



## The Proper Spelling of Weeden Osborne's First Name.

The spelling of Osborne's first name is a curiosity and has been the subject of misspelling since his death. His signature on Navy documents show clearly that he spelled his name "Weeden". This was also the spelling his sister used in her correspondence about him. It is the spelling on his headstone at the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery. However, many other documents misspell his first name "Weedon". That is shown on the back of the Medal of Honor and the US Marine Corps Lt. J.G. Weedon E Osborne Memorial Award.



His first name is misspelled on the back of Osborne's Medal of Honor.

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The most compelling proof of the correct spelling of Osborne's name is in his own handwriting. Below is his Oath of Office when he joined the Navy.

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**ACCEPTANCE.**

Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.  
June 5, 1917

From: **W. E. Osborne, Asst. Dental Surgeon, Class 4 U.S.N.R.F.**  
To: Secretary of the Navy.  
Subject: Acceptance of Office.  
Reference: Bureau of Navigation letter No.

Having taken the oath of allegiance to the United States, I hereby accept office as provisional **Asst. Dental Surgeon, (Lieut. JG)** in the **Class 4** (Class of Reserve) United States Naval Reserve Force, dated **June 5, 1917**

*Walter Edward Osborne*  
**Asst. Dental Surgeon (Lieut. JG)**  
U. S. Naval Reserve Force

**OATH OF OFFICE.**

Having been enrolled as provisional **Asst. Dental Surgeon (Lieut. JG)** in the **Class 4** (Class of Reserve), United States Naval Reserve Force, I, **W. E. Osborne**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

*Walter Edward Osborne*  
**Asst. Dental Surgeon (Lieut. JG)**

**Suffolk County** }  
**Massachusetts** } ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this **5th** day of **June**, 19**17**.

*William F. Black*  
**Enrolling Officer**

TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE OFFICER SUBSCRIBING TO THE ABOVE OATH.

PLACE OF BIRTH		STATE OR TERRITORY OF WHICH A CITIZEN.	DATE OF BIRTH.
CITY, PARISH, OR COUNTY.	STATE.		
<b>Chicago</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>Nov 13, 1892</b>

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Records of Officer  
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Below is his signed Report of arrival at the 6th Regiment, USMC:

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Headquarters, 6th Regiment,  
Marine Corps, A.E.F.,  
28 May 18.

From: Dental Surgeon W.E. Osborne, U.S. Navy.

To : Force Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Operating  
in European Waters.

Subject: Report of arrival at 6th Regiment, U.S. Marines.

1. I hereby report (as directed in Bureau of Navigation Orders No. 31/B, 15023-13 of March 30th) that I have arrived at, and been assigned to duty with the Sixth Regiment, U.S. Marines, on May 15, 1918.

*Weeden E. Osborne*  
Weeden E. Osborne,  
Dental Surgeon, U.S. Navy.

1st. Ind.  
Hqrs. , 6th. Regiment, Marine Corps, American E.F., Regimental Aid  
Station, 5-28-18---to Commanding Officer. Forwarded.

*W. G. Farwell*  
W. G. FARWELL.  
Surgeon, U.S. Navy.  
Regimental Surgeon.

MAY 27 1918  
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LONDON

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Medicine and Surgery.

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Finally, here is a photo of his headstone at the Aisne-Marne  
American Cemetery:



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