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MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Corporal Joseph C. Whitehead, 22, of Axis, Ala., died Jan. 17 as a result of a hostile incident while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Whitehead was a combat engineer assigned to 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force. He joined the Marine Corps in August 2007 and was promoted to corporal August 1, 2009.

He deployed in support of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit from May 2009 to December 2009 and to Haiti from January 2010 to April 2010. Most recently, he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in December 2010.

His awards include the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

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