

MEDAL OF HONOR

UPSHUR, William Peterkin
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps
G. O. Navy Department, No.
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CITATION:

In company with members of the Fifteenth Company of Marines, all mounted, Captain Upshur left Fort Liberte, Haiti, for a 6-day reconaissance. After dark on the evening of 24 October 1915, while crossing the river in a deep ravine, the detachment was suddenly fired upon from three sides by about 400 Cacos concealed in bushes about 100 yards from the fort. The Marine detachment fought its way forward to a good position, which it maintained during the night, although subjected to a continuous fire from the Cacos. At daybreak, Captain Upshur, in command of one of the three squads which advanced in three different directions, led his men forward, surprising and scattering the Cacos, and aiding in the capture of Fort Dipitie.