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Awards of the Silver Star . . . . . Section III.

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III. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provision of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

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JOHN J. OAKES, (354624), Private First Class, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands. He made repeated trips through areas covered by severe hostile machine-gun and sniper fire to deliver messages to the battalion command post, and to carry rations to an isolated portion of his company on 9 July 1943. Home address: 7 Chester Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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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 ... Cambridge, Massachusetts.
B ... Amherst, Massachusetts.

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Signed----------

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALFRED J. O'BANION,
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 E, Second Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. When the advance of his platoon was halted by heavily fortified enemy positions, Private First Class O'Banion led tanks into the lines and, directing their fire by hand and arm signals, assisted directly in knocking out two enemy pillboxes, thereby allowing his platoon to advance. Although wounded by hostile mortar fire during the action, he refused evacuation until he had aided in removing another wounded man to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class O'Banion and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Beaver, La.
B½Beaver, La.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

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Serial 44965
Signed_____

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

PLATOON SERGEANT AUGUSTINE H. OBERG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. When intense fire from an enemy machine gun nest held up the advance of his platoon, Platoon Sergeant Oberg unhesitatingly rushed directly toward the hostile position and, by the use of accurate rifle fire and hand grenades, succeeded in destroying it. His bold initiative and courage were important factors in the successful advance of his company, and his devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--N. San Diego, Calif.,
B--Pala, Calif.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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App SofN 5-25-43
Signed SEP 24 1943

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

PLATOON SERGEANT CHESTER T. O'BRIEN? UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS?

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Reinforced, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, January 24, 1943. When his platoon leader became a casualty, Platoon Sergeant O'Brien immediately assumed command and afforded his men inspiring leadership while tirelessly combating a numerically superior force. With utter disregard for his own safety, he courageously led his men in a determined attack against a strong hostile position in a deep, heavily wooded ravine and, although greatly outnumbered, he succeeded in destroying two machine-gun emplacements before he was killed in action. His valiant devotion to duty contributed to decreasing the effectiveness of enemy resistance in this sector and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life fighting for his country.

For the President,

/s/ FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Geneva, New York

B - Lyons, New York, 8-1-1897

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Serial 35728
Signed SEP 17 1946

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

PLATOON SERGEANT RAYMOND F. O'BRIEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine Gun Section Leader serving with Company E, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. With his company halted by severe enemy fire of all types, Platoon Sergeant O'Brien made a daring forward reconnaissance to locate positions for his machine guns for the ensuing attack and determine probable enemy fields of fire. Attacked by machine-gun fire from an unknown position on his left flank, he returned to his unit, called for a demolitions man and again advanced. Under intense fire, Platoon Sergeant O'Brien and his companion crawled the last twenty yards to the Japanese pillbox and set off two charges, destroying the pillbox and killing the occupants. While covering the withdrawal of the demolitions man, Platoon Sergeant O'Brien was fatally wounded by hostile fire. His heroic self-sacrifice and cool courage throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

BSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to prnts of the late PlSgt. O'Brien, Mr.&Mrs. James L. O'Brien, on 13Nov46 by the OinC, USMC DHRS, Boston, Mass.

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Dedham, Massachusetts
B--Norwood, Massachusetts

08456
DGP 298 Navy FBB

CincPac Spot Ser 0647
Signed_____

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

CAPTAIN ROBERT F. O'BRIEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company L, Third Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November 1943. Courageously leading his men ashore in the face of heavy enemy antiboat, machine-gun and sniper fire, Captain O'Brien promptly reorganized his company and, completely disregarding his own personal safety, greatly assisted in holding a shallow beachhead throughout the night. The following morning, under intense, persistent hostile machine-gun and mortar fire, he skillfully directed an aggressive, determined attack on the south beach of the island and contributed materially to the seizure of a vital beachhead of sufficient size to enable the Division to land reinforcements and supplies. Captain O'Brien's inspiring leadership, expert tactical ability and indomitable fighting spirit during this extremely hazardous period were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Arlington, Mass.
B- Bostan, Mass.
23 Nov. 1918

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed..... FEB 10 1948

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WARREN J. O'BRIEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Intelligence Scout of the Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Volunteering to guide a platoon of medium tanks into the front lines, Private First Class O'Brien courageously exposed himself to enemy fire by riding on the outside of one of the tanks in order to have unobstructed vision and, directing fire on an enemy stronghold impeding the advance of the company, contributed materially to the destruction of the hostile position. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class O'Brien and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Los Angeles, Calif.
B.--Albuquerque, New Mexico 4April1925

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Signed 11-13-45

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

CAPTAIN WILLIAM D. O'BRIEN, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Reef Transfer Officer attached to the Third Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Asan Beach, Guam, Marianas Group, on 22 July 1944. When a mortar shell exploded near his foxhole killing one man and wounding two others during the landing and occupation of the strongly defended beachhead, Captain O'Brien immediately left his shelter and skillfully administered first aid to the wounded and, fearing that the lack of professional medical care might prove fatal to the casualties, defied the withering mortar fire to search for a hospital corpsman. Finding a corpsman after advancing fifty yards along the fire-swept beach, he fearlessly directed him to the casualties and, when emergency treatment had been given, kept vigil until the wounded were evacuated at dawn. By his cool courage, resolute fortitude and valiant devotion to duty in the face of grave peril, Captain O'Brien upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

SS,perm cit, ltrfr CMC pres by CinC, Albany, N.Y. pres 1-4-46 to the father of the late Capt O'Brien, Mr James F. O'Brien, Sr., (b) (6)
Inf pres.

R--Cohoes, N.Y.
B--Albany, N. Y.

O'BRIEN, John P., Jr., Pl.Sgt. 218757

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

The following information is taken from a Fitness Report dated 31 March, 1942 and received in Decorations and Medals August 1942.

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HEADQUARTERS
First Battalion, Fourth Marines

3 April, 1942.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commanding Officer, Fourth Marines.

Subject: Recommendation for awards of Silver Star.

1. It is recommended that favorable consideration be given to the award of the Silver Star to the below named officer and enlisted men.

2. On 25 March, 1942, during the course of a heavy bombing attack of Fort Mills, P.I., a large number of bombs fell on the Kindley Field area setting fire to the 92nd C.A.C. barracks and the wooded area in the vicinity of the 92nd C.A.C. garage. The below named officer and enlisted men, without regard for personal safety and while enemy planes were operating overhead, succeeded in getting under control a fire which threatened to destroy a fuel storage tank as well as numerous defense installations in that area. This action was rendered more hazardous by the explosion of small caliber ammunition and land mines in the immediate vicinity of the fire fighting.

MANNING, Alan S.		First Lieutenant
COOLEY, Richard	230833	Supply Sergeant
O'BRIEN, John P., Jr.	218757	Platoon Sergeant
KENNEY, Richard D.	277741	Sergeant
BUNN, Evan F.	278783	Private First Class
FREE, Edward G.	301430	Private First Class

CURTIS T. BEECHER

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R.....Mobile, Alabama.
B.....Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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Spot Award, 1943
Serial 083
Signed MAY 16 1943

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT EUGENE A. O'CONNOR,
U. S. MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

Released

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity aboard the U.S.S. HORNET while that vessel was under tremendous aerial attack by enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of the Santa Cruz Islands on October 26, 1942. Although seriously wounded by an exploding bomb and unable to walk, Gunnery Sergeant O'Connor, with utter disregard for his injured condition, directed the repair of his badly crippled battery and effectively controlled the fire of his undamaged guns throughout the duration of the action. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Los Angeles, California.

B..Los Angeles, California.

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Serial 32395
Signed FEB 1 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES J. O'CONNOR,
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, Twenty-Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the seizure of Iwo Jima, in the Volcano Islands, on 17 March 1945. When his platoon was held up by a devastating rain of fire from mutually supporting hostile gun installations, Private First Class O'Connor fearlessly made his way over extremely difficult terrain in an effort to neutralize the fanatic resistance and, taking position on the high, open ground, boldly exposed himself to deadly sniper and machine-gun fire as he initiated a determined one-man assault. Directing the searing fire of his flame thrower against the stubborn enemy position, he pressed the attack with furious aggressiveness and succeeded in destroying the Japanese strong point before he fell, mortally wounded by hostile gunfire. An indomitable fighter, Private First Class O'Connor, by his dauntless courage and cool decision in the face of tremendous odds, inspired his troops to continue their relentless advance, and his resolute conduct throughout 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--Stayton, Oregon,
B--Good Thunder, Minnesota.

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CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed___

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

CAPTAIN HAROLD L. ODOM,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company K, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November 1943. Landing on the beach under intense enemy mortar, antiboat and machine-gun fire, Captain Odom promptly reorganized the remaining elements of his company and established a portion of the east sector. Courageously and with expert technical skill, he personally directed the demolition of several Japanese emplacements, including a cement blockhouse which was holding up the advance of the entire Battalion line and, although temporarily blinded when one of the positions exploded, continued his heroic command until the enemy force was driven to the eastern end of the airstrip. Captain Odom's inspiring leadership and dauntless fighting spirit in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Baton Rouge, La.
B--Many, La.

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Serial 0716 Com Sec 7th
Signed AUG 5 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN J. O'DONNELL, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the First Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain Island, January 3, 1944. When our forces were pinned down by a vicious counterattack by Japanese machine guns and small arms after crossing a stream in the southeast section of the beachhead, First Lieutenant O'Donnell boldly pressed forward with an antitank gun in support of advancing infantry and, braving a steady hail of intense hostile fire, moved his weapon to the opposite bank of the stream with the aid of block and tackle, immediately opening fire and effectively silencing enemy snipers in that section. As dusk approached, he moved his gun to an elevated location in front of our lines, maintaining a defensive position throughout the night. First Lieutenant O'Donnell's valiant fighting spirit, daring aggressiveness and unswerving 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--Mount Vernon, N.Y.
B-- " " " "

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8/24/44

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Signed_____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM C. O'DONNELL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Headquarters and Service Company, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 15 March 1945. Placed in command of a platoon of a provisional company and assigned to fill a dangerous gap in the regimental lines, Second Lieutenant O'Donnell located the position during darkness, established contact with the adjacent battalion and deployed his platoon on the rough terrain under intense enemy rifle machine-gun fire. When his positions were immediately attacked by hostile forces and subjected to fierce grenade and rifle fire, he moved from place to place leading his unit in repelling the violent attacks and holding the important positions. His indomitable fighting spirit, courageous leadership and unswerving 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- Northampton, Mass.

B-~~1~~Northampton, Mass.
7 June 1918

Citation only

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Serial 12278
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM M. OESTERREICHER,
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 a Tank Crew of Company B, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 17 June 1944. Courageous and resourceful, Private First Class Oesterreicher participated in a tank assault upon three enemy dual-purpose gun emplacements, and with great skill and determination, assisted in destroying two of the positions and in crippling the other. Although his tank received several hits, he remained at his post and blazed away at the enemy until the equipment in his tank's turret caught fire and he was ordered by his tank commander to abandon the vehicle. Under hostile rifle fire, he fought back at the enemy with sidearms throughout the dangerous five hundred yard trip to our lines. His perseverance, gallant fighting spirit and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Oesterreicher and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--St. Louis, Missouri.
B--Chicago, Illinois.

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Signed_____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT TILLMAN T. OGDAHL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Marine Rifle Platoon of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands on 12 May 1945. When his platoon was taken under heavy machine-gun fire from well-concealed hostile emplacements, while deploying for an assault on strongly defended enemy positions, Second Lieutenant Ogdahl quickly directed the withdrawal of his platoon to protective cover and, after requesting support by tanks, proceeded alone in the face of continuing hostile fire to a position from which he could observe probable locations of enemy emplacements. When the tanks arrived, he personally led themfforward on foot, pointing out hostile emplacements and directing the fire of the tanks until these positions were reduced. Although seriously wounded in the course of this action, Second Lieutenant Ogdahl contributed materially to the success of his forces in destroying a Japanese strong point. His able leadership, courage and aggressive spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Salem, Oregon.,
B--Glenwood, Minn.

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APO #502

5 December 1943.

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Awards of the Silver Star . . . . . Section 111.

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111. AWARDS 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 awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

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STANLEY F. OGRODNIK, JR., (290468), Corporal, United States Marine Corps for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, while leading his squad under heavy fire in repeated assaults upon hostile strong points during which two enemy machine-gun crews were eliminated on 8 July 1943, and numerous casualties were inflicted on the enemy on 20 July 1943. Home address: Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

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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 ... Plymouth, Pennsylvania.
B ... Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

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App. Sof N. 5-28-43
Signed JUL 15 1943

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

MAJOR JAMES S. O'HALLORAN, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Battery F, Third Defense Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, from August 7 to December 18, 1942 and from December 18, 1942, to January 4, 1943, of the 90mm. Group (AA), during operations against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. Throughout this period, Major O'Halloran conducted the fire of his battery with such skill, courage and effectiveness that nine Japanese bombers were shot down and five more probably destroyed, while damage to the airport was held to a minimum. His fearlessness and unyielding devotion to duty contributed greatly to the success of the Third Defense Battalion in holding and maintaining operations from Henderson Field, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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 - North Adams, Massachusetts.

B - North Adams, Massachusetts.

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Serial 00814
Signed NOV 7 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WARREN T. O'HARA, JR., USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of a Machine Gun Squad serving with the Third Marine Division during the landing attack at Cape Torokina, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1943. When his squad's concerted fire, directed at the entrance to a Japanese bunker, proved ineffective, Private First Class O'Hara unhesitatingly charged directly at the bunker and mounted its roof. While subjected to fire from nearby enemy rifle pits, he boldly used his bayonet to cut a hole in the roof and, quickly dropping a hand grenade through the opening, enabled his comrades to enter and capture the hostile emplacement from its stunned occupants. The splendid initiative and great personal valor displayed by Private First Class O'Hara on this occasion were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--New Kensington, Pa.
B-- " "

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

CAPTAIN EDWARD M. O'HERRON, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Headquarters Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 26 February to 23 March 1945. After serving efficiently as Battalion Supply Officer until 4 March, Captain O'Herron replaced a company commander who had become a casualty. When his Battalion moved forward in the assault on 12 March, he remained in the front lines under heavy small-arms, mortar and grenade fire and, constantly exposing himself to enemy fire, personally led his men in the attack, thereby contributing to the reduction of a difficult salient which had been holding up the advance. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Captain O'Herron and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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R--Charlotte, N. C.,
B--Baltimore, Md.

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Signed_____

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

CORPORAL LOUIS A. OHLSEN,
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 of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 9 March 1945. Serving as Assistant Squad Leader when the Squad Leader was killed, Corporal Ohlsen assumed command and, when the company to which the squad was attached was pinned down by heavy hostile machine-gun fire coming from an enemy pillbox to the front, rushed forward alone under intense hostile fire and assaulted the emplacement with hand grenades until close enough to place effective flame-thrower fire upon it, thereby destroying six of the enemy and enabling the company to continue its advance. His outstanding 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- Belvidere, Ill.
B- Detroit, Mich
12 March 1922

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Signed_____

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

CAPTAIN JAMES PATRICK O'LAUGHLIN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company I, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 5 May 1945. Crossing a valley which was constantly subjected to a devastating enemy mortar and machine-gun barrage, Captain O'Laughlin directed his company in an attack against a strongly-defended hostile ridge which was holding up the advance of our troops and, although wounded, refused evacuation and continued to direct operations throughout the extremely hazardous hours of ceaseless combat until the objective was secured. By his grim determination and brilliant leadership, Captain O'Laughlin contributed materially to the success of our operations in this area. His 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--Wawhington, D.C.
B--Washington, D.C.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FORREST A. OLDENBURG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 11 October 1944. Vigilantly standing watch when an enemy grenade was thrown into his squad's position during an attempted infiltration by the Japanese through the defensive sector which he was guarding, Private First Class Oldenburg unhesitatingly picked up the grenade and attempted to throw it back at the enemy. Although painfully wounded by the grenade as it exploded in the air, he steadfastly refused evacuation and continued to stand watch until ordered to the rear by his Platoon Leader. By his heroic action, he saved the other members of his squad from possible injury or death. 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..Chicago, Ill.

B..Chicago, Ill.

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Serial 45501
Signed----------

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN S. OLDFIELD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, Thirteenth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 February 1945. When his Battalion came under intense mortar and artillery fire during an enemy counterattack, Lieutenant Colonel Oldfield left his command post to visit the Battalion howitzer positions and, remaining there despite intense hostile barrages, directed his howitzer crews in delivering rapid and accurate fire against the Japanese, thereby contributing to the success of our forces in repelling the counterattack. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Lieutenant Colonel Oldfield and the United States Naval Service."

R-Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
B- Oklamhoma City, Oklahoma

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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Awards (Posthumous) of the Silver Star:. II

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II. AWARDS (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 the following-named Officer and Enlisted Men:

PHILIP A. OLDHAM, Second Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action at Enogai, New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 9 July 1943. Rather than call for volunteers to attack three machine guns that were blocking an advance on an enemy position with vicious cross-fire, he crawled forward alone and wiped out one of the guns and its crew. Lieutenant Oldham's bold act drew fire immediately and he was killed by a burst from antother gun. His courage and self-sacrifice so infused his men with fierce determination that within a half hour after his death all of the guns retarding the advance had been knocked out of action. Next of Kin: Mrs. G. C. Oldhamd, Mother, 32 Meadow Place, Rye, New York.

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By command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICI L:

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

R-- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
B-- New Haven, Connecticut

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CincPac
Appd SofN 1-18-45
Serial 12615
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL FRANK W. OLDROYD, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader serving with the Second Battalion, Twentieth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during the invasion of enemy Japanese-held Saipan, Marianas Islands, in June 1944. Mortally wounded as he led his squad to the beach under the continuous pounding of terrific Japanese mortar fire, Corporal Oldroyd directed his men to more advantageous positions and tenaciously continued to perform his duties with courageous determination in the face of the enemy's fanatic opposition until he succumbed to his wounds. Corporal Oldroyd's indomitable fighting spirit, resolute fortitude and unwavering devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

/s/ JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Philadelphia, Pa.
B-- " "

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SSM. Permoit, pres'd on 25 June 1945 at a parade at the MB., Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa. to the parents of the late Corp. Oldroyd, Mr. & Mrs. Oldroyd, (b) (6) [redacted] Pres'd at formal ceremony.

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Cincpac
AppdSofN 3-4-46
Serial 1460 MAY 26 1947
Signed_____

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

PRIVATE JOHN A. O'LEARY, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Runner in a platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16 May 1945. With the organization of his platoon weakened when the leader and all non-commissioned officers were struck down and additional heavy casualties sustained during the attack on heavily defended enemy positions, Private O'Leary promptly assumed command and, boldly moving among his comrades despite the tremendous volume of hostile fire, reinvigorated the unit as an effective fighting force. Determined to smash all resistance, he led his fellow Marines with skill and courage in the seizure and occupation of the objective, effecting the annihilation of approximately ninety Japanese and the capture of enemy machine and antitank guns. Holding indomitably against two hostile counterattacks which followed, Private O'Leary continued to direct and encourage his men, and to evacuate the wounded from the field of combat as he waged a furious battle which resulted in the final repulsion of the counterattacks with heavy casualties inflicted upon the enemy. Struck down during the last stages of the action, Private O'Leary, by his unfaltering leadership and bold combat tactics in the face of savage opposition, had contributed essentially to the success of his company's operations against this vital outpost of the Japanese Empire, and his sustained fighting spirit throughout a critical situation 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--Lawrence, Massachusetts.
B--Lawrence, Massachusetts.

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CincPac Spot Ser. 01489
Signed FEB 27 1948

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANK OLECHNOWSKI,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Grenadier of Company K, Third Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during the initial assault on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 20 November 1943. Landing on the beachhead in the face of intense enemy fire, Private First Class Olechnowski sought cover in a near-by shell hole and, observing an approaching enemy tank firing on waves of landing craft, abandoned his fox hole and moved forward into an advantageous position to fire his grenade. Undaunted by heavy hostile fire from an adjacent beach, he coolly fired his rifle grenade into the side of the tank, disabling it and causing it to swerve into the water and sink. His courage and devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Olechnowski and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Belle Vernon, Pa.

B..Belle Vernon, Pa.

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DGP-298-rkz

FMF, Pac
SPOT
Serial 44965
Signed SEP 13 1946

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES E. OLEWINE,
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, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. Carrying out his duties with skill and courage throughout this hazardous operation, Second Lieutenant Olewine led a bold and aggressive attack against a hostile six-inch coastal defense gun position and, refusing to leave his men in order to receive medical treatment for painful mortar fragment wounds sustained in both legs during the furious action, remained with the platoon until it was relieved from the lines and placed in tactical support. Later that night, with his unit again ordered into the line to reinforce an insecure sector, Second Lieutenant Olewine skillfully executed this dangerous night displacement and, fighting a brisk skirmish with a large group of infiltrating Japanese, succeeded in reducing the threat of enemy penetration of our front defenses. His fearless leadership, indomitable spirit and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave danger were decisive factors in the advance of his platoon against the ruthless and fanatic Japanese, and his courageous conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Olewine and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Santa Monica, California.
B--Evanston, Illinois.

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DGP-298-mvm

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SPOT
Serial 41635
Signed_____

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT JOHN C. OLIVER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Platoon Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 3 March 1945. With his company facing heavy enemy machine-gun and mortar fire from strongly fortified positions, Gunnery Sergeant Oliver maneuvered part of his platoon to place covering fire on an emplacement to his front and, despite heavy fire from hostile positions on both flanks, courageously led the remainder of his men forward, thereby destroying the fortification which contained two heavy machine-guns, a mortar and several Japanese riflemen. Although his Platoon Sergeant and two Squad Leaders were wounded and units on his right and left failed to move up abreast of his men, he reorganized his platoon under heavy enemy mortar fire and, by his leadership, enabled his men to hold the ground they had won. 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--Gloucester, Mass.
B--Gloucester, Mass.

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DGP-298-tes

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 8062

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

SERGEANT MARTIN L. OLIVER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 31 July 1944. When his Platoon Leader was killed and several men wounded in front of our lines, Sergeant Oliver exposed himself to heavy hostile sniper and machine-gun fire in order to bring the wounded men to safety. When it seemed impossible to remove the remaining two men because of the intense enemy fire, he worked his way out and succeeded in bringing the men to our lines. His skill, 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..Greenwood, Ark.

B..Greenwood, Ark.

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Serial 5278
Signed AUG 4 1947

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

CAPTAIN WILLIAM P. OLIVER, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Battery K, Fourth Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the Saipan and Tinian operations in the Marianas Islands. Landing on Saipan, 15 June 1944 soon after the infantry, Captain Oliver made an early reconnaissance to select a battery position and, when the selected position received heavy counter-battery fire, he emplaced his guns and delivered accurate fire despite extremely adverse conditions arising from casualties, supply and communication problems. Later appointed Operations Officer and then Executive Officer of the Battalion, Captain Oliver performed these tasks with untiring skill and energy, thereby contributing materially to the combat efficiency of the Battalion during the operations. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty throughout this vital assignment were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Cape Girardeau, Mo.
E - Cape Girardeau, Mo.

317420
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL LEONCE OLIVIER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

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, Corporal Olivier 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. Oneone 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 gronade 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Eunice, Louisana.,
B--Eunice, Louisana.

292786
DGP-298-eb

Spot Award
Serial 829
Signed AUG 27 1943

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

CORPORAL JAMES A. OLLIFF, USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with B Battery, Special Weapons Battalion, attached to the First Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese tank forces at the south of the Matanikau River, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of October 23, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety and in the face of heavy Japanese fire, Corporal Olliff steadfastly remained at his post and with the other members of his battery succeeded in keeping the anti-tank gun in action until the enemy attack was completely repulsed. His skill, tenacity, and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX
Secretary of the Navy

R - Bristol, Georgia.

B - Bristol, Georgia, 9-24-1920.

456340
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 0296-295
Signed JAN 30 1948

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

SERGEANT HERBERT O'NEAL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Commander of an Armored Amphibian of the First Armored Amphibian Battalion, First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. When his tank struck a mine and caught fire, Sergeant O'Neal opened the turret and evacuated one of the injured crew members. Despite the intense fire and exploding ammunition, he reentered the tank to evacuate the other wounded crew man and, in the face of enemy fire, proceeded to administer first aid to the injured. His initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant O'Neal and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Oakland, Calif.,

B..Harrisburg, Ark.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
CORNELIUS V. O'NEIL
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a Member of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS NEVADA (BB 36) during combat operations against the Japanese at Okinawa Shima from 25 March 1945 to 14 April 1945. Upon the arrival of the NEVADA in the combat area, it commenced executing its fire missions. The ship came under heavy bombardment from Japanese coastal defense guns and attacks by kamikaze suicide planes. During these attacks, Private First Class O'Neil, although wounded, remained at his battle station, and at the same time, aided the wounded, helped in extinguishing fires, cleared wreckage from the deck while magazines of 20mm ammunition were exploding around him, and helped place the damaged battery back in operation. As a result of these attacks, 13 personnel were killed and 65 were wounded. By his daring actions, ceaseless efforts, and loyal devotion to duty, Private First Class O'Neil reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy

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Serial 032452
Appd SofN 1-10-46
Signed MAR 3 1947

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

CORPORAL JAMES H. O'NEILL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Tank Gunner, serving with Company A, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 6 May 1945. Escaping injury when the tank in which he was serving as gunner was blown up by an enemy antitank gun, Corporal O'Neill promptly rushed to the aid of the crewmen and assisted the least seriously wounded to the safety of a covered position. Acting on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his personal safety, he then bravely crept forward of the battalion lines, despite extremely heavy machine-gun fire and continuing antitank high explosives, and cared for and guarded a seriously wounded crewman lying in a shell hole. In a gallant attempt to carry this man to safety, he was struck down by hostile fire. By his extreme bravery and unselfish concern for others, Corporal O'Neill aided materially in saving the lives of his comrades, and his courageous actions 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--Dorchester, Mass.
B--Butte, Mont.

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DGP-298-sps

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Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN JOHN T. O'NEILL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company A, Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November 1943. With his vehicle immobilized by hostile fire while leading his assault wave of amphibian tractors to his assigned sector of the beach on D-Day, Captain O'Neill fearlessly risked his life to evacuate casualties from the stricken craft to an outgoing vehicle. Boldly directing survivors to the shore where he boarded another tractor in which the entire crew had been killed, he subsequently returned across the reef with additional wounded and after transferring the men to a landing boat, reloaded his vehicle with reinforcements and was proceeding to the beach when another bursting shell disabled his craft. Although painfully wounded by shrapnel, he boarded a third tractor and dauntlessly continued to transport vitally needed troops and supplies throughout the most bitter stage of hostilities. By his daring initiative, unwavering perseverance and cool courage in the face of tremendous odds, Captain O'Neill contributed immeasurably to the success of the Tarawa Campaign and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R - West Somerville, Mass.
B - Boston, Mass.

09768
DGP-298-pam

App. SofN 3-14-44
Serial 00369
Signed MAY 29 1944

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

CAPTAIN JOHN W. O'NEILL, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while in command of a rifle platoon attached to the Third Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Piva Forks, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, on November 18 and 24, 1943. Establishing a combat outpost in advance of his battalion's front lines on November 18, Captain O'Neill fearlessly conducted the defense of his position and, during the thirty-five hours of action, he and his men destroyed thirty Japanese and obtained enemy orders and maps of great value. Participating in an attack by his battalion against a strongly entrenched hostile position on November 24, Captain O'Neill unhesitatingly advanced alone in full view of the enemy in order to reconnoiter the Japanese position. Coolly returning to his men, he ordered an attack which destroyed the enemy but was mortally wounded while leading the assault. His aggressive fighting spirit and intrepidity under fire 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 - Lakeville, Conn.
B - Madison, Wisc.

265159
DGP-298-dmr

Cincpac
SPOT
Serial 02476

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

SERGEANT THOMAS R. O'NEILL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), Fifth Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Eniwetok and Parry Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands Group, on 19, 20 and 22 February 1944. Although wounded during fierce fighting and evacuated to an aid station, Sergeant O'Neill accepted only temporary first aid and returned to his unit. In the engagement on Parry Island when all other non-commissioned officers were casualties, he assumed and efficiently performed the duties of Platoon Sergeant. By his courage and initiative, Sergeant O'Neill contributed materially to our success in these areas and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Kansas City, Mo.
B--Kansas City, Mo.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 54754
Signed DEC 22 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MARVIN E. OPATZ,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a 60-mm. Mortar Squad of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. When enemy shells began falling in the area of his weapon, Private First Class Opatz and another Marine were engaged in placing a seriously wounded Marine on a stretcher in preparation for evacuation. Remaining with the casualty despite the intense hostile fire, he realized that it was impossible to carry the wounded Marine to safety alone and, placing his body over that of the injured man to protect him from the enemy shelling, suffered severe shrapnel wounds in both legs. By his courage, resourcefulness and unselfish devotion to duty, he saved the wounded Marine's life and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Little Falls, Minn.,
B--Sauk Rapids, Minn.

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DGF-298-ebg

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ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00406-45
Signed_____

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

SERGEANT MILLMAN A. O'QUINN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 24 July 1944. Although painfully wounded by enemy mortar fire, Sergeant O'Quinn organized and led his squad, shouting words of encouragement to his men during an attack which neutralized a well-fortified hostile position. Continuing to carry on as squad leader, he sustained additional wounds which necessitated his evacuation. His courageous fighting spirit 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-Birmingham, Ala.
B-Birmingham, Ala.

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SPOT
Serial 47152
Signed_____

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

CAPTAIN DONALD H. O'ROURKE, 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-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 25 February 1945. With his company pinned down by enemy fire and seriously reduced in strength, Captain O'Rourke unhesitatingly went forward to the front lines and, although he was forced to crawl through machine-gun fire, reached a position from which he could reconnoiter, estimate the situation and evolve a plan of relief. On his return through the deadly hostile fire, he was wounded but refused to be evacuated until he could familiarize one of his officers with the plan. By his prompt actions and courage, Captain O'Rourke was responsible for extricating his company from its perilous position, and his 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--Denver, Colorado.
B--Newport News, Virginia.

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ComGenFMFPac Ser. 43550
Signed_____

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

CORPORAL WALTER F. OSBORNE, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Acting Scout Sergeant of an Arrillery Forward Observer Party of Battery G, Third Battalion, Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. Voluntarily advancing beyond the front lines to occupy a hill which provided good observation of the enemy, Corporal Osborne directed continuous and accurate rifle fire against the Japanese entrenched on the infantry objective, thereby materially assisting several squads in occupying the hostile position. During this action he was wounded and evacuated for medical treatment. His initiative, cool courage and unselfish 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-Sparta, N. C.
B-Sparta, N. C.

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Spot Award
Serial 0695
Signed Com Sec Act

OCT 9 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JEREMIAH J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Marine Division during combat with enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 10, 1944. When enemy units launched a sudden vigorous counterattack, Private First Class O'Shaughnessy immediately took over his machine gun and, despite difficult conditions created by dense jungle undergrowth, maintained a steady line of fire, effectively covering the front of his platoon. Steadfastly refusing to use his weapon for self-protection, he courageously exposed himself to enemy fire, carrying out his duties with cool and aggressive determination until fatally wounded. Private First Class O'Shaughnessy's courageous initiative and heroic spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of grave peril 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 - Dorchester, Massachusetts.
B - Dorchester, Massachusetts.

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SPOT
Serial 0296-295
Signed_____

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

WARRANT OFFICER OLIVER W. OSTMEYER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 28 July 1944. Advancing fifty yards in front of his platoon in full view of the enemy, Warrant Officer Ostmeyer contacted the commander of a friendly tank and informed him of the platoon's position. Moving back to his men, he was attacked by an enemy officer and, after being slashed across the face with a saber, killed the Japanese. His fighting spirit and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Warrant Officer Ostmeyer and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Los Angeles, Calif.
B--St. Louis, Mo.

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Approved
Serial 297
Signed AUG 11 1943

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

CORPORAL KENNETH E. OSWALD, U. S. MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action during an engagement with enemy Japanese forces at the mouth of the Matanikau River, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of October 8, 1942. Surrounded and vastly outnumbered by determined enemy forces, Corporal Oswald and five of his comrades fought desperately to hold their positions. Refusing to be dislodged from his defensive position, he finally succeeded in inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy attempting to cross the river. His great courage and indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Lamar, Colorado.

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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 56883
Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND A. OVERPECK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company I, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 3 March 1945. Discovering several enemy guns being readied for action against another Battalion which was moving up across open ground in the direct line of fire, First Lieutenant Overpeck quickly prepared his 80-mm. mortar section and led three rocket launcher teams into position about fifty yards from the hostile guns. Remaining near the rocket launchers in full view of the target, he opened fire with both mortars and rocket launchers and personally directing the attack, obtained hits on every enemy gun in the group. Although his small group was harassed by hostile riflemen, he courageously remained at his exposed position and continued to direct the fire, using his own rifle to kill two of the Japanese. By his initiative and skillful coordination, First Lieutenant Overpeck prevented the enemy gun crews from firing a single round and, in addition, was responsible for the destruction of four enemy guns, the annihilation of many Japanese soldiers and the saving of lives among our own troops. His leadership throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Emporia, Kans.

B..Joliet, Ill.

462724
DGP-298-nvw

Spot Award
Serial 0057
Signed APR 22 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS NEIL OVERTON, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Third Marine Division during the landing attack on Puruata Island, British Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1943. Serving as a member of the five-man crew on a 75 millimeter ~~self-propelled anti-tank gun~~, Private First Class Overton unhesitatingly advanced into the jungle to assist in reducing an enemy position of three strongly defended pill boxes well protected by hostile snipers. Despite the gun's limited armor protection, ~~ineffective against intense enemy fire which killed or wounded the entire crew at the adjacent gun,~~ he pressed home a vigorous attack and kept his weapon in action until the hostile stronghold was destroyed. Private First Class Overton's great personal valor and tenacious devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Jackson, Tenn.
B - Jackson, Tenn.

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL JAMES R. OWEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Squad Leader of Company B, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 26 March 1945. On 14 March when his squad was assigned the mission of clearing a hostile minefield one hundred yards in advance of friendly front lines to facilitate the movement of tanks, Corporal Owen refused to risk the lives of his entire squad and cleared the minefield himself with the aid of one other man, thereby enabling the tanks and infantry to advance and contributing materially to the defeat of the enemy. On 23 March when he encountered heavy Japanese mortar fire, which he discovered was coming from a cave, he skillfully organized and led an assault on the enemy within and, after silencing the fire, sealed the cave with demolitions. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Bayminette, Ala.

B..Bayminette, Ala.

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Spot Award
Serial 0069
Signed JUN 22 1943

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

SERGEANT HOMER L. OWENS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of Company K, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands on November 3, 1942. When the advance of his company was held up by close range fire during our assault on hostile positions at Guadalcanal, Sergeant Owens rushed forward with two other Marines to capture a 37 mm. gun. Under tremendous hostile shelling, he succeeded in destroying the gun crew and putting the weapon out of action, thereby permitting the remainder of his company to complete its objective without undue losses. His heroic conduct, maintained at great risk in the face of grave danger, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of Navy.

R- Clinton, South Carolina

B- Clinton, South Carolina.

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Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT MORRIS C. OWENS,
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, Sergeant Owens 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--Madison, Wisc.,
B--Rice Lake, Wisc.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed NOV 14 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT W. OWENS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer and subsequently as Commanding Officer of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 to 27 February 1945. Although seriously wounded during landing operations, First Lieutenant Owens aided in reorganizing his men in the face of Japanese mortar, rocket and artillery fire before permitting himself to be evacuated. Voluntarily leaving his evacuation ship six days later, he returned to his company, assumed command, and led his men in cleaning the East Boat Basin of hostile forces, subsequently deploying his units to drive the enemy from the promontory which commanded the force beachhead. Making a personal reconnaissance of the area to his front on 26 February, he established his company's defensive position, supervised the evacuation of casualties and the flow of supplies over the difficult terrain and, on the following day, continued his attack until he was again wounded and evacuated. His leadership, 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.

B--Fr eais Point, Miss.
R--Memphis, Tenn.,
Ex-USMCR

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Serial 12635
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Signed 7-30-45

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

CORPORAL GIBSON R. OXLEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fifth Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Group, 24 July 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific Japanese opposition, Corporal Oxley rendered valiant service during operations on this strategically important island and, by his technical skill and outstanding conduct contributed materially to the success of a vital campaign pointing toward further victories over the Japanese. While approaching the beach, a tractor which he was commanding was struck by another tractor coming from the beach and a fire was started in the engine compartment. Immediately, Corporal Oxley, utterly disregarding personal danger from hostile machine guns and snipers, leaped upon the cab of his tractor, warned his driver of the fire and tried to extinguish the flame, but was mortally wounded by enemy bullets. His self-sacrificing devotion to duty and heroic 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,
k/ Artemus L. Gates
Secretary of the Navy.
acting

R--Birmingham, Alabama
B-- " "

4,perm.Cit.ltr fr CMC pres'd.by OinC,USMC DHIRS, Rm. 210 Farley Bldg.,Birmingham,Alabama on 20 Aug 45 to mother of the late Corp. Oxley, Mrs. Eva L. Oxley, (b) (6) informally at home.

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Signed SEP 26 1946

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

PLATOON SERGEANT SHERMAN E. CYLER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Mortar Platoon Leader, serving with Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 4 March 1945. Determined to neutralize the terrific concentration of enemy machine-gun fire which was pouring down from the deeply entrenched emplacements of Japanese-held ridges and inflicting severe casualties upon his company, Platoon Sergeant Cyler voluntarily advanced forward of the front lines to an exposed position. Instantly wounded, he courageously remained at this hazardous post to direct accurate mortar fire upon the hostile trenches until they were silenced. Although he later succumbed to his wounds, Platoon Sergeant Cyler, by his aggressive leadership and indomitable fighting spirit, had contributed materially to his company's advance, and his heroic conduct 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 -Glendale, California,
B -Los Angeles, California.