

World War II

Born - December 2, 1923 Canton, Massachusetts
Entered Service - March, 1943 Canton, Massachusetts



PFC John A. Lawrie
U.S. Marine Corps
Age 20

John grew up on Draper Lane with his three younger brothers. He attended the Eliot School and Norfolk Agricultural School in Walpole. John worked at the Draper's Farm on Pleasant Street from the age of 14 until he was drafted into the Marine Corps in March of 1943. All four brothers would eventually serve their country during the war. Lawrie shipped out September 1943 to New Zealand in time to see action in the Bougainville Campaign with the 3rd Marine Division. He was then sent to Guadalcanal for training in preparation for the amphibious assault of Guam. On July 21, 1944 his Division landed on Tumon Beach at the northern end of Guam. Two days into the battle, Lawrie was killed in action. He was temporarily buried in Guam. After the war, he was moved to a Section F, Grave 418 of the "Punchbowl" in Hawaii, a dormant volcano where 35,000 honored dead rest.

Date of Death - July 23, 1944 Guam
Buried - National Cemetery of the Pacific Hawaii