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MURDER

MARVIN MARGOLIS

After authorization by the Chief of the Veterans' Administration in Washington, D. C., Assistant Chief Attorney of the Los Angeles District, Mr. Henry, permitted the undersigned to examine Veterans' Administration file #8953313, which is the file of Marvin Margolis. His present address is [REDACTED]

He was last employed by the I. M. Auto Supply Company as a stock man in the City of Chicago. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] while residing at this address in Chicago.

This suspect was married to Edith Bernstein, marriage license

[REDACTED] Book #2714, Page 18, in the Los Angeles County records.

He was married on November 26, 1946 at 8331 West 8th Street, Los Angeles. Witnesses to this wedding were listed as Robert Barrick,

[REDACTED] and David Bernstein of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Upon examination of this file, it was further found that this suspect was born in Chicago on March 25, 1925 and that he attended the University of Chicago, taking a pre-med course just prior to his entrance into the service of the United States Navy on March 11, 1943. He had previously stated to police that he had taken a pre-medical course at Ohio University, which has since been proven a misstatement. While in the Navy, he was in the Medical Corps of the Navy at all times. From March 11, 1943 to June 24, 1945 he spent his time while in the Navy as follows:

1. Chicago, Illinois, United States Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, March 11, 1943 to April 10, 1943.
2. United States Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois, from April 10, 1943 to April 16, 1943.
3. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, from April 16, 1943 to June 12, 1943.
4. H.C.S., Great Lakes, June 12, 1943 to July 23, 1943.
5. United States Naval Hospital, Puget Sound Navy Yard, Washington, July 26, 1943 to August 11, 1943.
6. P.S.N.I. Dispensary, August 11, 1943 to May 5, 1944.
7. United States Naval Hospital, Puget Sound Navy Yard, Washington, May 5, 1944 to May 17, 1944.
8. Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California, May 20, 1944 to August 9, 1944.

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9. Tenth Draft, Camp Pendleton, August 21, 1944.
10. First Marine Division F.M.F., October 2, 1944 to June 2, 1945.
11. Admitted to United States Naval Hospital, U.S.N.T.C., Great Lakes, Illinois on August 23, 1945.

This suspect landed at D.plus one at Okinawa on April 1, 1945, moving from West to East Coast; then set up medical station at an airport and was under bombing and strafing for twenty-nine days. He then was ordered to go south and set up a hospital. There he worked long hours, little sleep, under frequent air raids, saw many buddies in mangled shape, cared for 1,500 patients in first few days; sent to front from there where he was located for two weeks. He cared for two companies where there were many casualties. His setup was in a ridge in a small cave. A heavy rain caused the sides to cave in. He was buried all but his head which was held tight like a vise. The next morning he dug out. He became amnesic, emotional with depression and instability. He was overseas for a period of one year, spending 55 days on Okinawa. His total Naval service was two years, four months, twenty-four days. His diagnoses by a psychiatrist was to the effect that he was always afraid of the dark closets, had nightmares and walked in his sleep up to fourteen years of age; was always irritable and threatened to run away from home if he couldn't have his own way; always shy and introverted. On July 11, 1945 he was diagnosed as having a moderately severe state of fatigue, characterized by tremulousness, recurring battle dreams, tiredness which is chronic and intermittent, startled reactions and periods of depressions. As indicated in a report on medical survey (see U.S. Naval Hospital--U.S.N.T.C., Great Lakes, Illinois on August 23, 1945) which indicates that the psychiatrist diagnosis is as follows: This subject is calm, quiet and a resentful individual who shows ample evidence of open aggression; has had trouble in adjusting himself to Navy discipline, has become resentful over this. HE DESIRED OPERATING ROOM TECHNIQUE WHICH WAS NEVER GRANTED TO HIM AND THIS IS ONE OF THE UNDERLYING BASES FOR HIS RESENTMENT AND DISGUST. A TENSION STATE HAS RESULTED AND AT PRESENT THIS MAN SHOWS A LACK OF INTEREST, AIMS AND ABILITY TO CONCENTRATE. The content of thought shows a beginning hypochondriasis and self-seated resentment.

This file indicates that suspect was living at [REDACTED] Los Angeles on February 27, 1946; at [REDACTED] on May 1, 1946; at 3551 University [REDACTED] on July 24, 1946; [REDACTED] on August 12, 1947.

The Navy doctors on October 13, 1945 rated the disability of suspect at 50% based upon the previously described diagnosis of Neurosis. He received disability on this basis up to September 14, 1946 at which time doctors reduced his disability to 30%. He received payments on this basis up to October 29, 1949 at which time they



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reduced his disability to 10% and as of the date of this report, he is still receiving disability money on that basis. His disability is described by these Navy doctors as "neuroses resulting from being in first landing group on Okinawa in April 1945."

Medical examination on September 16, 1946 by S. G. Sonneland, M.D., Neuropsychiatrist, said that Marvin Margolis is "sullen, his personality is not pleasing, apathetic, inclined to sarcasm. He said, 'The next time there is a war, two of us are not going--the one who comes after me and myself.'"

With reference to this suspect, the LAPD reports indicate that he did not come forth voluntarily with any information until after he was sought out by his boy friend, Bill Robinson, and the police in question at which time he did not tell the truth, having stated that he was living at the [REDACTED] time of the murder when actually he was living at [REDACTED] with Bill Robinson. He and Bill Robinson were both reluctant informants. It has since been established and admitted by these two persons that in October 1946, Beth Short, the girl friend of Margolis, and Marjorie Graham, the girl friend of Bill Robinson, lived in Apartment No. 726, [REDACTED] for a period of twelve days together. It should be noted further that this suspect, Marvin Margolis, is the only pre-medical student who ever lived as a boy friend with Beth Short.

THE INVESTIGATION PENDING

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