

Lemuel Joseph Jordan

He was a **World War II Era** casualty on March 27, 1945. ★ He served with honor in the **United States Navy**. ★ He is remembered by the people of **Mississippi** ★ May his positive example inspire us, as global citizens. ★ When we work together, we can help one another.

America's Fallen



World War II



US Navy



Mississippi



State Flower



Lemuel Joseph Jordan



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▼ STATE OVERVIEW

Mississippi

Lemuel Joseph Jordan is among the 3,910 American Gold Star casualties recorded in our archive with close ties to Mississippi. This is a substantial number of individuals who gave their lives in service to their country.

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SERVICE OVERVIEW

Name	Lemuel Joseph Jordan
From	Jones County, Mississippi
Born	September 5, 1923
Death	March 27, 1945
War	World War II
ID	6452837
Rank	Petty Officer Second Class
Specialty	Pharmacist's Mate Second Class
Branch	US Navy

Group USS O'Brien (DD-725)
MIA Status Declared Dead while Missing
Cause Missing in action or lost at sea
Location Ryukyus Islands, Okinawa, Japan
Awarded ★ Purple Heart

ORIGINS



Lemuel Joseph Jordan was born on September 5, 1923. According to our records [Mississippi](#) was his home or enlistment state and [Jones County](#) included within the archival record. We have [Laurel](#) listed as the city.

SERVICE



He had enlisted in the United States Navy. Served during World War II. Jordan had the rank of Petty Officer Second Class. His military occupation or specialty was Pharmacist's Mate Second Class. Service number assignment was 6452837. Attached to USS O'Brien (DD-725).

CASUALTY



During his service in World War II, Navy Petty Officer Second Class Jordan was reported missing and ultimately declared dead on [March 27, 1945](#). **Recorded circumstances attributed to: Missing in action or lost at sea. Incident location: Ryukyus Islands, Okinawa, Japan.**

DETAILS



Lemuel Joseph Jordan was born and grew up near Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi. He was married to Mellie Lois Jordan.

He was reported as missing on March 27, 1945 while serving on the USS O'Brien (DD-725). He was officially declared dead one year later on March 28, 1946.

Enemy aircraft attacked the USS O'Brien off Kerama Retto on March 27, 1945. One plane carrying a 500-pound bomb, crashed into the port side amidships exploding a magazine. It was reported that at least 50 men on the USS O'Brien were killed or missing and over 75 wounded.

Incident code #OBRIEN-DD-725

INCIDENT

We identified 51 casualties in our archive that might be related to the #OBRIEN-DD-725 incident on March 27, 1945.

- [George Angelopoulos](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Anthony J Bielunas](#) :: *Machinist's Mate*
- [Fred R Brightwell](#) :: *Coxswain*
- [Wilbert C Brown](#) :: *Officer*
- [Darryl Byrge](#) :: *Soundman Second Class*
- [Fletcher P Carr Jr](#) :: *Boatswain's Mate Chief*
- [William F Cisowski](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Daniel R Collins](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Hugh O Cook](#) :: *Shipfitter Second Class*
- [William C Deese](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Wilburt C Defrehn](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Rudolph J DeSalvatore](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Austin Dickson](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Leon A Diehl](#) :: *Radioman Second Class*
- [Robert H Dilger](#) :: *Water Tender Chief*
- [Johnnie E Duncan](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Arthur B Engebretson](#) :: *Signalman Third Class*
- [Warren S Fairbrook](#) :: *Radio Technician*

- [Thomas W George](#) :: *Fireman First Class*
- [John B Goad](#) :: *Radio Technician Chief*
- [Bob F Hague](#) :: *Chief Pharmacist's Mate*
- [Francis P Hartsell](#) :: *Electrician's Mate*
- [Virgil Higgins](#) :: *Machinist's Mate Chief*
- Lemuel J Jordan :: *Pharmacist's Mate*
- [Kingdon A Kellogg](#) :: *Gunner's Mate*
- [Norman F LaBarr](#) :: *Machinist's Mate*
- [John A Linn](#) :: *Radioman Second Class*
- [Elvin R Mason](#) :: *Radioman Third Class*
- [William E McArthur](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [John G Merchant](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Robert C Miller](#) :: *Signalman Third Class*
- [William M Mitchell](#) :: *Gunner's Mate*
- [Charles E Mooneyham](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [John C Mosley](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Clyde M Murphy Jr](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Vernon L Norris](#) :: *Seaman Second Class*
- [John A Passarelli](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Viggo V Petersen](#) :: *Torpedoman's Mate*
- [Paul A Pfeiffer](#) :: *Chief Torpedoman's Mate*
- [Orville R Purple](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Glenn R Ramsey](#) :: *Radioman First Class*
- [Richard H Rolfe](#) :: *Torpedoman's Mate*
- [George J Rovin](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [John D Sellers](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Anthony W Snoble](#) :: *Torpedoman's Mate*
- [John S Sowell](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [William R Spencer](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [Earl E Thorpe](#) :: *Seaman First Class*
- [William J Wendt Jr](#) :: *Seaman First Class*

■ [Arnold White](#) :: Radioman Third Class

■ [August H Winter](#) :: Chief Electrician's Mate

REMEMBERED



Lemuel Joseph Jordan is buried or memorialized at Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial, Honolulu, Hawaii. This is an American Battle Monuments Commission location.

COMMENDATIONS

- ★ Purple Heart
- ★ Combat Action Ribbon
- ★ World War II Victory Medal
- ★ American Campaign Medal
- ★ Navy Presidential Unit Citation
- ★ Navy Good Conduct Medal
- ★ Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
- ★ Navy Expeditionary Medal



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