

Luther Rhodes

Private First Class – U.S.M.C.

MIA/Killed in action on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands on 7 Oct 1942.



	Purple Heart	Combat Action Ribbon	
American Campaign Medal	Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal	WWII Victory	



1st Marine Division

Rhodes was born in Edneyville, Henderson County, NC on 22 Mar 1924. He served in the United States Marine Corps, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division. He was killed in action Oct. 7, 1942, at the Battle of Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. His body was not recovered.



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HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE
(PACIFIC ZONE)
APO 958

BOARD PROCEEDINGS)

NUMBER 850)

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS

1. The Board of Review convened on 14 January 1949 pursuant to Par 2b, Special Orders 122, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Pacific Zone, APO 958, dated 13 December 1948. (Exhibit A)

2. Summary

a. Personnel involved (AGRS-PAZ Case No. 7283)

RHODES, Luther Leru PFC 327928 USMC

b. Private First Class Rhodes was killed in action on 7 October 1942 at the Matanikau River, Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands and reported buried in the First Marine Division Cemetery, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. (Exhibit B)

c. Subject's Form 371 has been compared by the Identification Branch with unidentified remains from the Solomon Islands Area with negative results.

d. A complete check by crosses of the cemetery on Guadalcanal was made by the members of the 604th Quartermaster Graves Registration Company on 13 August 1947. A later check of the cemetery roster and of all battle areas was made but the remains of subject decedent could not be found. (Exhibit C)

e. Records of this headquarters do not show that subject remains have been recovered.

3. Findings

After careful consideration of all the facts involved, the Board unanimously resolved that subject decedent be declared non-recoverable.

3 Exhibits

- A - SO #122, AGRS-PAZ, 13 Dec 48
- B - Form 371
- C - Rpt of Inv

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For these 14 young men, Armistice Day became the day on which they joined the United States Marine Corps, a fighting unit which has seen service all over the world during its 166 years of life. Capt. John M. Greer, officer-in-charge of the Marine Recruiting Station here, is at the left. The recruits, who go to Parris Island, S. C., today for training, are, left to right, front row, John D. York, 17, of Brevard; Boyle P. Flowers, 23, of Morganton; Hobart B. Cook, 18, of Robinsville; Julius H. Yelton, Jr., 17, of Hendersonville; Edward W. Collins, 17, of Asheville, and Marvin C. Sexton, 17, Luther L. Rhodes, 17, and Ralph E. Owens, 17, all of Henderson; and back row, Martin B. Martin, 22, of Ellenboro, Wes Banks, 21, of Candler, James C. Justice, Jr., of Fletcher; Charles H. Brown, 22, of High Point; James Haney, 17, of Asheville, and Lee E. Rhodes, Jr., 17, of Henderson.

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Hendersonville, N.C.

R#2 Box 127.

Commandant of the Marine Corps
Washington, D.C.



PGM

In reply to your letter of July 16 it is
with deep sorrow we read the news that the
remains of our dead Son ^{serial no} PFC. Luther L. Rhode. 327928
has not been located as we hope to to
have his body returned to to his beloved
Land the U.S.A. for his final resting place.
Thank you and if further information is obtained
concerning his remains please do not hesitate
to notify us we remain yours truly

Mr & Mrs. Harley B Rhodes.

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