

## 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.



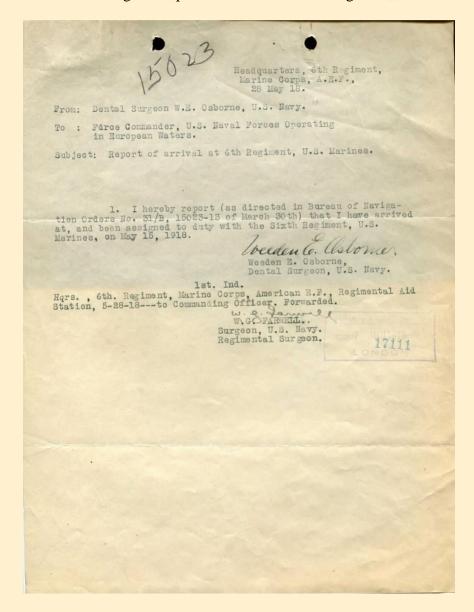
His first name is misspelled on the back of Osborne's Medal of Honor.

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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	ACCEPT	ANCE.		
	Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.			
			me. 5, 1917	
From: W. E. Osborne,	Asst. Denta	1 Durgeon, Class	3 4 U.S.N.R.F.	
To: Secretary of the Navy.				
Subject: Acceptance of Office.	Subject: Acceptance of Office.			
Reference: Bureau of Navigation	on letter No.			
Having taken the oath of al	legiance to the Uni	ted States, I hereby acc	ept office as provisional	
Asst. Dental Surgeon,	(Lieu JG) in the	ne. Class 4	f Reserve)	
United States Naval Reserve F	orce, dated	June 5		
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	Asst. Dental Surgeon (Lieut JG) U. S. Naval Reserve Force			
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0	ATH OF	OFFICE.		
Having been enrolled as pro	ovisionalA8	st. Pental Surge	on (Lieut JG)	
in the				
I,W. E. Osborne	I,			
support and defend the Constitu- tic; that I will bear true faith a				
without any mental reservation	n or purpose of e	vasion; and that I will	well and faithfully dis-	
charge the duties of the office of	n which I am abou	it to enter: So help med	God,	
Suffolk County	)	Asst. Dental	Surgeon (Lieut JG)	
Massachusetts	88.			
Subscribed and sworn to before	me thath	day of	June, 1917.	
		Milling	Much	
		MITOLL	ING OTTION	
		UBSCRIBING TO THE ABOVE	OATH,	
PLACE OF BIRTH CITY, PARISH, OR COUNTY.	STATE	STATE OF TERRITORY OF WHICH A CITIZEN,	DATE OF BIRTH.	
Chicago	Illinois	Illinois	Nov 13, 1892	
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Document provided by André Sobocinski at US Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

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



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

