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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BAILEY C. HABER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters and Service Battery, Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. Setting up his machine gun in the face of intense hostile fire during a fierce enemy attack on his battery's position, Private First Class Haber delivered effective fire until his gun ceased to function. Leaving his position, he borrowed a machine gun from an adjacent unit and set it up in an exposed position from which he could cover the evacuation of the wounded and the withdrawal of isolated elements. When reinforcements arrived, he advanced with them, directing their movements and pointing out targets. His great personal valor, deep concern for his comrades and complete disregard for his own safety reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Haber and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Los Angeles, California
B - Muscatine, Iowa

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Special Cincpac
App. SofN 2-15-45
Serial 1475
Signed JUL 24 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEWIS M. NALDER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Group, on 3 July 1944. Although previously wounded while attacking enemy caves, Private First Class Nalder unhesitatingly charged another hostile emplacement armed only with a bazooka and, when the weapon was shot out of his hand, promptly obtained a carbine and personally led a demolition team into the Japanese position. With heroic disregard for his own safety, he singlehandedly provided cover for his men while they hurled charges into the cave, steadfastly maintaining his position until mortally wounded. Private First Class Nalder's fearless determination and indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Layton, Utah.

B..Layton, Utah.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by OinC, Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 13 Sept 45 to the parents of the late PFC Nalder, Mr. & Mrs. Byron J. Nalder, Layton, Utah. Formal pres with large number of friends and rel. Newspaper and radio pub. by Pub 1Rel Sgt of this station.

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App. SofN. 7-15-43.
Serial 1113
Signed NOV 11 1943

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

SECOND LIEUTENANT RUSSELL E. NALL, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

. CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Defense Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Tulagi, Solomon Islands, on August 10, 1942. When he heard the cry of a marine some distance away, Second Lieutenant Nall, with courageous disregard for his own safety, unhesitatingly fought his way against withering machine-gun fire to locate the wounded man. By tenacious determination, he endured the dangerous and tiring struggle through darkness to carry the marine to the battalion aid station thereby saving his life. While returning to his station after effecting this heroic rescue, Second Lieutenant Nall was hit and mortally wounded by the enemy. His valiant spirit of self-sacrifice was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOWLTON

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Louisville, Kentucky.

B - VineGrove, Kentucky.

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Serial 9465
Signed _____

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

SERGEANT HERBERT C. NAPIER, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Wire Team Leader of the First Signal Company, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of 23-24 October 1942. Cool, courageous and efficient in the performance of his essential duties throughout the furious night battle, Sergeant Napier advanced fearlessly through sniper-infested jungle to repair vital tactical wire circuits despite intense artillery and mortar fire. He repeatedly led his wire team into the heavily besieged area and, by his initiative, determination and gallant leadership in the face of terrific odds, served as an inspiring example to his men, thereby contributing to the success of this critical battle. His devotion to duty under Japanese fire reflects the highest credit upon Sergeant Napier and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chattanooga, Tenn.
B--Ashland, Ala.

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Serial 56881
Signed _____

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

SERGEANT DANIEL E. NARDICO, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader in a Rifle Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 May 1945. Holding positions with his squad along a strategic ridge during four fanatical attempts by the enemy to retake the hill, Sergeant Nardico rallied his men in the defense, and seizing an automatic weapon, delivered deadly and accurate fire upon the Japanese, personally killing an enemy officer and ten attacking riflemen. By his skillful and courageous leadership in repulsing a desperate hostile counter-attack and annihilating a large number of the enemy, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Painesville, Ohio
B--Painesville, Ohio

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Approved SofN. 3-1-44
Serial 0058
Signed MAY 22 1944

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FLOYD E. NARRAMORE, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Parachute Battalion during action against numerically superior enemy Japanese forces near Koi-ari, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 29, 1943. When intense hostile sniper fire concentrated on his platoon's position, Private First Class Narramore, completely disregarding his personal safety, rushed forward of his own front lines where he could bring fire to bear on the Japanese snipers in order to permit the removal of two of his wounded comrades. Successful in his daring tactics, Private First Class Narramore silenced the hostile machine-gun sniper fire but sacrificed his life in the action. His valiant fighting spirit in the face of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Fair Oaks, Calif.
B...Oceanside, Calif.

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Spot Award, 1943
Serial 00192
Signed APR 2 1943

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

MAJOR GUY G. NARTER, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 13, 1942. In order to lay a telephone trunk line to Headquarters after all others had been destroyed, Major Narter led out a wire crew of the Headquarters and Service Company, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, following heavy Japanese naval bombardment. During construction of the circuit, the crew was caught in the open and exposed to hostile bombing on five separate occasions. However, despite this hazardous distraction, at no time did the personnel scatter or suspend their activities. Under Major Narter's courageous and aggressive leadership, they were able to complete their mission before daylight and thus establish the only means of wire communication from Headquarters to the Base Radio and other important units."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

That portion of the above citation underlined in red should not be given either verbally or in writing to any person without the permission of the officer in charge of the Decorations and Medals Division.

R...Worcester, Massachusetts.

B...Worcester, Massachusetts.

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CincPac
Serial 11703
App'd SofN 1-22-45
Signed JUL 30 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM A. NATIONS, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during our landing operations on D-Day, on the enemy Japanese-held Island of Saipan in the Marianas Group, 15 June 1944. After a tank of his platoon had been loaded on the port side of an LCM, causing a dangerous list to the vessel, Private First Class Nations promptly volunteered to accompany other members of the crew to the starboard in a valiant attempt to upright the craft and prevent it from capsizing before reaching shore. Assuming an exposed position on the lighter's gunwale despite a fierce barrage of hostile mortar and artillery fire emanating from the beach, he steadfastly continued his determined efforts until a hostile shell struck the vessel, setting it afire and instantly killing the crew on the starboard side of the lighter. His daring initiative, great personal valor and cool courage in the face of grave peril reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Nations and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr SMC, sent to father of the late PFC Nations, Mr A. Nations via reg mail, 12-4-45 by direction of the Comdt, New Orleans, La. For the President,
Nations' address is: c/o Gen Artemus S. Gates
el, Whistler, Ala.
B--Detroit, Michigan
B--Brookhaven, Mississippi
Secretary of the Navy.
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Serial 54922
Signed _____

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MEDARDO R. NAVARRO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Company Runner of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 8 March 1945. Undaunted by hostile fire, Private First Class Navarro voluntarily preceded our tanks and, guiding them by hand and arm signals, enabled them to advance over a rough road and hazardous terrain without bogging down before reaching the front line. Standing in front of the tanks, he skillfully directed the fire of our guns against the enemy and, when it became difficult to point out well-camouflaged targets, exposed himself to further hazards by climbing onto the tanks to continue directing the destruction of Japanese positions and emplacements. By his initiative and courage, Private First Class Navarro upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--San Bernardino, Calif.,
B--Mesa, Ariz.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 12283
Signed OCT 6 1947

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PLATOON SERGEANT BERT R. NAVE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Sergeant in a Medium Tank Platoon, of Company C, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 1 August 1944. When his tank was destroyed by antitank projectiles during an attack against enemy artillery fire, Platoon Sergeant Nave changed to another tank and, although wounded, continued the assault. Wounded again when his second tank was destroyed, he again refused medical aid, took up his position in another tank and pressed home his attack through an enemy minefield. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Nave and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Salt Lake City, Utah.
B--Twin Falls, Idaho.

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Appd SofN 9-27-45
Serial 032096
Signed SEP 4 1946

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PETER P. NAVISKY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Gunner, serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 13 April 1945. During an advance through a fiercely defended sector, Private First Class Navisky resolutely engaged in a bitter duel with two enemy machine guns only thirty yards away and, although all supporting riflemen had been killed or wounded in this advance, refused to withdraw to safety. At times kneeling by his gun, he hurled grenades into the hostile emplacements until the guns were silenced. Mortally wounded in this engagement, Private First Class Navisky, by his courageous determination, had provided effective support for the difficult advance of his company. His valiant devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Old Orchard Beach, Maine,
B..Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

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Signed _____

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CAPTAIN ARTHUR H. NAYLOR, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. After coming under intense mortar and machine-gun fire from well-concealed positions at the base of Mount Suribachi, Captain Naylor led his company in a determined attack and, courageously proceeding forward in his zone of action, spotted hostile strong points and directed fire upon these positions. Coolly walking among his men, guiding and coordinating the attack, he supervised his company in the complete destruction of all enemy resistance. By his initiative and tactical skill, he contributed materially to the success of the Battalion's mission, and his unswerving devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Port Jervis, N.Y.
B..Port Jervis, N.Y.

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Spot Award
Serial 002194
Signed MAR 21 1944

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

MASTER TECHNICAL SERGEANT RALPH B. NEAL, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Ninth Defense Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, as a volunteer tank radio gunner in action against enemy Japanese forces on New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in July 1943. After completing an important repair assignment on the radios of a tank platoon preparing to participate in the operations to capture Munda Airfield, Master Technical Sergeant Neal, observing that one tank was about to go into combat without a radio gunner, unhesitatingly volunteered for this duty although he had never had experience in firing a machine gun or riding in a tank. During the ensuing action against firmly entrenched hostile forces, he prevented the destruction of a tank by shooting down one of the enemy who was attempting to plant a grenade upon it. Master Technical Sergeant Neal's courageous and skillful service throughout four hazardous sorties against the enemy was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B..Mankato, Minn. 11-29-20

R..Hayward, Calif.

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Serial 1456
Signed APR 11 1947

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. NEALON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, attached to Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 May 1945. Courageously leading his platoon in a successful night assault upon the fiercely fighting Japanese entrenched on Sugar Loaf Hill, Second Lieutenant Nealon attained his objective and, fearlessly directing the fire of his men against an enemy platoon forming for counterattack, succeeded in repelling the abortive attempt to recapture the strategic ground. Ignoring multiple wounds, he immediately set up a defensive line on the forward slope of the hill, continually exposing himself to redeploy his men who, inspired by his heroic efforts, stopped numerous fanatic attempts to penetrate our lines during the night. Second Lieutenant Nealon's aggressive leadership and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R-- Scranton, Pa.
B-- " "

SSw/pom cit ltr fr CMC forwarded to mother, Mrs. Ann C. Nealon, via registered mail, on 28 May 1947, by Cmdr, NB, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Appd SofN 1-4-45
Serial 004313
Signed MAR 22 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

CORPORAL JOHN R. NEE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Agaña River area, Guam, Marianas Islands, on the night of 1 August 1944. With his squad pinned down in their mortar pit by heavy enemy small arms fire during an attack by hostile night raiders, Corporal Nee observed two Japanese armed with grenades advancing toward the gun pit under cover of sniper fire and, unhesitatingly leaving the cover of his position and exposing himself to the concentrated barrage, succeeded in killing the advancing enemy and the two snipers with his rifle. Despite serious wounds received during the action which subsequently proved fatal, Corporal Nee, by his daring initiative and gallant fortitude, saved the lives of the entrapped Marines, and his valiant devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Madison, Wisconsin
B--Richland Center, Wisconsin

SSM & perm.cit. & ltr.fr. CMC pres'd on 16 May 1945 by OinC, USMCDRI&RS, POBldg, 517 E.Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee 2, Wis. to Mrs. Lucy P. Nee, mother of the late Corp. Nee, USMCR with appropriate ceremony at City Hall, Council Chambers, Madison, Wis.

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. NEEF,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 4 March 1945. When his company attained its objective late in the afternoon and then failed to make contact with the unit of the left, First Sergeant Neef moved through enemy fire although previously wounded twice and succeeded in locating the right flank of the adjacent unit. Receiving multiple shrapnel wounds at this time, he returned to the Company Command Post and, imparting his valuable information to the one remaining officer in the company, directed the filling of the gap and reported to the Battalion Command Post before seeking medical aid. His courageous determination, fortitude and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Texardana, Ark.
B-Texardana, Ark.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed

The President of the United States ~~takes pleasure~~
in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL, to

CORPORAL HOMER M. NEELLEY, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 13 March 1945. Braving hand grenades thrown from defiladed hostile positions, Corporal Neelley led his squad to within fifteen yards of an enemy six-inch gun during his company's attack on a Japanese strong point. Firing a rocket launcher at the enemy positions with unsuccessful results, he crawled fifty yards to a friendly tank in the rear and, courageously guiding the vehicle to a commanding ridge in the face of heavy hostile fire, directed the fire of the tank on the targets by means of rifle bursts. By his courageous initiative and determination, he contributed materially to the destruction of the Japanese emplacement and enabled his squad to advance. His devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Houston, Texas
B--Houston, Texas

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award
Serial 781
Signed AUG 5 1943

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

MAJOR CHARLES M. NEES, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as forward observer for the Fifth Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, supporting the First Marine Raider Battalion in defense of Lunga Ridge, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, against enemy Japanese forces on September 13-14, 1942. During a determined attempt of the enemy to seize the Guadalcanal airport, Major Nees, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, took over an observation post a few feet from the front line. Exposed on all sides to the terrific fire from enemy machine guns and mortars, as well as exploding hand grenades, Major Nees dauntlessly remained at his post from midnight on through eight critical and grueling hours, directing the fire of his battalion so effectively that the hostile attack was disrupted and all attempts to dislodge the marines were repulsed with heavy Japanese losses. By his fine technical skill and bravery above and beyond the call of duty, he enabled the infantry units to maintain their position and contributed to the brilliant success of the engagement."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

~~NOTE: Portions of citations underlined in red ink should be deleted when published. This is in order to maintain the confidential status of the specific portions underlined.~~

R - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
B 1 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Signed OCT 6 1947

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

SECOND LIEUTENANT DONALD F. NEFF,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company A, Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian Island, 10 July 1944. Carrying out his assigned mission, Second Lieutenant Neff led his three man night patrol on a hydrographic reconnaissance to a landing beach and, swimming ashore armed with only a knife, observed enemy activity. Determined to complete his primary objective and find an exit from the beach, he instructed his unarmed men to remain on the shore line and, braving possible ambush, proceeded inland alone and found a footpath over which friendly troops landing on a beach could advance. After accomplishing his mission, Second Lieutenant Neff returned to his men and guided the patrol back to their battalion. His leadership, perseverance, and fortitude in fulfilling an important assignment reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Neff and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Long Island, N. Y.,
B--Rochester, N. Y.

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Serial 0398
Signed SEP 19 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

CORPORAL MACK C. NEFF,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Bazooka Man serving with the Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 19 September 1944. Advancing with his company over strongly fortified, hazardous terrain in the face of intense enemy fire, Corporal Neff courageously exposed himself to further peril in proceeding forward of his company on repeated occasions to fire bazooka and rifle grenade fire into expertly concealed Japanese pillboxes and machine-gun emplacements. By his heroic determination, he contributed materially to the destruction of many hostile positions before he was mortally wounded. Corporal Neff's indomitable fighting spirit and selfless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R..Pageton, W.Va.
B..Thorpe, W.Va.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres 2-1-46 by CO, USNAS, Bunker Hill, Indiana, to mother, Mrs. Zolla Roark, (b) (6)

(b) (6) Informal pres at home.

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The President of the United States takes pleasure
in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SAMUEL J. NEFF,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Battery A, Second 155-mm. Howitzer Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. When one of the howitzers of his battery sustained a direct hit from hostile counterbattery fire and a raging fire in the ammunition pit ensued, Private First Class Neff boldly ran to a bulldozer and, although the area was still undergoing heavy shelling, proceeded to push dirt over the burning ammunition. Cool and determined, he continued his efforts until the intense heat and dense smoke rendered him unconscious. By his daring initiative, courage and determination, Private First Class Neff aided materially in preventing the spread of a fire which threatened the loss of the entire battery, and his devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cisne, Ill.,
B--Cisne, Ill.

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The President of the United States takes pleasure
in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROY C. NEGUS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 9 March 1945. When the commissioned and non-commissioned officers of his platoon had become casualties, Private First Class Negus assumed command of his unit. Although the nature of the terrain made it necessary to contact each man individually and the platoon's lines were under extremely heavy mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire, he went to each man, explained his plan of action and arranged for the continuation of the attack. Leading his platoon in the attack over terrain which offered no cover or concealment, Private First Class Negus spurred his men to secure the assigned objective. By his bold initiative and exemplary leadership, he contributed materially to the successful completion of his company's mission, and his courageous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R Springville, Calif.
B Porterville, Calif.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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HEADQUARTERS, USAFISPA
APO #502

GENERAL ORDERS

NO 516

AWARD (POSTHUMOUS) OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM K. NEILL, USMCR.,

"For gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 20 July 1943. Despite heavy enemy fire he pushed forward aggressively to overcome hostile resistance and capture an enemy position well in advance of adjacent units. In doing so First Lieutenant Neill sacrificed his life."

By Command of Lieutenant General Harmon:

A. J. BARNETT,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

M. B. KENDRICK,
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

R..Clifton, Arizona.
B..Bakersfield, California.

Official copy.

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Signed _____

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CORPORAL DONALD R. NEILSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 15 May 1945. Although stunned by an enemy shell and ordered to the rear during an attack against a heavily-defended enemy ridge in the Naha-Shuri sector, Corporal Neilson unhesitatingly assumed command when his Platoon Leader became a casualty and, effecting an immediate reorganization, continued to lead his men in the completion of the assigned mission. When his platoon again suffered severe casualties and the men became badly shaken two days later, he succeeded in restoring their confidence and in organizing an efficient fighting team, demonstrating outstanding coolness and bravery under fire until severely wounded. His indomitable fighting spirit, fortitude and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

B - Neenah, Wis.
R - Neenah, Wis.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-pmb

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FMFPac.
SPOT
SER. 79496

The President of the United States takes pleasure
in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES J. NELSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as a Platoon Leader of Company C, First Tank Bat-
talion, First Marine Division, in action against
enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands,
17 June 1945. Observing, while leading an advance
against heavy Japanese opposition, a wounded offi-
cer lying in an exposed position forward of friend-
ly lines and subjected to heavy enemy sniper fire
which rendered friendly troops unable to approach
him, First Lieutenant Nelson unhesitatingly dis-
mounted from his tank and, crawling through heavy
hostile fire to the wounded man, carried him back
to the tank. Then, continuing his advance, he
skillfully sought out and destroyed with his tank
several strong enemy positions, thereby enabling
the advance to continue. His outstanding courage
and devotion to duty were in keeping with the high-
est traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Pittsburgh, Pa.,
B--Pittsburgh, Pa.

Secretary of the Navy.

357089
DGP-298-rf

Spot Award
Serial 777
Signed AUG 17 1943

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE EARL W. NELSON, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

The *Released*
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with ~~Company B, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division~~, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, October 9, 1942. While his company was under heavy fire from hostile mortar and machine guns in a wooded draw west of the Matanikau River, Private Nelson, with cool courage and utter disregard for his own personal safety, voluntarily crawled to the vicinity of the enemy position and threw two hand grenades into a Japanese machine-gun emplacement. His heroic conduct, performed at great personal risk in the face of grave danger, contributed materially to the reduction of enemy fire from that sector."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Bridgeport, Connecticut

B - Adams, Massachusetts.

SILVER STAR (Army) - Awarded by dispatch April 27, 1942. Filed on case 1740-55-65. Service at Ph. Is.

The following is a copy of a copy of a recommendation attached to Fitness Reports dated 31 March 1942 and received in this office August 1942.

HEADQUARTERS
First Battalion, Fourth Marines.

28 March, 1942.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commanding Officer, Fourth Marines.
Subject: Recommendations for award of Silver Star.

1. On 25 March, 1942, when the barracks of the 92nd Coast Artillery (PS) were set on fire by a hostile bombing attack the below named officers and enlisted men, without regard for personal danger and while hostile planes were overhead, on their own initiative, outstandingly assisted in getting the fire under control thus preventing complete destruction of buildings and defense installations in the area. The explosion of small arms and other ammunition stored in the area greatly increased the hazardous fire fighting operations.

FANTONE, John S.		First Lieutenant, USMC
GALAYAG, Cesar G. B.	(Not a member of the Marine Corps)	Second Lieut., PA
LINVILLE, Bert S.	223548	Platoon Sergeant, USMC
WILLIAMS, Everett S.	278917	Sergeant, USMC
BAUM, Benjamin G.	265672	Corporal, USMC
PETERSEN, Melvin W.	273460	Corporal, USMC
FARNER, Robert P.	273003	Private First Class, USMC
HOOPS, James L.	290269	Private First Class, USMC
LAKE, Donald E.	271842	Private First Class, USMC
NELSON, George B.	279899	Private First Class, USMC
SWAHN, Berkley R.	279837	Private First Class, USMC

2. On 25 March, 1942, when the barracks of the 92nd Coast Artillery (PS) were set on fire by a hostile bombing attack Captain Paul A. Brown, U.S.M.C.R., without regard for personal danger and while hostile planes were overhead, directed members of his company in getting the fire under control thus preventing complete destruction of buildings and defense installations in the area. The explosion of small arms and other ammunition stored in the area greatly increased the hazardous fire fighting operations.

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Serial 234
SPOT

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

FIRST SERGEANT JACK I. NELSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Gun Captain, serving with the Marine Detachment on board the U.S.S. VINCENNES, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the Battle of Savo Island, on the night of 8-9 August 1942. When enemy gunfire struck his ship and disabled the controlling director of his gun during this surface engagement, First Sergeant Nelson continued to fire in local control in the ensuing action. Despite serious chest wounds and the loss of eight of his eleven-man gun crew, he administered first aid to other wounded men, personally placing life jackets on two of his shipmates and lowering them over the side of the sinking VINCENNES. His cool courage, indomitable determination and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Washington, D. C.,
B--Aragon, Ga.

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F
FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 45501

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

SECOND LIEUTENANT KENNETH S. NELSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 28 February 1945. When his Company Commander was mortally wounded during an intense hostile mortar barrage upon the company's night position, Second Lieutenant Nelson immediately assumed command of the company and, braving fire from the enemy attempting to infiltrate through a gap on his left flank, reorganized his men and re-established contact on the flank before the Japanese could infiltrate in force. By his courage and initiative, he prevented the enemy from penetrating his lines at a time when such an infiltration would have been costly to the organization of the entire Regimental front. His leadership, initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Nelson and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bagley, Minn.,
B--Bagley, Nimm.

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DGP-298-lfg

CincPac
Appd SofN 1-25-45
Serial 12623
Signed AUG 3 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

CAPTAIN LOREEN A. O. NELSON, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while in Command of a 75-mm. Self-Propelled Gun attached to the Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 8 July 1944. Valiantly participating in initial landing operations on Saipan in the face of terrific enemy fire, Captain Nelson rendered gallant service during the occupation of this strategically important island. While his unit was advancing to support an attack on 8 July, he moved forward on reconnaissance and, locating a pocket of hostile resistance, attacked with one of his gun squads, capturing and evacuating ten Japanese prisoners. Proceeding forward to point out a large center of resistance to the supporting infantry and his company commander, he was seriously wounded by small arms fire from a hostile emplacement but continued to issue orders for the control of his unit until he was evacuated. By his unwavering devotion to duty and aggressive determination despite heavy enemy opposition, Captain Nelson contributed materially to the success of this vital campaign. His courageous conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ Artemus L. Gates

Secretary of the Navy.
Acting

R..San Diego, Calif.
B..San Francisco, Calif.

SSM, perm cit. ltr fr CMC pres by OinC, Denver, Colo.,
10-10-45 to the widow of the late Capt. Nelson, Mrs. Nelson,

(b) (6)

910903
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 79496
Signed _____

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CORPORAL LOUIS V. NELSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 9 May 1945. When his unit was subjected to intense hostile small-arms and mortar fire after gaining its objective on a ridge, Corporal Nelson immediately ordered the members of his squad to withdraw to a defiladed position and, covering their retreat with effective machine-gun fire, succeeded in destroying two enemy machine-gun positions and continued to fire his gun until severely wounded. By his courageous initiative, Corporal Nelson contributed materially to the success of his platoon in regaining its position, and his unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Broadwater, Nebr.

B..Broadwater, Nebr.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT W. NELSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters and Service Company, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November 1943. Skilled and aggressive during fierce combat against a deeply entrenched enemy in the central sector of Betio Island, Private First Class Nelson fought furiously and without rest throughout three days and nights of bitter offensive action, contributing materially to the success of his unit in wiping out many Japanese emplacements. On one occasion, he boldly proceeded to the gun port of a hostile strong point and, despite the enemy's incessant shellfire, destroyed the entrenchment with well-placed demolitions and grenade fire, then entered the area and killed the remaining personnel. Again risking his life in a subsequent engagement, he fearlessly exposed himself to withering hostile fire to gain an advantageous position for covering the advance of a companion to the entrance of an enemy-held position. His daring initiative, great personal valor and tireless devotion to the completion of each perilous mission served as an inspiration to our troops and reflect the highest credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--De Kalb, Ill.,
B--De Kalb, Ill.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award, 1942.
Serial 18
Signed MAR 18 1943

The President of the United States takes pleasure
in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT W. NELSON, U.S.M.C., *Reserve*
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Release

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on August 29, 1942. When fires were started in the regimental munitions dump, Staff Sergeant Nelson, unhesitatingly and with utter disregard of flying shell fragments from exploding ammunition, approached dangerously close in order to assist in fighting and controlling fires. His courageous action in a critical situation was instrumental in reducing to a minimum the damage inflicted by the enemy, and in saving much valuable equipment and badly needed ammunition."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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R...Bayshore, New York.

B...Bayshore, New York.

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DGP-298-lfg

CincPac
Appd SofN 2-1-45
Serial 0232
Signed - JUL 10 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM NELSON, USMCR,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. Despite the isolation of his position which prevented the delivery of additional ammunition for his machine gun, Private First Class Nelson maintained his station steadfastly in the face of repeated enemy attacks. When the ammunition for his machine gun was expended, he used grenades and his pistol to repulse the enemy until help could arrive. By his unwavering devotion to duty and heroic action, Private First Class Nelson prevented a serious enemy penetration of our lines, and his personal valor was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Moline, Ill.
B..Moline, Ill.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd by Dist. Marine Officer, Great Lakes, Ill, Z 15-45, to the widow of the late PFC Nelson, Mrs. William Nelson, (b) (6)
Inf pres.

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DGP-298-cbh

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Cincpac
AppdSofN 9-27-45
Serial 35209
Signed JUL 9 1946

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE WILLIAM E. NELSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Squad Leader with Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during operations against Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 1 March 1945. When his company's advance was stopped by savage machine-gun fire from two hostile pillboxes in the front, Private Nelson boldly moved forward across open terrain toward the fiercely defended enemy emplacements, successfully destroying the first with hand grenades. Having expended all his ammunition, he collected Japanese hand grenades and proceeded with unrelenting determination to demolish the second pillbox. Fatally wounded under the vicious enemy fire, Private Nelson by his extreme courage had destroyed two hostile pillboxes and seven of the enemy, enabling his company to advance and reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to the
prnst of the late Pvt. Nelson, Mr. & Mrs. For the President,
Herbert E. Nelson, (b) (6)
Nebr., at an informal ceremony at their home on 30 Oct 46 by the Oinc, USMC DHRS,
Omaha, Nebr.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Acting Secretary of the Navy.

R--Omaha, Nebraska.
B--Omaha, Nebraska.

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DGP-298-flm

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ComSoPac
SPOT
Serial 00761
Signed OCT 6 1947

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE WILLIAM T. NELSON, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of an Ammunition Loading Detail of Company C, Third Motor Transport Battalion, Service Troops, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Empress Augusta Bay Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 7 and 8 November 1943. Forced by Japanese machine-gun fire to take cover in an enemy slit trench after landing on the beach, Private Nelson left his position to reconnoiter in the direction of the enemy barrage. Locating a hostile pillbox which was delivering enfilade fire on the beach, he worked his way to the rear and, with the aid of another Marine, rushed the Japanese emplacement and killed its occupants. Private Nelson's courageous initiative, cool judgment and indomitable fighting spirit throughout the mission contributed materially to the success of our operations in this area and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Arlington, Cal.
B--Torrance, Cal.

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DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 48904
Signed _____

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CORPORAL WALDEMAR A. NEUDECK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Fire Group in a Rifle Platoon of Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 February 1945. When Corporal Neudeck's company was temporarily prevented from moving forward across an airfield due to extremely heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, two wounded Marines were left in front of the lines of one of the assault platoons. Voluntarily leaving the safety of his shell hole, Corporal Neudeck braved the enemy fire and succeeded in carrying each man to a place of safety, thereby undoubtedly saving his comrades' lives. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
B--Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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AW-298-1na

Spot Award, 1943
Serial 00192
Signed APR 2 1943

The President of the United States takes pleasure
in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CAPTAIN ROBERT P. NEUFFER, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
a member of the First Marine Raider Battalion, during
action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal,
Solomon Islands, on the night of October 8, 1942. When
the positions of the Marines along the Matanikau River
were fiercely attacked by the enemy, Captain Neuffer,
demonstrating exceptional leadership and initiative,
successfully withdrew his company, with the exception
of one platoon which was cut off by the Japanese. Estab-
lishing a secondary defensive position, intact in the
darkness of the jungle, he was able to withstand the
enemy assault for the remainder of the night and, by
so doing, to secure the right flank of the battalion
and hasten the eventual destruction of a stubborn and
persistent foe."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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not be given either
verbally or in writing
to any person without
the permission of the
officer in charge of the
Decorations and Medals
Division.~~

R...Hempstead, New York.

B...Richmond Hill, New York.

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DGP-298-he

Spot Award
Serial 00317
Signed AUG 26 1944

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

SECOND LIEUTENANT CLAUDE O. NEUGENT, USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as Assistant Regimental Intelligence Officer attached to the First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in the landing at Cape Torokina, Bougainville Island, on November 1, 1943. Completely disregarding his own personal safety, Second Lieutenant Neugent skillfully carried out an extremely dangerous reconnaissance assignment in the rear of the Japanese lines, discovering their positions, routes of escape and ammunition dumps, and subsequently made his hazardous way back to the Sector Command Post to report on the invaluable information he had gathered. Later volunteering to execute several highly important missions under intense fire, he courageously led various units into position, located groups of the enemy and guided attacks against them. Second Lieutenant Neugent's splendid initiative and valiant devotion to duty throughout this period of vital offensive operations were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y.
B-Cloverport, Ky.

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DGP-298-lfg

CincPac
Appd SofN 2-15-45
Serial 1528
Signed AUG 18 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

GUNNERY SERGEANT OSCAR E. NEUMANN, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 20 June 1944. Following a terrific night explosion which set ablaze an ammunition dump, Gunnery Sergeant Neumann realized that the spreading fire would soon ignite large stores of dynamite, TNT, mortar and artillery demolitions and, calling for volunteers, unhesitatingly entered the danger area where he worked desperately to isolate the menacing flames and supervise the fire-fighting detail until mortally wounded by a second tremendous explosion. Gunnery Sergeant Neumann's heroic efforts and fearless courage in the face of imminent peril and his ^{un}faltering devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

BBN, pers cit, ltr fr ONC pres by Maj. Edw. the President,
R. Marquardt, USMC, Farragut, Idaho,
12-24-46 to the parents of the late GySgt
Neumann, Mr and Mrs Paul Neumann at
Poplar, Montana. Inf pres.

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Poplar, Montana
B--Poplar, Montana

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DGP-298-lfg

CincPac
Appd SofN 2-15-45
Serial 1514
Signed 9-4-45

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

SECOND LIEUTENANT OSCAR D. NEUNDORFER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Second Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 20 June 1944. Following a terrific night explosion which set ablaze an ammunition dump, Second Lieutenant Neundorfer realized that the spreading fire would soon ignite large stores of dynamite, TNT, mortar and artillery demolitions and, calling for troops, unhesitatingly led them into the danger area where he worked desperately to isolate the menacing flames and supervise the fire-fighting detail until mortally wounded by a second tremendous explosion. Second Lieutenant Neundorfer's fearless courage in the face of imminent peril, his outstanding initiative and splendid leadership throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

SS. perm cit. ltr fr. CMC pres.
1-28-46 by Comdt. 12th ND, San Francisco, Calif. to the widow of the late Second Lieut. Neundorfer, Mrs. Oscar D. Neundorfer.

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Informal pres. at office

Secretary of the Navy.

(b) (6)

R--Droesbeck, Texas
B--Droesbeck, Texas

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DGP-298-lfg

CincPac
Appd SofN 1-26-45
Serial 12628
Signed JUL 30 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

CORPORAL ROBERT E. NEWBURY, USMC,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Machine Gun Squad serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, 8 July 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Corporal Newbury rendered valiant service throughout the invasion and occupation of this strategically important island and, by his technical skill and inspiring conduct, contributed materially to the success of a vital campaign. On 8 July 1944, he voluntarily advanced alone under heavy enemy rifle fire to a point just forward of the company's front lines to rescue some wounded Marines and was killed in his heroic attempt. His self-sacrificing spirit and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Newbury and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSM, pers cit, ltr fr CMC were transmitted to the residence of the late Corp Newbury ; Mr and Mrs Thomas W. Newbury, via reg. mail by the CO, Boston, Mass., on 10-19-45. Inf pres, formal pres declined by parents.

1st Artemus S. Gates
Secretary of the Navy.
Acting

R--Fall River, Mass.
B--Fall River, Mass.

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Cincpac
App. SofN 2-22-45
Serial 1479
Signed SEP 4 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE THOMAS J. NEWCOMER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 22 June 1944. Unhesitatingly taking command when his squad leader became a casualty, Private Newcomer valiantly led his men against firmly entrenched positions and, despite relentless fire from Japanese guns, succeeded in annihilating the enemy and capturing their machine gun. Subsequently leading his force as a point for the platoon, he personally killed seven of the enemy, thereby making it possible for the remainder of the company to reach its objective. By his daring initiative and intrepid leadership, Private Newcomer contributed essentially to the success of our vital mission on this strategically important island, and his cool courage and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Philadelphia, Pa.
B..Philadelphia, Pa.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by the Comdt., Phila, Pa.,
11-30-45 to the parents of the late Pvt Newcomer, Mr. and
Mrs. Vernon Newcomer, Phila, Pa. App pres.

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DGP-298-bz

Spot Award
Serial 0853 *Com Sec. Alt*
Signed OCT 9 1944

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANK R. NEWELL, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on December 27-28, 1943. While his unit was engaged in vigorous combat with the enemy, Private First Class Newell unhesitatingly volunteered to proceed to a point where hostile machine guns were heavily concentrated and, courageously advancing to the hazardous area, made a report on Japanese positions. Later, when his squad leader was wounded by hostile fire, he skillfully assumed command, maintaining effective communication with his commanding officer and coordinating his squad with others despite the intensity of hostile opposition. Private First Class Newell's daring initiative and selfless devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Millstone, New Jersey.
B - Bound Brook, New Jersey.

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1stCTFPac Spot Ser. 0405
Signed FEB 10 1948

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

FIRST LIEUTENANT WALTER M. NEWLAND,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Marine Fighting Squadron FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO, while on board the U.S.S. FRANKLIN, during operations against enemy Japanese forces near Kobe, Japan, 19 March 1945. When the carrier was hit by an enemy bomb and rocked by the explosion of her own ordnance, First Lieutenant Newland immediately organized and led parties into numerous hot magazines to remove and jettison live ammunition, and then fought raging fires in the face of further enemy air attacks. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Emporia, Kan.
b Ehanute, "

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 04293
Signed _____

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KENNETH D. NEWTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery M, Fourth Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 28 April 1945. In the face of heavy sniper and machine-gun fire, Private First Class Newton went to the aid of three wounded men who were on the forward slope of a fiercely contested ridge. Aided by another Marine, he carried two of the wounded men to cover on the reverse side of the slope and, returning in full view of a considerable number of hostile forces on an adjoining ridge, carried the third casualty nearly two hundred yards to safety. By his initiative and cool courage, he assisted in saving the lives of these three men, and his unselfish devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Los Angeles, Calif.
B--Bosworth, Mo.

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DGP-298-eln

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Spot Award
Serial 0735
Signed MAR 20 1945

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

SERGEANT JAMES J. NICHOLL, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Section Leader of a Machine Gun Platoon in Company D, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Hill 150, Cape Gloucester, Western New Britain on 6 January 1944. When a carrier returned to inform the command post that a stretcher party of six carriers and an injured Marine were ambushed and all the carriers wounded, Sergeant Nicholl voluntarily organized and led four Marines and a hospital corpsman to the scene of the ambush and, calm and efficient in the face of enemy fire, personally directed the removal of the wounded. The heroic initiative and fearless conduct displayed by Sergeant Nicholl in the rescue of seven companions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Queens Village, New York.
B--New York, New York.

274717
DGP-298-eln

Cincpac
App. SofN 2-22-45
Serial 1130
Signed SEP 4 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PLATOON SERGEANT JERRY NICHOLS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader serving with the Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 24 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Platoon Sergeant Nichols rendered vallant service during the initial operations on this strategically important enemy stronghold. When two skillfully sighted enemy machine guns blocked the advance of our forces, he volunteered for a patrol to destroy the guns and during the first attempt was seriously wounded by hostile rifle fire. Refusing evacuation after receiving first aid, Platoon Sergeant Nichols led another patrol and succeeded in completing the extremely hazardous mission, thereby contributing materially to the ultimate success of this vital campaign. His determined initiative and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Denver, Colo.

B--Dawson Springs, Ky.

275001
DGP-298-cln

Spot Award
Serial 00317
Signed JUL 29 1944

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PLATOON SERGEANT ROBERT T. NICHOLS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as a scout of the Regimental Intelligence Section of the Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in the landing at Cape Torokina, Bougainville Island, on November 1, 1943. Although his boat was continually subjected to intense hostile machine-gun fire and had been struck by thirty to forty bullets during the approach to the beach, Platoon Sergeant Nichols unhesitatingly stood up in the boat in order to locate the source of the fire and accurately direct his boat guns against the enemy. Subsequently, overhearing the Sector Commander express concern for the front line units and the difficulties imposed by a large gap existing between the battalion and its left flank force, he voluntarily set out alone on an extremely dangerous reconnaissance mission, penetrating deep into hostile territory to discover the extent of Japanese activities, and, despite persistent enemy fire, made his way back to the Command Post to report on the invaluable information he had gathered. Platoon Sergeant Nichols's splendid initiative and vallant devotion to duty throughout this period of vital offensive operations were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.”

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Sturgeon, Penn.
B... ” ”

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DGP-298-gjd

Cincpac Serial 909.
Approved SofN.
5-24-43.
Signed AUG 20 1943

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE THOMAS F. NICKEL, U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion during an attack against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, on August 7, 1942. In the face of hostile machine-gun fire, Private Nickel, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, worked his way forward until he was close enough to the enemy position to engage it with hand grenades. Although he, himself, was mortally wounded, his squad was able to advance without further casualties. His tenacious devotion to duty and great personal valor were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the defense of his country."

For the President,

Relieved
FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Lansing, Michigan.

B - Lansing, Michigan. 7-18-1921.

449981
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F
CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

The President of the United States takes pleasure
in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE WARD V. NICKELL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 22 November 1943. With his company pinned down by shattering machine-gun and rifle fire emanating from a Japanese blockhouse inland from the beach during fierce hostilities on D-Day, Private Nickell immediately seized his demolition kit and boldly advanced to a shell hole within fifteen yards of the enemy. Charging forward on four separate occasions, he launched his aggressive attacks from the entrance of the emplacement, relentlessly hurling his demolition charges until the strong point was put out of action. When an observation plane flew over later that same day and dropped a message bag containing photographs of the island between our lines and the Japanese, he voluntarily braved concentrated hostile shellfire to retrieve the vital information from an area perilously near heavily fortified enemy positions. By his daring initiative, unflinching perseverance and courageous action at great personal risk, Private Nickell contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Macy, Ind.,
B--Rochester, Ind.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

283854
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Serial 0647
Signed _____

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CORPORAL HARRY H. W. NIEHOFF,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines (Engineer), Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. With his platoon pinned down for a fifty-hour period by shattering fire from a heavily fortified hostile pillbox during a bitter engagement with the fanatic Japanese, Corporal Niehoff boldly pressed forward with his unit in a relentless, determined attack and, fighting furiously against the enemy's fierce resistance, assisted in destroying the strong point with well-placed demolition charges. Volunteering for an extremely dangerous mission in a later action, he fearlessly carried demolitions and supplies through concentrated shellfire to flame throwers operating deep in hostile territory. By his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and cool courage in the face of grave peril, Corporal Niehoff contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this strategic island, and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Portland, Ore.,
B--Portland, Ore.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

08596
DGP-298-ebg

FMFPac Spot Ser. 9468
Signed _____

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CAPTAIN CARL A. NIELSEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Second Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on the night of 20 June 1944. When an explosion occurred in an ammunition dump spreading flames through the area, Captain Nielsen entered the dump despite the danger of further explosion and reorganized the fire fighting group. Directing them in their efforts to combat the threatening blaze, he attempted to isolate the fire until a second explosion killed his party and rendered him unconscious. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..San Diego, Calif.
B..Janesville, Iowa

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DGP-298-egc

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CincPac
Serial 1817
Appd SofN 3-8-45
Signed NOV 13 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting
the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT S. NIESE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of the Regimental Quartermaster Section serving with the Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 and 16 June 1944. Sent with a detail to unload gear on the pier at Charan-Kanoa, Private First Class Niese acted on his own initiative in countering the efforts of the enemy to regain the pier, promptly causing a machine gun to be broken out and set in order to open fire on Japanese troops. When heavy hostile shellfire forced the evacuation of the pier, he voluntarily remained with a man wounded while withdrawing, fearlessly rendering first aid despite the continued fire of the enemy. While helping to prepare his regiment's section of the beach for a counterattack, Private First Class Niese daringly carried machine guns into position and set them up under fierce hostile fire. In the performance of this hazardous duty, he sustained a mortal wound to which he succumbed after being evacuated aboard ship. His outstanding courage and inspiring devotion to duty throughout this critical period were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Ottawa, Ohio
B--Lespsic, Ohio

SSN, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CincC, Cleveland, Ohio, 12-16-45 to the mother of the late PFC Niese, Mrs Agnes A. Niese, (b) (6) Form pres at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Lima, O.

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App. SofN 8-13-45
Serial 031115
Signed MAR 14 1946

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

CORPORAL OWEN D. NILSEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of an Advanced Reconnaissance Team serving with the Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces off the coast of Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 17 February 1945. Assigned the hazardous mission of obtaining information concerning landing beaches and shore installations, Corporal Nilsen unhesitatingly set about the task in the face of withering barrages of hostile artillery and automatic weapons fire and, boldly carrying out the reconnaissance despite grave hazards, succeeded in gaining valuable data and information of the landing beaches which aided materially in saving the lives of other Marines during the assault landing. By his determined perseverance, cool courage and outstanding ability, Corporal Nilsen contributed immeasurably to the success of his team in the fulfillment of an important mission and his unswerving devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Springfield, N.Y.

B--Brooklyn, N.Y.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Appd SofN 4-19-45
Signed NOV 13 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH NINHAM, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 19 June 1944. Observing his platoon leader struck down by a devastating blast of hostile fire during a bitter fire fight waged against deeply entrenched hostile troops, Private First Class Ninham unhesitatingly risked his life to proceed to the dangerously exposed position where the officer lay helpless and, making a valiant attempt to evacuate the wounded man, was himself instantly killed by a merciless burst of Japanese machine-gun fire while carrying out his voluntary mission. By his daring initiative, resolute determination and aggressive fighting spirit during a period of fierce hostilities, Private First Class Ninham contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital Japanese stronghold, and his undaunted courage and self-sacrificing conduct on behalf of another upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..West De Pere, Wisconsin

B..Gresham, Wisconsin

SSM w/perm cit ltr fr CMC pres to mother, Mrs. Ellen N. Aaron, at special meeting of Wm. Heesaker Post #230 of American Legion at De Pere, Wisconsin, on 4Mar46, by Lt. Col. James E. Mills, CO, USMC, MB, USNTC, Great Lakes, Illinois. Reporters and photographers present, publicity in local and Greenbay, Wisc. newspapers.

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SPOT
Serial 0851
Signed JUL 21 1947

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE S. NIXON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Assault Line Artillery Observer, attached to the Fourth Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on 9 and 10 January 1944. Braving savage Japanese sniper, machine-gun, and mortar bursts, First Lieutenant Nixon accurately spotted the enemy's fire within fifty yards of his position on the assault line and immediately directed a rapid and continuous artillery bombardment against the hostile position. Subsequently exposing himself to heavy fire during a series of five fierce counterattacks by a battalion of the Japanese, he directed close-in artillery support against the hostile forces and, by his fearless determination and skill during a critical phase of the action, insured the security of our hastily established defense line. First Lieutenant Nixon's valiant and aggressive leadership and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Stockton, California
B..Burlingame, California

No correspondence received.

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CincPac
Serial 902
Appd SofN 2-23-45
Signed SEP 4 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting
the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH NOEL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 3 July 1944. Fighting with determined aggressiveness, Private First Class Noel boldly exposed himself to relentless Japanese fire, repeatedly employing flame thrower and demolitions in order to neutralize the enemy's position and, with his teammate, accounting for more than one hundred and fifty Japanese casualties. While advancing on another hostile strong point on 3 July, Private First Class Noel was mortally wounded. By his daring initiative and outstanding courage, he contributed essentially to the success of our mission throughout a long and hazardous period on Saipan, and his heroic devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

SSM, pers cit, ltr fr CMC, pres by the CO, E.L. Pryor, Dallas, Tex 10-18-45 to the step-mother of the late PFC Noel, 306 West Day St., Denison, Tex. Request that the decorations be pres the step-mother was made by the father of the late PFC Noel. Inf pres.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Denison, Texas
E--Boonville, Mo.

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DGP 298 Navy rmh

PacFoc Spot Ser. 00437
Signed DEC 26 1947

The President of the United States takes pleasure
in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN E. NOLAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Company I, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Finegan, Guam, Marianas Islands, on 3 August 1944. Advancing alone in an effort to wipe out an enemy road block delaying the advance of his platoon, Private First Class Nolan dashed the distance of fifty yards up the open road in the face of heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire to attack the enemy position with his automatic rifle and succeeded in annihilating four Japanese. Despite a wound sustained in this action, he refused medical aid until the position was completely destroyed. His skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. Lake Forest, Ill.
B. Highland Park, Ill.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial-00315
ComSoPac
Signed AUG 20 1946

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH S. NOLAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company B, First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Keromekina River Area, Bougainville, British Solomon Islands, 7 November 1943. With units of his company unable to maintain adequate contact or to advance through the dense undergrowth rapidly enough to take advantage of barrages fired in preparation for the attack, First Lieutenant Nolan boldly rushed forward within view of the enemy and, calling out the location of the Japanese positions, ordered his unit to charge the hostile defenses. Although he was wounded almost instantly, he had inspired his men to accelerate their advance, close with the enemy and destroy them before their reinforcements could reach the defensive position. By his fearless leadership, daring initiative and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave danger, First Lieutenant Nolan contributed materially to the success of our operations against the ruthless and fanatic enemy on Bougainville, and his courageous conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Manhasset, L. I., New York.
B--Brooklyn, New York.

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Signed.....

FEB 13 1946

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE K. NOONAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 9 May 1945. Volunteering to reduce an enemy machine gun position which had been causing heavy casualties and holding up the advance of his company, Private First Class Noonan dashed seventy-five yards through intense hostile machine-gun fire and, placing a demolition charge in the mouth of the cave protecting the enemy position, completely demolished the Japanese emplacement. His daring initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Oakland Beach, Rhode Island
B-Providence, " "

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP 298 Navy FBB

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Signed _____

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting a SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CAPTAIN ROBERT J. NOONAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company E, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 1 June 1945. Leading his company in an attack against a strong enemy force entrenched on commanding ground and heavily armed with mortars, grenade launchers and automatic weapons, Captain Noonan skillfully directed the efforts of his company and utilized the fire of his machine guns and mortars with great effect. When an enemy platoon attempted to turn the flank of his company, he supervised the movement and fire of a machine gun section which killed or wounded all of the enemy. His courage, leadership and steadfast devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Captain Noonan and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Portland, Me.
B- Lynn, Mass.
5 Nov 1919

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

Send Medal

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App. SofN 3-24-44
Serial 919
Signed JUN 16 1944

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PLATOON SERGEANT BASIL NORMAN, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Third Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, November 20, 1943. Landing with his unit in the first wave, Platoon Sergeant Norman observed an enemy antiboat gun of heavy caliber furiously blasting our landing boats and inflicting heavy casualties. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he advanced on the enemy weapon in the face of intense rifle fire and, reaching grenade range, quickly silenced the Japanese gun. Boldly continuing his attack on the enemy, he was killed by a Japanese sniper while neutralizing a hostile machine-gun nest. Platoon Sergeant Norman, by his extreme bravery and indomitable fighting spirit, enabled the waves following to land with a greater degree of safety and made possible the capture of a section of the beach by his unit. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Ojai, Calif.
B..San Francisco, Calif.

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SPOT
Serial 48443
Signed JAN 26 1948

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

SERGEANT RALPH D. NORQUIST,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company G, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. Taking command of the rifle platoon to which his machine gun section was attached after the platoon leader and platoon sergeant became casualties, Sergeant Norquist led his riflemen and attached tanks across open, fire-swept terrain and, eliminating a strongly fortified position, inflicted several casualties among the enemy. Later in the day although wounded by shrapnel, he refused evacuation and constantly checked his lines to insure their security. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Norquist and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Chippewa, Wisc.,
B..Thief River Falls, Minn.

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CinCPac
Appd SofN 2-28-46
Serial 52944
Signed JUNE 13 1947

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE GEORGE V. NORRIS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Assistant Operator of a Rocket Launcher of Company G, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 22 May 1945. Boldly advancing under heavy enemy fire to an exposed position in front of the lines, Private Norris and his gunner launched their rockets effectively upon encaved hostile machine guns. Quick to act when his companion was wounded, Private Norris gallantly carried his gunner back to the lines and unhesitatingly returned to his original position. Operating his rocket launcher alone, he blasted furiously at hostile entrenchments for more than an hour, thereby enabling his unit to take its objective with a minimum loss of personnel. His courage, initiative and valiant fighting spirit reflect the highest credit upon Private Norris and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..St. Petersburg, Florida
B..Chadbourne, North Carolina

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. pres'd to Mr. Ted Norris, father of the late PFC. George V. Norris on 24Jul47 by CO.
Delivered with congratulations.

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Serial 8631
Signed _____

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CAPTAIN ROYAL E. NORTH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Plans and Training Officer of the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 2 August 1944. Despite heavy fire from enemy machine guns and hand grenades, and when attacked from the rear by approximately one hundred and fifty of the enemy, Captain North organized and deployed the personnel of his Command Post as an assault unit. When Marine tanks came to the aid of the beleaguered post, he braved intense hostile machine-gun fire to make personal contact with the tanks and direct their fire. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Captain North and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Belzoni, Miss.
B- Vicksburg, Miss.

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Spot Ser. 61804
Signed MAR 11 1946

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CAPTAIN KIRT W. NORTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company G, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands 11 May 1945. Continually exposing himself to hostile fire, Captain Norton courageously led his troops in an attack against a strong hostile force entrenched on Dakeshi Ridge, heavily-armed with mortars, grenade dischargers and automatic weapons. Personally directing the efforts of his company, he contributed greatly to the successful completion of this attack by his battalion. By his bravery, leadership and devotion to duty throughout, Captain Norton upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Easley, So. C.

B-Pickens, So. C.
9 Oct 1916

Citation only

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 100461
Signed MAR 1 1948

The President of the United States takes pleasure
in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ADOLPH W. NOVELLO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 13 March 1945. When his Squad Leader became a casualty and his squad was pinned down by intense sniper and automatic weapons fire from Japanese pillboxes, Private First Class Novello assumed command, reorganized his squad and made a personal reconnaissance of his sector of advance. Locating two enemy pillboxes despite the intense hostile fire, he personally destroyed one by throwing a hand grenade through the port and then directed his men in the destruction of the second. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Chicago, Ill.,
B--Chicago, Ill.

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP 298 Navy tgw

Signed
CincPac Spot Serial 0647

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

SERGEANT WALTER H. NOWAK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. Embarked on an amphibian tractor which was immobilized and set afire a hundred yards offshore during the initial assault on D-Day, Sergeant Nowak, immediately after abandoning the stricken craft, found a seriously wounded infantryman who had been thrown from the vehicle when the shell struck. Despite the extreme danger, he braved the enemy's concentrated shellfire to administer first aid to the wounded Marine and fearlessly swam with him through the treacherous fire-swept waters for more than an hour in a valiant effort to save his life. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and grave concern for the safety of another at great personal risk, Sergeant Nowak served as an inspiration to others in the area and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Buffalo, N.Y.
B..Buffalo, N.Y.

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DGP-298-eln

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App. SofN 1-4-45
Serial 004218
Signed APR 18 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT E. NOWAKOWSKI, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Reinforced, First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 27 July 1944. When his squad was pinned down by heavy enemy machine-gun fire, Private First Class Nowakowski voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety moved up to close a gap between his unit and the supporting tanks and, by his own intense, accurate fire, put a hostile machine gun out of action and enabled his squad to continue its attack. Then, observing a squad member who was wounded, he unhesitatingly crawled out under fierce enemy fire to his assistance, succeeded in rendering aid and was dragging the Marine to safety when he himself was killed by a sniper. Private First Class Nowakowski's splendid initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and unselfish efforts on behalf of another were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Chicago, Illinois.
B-- " "

SSM, perm.cit. & ltr fr GMC pres'd 10 June 1945 by OinC, CPD, 753 U.S.Court
E 225 S.Clark St., Chicago, Ill. to the parents of the late PFC. Nowakowski
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nowakowski, (b) (6)
Winchester Ave. Chicago with Am

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEONARD F. NOYES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. With a platoon attached to an adjacent company attempting to land in a heavily mined sector of the beach, Private First Class Noyes fearlessly risked his life to warn the Platoon Leader of the danger. Leaving his station in the landing craft, he successively swam and waded for a distance of fifteen hundred yards to the imperiled unit under the enemy's incessant shellfire, despite extreme exhaustion, courageously directed them to an area free of mines. By his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and grave concern for the safety of others in the face of tremendous odds, Private First Class Noyes contributed to the probable saving of many lives and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Firebaugh, California

B--Madera, California

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Signed SEP 26 1946

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT T. NOYES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Rifle Group Leader of a platoon of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against the enemy on Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 27 February 1945. When his platoon was halted in its advance by an enemy bunker between the platoon and its objective, Private First Class Noyes voluntarily braved the heavy fire from the bunker and additional hostile fire which was being received from other points, went forward alone to launch a single-handed assault on the Japanese position, and personally neutralized the position with rifle fire and hand grenades, killing all of the enemy occupants. His heroic act enabled his platoon to advance to its objective, and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Augusta, Maine,
B..Augusta, Maine.

SSM w/perm cit & CMC ltr presented informally to the prnts of the late PFC. Noyes, Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin H. Noyes at their home on 3Jan47 by the CO, USNAS, Brunswick, Me. Publicity given.

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Signed JAN 22 1948

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD C. NUTTING,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 to 17 June 1944. After his battalion landed under fire on 15 and 16 June, Lieutenant Colonel Nutting braved artillery, mortar and small-arms fire to reorganize his command and to fill a gap between a regiment and the element on its right. Then establishing himself in a front-line observation post, he directed the defense of his sector during the enemy tank and infantry counterattack of 17 June, thereby contributing directly to the repulse of the counterattack in that sector and to the destruction of many of the enemy. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Lieutenant Colonel Nutting and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Kellogg, Idaho.,
B..Goodman, Mo.

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App. SofN 1-25-45
Serial 12688
Signed 8-18-45

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HARRY W. NYEGAARD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Wireman serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Group, on 19 June 1944. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Nyegaard crossed and recrossed the area between the company to which he was laying a line and the battalion command post to obtain sufficient wire. Although the company was pinned down by fierce, intense Japanese mortar, machine-gun and small-arms fire, he courageously continued to carry out his vital tasks until mortally wounded while splicing the wire. Private First Class Nyegaard's fearless determination and tenacious devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Bellville, New Jersey.
B..Passaic, N.J.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd by CO, New York, N.Y., 10-2-45, to the parents of the late PFC Nyegaard, Mr. & Mrs. Harry J. Nyegaard, 329 Main St., Belleville, N.J. Inf pres by CO, 1stLt Johnston Robinson Jr., MCR.