

Milton Steffen

U.S. Marine Corps



Milton B. Steffen,
U.S. Marine Corps
With 3rd Marines On Guam And Iwo Jima

Milton B. Steffen was born June 17, 1925 in Eureka, Illinois and grew up there. He enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps on August 28, 1943. Assigned to basic training at Camp Pendleton, California, Milton received advanced training on Guadalcanal with the 3rd Marine Division, 21st Regiment, L Company, 3rd Platoon. With his unit, Milton; made landings on Guam in 1944 and on Iwo Jima in 1945. At the end of the Iwo Jima battle, only 50 Japanese and 150 Korean laborers were taken prisoner.

Milton received a Citation and Purple Heart for wounds received on Guam and a 2nd Purple Heart for wounds at Iwo Jima. The 3rd Marines received a Presidential Citation for the battles on Guam and Iwo Jima. Milton was discharged on August 2, 1945 at San Francisco, California.

On March 17, 1946, Milton married Reva Garey and they had one son and one daughter. He retired from Caterpillar Company in Peoria, Illinois.

Milton B. Steffen
Eureka, Illinois
(By son Gary Steffen, Oakwood, IL)