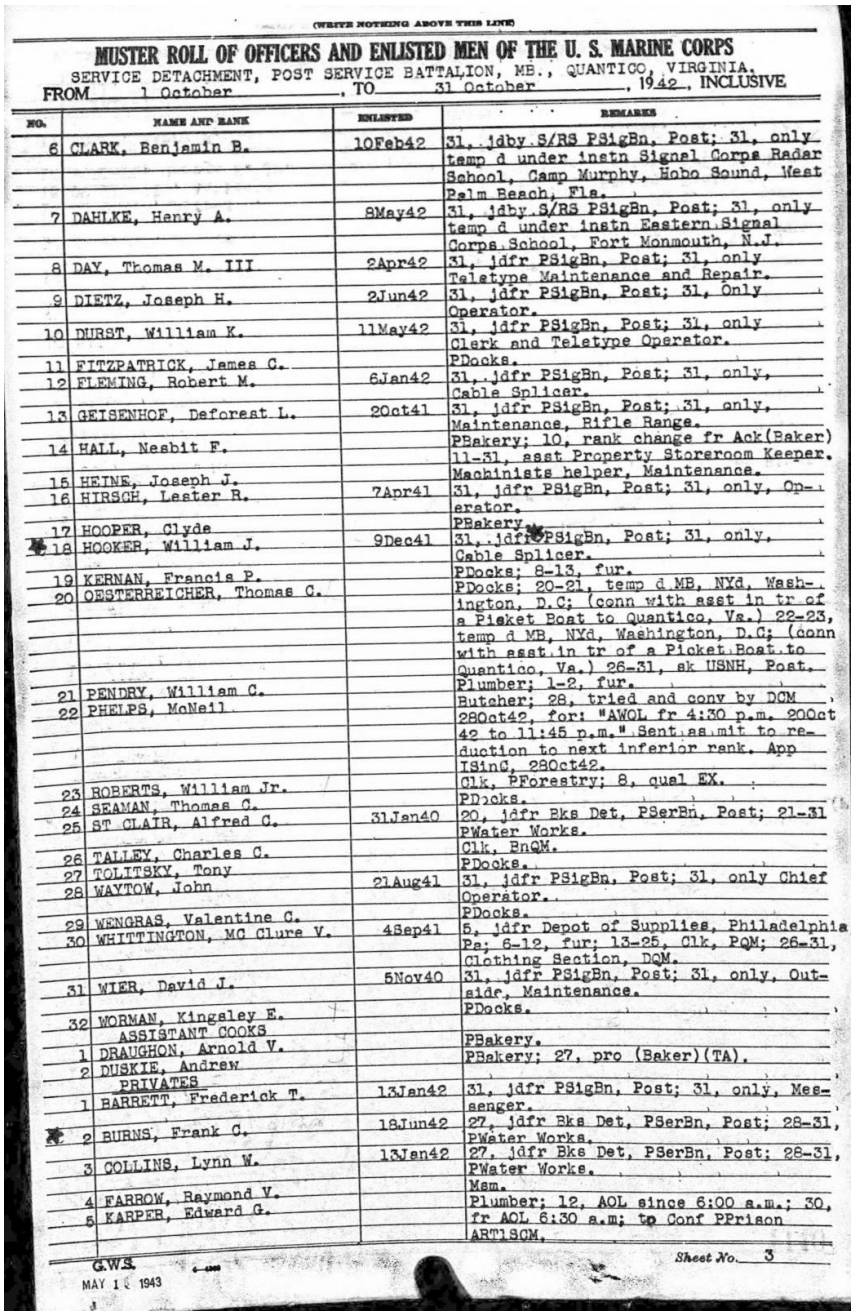
Muster Roll: October 1942.



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MUSTER ROLL OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE U. S. MARINE CORPS

SERVICE DETACHMENT, POST SERVICE BATTALION, MB., QUANTICO, VIRGINIA.
FROM 1 October, TO 31 October, 1942, INCLUSIVE

NO.	NAME AND RANK	ENLISTED	REMARKS
6	CLARK, Benjamin B.	10Feb42	31, jdby S/RS PSigBn, Post; 31, only temp d under instn Signal Corps Radar School, Camp Murphy, Hobo Sound, West Palm Beach, Fla.
7	DAHLKE, Henry A.	8May42	31, jdby S/RS PSigBn, Post; 31, only temp d under instn Eastern Signal Corps School, Fort Monmouth, N.J.
8	DAY, Thomas M. III	2Apr42	31, jdfr PSigBn, Post; 31, only Teletype Maintenance and Repair.
9	DIETZ, Joseph H.	2Jun42	31, jdfr PSigBn, Post; 31, Only Operator.
10	DURST, William K.	11May42	31, jdfr PSigBn, Post; 31, only Clerk and Teletype Operator.
11	FITZPATRICK, James C.		PDocks.
12	FLEMING, Robert M.	6Jan42	31, jdfr PSigBn, Post; 31, only, Cable Splicer.
13	GEISENHOF, Deforest L.	20Oct41	31, jdfr PSigBn, Post; 31, only, Maintenance, Rifle Range.
14	HALL, Nesbit F.		PBakery; 10, rank change fr Ack(Baker) 11-31, asst Property Storeroom Keeper.
15	HEINE, Joseph J.		Machinists helper, Maintenance.
16	HIRSCH, Lester R.	7Apr41	31, jdfr PSigBn, Post; 31, only, Operator.
17	HOOPER, Clyde		PBakery.
18	HOOKER, William J.	9Dec41	31, jdfr PSigBn, Post; 31, only, Cable Splicer.
19	KERNAN, Francis P.		PDocks; 8-13, fur.
20	OESTERREICHER, Thomas C.		PDocks; 20-21, temp d MB, NYd, Washington, D.C; (conn with asst in tr of a Picket Boat to Quantico, Va.) 22-23, temp d MB, NYd, Washington, D.C; (conn with asst in tr of a Picket Boat to Quantico, Va.) 26-31, sk USNH, Post.
21	PENDRY, William C.		Plumber; 1-2, fur.
22	PHELPS, MaNeil		Butcher; 28, tried and conv by DCM 28Oct42, for: "AWOL fr 4:30 p.m. 20Oct 42 to 11:45 p.m." Sent as mit to reduction to next inferior rank. App ISinC, 28Oct42.
23	ROBERTS, William Jr.		Clk, PForestry; 8, qual EX.
24	SEAMAN, Thomas C.		PDocks.
25	ST CLAIR, Alfred C.	31Jan40	20, jdfr Bks Det, PSerBn, Post; 21-31 PWater Works.
26	TALLEY, Charles C.		Clk, BnQM.
27	TOLITSKY, Tony		PDocks.
28	WAYTOW, John	21Aug41	31, jdfr PSigBn, Post; 31, only Chief Operator.
29	WENGRAS, Valentine C.		PDocks.
30	WHITTINGTON, MC Clure V.	4Sep41	5, jdfr Depot of Supplies, Philadelphia Pa; 6-12, fur; 13-25, Clk, PQM; 26-31, Clothing Section, DQM.
31	WIER, David J.	5Nov40	31, jdfr PSigBn, Post; 31, only, Outside, Maintenance.
32	WORMAN, Kingsley E.		PDocks.
	ASSISTANT COOKS		
1	DRAUGHON, Arnold V.		PBakery.
2	DUSKIE, Andrew		PBakery; 27, pro (Baker)(TA).
	PRIVATES		
1	BARRETT, Frederick T.	13Jan42	31, jdfr PSigBn, Post; 31, only, Messenger.
2	BURNS, Frank C.	18Jun42	27, jdfr Bks Det, PSerBn, Post; 28-31, PWater Works.
3	COLLINS, Lynn W.	13Jan42	27, jdfr Bks Det, PSerBn, Post; 28-31, PWater Works.
4	FARROW, Raymond V.		Msm.
5	KARPER, Edward G.		Plumber; 12, AOL since 6:00 a.m.; 30, fr AOL 6:30 a.m; to Conf PPrison ART13CM.

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The October 1942 Muster Roll for the Post Service Battalion at Quantico, VA, indicated that Oesterreicher (line 20), a Private First Class, temporarily served at the Naval Yard in Washington, DC from October 20-23. It also listed that he spent time in the hospital from October 26-31.

"US, Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," database, *Fold3,* (fold3.com: Accessed June 25, 2026), entry for Thomas Charles Oesterreicher.

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NO.	NAME AND RANK	ENLISTED	REMARKS
3	BARTRUG, Roger M.		Clothing Section, DQM.
4	BONGIORNO, George F.		Gas Station Attendent.
5	CHORBA, Joseph S.		Clk, Warehouse #705.
6	CIROU, Frank A.		Carpenter.
7	CONNOLLY, Alexander		Clk, Commissary.
8	COTTON, Homer E.		Electrician.
9	CRAWFORD, Lee		Clk, PQM.
10	DUNCAN, Woodrow M.		Clk, Warehouse #705.
11	HIRSCH, Lester R.		Chief Operator; 1-3, fur; 15, pro(CD) (TW)
12	HOYSAN, Joe		Fireman.
13	KERLER, George A.		Storeroom keeper, Commissary.
14	KONDY, Boleslaus		Truckman, DQM.
15	LEE, Horace W.		Painter.
16	MARTIN, David		General Detail, DQM.
17	MILLER, Paul R. J.		Engr, PWater Works; 21-30, fur.
18	MOFFETT, William L.		Clk, DQM.
19	PASS, Irving		Electrician.
20	PEARSON, Arvin L.		Plumber.
21	PENDRY, William C.		Plumber.
22	PODGORSKI, Joseph A.		Clk, Reclamation.
23	PRESLEY, Leslie H.		Clk, Commissary.
24	RUMBURG, Ralph M.		Clk, PQM; 11-20, fur.
25	RYAN, Earl J.		Clothing Section, DQM.
26	SADLIER, James N.		Clk, Det Office.
27	SCARBOROUGH, Howard W.		Electrician.
28	SHEA, Robert L.		Clk, Maintenance.
29	SMITH, James P.		Furniture Section, DQM.
30	STEPHENSON, Russell		Plumber.
31	STROUD, James C.		Engr, PWater Works.
32	TALLEY, Charles C.		Clk, BnQm.
33	TAYLOR, Charles L. Jr.		Clk, DQM.
34	TERRY, Olean G.		Clk, Commissary.
35	WHITTINGTON, McClure V.		Clothing Section, DQM.
36	WILSON, Thomas B.		Clk, Communication.
37	WINEMILLER, Walter E.		Truckman, DQM.
38	WINEMILLER, William J.		Clothing Section, DQM.
39	WINGFIELD, Gar A.		Storeroom keeper, Maintenance.
40	WORTEN, James N.		Clk, PQM.
41	ZORN, Angus B.		Storeroom keeper, DetHq.
	PRIVATES FIRST CLASS		
1	BABSTOCK, John J.	11Jul38	5, jdfr MBNY, New York, N.Y., 5-31 Messenger.
2	BARTKO, George	2Jul42	2, jdfr Signal Battalion, FMF, Training Center, New River, N.C., 2-31, Operator.
3	BOUCK, Lyle E.		PWater Works.
4	BROWN, Raymond L. Jr.		Laborer.
5	CALHOUN, Julian T.		Install and Repair; 18, pro.
6	CLARK, Benjamin B.		temp d under instn Signal Corps Radar School, Camp Murphy, Hobe Sound, West Palm Beach, Fla; 26, AOL IHCA, charged with "LARCENY and ROBBERY" at Hobe Sound, West Palm Beach, Fla.
7	DIETZ, Joseph H.		Operator.
8	DURST, William K.		Teletype Operator.
9	FITZPATRICK, James C.		PDocks; 27-31, fur.
10	FLEMING, Robert M.		Cable Splicer; 6-9, fur.
11	HALL, Nesbit F.		Property Storeroom keeper.
12	KORCHAK, John		PDocks.
13	OESTERREICHER, Thomas C.		sk USNH, Post.
14	ROBERTS, William Jr.		Clk, PForestry.
15	SEAMAN, Thomas C.		PDocks.
16	ST CLAIR, Alfred C.		PWater Works.
17	STOKES, Clarence W.		Clothing Section, DQM.
18	TOLITSKY, Tony		PDocks; 28-31, fur.
19	WENGRAS, Valentine C.		PDocks.
20	WIER, David J.		Outside Maintenance.
21	WORMAN, Kingsley E.		PDocks; 28-31, sk USNH, Post.
22	ZIMMERMAN, James L.		PDocks.
	ASSISTANT COOKS		
1	DRAUGHON, Arnold V.		PBakery; 30-31, fur.
2	DUSKIE, Andrew		PBakery.

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The Muster Roll for January 1943, listed Oesterreicher (line 13 under Private First Class) as sick and admitted to the US Naval hospital at Quantico, VA.

"US, Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed June 25, 2026), entry for Thomas Charles Oesterreicher.

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Transcription of an article in The St. Augustine Record

PFC Thomas C. Oesterreicher, who is in the U.S. Marine Corps, is spending his 10-days leave here visiting with his mother, Mrs.Vonnie DeGrove of Palm Valley, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Oesterreicher of St. Augustine. This is the first time Private Oesterreicher has been here since enlisting with the Marines a year and a half ago. He will return to Quantico, Virginia, where he has been stationed.

On May 30, 1943, the *St. Augustine Record* described Oesterreicher's 10 days of leave, spent with his mother and brother in Palm Valley, FL.

"Personal Mention," *The St. Augustine Record* (St. Augustine, Florida), May 30, 1943, Newspapers.com.

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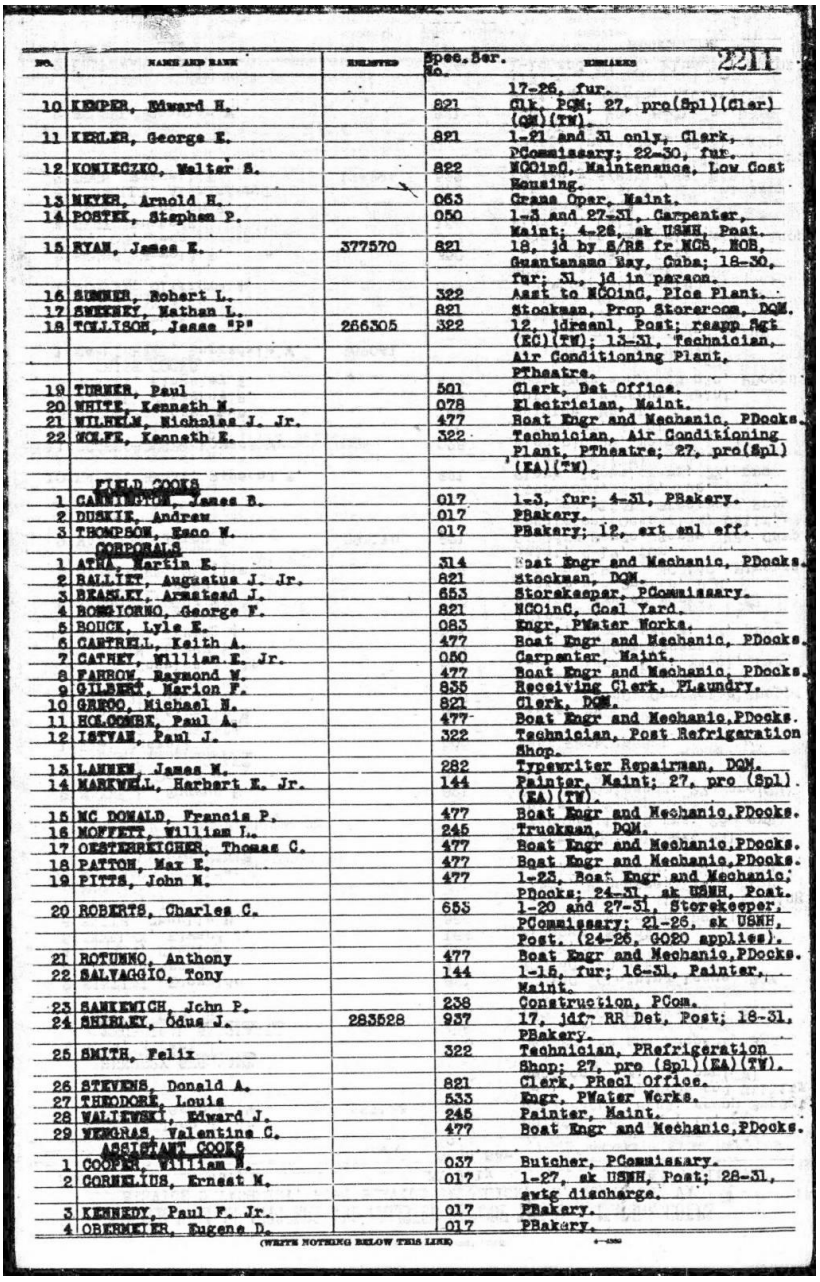
Muster Roll: July 1944



No.	NAME AND RANK	ENLISTED	Spec. Ser. No.	REMARKS 2211
				17-26, fur.
10	KEMPER, Edward H.		821	Clk, PQM; 27, pro(Spl)(Clar)(QM)(TM).
11	KERLER, George E.		821	1-21 and 31 only, Clerk, PCommissary; 22-30, fur.
12	KONIECZKO, Walter S.		822	MCOinC, Maintenance, Low Cost Housing.
13	MEYER, Arnold H.		063	Crane Oper, Maint.
14	POSTEK, Stephen P.		050	1-3 and 27-31, Carpenter, Maint; 4-26, sk USNH, Post.
15	RYAN, James E.	377570	821	18, jd by S/RR fr MCB, NOB, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; 18-30, fur; 31, jd in person.
16	SUMNER, Robert L.		322	Asst to MCOinC, Plcs Plant.
17	SWEENEY, Nathan L.		821	Stockman, Prop Storeroom, DQM.
18	TOLLISON, Jesse "P"	266305	322	12, jdrsanl, Post; reapp Sgt (EC)(TM); 13-31, Technician, Air Conditioning Plant, PTheatre.
19	TURNER, Paul		501	Clerk, Dat Office.
20	WHITE, Kenneth M.		078	Electrician, Maint.
21	WILHELM, Nicholas J. Jr.		477	Boat Engr and Mechanic, PDocks.
22	WOLFE, Kenneth E.		322	Technician, Air Conditioning Plant, PTheatre; 27, pro(Spl)(EA)(TM).
	FIELD COOKS			
1	CARRINGTON, James B.		017	1-3, fur; 4-31, PBakery.
2	DUSKIE, Andrew		017	PBakery.
3	THOMPSON, Enoc W.		017	PBakery; 12, ext enl eff.
	CORPORALS			
1	ATWA, Martin E.		314	Boat Engr and Mechanic, PDocks.
2	BALLIET, Augustus J. Jr.		821	Stockman, DQM.
3	BEASLEY, Armistead J.		653	Storekeeper, PCommissary.
4	BONGIORNO, George F.		821	MCOinC, Coal Yard.
5	BOUCK, Lyle E.		083	Engr, PWater Works.
6	CARTRELL, Keith A.		477	Boat Engr and Mechanic, PDocks.
7	CATHEY, William E. Jr.		050	Carpenter, Maint.
8	FARROW, Raymond W.		477	Boat Engr and Mechanic, PDocks.
9	GILBERT, Marion F.		835	Receiving Clerk, PLaundry.
10	GRECO, Michael N.		821	Clerk, DQM.
11	HOLCOMBE, Paul A.		477	Boat Engr and Mechanic, PDocks.
12	ISTVAN, Paul J.		322	Technician, Post Refrigeration Shop.
13	LANNEN, James W.		282	Typewriter Repairman, DQM.
14	MARKWELL, Herbert E. Jr.		144	Painter, Maint; 27, pro (Spl)(EA)(TM).
15	MC DONALD, Francis P.		477	Boat Engr and Mechanic, PDocks.
16	MOFFETT, William L.		245	Truckman, DQM.
17	OESTERREICHER, Thomas C.		477	Boat Engr and Mechanic, PDocks.
18	PATTON, Max E.		477	Boat Engr and Mechanic, PDocks.
19	PITTS, John M.		477	1-23, Boat Engr and Mechanic, PDocks; 24-31, sk USNH, Post.
20	ROBERTS, Charles C.		655	1-20 and 27-31, Storekeeper, PCommissary; 21-26, sk USNH, Post. (24-26, GO20 applies).
21	ROTUNNO, Anthony		477	Boat Engr and Mechanic, PDocks.
22	SALVAGGIO, Tony		144	1-16, fur; 16-31, Painter, Maint.
23	SANKEWICH, John P.		238	Construction, PCom.
24	SHIRLEY, Odus J.	283528	937	17, jdf RR Det, Post; 18-31, PBakery.
25	SMITH, Felix		322	Technician, PRefrigeration Shop; 27, pro (Spl)(EA)(TM).
26	STEVENS, Donald A.		821	Clerk, PRecl Office.
27	THEODORE, Louis		533	Engr, PWater Works.
28	WALIEWSKI, Edward J.		245	Painter, Maint.
29	WENGRAS, Valentine C.		477	Boat Engr and Mechanic, PDocks.
	ASSISTANT COOKS			
1	COOPER, William W.		037	Butcher, PCommissary.
2	CORNELIUS, Ernest M.		017	1-27, sk USNH, Post; 28-31, awtg discharge.
3	KENNEDY, Paul F. Jr.		017	PBakery.
4	OBERMEIER, Eugene D.		017	PBakery.

(WRITE NOTHING BELOW THIS LINE)

On July 1944, the Muster Roll for the Post Service Battalion at Quantico, VA. indicated that Oesterreicher (line 17 under corporals) worked as a boat engineer and mechanic.

"US, Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com, Accessed June 25, 2026), entry for Thomas Charles Oesterreicher,

https://www.fold3.com/sub-image/655151095/oesterreicher-thomas-c-us-marine-corps-muster-rolls-1798-1958.

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Transcription of an article in *The Florida Times-Union*

Thomas Oesterreicher Succumbs on Okinawa

Thomas C. Oesterreicher, 23, U.S. Marine Corps was killed in action on Okinawa on June 15, according to word just received by his mother, Mrs Eddie Degrove of Palm Valley. He spent his childhood and early youth in Palm Valley.

On July 6, 1945, *The Florida Times-Union* reported that the Oesterreicher family had learned of Thomas's death in action on Okinawa on June 15, 1945.

"Thomas Oesterreicher Succumbs on Okinawa," *The Florida Times Union* (Jacksonville, Florida), July 6, 1945, newspapers.com.

https://www.newspapers.com/image/1258530050/?match=1&terms=Oesterreicher%2C%20Thomas.

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Casualty List



DEAD MARYLAND • 9

MURPHY, Bernard Aloysius, Jr., Radarman 3c, USNR. Father, Mr. Bernard Aloysius Murphy, Sr., Box 104, Lansdowne, Baltimore.

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NASUTA, Thomas Louis, Pfc., USMCR. Mother, Mrs. Anna Nasuta, 1616 E. Pratt St., Baltimore.
NAUNDORF, Ralph L., Pvt., USMC. Mother, Mrs. Nettie Naundorf, Kennedyville.
NAVRATIL, Andrew Michael, Seaman 2c, USNR. Mother, Mrs. Julia Navratil, 2951 Frederick Ave., Baltimore.
NEWCOMB, William Dennis, Ensign, USNR. Wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Mae Newcomb, Beechwood St., Princess Anne.
NEWMAN, Arthur Lester, Lieutenant, USN. Wife, Mrs. Arthur Lester Newman, 102 Prince George St., Annapolis.
NOCK, Walter Purnell, Jr., Ensign, USN. Father, Mr. W. P. Nock, 1201 E. Church St., Salisbury.
NORFORD, Robert Nelson, Fireman 1c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Frank Norford, 227 E. Franklin, Hagerstown.
NORMAN, Alexander, J., Sr., Pvt., USMCR. Wife, Mrs. Alexander J. Norman, Sr., 2319 Eastern Ave., Baltimore.
NORWITZ, Nelson N., Pvt., USMCR. Wife, Mrs. Nelson N. Norwitz, 1729 N. Smallwood St., Baltimore.
NUGENT, John A., Pvt., USMCR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Nugent, 807 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring.
NUMKIN, Raphael Mitchell, Pharmacist's Mate 2c, USN. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Numkin, 2693 Park Heights Terrace, Baltimore.
NUTTER, Julius, Steward's Mate 2c, USNR. Mother, Mrs. Bethenia Nutter, Nanticoke.

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O'BRIEN, Daniel Carlton, Seaman 2c, USNR. Father, Mrs. James B. O'Brien, Rt. 2, Box 26, Swanton.
O'CALLAGHAN, Owen Thomas, Pvt., USMCR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton T. O'Callaghan, 1121 Fidler Lane, Silver Spring.
O'DELL, Grover Cecil, Seaman 2c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. O'Dell, Rt. 2, Box 144B, Laurel.
OESTERREICHER, Thomas Charles, Cpl., USMC. Wife, Mrs. Betty C. Oesterreicher, 1800 W. North Ave., Baltimore.
OLSZEWSKI, Joseph Stanley, Storekeeper 1c, USCG. Father, Mr. Peter Olszewski, 9 N. Collington Ave., Baltimore.
OURS, John Jacob, Coxswain, USNR. Father, Mr. Marcellus Columbus Ours, RFD 1, Cumberland.
OWENS, Edwin Louis, Aviation Machinist's Mate 3c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jackson Owens, Perryville.

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PADEN, Mervin Warren, Seaman 1c, USNR. Wife, Mrs. Mary Priscilla Paden, c/o Mrs. George A. Miller, Rt. 4, Middleburg Pike, Hagerstown.
PAGLIA, Lareto Francisco, Seaman 1c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Paglia, 1820 Bon Air Rd., Hamilton, Baltimore.
PALMER, Forrest, Pfc., USMCR. Mother, Mrs. Alberta Palmer, 1617 Sulphur Springs Rd., Halethorpe.
PANEK, Edward John, Seaman 1c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Panek, 231 S. Ann St., Baltimore.
PAPPAS, Anthony George, Ensign, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Anthony Pappas, 194 Gloucester St., Annapolis.
PARKS, William F., Sr., Pfc., USMCR. Wife, Mrs. William F. Parks, Sr., 902 Montpelier St., Baltimore.
PARKS, William Louis, Coxswain, USNR. Wife, Mrs. Gertrude C. Parks, Smith Island, Rhodes Point.
PARLAMAN, James William, Fireman 3c, USNR. Wife, Mrs. Alberta May Parlaman, 5302 Tippet Ave., Baltimore.
PARVIN, William Deane, Seaman 1c, USN. Mother, Mrs. Sadie Parvin, Hurlock.
PASTERNAK, Frank Joseph, Ship's Cook 2c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michel Pasternak, 1516 Eastern Ave., Baltimore.
PAUL, William E., Pfc., USMCR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin A. Paul, Reisterstown.
PAVLIC, Milton Frank, Lieutenant Commander, USN. Wife, Mrs. M. F. Pavlic, 14 Shaw St., Annapolis.
PAWIELSKI, Anthony, Machinist's Mate 1c, USN. Wife, Mrs. Gladys Hazel Pawielski, 4104 Roanoke Rd., Hyattsville.
PEACOCK, George Wilmer, Coxswain, USN. Father, Mr. Wilmer Edward Peacock, 813 N. Chapel St., Baltimore.
PEDDICORD, Edwin D., Cpl., USMCR. Wife, Mrs. Edwin D. Peddicord, 504 Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg.
PELTO, Bruce C., 1st Lieutenant, USMCR. Father, Mr. Peter B. Pelto, 910 E. 36th St., Baltimore.
PERRY, Arnold E., Pfc., USMCR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Perry, 932 N. Patterson Park, Baltimore.
PETTY, William Clinton, Cpl., USMC. Mother, Mrs. Velma Grady, Frederick.
PHILLIPS, John E., Pfc., USMCR. Mother, Mrs. Veronica Phillips, 2716 Winchester St., Baltimore.
PHILLIPS, Paul Eugene, Storekeeper 1c, USN. Mother, Mrs. Alice Maude Phillips, Berwyn.
PHINNEY, Nelson, Aviation Machinist's Mate, 1c, USN. Father, Mr. Jabez Nelson Phinney, Rt. 13, Box 364, Middle River Branch, Baltimore.
PICKENS, Walter Robert, Seaman 2c, USNR. Wife, Mrs. Virginia Lee Pickens, 1906 Bolton St., Baltimore.
PICKETT, Harry Lewis, Pharmacist's Mate 1c, USNR. Wife, Mrs. Evelyn Kexel Pickett, RFD 6, Westminster.
PIERCE, John Reeves, Lieutenant Commander, USN. Wife, Mrs. Mary Taylor Pierce, 130 Lafayette Ave., Annapolis.
PIERCE, Ralph L., Jr., Pvt., USMC. Mother, Mrs. Cynthia Pierce, Chesapeake Beach.
PINDELL, Clifford Magee, Aviation Pilot 1c, USN. Father, Mr. Charles Davis Pindell, 3329 Lyndale Ave., Baltimore.
PIRRO, Carmon Francis, Ensign, USNR. Wife, Mrs. Evelyn Francis Pirro, 500 Dartmouth Ave., Silver Spring.
PLYMPTON, Robert Verne, Fireman 2c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lyle Plympton, 2030 Cecil Ave., Baltimore.
POLOMSKI, James Anthony, Cpl., USMCR. Mother, Mrs. Catherine Polomski, 1427 E. Clement St., Baltimore.
POLONESI, Carmello F., Pvt., USMC. Mother, Mrs. Carrie Polonesi, 4143 Marx Ave., Baltimore.
PORTER, Harvey Richard, Seaman 2c, USNR. Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Roe, Ridgely.
PORTER, John K., Pvt., USMCR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Porter, 230 E. Churchill St., Baltimore.
POTOCKI, Theodore A., Pvt., USMC. Mother, Mrs. Victoria Potocki, 2039 Fleet St., Baltimore.
POTT, Kenneth William, Gunner's Mate 2c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pott, Riverdale Apartments, 83 Fenway North, Baltimore.
POTTER, Acie, Fireman 2c, USNR. Mother, Mrs. Maggie Tate, 766 W. Lexington St., Baltimore.
POTTER, James William, Seaman 2c, USNR. Father, Mr. James Henry Potter, 2801 Harview Ave., Baltimore.
POULSON, Samuel Howard, Aviation Ordnanceman 2c, USNR. Father, Mr. George Thomas Poulson, 413 So. Truitt St., Salisbury.
POZOLANTE, Michael Andrew, Storekeeper 1c, USNR. Wife, Mrs. Helen L. Pozolante, 1940 Wallbrook Ave., Baltimore.
PRECHT, Charles Eugene, Seaman 1c, USNR. Wife, Mrs. Jacqueline Precht, 1826 Winans Ave., Halethorpe.
PRICE, Charles Henry, Machinist's Mate 1c, USN. Wife, Mrs. Margaret Helen Price, P. O. Box 56, Betterton.
PRICE, Lee Costin, Jr., Machinist's Mate 3c, USN. Mother, Mrs. Laureine Smith Price, 208 Washington Ave., Chestertown.
PRICE, Milton Edward, Seaman 1c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roland Price, Chester.
PROVENZANO, Rocco, Seaman 1c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Provenzano, 4313 Frankford Ave., Baltimore.
PRUCHNIEWSKI, Jerome John, Seaman 1c, USNR. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pruchniewski, 829 S. Montford Ave., Baltimore.
PUMPHREY, Irvin Winfield, Jr., Aviation Metalsmith 2c, USN. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Winfield Pumphrey, Sr., Millersville.
PUTNAM, Orville Bellfield, Radio Technician 2c, USNR. Wife, Mrs. Mary Agnes Putnam, NRL CBA, North Beach.

The Maryland casualty list for Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel listed Oesterreicher among the dead. It also stated that Oesterreicher had married Betty C. Oesterreicher and that they lived in Baltimore, MD.

State Summary of War Casualties [Maryland], (Office of the Public Information Navy Department, 1946), 9, found in database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed June 25, 2026), entry for Thomas Charles Oesterreicher.

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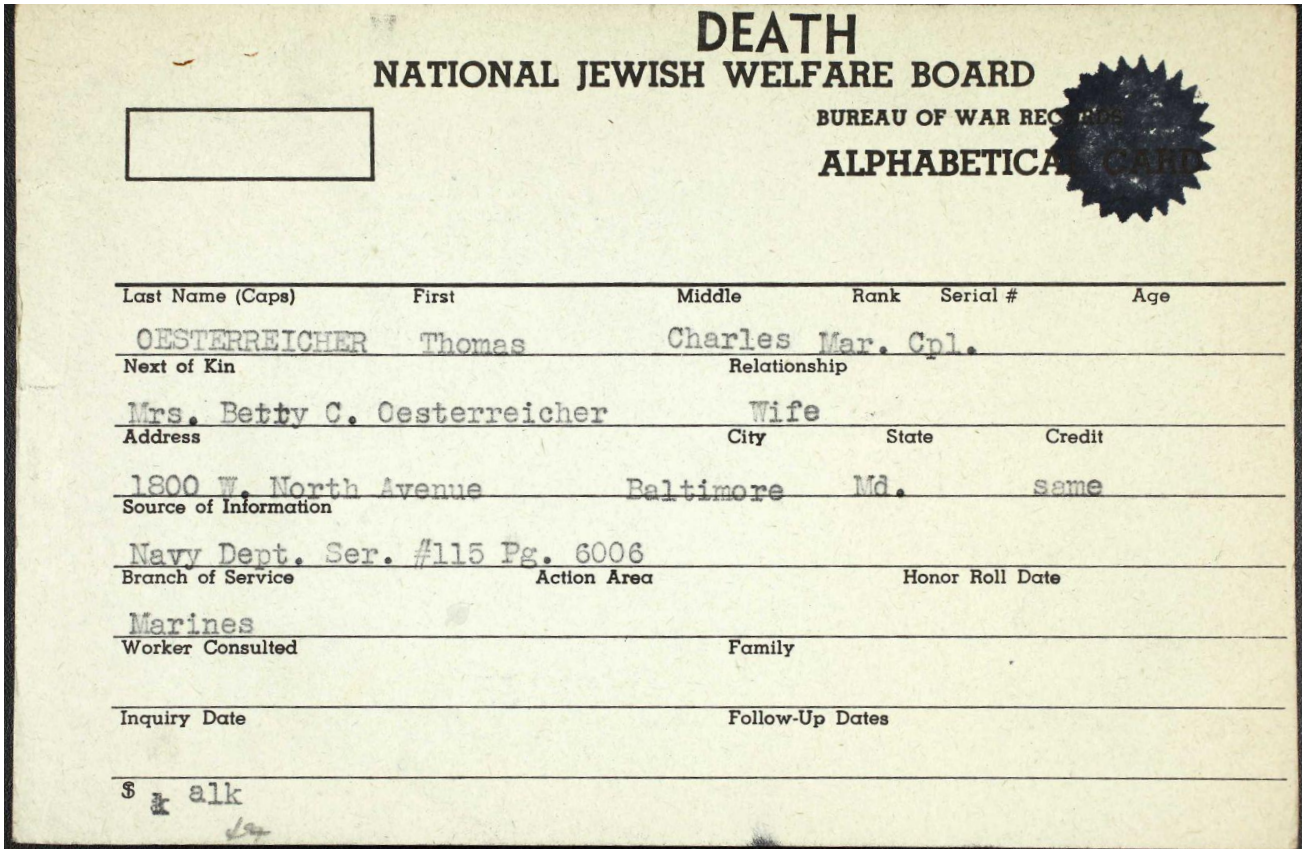
Jewish Servicemen Card



DEATH
NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD
BUREAU OF WAR REC
ALPHABETICA CARD

Last Name (Caps)	First	Middle	Rank	Serial #	Age
OESTERREICHER	Thomas	Charles	Mar. Cpl.		

Next of Kin: Mrs. Betty C. Oesterreicher
Relationship: Wife
Address: 1800 W. North Avenue
City: Baltimore
State: Md.
Credit: same
Source of Information: Navy Dept. Ser. #115 Pg. 6006
Branch of Service: Marines
Action Area:
Honor Roll Date:
Worker Consulted:
Family:
Inquiry Date:
Follow-Up Dates:
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Oesterreicher's Jewish serviceman's card, created by the National Jewish Welfare Board, documented the service of Jews in US Armed Forces during World War II.

"U.S., World War II Jewish Servicemen Cards, 1942-1947," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed June 25, 2026), Entry for Thomas Charles Oesterreicher.

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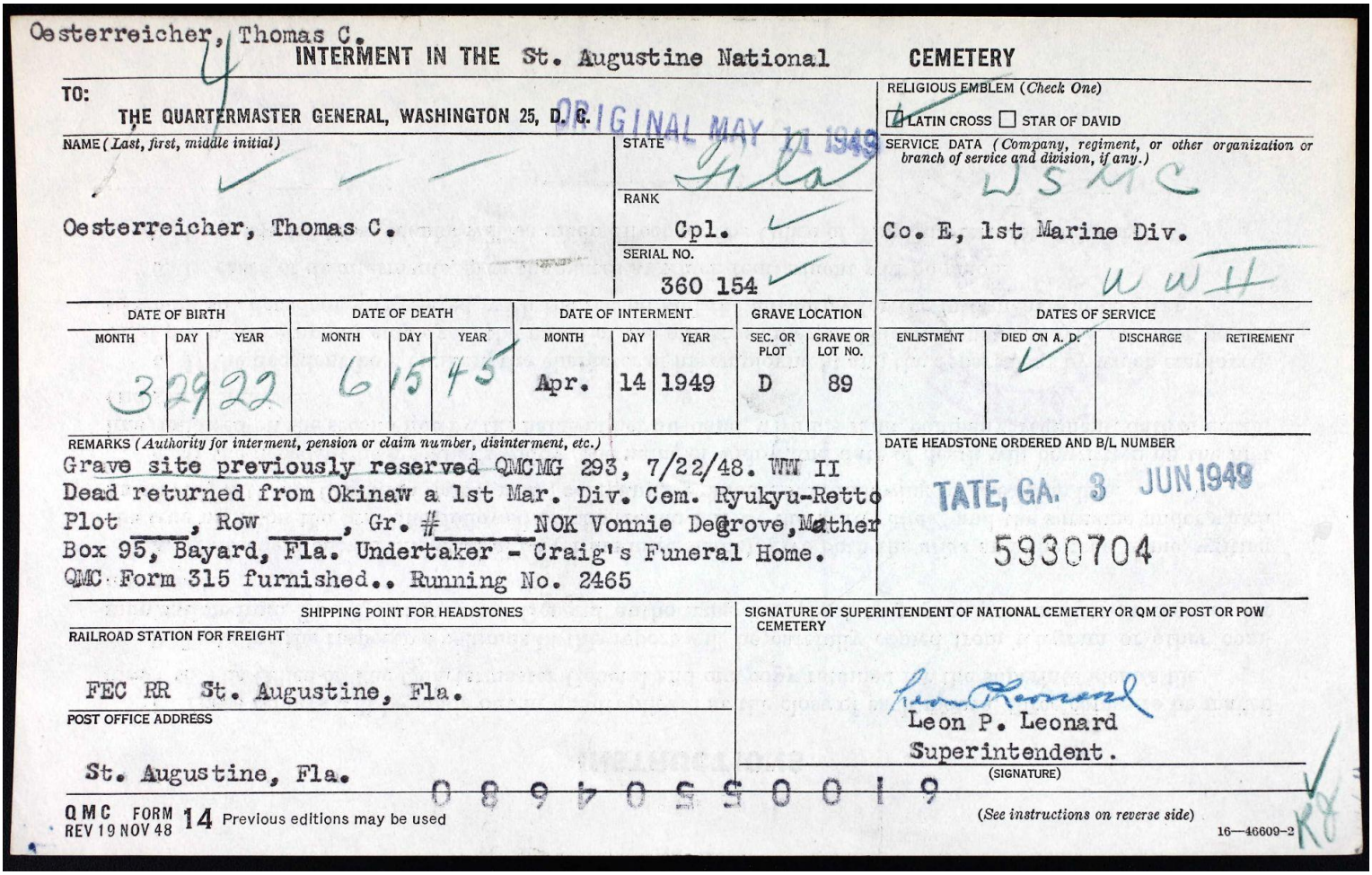
Interment Card



Oesterreicher, Thomas C.
INTERMENT IN THE St. Augustine National CEMETERY

TO:
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ORIGINAL MAY 11 1949

NAME (*Last, first, middle initial*)
Oesterreicher, Thomas C.

STATE
Fla

RANK
Cpl.

SERIAL NO.
360 154

RELIGIOUS EMBLEM (*Check One*)
☑ LATIN CROSS ☐ STAR OF DAVID

SERVICE DATA (*Company, regiment, or other organization or branch of service and division, if any.*)
USMC
Co. E, 1st Marine Div.
WWII

DATE OF BIRTH			DATE OF DEATH			DATE OF INTERMENT			GRAVE LOCATION		DATES OF SERVICE			
MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	SEC. OR PLOT	GRAVE OR LOT NO.	ENLISTMENT	DIED ON A. D.	DISCHARGE	RETIREMENT
3	29	22	6	15	45	Apr.	14	1949	D	89				

REMARKS (*Authority for interment, pension or claim number, disinterment, etc.*)
Grave site previously reserved QMCMG 293, 7/22/48. WW II
Dead returned from Okinaw a 1st Mar. Div. Cem. Ryukyu-Retto
Plot ____, Row ____, Gr. #____ NOK Vonnie Degrove, Mather
Box 95, Bayard, Fla. Undertaker - Craig's Funeral Home.
QMC Form 315 furnished.. Running No. 2465

DATE HEADSTONE ORDERED AND B/L NUMBER
TATE, GA. 3 JUN 1949
5930704

SHIPPING POINT FOR HEADSTONES
RAILROAD STATION FOR FREIGHT
FEC RR St. Augustine, Fla.
POST OFFICE ADDRESS
St. Augustine, Fla.

SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF NATIONAL CEMETERY OR QM OF POST OR POW CEMETERY
Leon P. Leonard
Superintendent.
(SIGNATURE)

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Oesterreicher's Interment Card listed his burial on April 14, 1949, in Section D, Plot 89, at St. Augustine National Cemetery in St. Augustine, FL. The card also identified his previous burial site as the 1st Marine Division Cemetery on Okinawa, Japan.

"U.S., National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed June 25, 2026), Entry for Thomas Charles Oesterreicher.

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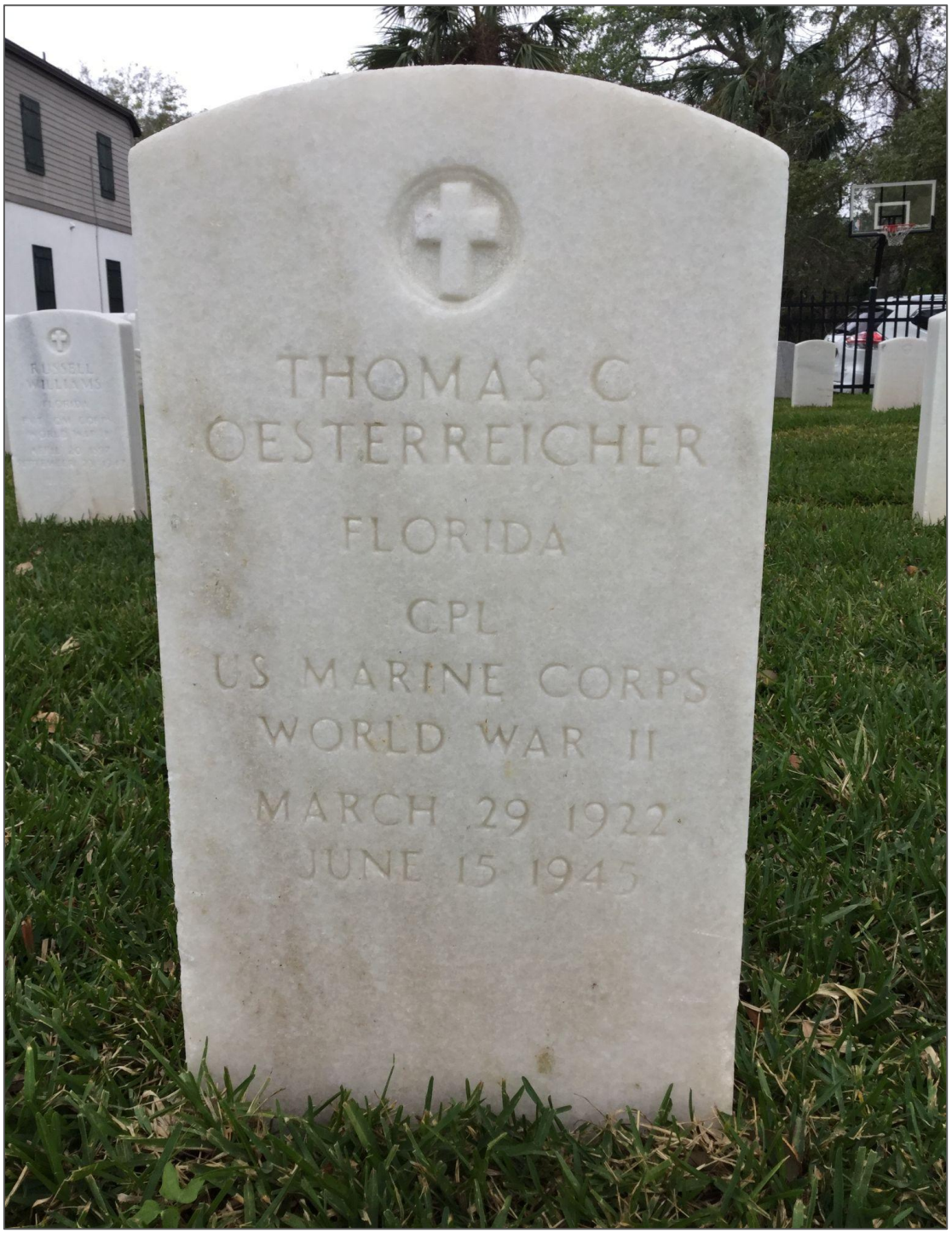
Headstone



Oesterreicher's headstone located Section D, Plot 89, at St. Augustine National Cemetery in St. Augustine, FL.

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