

## NAVY CROSS



### **ROBERT J. HERWIG**

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve  
2nd Battalion, 4th Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade  
Guam, Marianas, 21 & 28 July 1944  
Born: Woodford, California  
Entered service at: Pomona, California

#### **Citation:**

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Navy Cross to Robert J. Herwig (0-20070), Second Lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps (Reserve), for extraordinary heroism as a Rifle Platoon Leader, attached to the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Guam in the Marianas Group, on 21 and 28 July 1944. Although wounded while directing his platoon under exceptionally heavy hostile mortar and machine-gun fire, Second Lieutenant Herwig remained with his men, reorganized them and contributed to their success in repulsing an enemy counterattack. Evacuated for medical treatment, he returned immediately to duty with his company. Displaying unusual skill and courage during a later action, he led his men in repelling two Japanese counterattacks and, although wounded during the last one, refused to be evacuated until the completion of the action. His great personal valor and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Herwig and the United States Naval Service.