

## NAVY CROSS



### **ELDEN H. CAIL**

Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps  
2nd Battalion, 4th Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade  
Guam, Marianas, 28 July 1944  
Entered service at: Portland, Maine

#### **Citation:**

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Navy Cross (Posthumously) to Elden H. Cail (350342), Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps, for extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty while serving as a Machine-Gunner with the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, during the recapture of the enemy Japanese-held Island of Guam in the Marianas on 28 July 1944. An aggressive and valiant fighter, unwavering in the performance of duty, Corporal Cail daringly risked his life to hold his gun on the line in the face of the most devastating mortar and machine-gun fire of the enemy. Manning his weapon steadfastly through two fierce hostile charges, he personally destroyed ten Japanese before sustaining a mortal wound and then continued his determined fire until he succumbed. His exceptional fortitude, courageous initiative and self-sacrificing service reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Cail and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.