Robert E. Anderson

U.S. Marine Corps



Robert Emmanuel Anderson Marine Corps, Killed in Action Hometown: Norwood Park Township, IL

Robert began service April 12, 1944 after graduating from high school. After Boot training, he received nine weeks of special schooling, and he was stationed at San Diego, California. He was among the few men selected to be a member of Mrs. Roosevelt's Guard of Honor. In November, he left San Francisco as Private 1st Class on a battleship in the Pacific Theater. During battle on January 9, 1945, Robert's leg was blown off by cannon fire, possibly friendly. He died the next day. He would have been 19 years old January 21, 1945. He had been anticipating his birthday.

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