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Serial 725
Appd SofN 2-8-45
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JOHN RACHITSKY, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Ninth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 17 June 1944. Taking command of his unit when the platoon leader was wounded and evacuated during his company's relentless advance, Platoon Sergeant Rachitsky subsequently returned to the forward squads of his platoon after directing his reserve squad in destroying a sniper's nest and, finding the advance units engaged in a bitter fire fight, daringly reconnoitered the enemy position and deployed his men in a maneuver to wipe out the hostile emplacement. Although he was fatally wounded by Japanese sniper fire during this action, many of the enemy were killed and their position destroyed as a result of his direction. By his forceful leadership, superior tactical ability and indomitable fighting spirit, Platoon Sergeant Rachitsky contributed essentially to his company's continued advance and to the ultimate conquest of this vital Japanese stronghold. His cool courage and unwavering devotion to duty throughout a period of fierce hostilities 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..Miami, Florida
B..Brooklyn, N.Y.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres on the 14Sept45 to the sister of the late PlSgt Rachitsky, Mrs. Vera Helwig, Yeagertown, Pa. pres at Marine Bks NYd Phila., Penn., also parade here.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

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

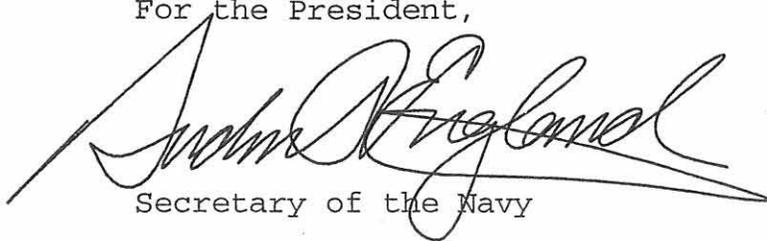
CORPORAL RAYMOND J. RACKOW
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as Squad Leader, Company E, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division during operations against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 5 July 1952. During the early morning hours, the 3d Platoon conducted a raid on a Chinese-held outpost located on a hilltop in no man's land. Corporal Rackow and his squad entered the enemy trench line and engaged the enemy soldiers. After clearing the enemy from trench line, he carried two critically wounded Marines down the hill to a place of relative safety to await evacuation. Corporal Rackow and another Marine returned to the hilltop to recover the body of a Marine who had been killed in action. After returning once again to the hilltop, which was receiving enemy mortar fire, and finding no further Marine casualties or wounded enemy soldiers he could bring back as prisoners of war, he returned to the base of the hill where he found another critically wounded Marine. Due to wounds he had received in the initial engagement with the enemy, he was unable to move the Marine. After dressing the Marine's wounds, he moved toward his unit where he found a Hospital Corpsman who he led back to the wounded Marine. By his aggressive determination, untiring efforts, and loyal devotion to duty in the face of extreme danger, Corporal Rackow 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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Spot Award.
Serial 829.
Signed AUG 27 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD A. RADIGAN, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marines, First Marine Division, during an engagement with enemy Japanese forces in the Matanikau River Area, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 5, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Radigan daringly made three successive trips to the front lines in his jeep under a hail of enemy artillery fire and evacuated wounded comrades to a place of safety. His grim determination and heroic devotion to duty in the face of grave danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Cincinnati, Ohio.

B - Cincinnati, Ohio, 2-2-1924.

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Serial 58486
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE KENNETH RADNITZER,
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 Demolitions Squad of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 9 May 1945. Volunteering with another Marine to reduce an enemy machine gun position which had been causing heavy casualties and holding up the advance of his unit, Private Radnitzer dashed seventy-five yards to the mouth of the cave protecting the Japanese position and, despite intense machine-gun fire, placed a demolition charge which resulted in the complete destruction of the enemy emplacement. By his initiative and courageous devotion to duty, Private Radnitzer contributed materially to the success of this prolonged operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Oak Park, Illinois.
E--Oak Park, Illinois.

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Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN S. RADWAY,
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 F, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. With one of his men severely wounded and lying in an open fire-swept area, Second Lieutenant Radway immediately directed his Platoon Sergeant to take charge of the unit and pressed forward alone to attempt a rescue. Boldly exposing himself to shattering machine-gun and mortar fire, he placed the helpless Marine on his shoulder and carried him to a defiladed position to administer first aid. By his daring initiative, great personal valor and grave concern for the safety of another at great personal risk, Second Lieutenant Radway contributed to the saving of a man who otherwise might have perished and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- New York, N. Y.
B- Cincinnati, Ohio

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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App. SofN 5-3-45
Serial 13031
Signed MAR 18 1946

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

SERGEANT MILTON J. RALSTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Guide serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 27 June 1944. Fighting with aggressive determination under the merciless fire of Japanese guns, Sergeant Ralston led a platoon squad in a vigorous attack against a powerfully fortified enemy strong point which had held up the advance of a battalion for two days. Reaching a point within thirty yards of the hostile emplacement and with all his men pinned down by a relentless Japanese barrage, Sergeant Ralston continuously exposed himself in order to bring effective fire on the enemy. Mortally wounded in this heroic action, Sergeant Ralston, by his superb courage and unselfish efforts, had inspired all those with whom he served, and his tenacious 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--Philadelphia, Pa.

B--

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL ROY L. RAMBERG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 28 June 1944. Assigned the mission of gaining the crest of a sharp cliff defended by well-entrenched enemy forces, Corporal Ramberg led his men up the precipice in the face of hostile grenade and rifle fire and, although wounded, refused evacuation and maneuvered his men into position to use grenades against enemy emplacements. After completing his assignment, he reorganized his squad and continued the advance until his wounds necessitated his evacuation from the lines. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Ramberg and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Chinook, Montana.,
B--Chinook, Montana.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MANUEL N. RAMIREZ,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. When his company's advance was halted by hostile mortar fire during an attack against strongly-defended hostile positions, Private First Class Ramirez courageously proceeded alone over rugged terrain in the face of heavy enemy small-arms fire and charged the Japanese emplacement. Completely surprising the enemy, he destroyed the weapon and killed its crew, following the suicide of the officer in charge, thereby enabling his company to advance and seize the objective. By his daring initiative, gallant fighting spirit and devotion to duty, Private First Class Ramirez upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Elgin, Tex.
B-Quanha, Tex.

Mrs. Ursula S. Ramos (mother),
Anderson Blake Addition,
Globe, Ariz.

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App'd SOIN 7-3-44
Serial 02295
Signed AUG 5 1944

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

CORPORAL JOE S. RAMOS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Fourth Marine Division during an engagement with enemy Japanese forces on Roi Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, February 1, 1944. When his tank was directed to cover the advance of two other tanks against an enemy blockhouse, Corporal Ramos courageously exposed himself to hostile fire by looking out of the turret of his vehicle in order to observe the tanks ahead more clearly. Fully realizing the extreme danger of his perilous action, he daringly remained in this position and covered the tanks ahead until mortally wounded. By his heroic action Corporal Ramos enabled his comrades to complete their mission unhindered, and 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,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Globe, Arizona
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Serial-032794

Signed

MAY 13 1947

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

CORPORAL ROBERT H. RAMP,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving with the Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 June 1945. Assigned the point in a reconnaissance patrol to the front of the division lines, Corporal Ramp ~~made~~ contact with a well entrenched enemy force and valiantly directed his men against fierce machine-gun and rifle fire from the Japanese emplacements to destroy two hostile positions with grenade and small-arms fire. Dauntlessly pressing home the attack against the remaining positions, he exposed himself continuously to maneuver his men into covered positions for a renewed assault, carrying on with courage and aggressiveness until fatally wounded by enemy fire. Corporal Ramp's heroic actions and devotion to the fulfillment of his assignment, reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R--Wataga, Illinois.

B--Gilson, Illinois.

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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

PRIVATE ANDREW RAMPULLA, U. S. MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the Eleventh Marines, ~~First Marine Division~~, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, September 14, 1942. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private Rampulla made repeated trips with his truck, over a road exposed to heavy machine gun and rifle fire, to the scene of the preceding night's battle and fearlessly assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. His courageous conduct reflects great credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Haverhill, Massachusetts.

B..Haverhill, Massachusetts.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWIN R. RANDALL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Crewman in a Platoon of the Third Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Third Marine Division, in support of the Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 February 1945. While transporting flame-thrower fuel from the beach to a front-line unit of Marines, Private First Class Randall observed an advance patrol immobilized by fire from an enemy strong point. Quickly manning a machine gun, he delivered effective fire on the hostile emplacement, thereby neutralizing it to the extent that the patrol could withdraw to a new position. Soon after opening fire, Private First Class Randall was seriously wounded by an enemy hand grenade but refused to be evacuated until his ammunition was exhausted. His prompt actions, 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..St. Joseph, Mich.

B..Benton Harbor, Mich.

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

PRIVATE DOMINIC RANIERI,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company G, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 2 March 1945. When his platoon was forced to withdraw and set up a defensive position one hundred and fifty yards to the rear, Private Ranieri courageously remained in a shellhole with a wounded comrade who could not be evacuated. Isolated between friendly and enemy lines and constantly harassed by heavy enemy machine-gun fire, as well as by snipers attempting to creep within hand-grenade range, he exposed himself to the severe fire and killed five of the advancing enemy. Remaining in this perilous position for a period of ten hours, he finally succeeded in bringing his wounded comrade back to our lines under cover of darkness. His coolness under fire and unselfish devotion to the welfare of a comrade were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-W, Aliquippa, Pa.
B-Bari, Italy

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Serial 36962
Signed JAN 8 1947

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

CORPORAL MERRILL C. RANNELLS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving with Company C, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 10 June 1945. Observing an extremely well camouflaged hostile position while leading his squad as the company point, Corporal Rannells instantly warned his men to take cover and, risking his life to advance within range of the enemy, hurled a hand grenade toward the emplacement at the same moment that a Japanese grenade was thrown at him. Although seriously wounded by the exploding missile, he succeeded in killing one enemy soldier and in wounding another and, steadfastly continuing to wage his one-man grenade attack, forced the remaining Japanese to expose themselves to our men who ultimately destroyed them. By his gallant initiative, steadfast determination and unfaltering devotion to duty, Corporal Rannells contributed materially to the success of the company's advance, and his valiant 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--Lower Lake, California.

B--Lower Lake, California.

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Serial 44532
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL JAMES A. RASCENTO,
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 Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. Leading his squad during a withdrawal to consolidate positions for the night, Corporal Rascento crawled through intense enemy fire on two occasions and dragged wounded comrades to a place of safety. Then, rejoining his squad, he skillfully and courageously continued to direct its withdrawal. His inspiring leadership 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--Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
B--Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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DGP-298-bz

Spot Award

Serial 0854

Signed

Com. J. S. Pitt
OCT 9 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LUTHER J. RASCHKE, USMC.,

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, January 3, 1944. Although several unsuccessful attempts had been made to rescue his platoon leader who was severely wounded during a fierce attack across a jungle stream, Private First Class Raschke voluntarily made his way into the hazardous waters under withering enemy fire and, through his heroic endurance and complete disregard for his own personal safety, succeeded in carrying his stricken officer to cover. Private First Class Raschke's courageous initiative and selfless efforts on behalf of another were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Harvard, Illinois.

B - Chicago, Illinois.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PAUL J. RASHID,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

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, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 22 November 1943. With his company pinned down and suffering heavy casualties from enemy fire emanating from a large bomb-proof shelter, Private First Class Rashid moved forward with four companions under intense enemy shellfire to a favorable position for providing cover for the advancing demolition squad. After the shelter had been partially demolished and approximately one hundred Japanese troops annihilated, he again advanced with his comrades as two hundred of the enemy emerged from the entrance firing rifles and light machine guns in an effort to withdraw and establish a new defense. Engaging the outnumbering force in close combat, he contributed to the success of his unit in accounting for many more hostile troops, thereby enabling the battalion to advance and occupy the northeast section of the island. His courage and devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Rashid and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R-Girard, Ohio
B-Youngstown, Ohio

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award, 1942
Serial 00192
Signed APR 2 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDMOND J. RATZA, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1942. During a Marine offensive west of the Matanikau River, Private First Class Ratza, when his platoon was being held up by heavy machine gun fire from its right front, seized an automatic rifle from one of his comrades and proceeded to knock out hostile opposition. Following neutralization of the enemy emplacement, he crawled forward under continuous sniper fire in an attempt to capture the machine gun, but was thwarted in his efforts by a mortar barrage from our own troops. Later, seeing two members of his platoon cut off during a temporary halt for reorganization, Private First Class Ratza took up a sub-machine gun, engaged Japanese troops who were seeking to outflank them and, by his covering fire, enabled the two men to return safely to our lines. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Van Dyke, Michigan.

B..Chester Township, Michigan.

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JAN 30 1948

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN F. RAU, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Forward Observer of Battery C, First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 21 and 22 June 1944. Moving into woods ahead of the battery's position to adjust artillery fire, Second Lieutenant Rau braved small-arms fire and grenades from counterattacking enemy forces to direct fire on the enemy throughout the night and, although wounded, led his forward observation party in fighting off enemy snipers and at the same time directed the evacuation of a wounded Marine despite darkness and enemy cross-fire. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Rau and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Hemostead, N. Y.
B. New Orleans, La.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT J. POWELL, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as
a Rifle Platoon Leader of Reconstruction Company,
Headquarters Battalion, First Marine Division, dur-
ing action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu,
Palau Islands, 19 September 1944. When his platoon
was left with both flanks completely exposed to
withering enemy fire and subjected to a Japanese
counterattack, Second Lieutenant Powell heroically
directed the defense of his sector, steadfastly
maintaining his platoon's defensive lines until or-
dered to withdraw. By his gallant leadership and
courage in the face of grave danger, he inspired
his men to hold a position which was becoming rap-
idly untenable and, by his zealous devotion to duty
throughout, upheld the highest traditions of the
United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Burlington, N.C.,
B--Whiteville, N.C.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT STEPHEN E. POWELL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Ammunition Company, Fifth Field Depot, Supply Service, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the initial phase of the re-capture of Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Exposing himself to hostile fire throughout the night, First Lieutenant Powell issued ammunition with the aid of a flashlight despite constant danger from enemy snipers. When a hostile demolitions party penetrated the outer defenses and threatened the ammunition dump, he organized and deployed his platoon to engage the Japanese troops and, by defeating them, averted destruction of vital supplies. His courageous 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.

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B..Orono, Me.

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

SERGEANT CHARLES R. POWERS,
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, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the Battle of Piva Forks, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, from 18 to 26 November 1943. As escort and body guard for the Regimental Catholic Chaplain, Sergeant Powers courageously remained with the assault troops at the front lines throughout the entire engagement, exposing himself continuously to intense enemy rifle, machine-gun, artillery and mortar fire while locating and aiding the wounded and protecting and assisting the chaplain in conducting last rites. On several occasions, he unhesitatingly proceeded beyond combat lines in a valiant attempt to locate the dead and wounded, subsequently guiding and assisting stretcher bearers through dense jungle undergrowth in the evacuation of the casualties. On 25 November when the chaplain was attacked while evacuating a wounded Marine, Sergeant Powers succeeded in destroying the attackers. By his great personal valor and devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire, he undoubtedly was instrumental in saving many lives. Sergeant Powers' actions throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

C. S. THOMAS

Secretary of the Navy.

From Department of Naval Branch, CHAS 101

Director of Naval Branch
Director of Naval Branch

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT DENNIS H. POWERS,
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 Company B, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 April 1945. When counterattacking hostile forces occupied high ground to the right and placed his company in a hazardous position, Sergeant Powers was assigned the mission of driving the enemy from the high ground and securing the company's flank. Leading his squad up the spur and discovering the Japanese in the act of placing anti-personnel mines in the area, he immediately opened fire and charged the group, killing two and causing the remainder to set off a mine prematurely. Although wounded himself by fragments from the explosion of the mine, he continued to clear the ridge of all hostile forces. His courageous leadership 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--Forrest Hill, Md.
B--Devils Fork, W.Va.

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Serial 7394
Signed WPR 17 1948

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

SERGEANT LAWRENCE K. RAUEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 16 June 1944. As Acting Platoon Leader during continuous enemy counterattacks in force between midnight and dawn, Sergeant Rauen repeatedly exposed himself to enemy mortar, rifle and machine-gun fire to supply his men with desperately needed ammunition. When automatic weapons failed to function, he skillfully made adjustments and replaced parts in the dark, restoring the weapons to action during this critical period and continuing his gallant efforts until he was severely wounded by mortar fire. By his intrepid spirit and aggressive leadership, he contributed directly to the repulse of the enemy counterattack in his sector, and his devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Oklahoma City, Okla.,
B--Harrah, Okla.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 34930
Signed 111 9 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WARREN A. RAUSCH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifleman, serving with Headquarters and Service Company, Twenty-Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 and 20 February 1945. After landing on the heavily fortified beachhead on D-Day against fanatic hostile resistance, Private First Class Rausch unhesitatingly volunteered to attempt to wipe out a series of Japanese pillboxes threatening the security of the Regimental Command Post and line of communications to the forward combat areas. Placing himself in the forefront of the attack, he fought his way through a withering hail of rifle, mortar and machine-gun fire and, launching a daring assault against each in turn, assisted in the silencing of six emplacements with heavy enemy losses. Continuing his bold tactics, he directed his comrades to provide covering fire as he advanced alone in an effort to destroy the occupants of a seventh bunker and, while carrying out his perilous mission, was fatally struck down by a bursting mortar shell. By his courageous initiative, dauntless perseverance and indomitable fighting spirit maintained in the face of tremendous odds, Private First Class Rausch contributed materially to the success of our initial operations against this vital enemy stronghold and his valiant devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Actin Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Denver, Colorado
B.--Denver, Colorado

SSM, permanent citation and CMC's letter presented to parents of Rausch, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rausch, 1452 S. York St., Denver, Colo., on 30 Aug 46 by OinC, USMC DHRS in recipients' home. Appropriate publicity.

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Appd SofN 9-4-47
Special Serial
Signed DEC 9 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HARRY G. RAY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Ngesebus, Palau Islands, 28 September 1944. Going ashore in the initial landing, Private First Class Ray advanced inland with his company in the face of concentrated enemy machine-gun and mortar fire which inflicted serious casualties. When communications with the supporting tank company were disrupted, he braved the hostile fire to climb upon one of the tanks and communicate with the tank commander. Later in the day, under similar circumstances, he again established communications with the tanks and, despite the intense fire, completed his mission before he fell mortally wounded. By his courage, initiative and devotion to duty, he contributed materially to the success of the operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed JUL 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN B. RAY, JR., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of an Amphibian Truck Company serving with the Second Motor Transport Battalion, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, 21 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Private First Class Ray rendered valiant service during the initial operations on this strategically important island. Taken under fire by enemy snipers while unloading ammunition for an artillery position, Private First Class Ray unhesitatingly volunteered to join a patrol assigned to wipe out the enemy pocket and worked his way to the front of the attack where he was fatally wounded during the ensuing fight. His unwavering 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."

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CinC, Los Angeles, Calif., 10-30-45 to the widow of the late PFC Ray, Mrs Ray ^{at her} ~~at the President,~~ home, 1008 Madison St, Delano, Calif.
Inf pres.

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Lavaca, Ark.
B--Cuthbert, Texas.

RAY, John F.

Field Cook

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- *1-SILVER STAR(Army)Awarded by despatch 4-27-42 filed on case 1740-55-65 for service at Philippine Islands.
- 2-PURPLE HEART(Army) Awarded by despatch 4-27-42 filed on case 1740-55-65 for service at Philippine Islands.
- 3-LETTER OF COMMENDATION (Army) Awarded by despatch 4-27-42, filed on case 1740-55-65, for service at Philippine Islands.

Previous Awardees None

Born: 12-10-12 Somerville, Mass.

Current Enl. 8-5-40 Seattle, Washington.

Legal Residence: 306 First Avenue, West, Seattle, Wash.

Next of Kin: Mr. Joseph H. Ray, (Brother)
52 First Street,
Medford, Massachusetts.

HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINE COAST ARTILLERY COMMAND
FORT MILLS, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

GENERAL ORDERS)

Number.....24)

14 April, 1942.

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, August 8, 1932, the Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, Philippine Coast Artillery Command, to the following-named officer and enlisted men for gallantry in action, to be worn with the Silver Star previously awarded each, as indicated:

EUGENE O. HAYNES, 279813, Corporal, Company F, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. Corporal HAYNES is authorized to wear the Oak Leaf Cluster with his Silver Star (awarded by General Orders No. 21, Headquarters Philippine Coast Artillery Command, 6 April, 1942), in recognition of the following act of gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, on April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping several men therein, Corporal HAYNES, without regard for his personal safety voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in, and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work. Place of residence: St. Joseph, Missouri.

WILLIAM N. McCORMACK, 278612, Corporal, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. Corporal McCORMACK is authorized to wear the Oak Leaf Cluster with his Silver Star (awarded by General Orders No. 21, Headquarters Philippine Coast Artillery Command, 6 April, 1942), in recognition of the following act of gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, on April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping several men therein, Corporal McCORMACK, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in, and aided in digging out the trapped men.

HOUSTON L. DAVIS, 219708, Platoon Sergeant, Company F, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in

a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping several men therein, Platoon Sergeant DAVIS, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work.

JOHN R. BREEZE, 263592, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping men therein, Sergeant BREEZE, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in, and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work.

URI L. HUCKABAY, Jr., 268087, Sergeant, Company F, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping several men therein, Sergeant HUCKABAY, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in, and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work.

JAMES H. KERNS, 256886, Sergeant, Company H, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P. I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, April 9, 1942. When an enemy bomb caved in a tunnel sheltering a gun crew of the 91st Coast Artillery (PS), trapping several men therein, Sergeant KERNS, without regard for his personal safety, voluntarily left a place of shelter and proceeded a distance of two hundred yards over open ground to the scene of the cave-in and aided in digging out the trapped men and taking them to an aid station. During all of this time enemy planes were overhead, and dropped bombs nearby during the rescue work.

EDGEMOND W. KOHLMAN, 290300, Corporal, Headquarters Company, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P. I. For gallantry in action

8, 1942, the following-named officers and enlisted men are hereby awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, on April 14, 1942:

5. The following-named enlisted man is entitled to wear an Oak Leaf Cluster on the Purple Heart heretofore awarded him, for wounds received in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, on April 14, 1942:

By command of Major General MOORE:

OFFICIAL:

/s/ L. J. BOWLER,
L. J. BOWLER,
Colonel, G.A.C.,
Acting Adjutant General.

L. J. BOWLER,
Colonel, G.A.C.,
Chief of Staff.

DISTRIBUTION:

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Each man.

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(Photostatic copy rec'd from Army sent to file on case
of Corp. Eugene C. HAYNES 270813)(7-5-49)

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Signed OCT 23 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT BENJAMIN S. READ,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Artillery Forward Observer of Battery G, Third Battalion, Twelfth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 7 November 1943. Unable to locate the impacts of the artillery shells while registering the fire of our artillery in the enemy's defensive area, Second Lieutenant Read advanced beyond the front lines of the assault troops to a point almost within the hostile emplacements and, although continuously subjected to enemy fire, completed the artillery fire registration and conducted the firing of a barrage in preparation for the attack. Subsequently directing the artillery in delivering fire, he contributed directly to the success of his men in preventing the Japanese from turning the left flank of our advancing assault troops. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Read and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Williamsburg, Va.,
B--Palmer, Springs, Va.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS, JULY 9, 1918, HAS
AWARDED

A SILVER STAR

TO

CAPTAIN (then Warrant Officer) JOSEPH J. REARDON,
(010107) UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for

GALLANTRY IN ACTION

FORT MILLS, CORREGIDOR, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, 13 APRIL 1942

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS 26th DAY OF NOVEMBER 1948.

Recorded in the office of
the Adjutant General

/s/ _____
Major General
The Adjutant General

/s/ _____
Secretary of the Army.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AGPD-B 201 Reardon, Joseph J.
(3 Sep 46) USMC

26 September 1946

SUBJECT: Silver Star

To: The Commandant
US Marine Corps
Washington 25, D. C.

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918, a Silver Star was awarded by the War Department to Captain Joseph J. Reardon (formerly Warrant Officer), US Marine Corps, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1942 in the Philippine Islands.

2. The Commanding General, Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, has been directed to have a Silver Star medal appropriately engraved and forwarded to this office upon receipt of which, it will be transmitted to you for presentation to Captain Reardon. The official citation pertaining to this award is inclosed.

/s/ H. B. LEWIS
H. B. LEWIS
Brigadier General
Acting the Adjutant General

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CITATION FOR SILVER STAR

Captain Joseph J. Reardon, United States Marine Corps, displayed gallantry in action on 13 April 1942 following a heavy Japanese artillery barrage upon Battery James, Fort Mills, Corregidor, Philippine Islands. When personnel of the battery were trapped as they sought shelter in nearby tunnels, he readily volunteered, although the positions under close enemy observation and steady fire, to rescue his comrades. Disregarding the imminent danger of collapsing walls and roofs, Captain Reardon heroically entered the tunnels, assisted in extricating trapped soldiers, and gave first aid to the wounded.

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C O P Y

Silver Star Medal and citation (Army award) with card signed by Secretary of War Patterson presented to Captain Reardon by the Commandant in his office 11-5-46 at 1400.

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Signed NOV 14 1947

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WALKER A. REAVES,
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, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain during World War II. Assigned the difficult mission of defending the left flank of an assault force which was attacking across a low coastal plain while his battalion's zone of action ran through a hilly, swamp-infested jungle, Lieutenant Colonel Reaves brilliantly led his men across the treacherous terrain in the face of concentrated enemy machine-gun fire from cleverly concealed pillboxes. Disregarding the constant hostile fire, he skillfully directed his assault formations effectively and employed supporting artillery and auxiliary weapons to maintain pace with the main body of troops. By his courageous leadership and professional ability, Lieutenant Colonel Reaves aided greatly in the ultimate success of a hazardous mission and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Fayette, Alabama.
B-- Haleyville, Alabama.

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Front St., New Bedford,
Mass.

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Serial 17558

Signed JAN 17 1947

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

**SERGEANT STANLEY REBUT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,**

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving with Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Okinawa Island, Ryukyu Group, 17 May 1945. Assigned the mission of assaulting a hill fiercely defended by well-entrenched enemy forces, Sergeant Rebut led his men toward the objective with courage and skill until the squad was pinned down by heavy Japanese automatic fire. Alone, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he advanced through devastating hostile fire, attacked the machine-gun position with his carbine and grenades and succeeded in destroying it, thereby permitting his unit to capture its objective. His aggressiveness, indomitable fighting spirit and devotion to duty served as a constant inspiration to his comrades and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bedford, Massachusetts.
E--Acushnet, Massachusetts.

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Signed-----

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

**FIRST LIEUTENANT RUSKIN E. REDDOCH,
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 K, Third Battalion, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Quickly organizing his platoon after landing on the beach, First Lieutenant Reddoch led his men in the assault of the high ground approximately eight hundred yards to the front despite intense enemy fire and, refusing to leave the field after sustaining a wound in this action, aided in the annihilation of four of the enemy. When his intermediate objective was taken, he paused long enough to receive first aid before leading his men in the successful assault on their final objective, and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy who were well dug in on the high ground, thereby contributing materially to our success in this strategic campaign. His professional skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Troy Ala
B-Troy Ala.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed OCT 6 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD R. REDISKE,
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-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, on 1 and 2 February 1944. Although sustaining painful wounds, Private First Class Rediske repeatedly exposed himself in order to maintain fire against the enemy. Unmindful of his own danger in his efforts to aid casualties lying in the field of fire, he fearlessly crawled forward under withering small-arms fire to bring one man back to safety, to aid another in returning to the beach and to direct corpsmen with stretchers in the evacuation of several others, thereby contributing materially to the saving of many Marines who otherwise might have perished. By his fortitude, dauntless spirit of self-sacrifice and steadfast devotion to duty, Private First Class Rediske rendered valiant service and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Ryegate, Mont.
B--Slayton, Mont.

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

PLATOON SERGEANT BRUCE REDMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

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, on 20 November 1943. After becoming separated from his own company during landing operations on D-Day, Platoon Sergeant Redman was assigned with his 18-man unit to cover a demolition crew attempting to wipe out a series of Japanese pillboxes. Unhesitatingly leading his men through an open fire-swept area to an advantageous striking position, he personally directed them in delivering a relentless barrage. With the demolition crew pinned down by shattering machine-gun and grenade fire directly to their front, he courageously pressed forward, charged the emplacement with grenades and silenced the enemy fire. Repeatedly making a target of himself to locate well-concealed entrenchments, he continued his same daring tactics until seriously wounded while repairing the weapon of one of his men in a dangerous front-line area. His inspiring leadership, daring initiative, and indomitable fighting spirit maintained throughout the bitter hostilities contributed materially to the success of the operation and reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Redman and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Colorado City, Texas
B-Colorado City, Texas

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

PRIVATE FRED M. REDMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Squad Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 2 March 1945. Early in an attack against a fortified position, Private Redman assumed command of his squad when his sergeant was wounded. In the face of very heavy enemy machine-gun fire, he skillfully led an assault against a stone pillbox which was holding up the advance of his company and succeeded in destroying the hostile emplacement. When the captured position came under an immediate intense mortar barrage causing several casualties, Private Redman moved from one to the other to render aid, constantly exposing himself until he himself was seriously wounded. His exemplary leadership, 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

R--Columbus, Ohio.,
B--Columbus, Ohio.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed SEP 25 1947

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

CORPORAL FRANK L. REED, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fourth Tank Battalion, Company B, Fourth Marine Division, in action against Japanese forces on Saipan, 15 June 1944. Starting ashore on D-Day in an LCM loaded with a tank, Corporal Reed voluntarily risked his life by offering his assistance in correcting a dangerous list observed in the lighter, and boldly exposing himself to intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, took a position where his weight might aid in keeping the LCM from capsizing before it reached shore with the tank. His conduct and great valor reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Reed and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Scotia, N. Y.
B.--Schenectady, N. Y.

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Signed JUN 19 1946

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

CORPORAL JACK K. REED,
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 as a Group Leader with Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 26 February 1945. With his squad leader seriously wounded by devastating hostile fire which had pinned down his platoon, Corporal Reed left his place of comparative safety, dragged the wounded man to the rear, and returned to lead the squad in a successful attack on a strongly defended enemy position built around several machine-gun emplacements. Leaving another man in charge, he ran back to his platoon leader with a report of the situation and led the reserve squad of the platoon to his right flank under heavy sniper and machine-gun fire. His courageous initiative and inspiring leadership reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Reed and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Richlands, Virginia,
B--Dorchester, Virginia.

SSM, perm. citation, CMC's letter presented to parents of late REED, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Reed, Richlands, Va., on 29 Aug 46, with appropriate publicity, by Officer-in-Charge, USMC DHRS, Huntington, W. Va.

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL JOHN S. REED,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in a Marine Field Depot Ammunition Company of the Fifth Field Depot, Supply Service, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 8 August 1944. When a large stack of 155-mm. powder charges was ignited during a fire fight following a hostile attack on our ammunition company's outpost, Corporal Reed bravely volunteered to climb on the burning stack and, despite the danger from the burning powder and intense hostile fire, assisted in extinguishing the blaze by throwing out the flaming powder containers, thereby preventing a dangerous explosion and saving a large amount of vitally needed powder. 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-Schooley's Mountain, N.J.
B-Newton, N. J.

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL JOSEPH N. REED,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader of Company L, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. Leading his men in the final assault on the company's first objective, Corporal Reed spotted a strong point of four enemy riflemen as yet unseen by the rest of the company and, picking up a wounded comrade's automatic rifle, rushed twenty-five yards across open ground in the face of heavy enemy rifle fire. Spraying the enemy's position as he advanced, he destroyed three of the enemy, then dashed back, procured another clip of ammunition and returned to wipe out the remaining foe, thereby preventing any casualties in his advancing company and enabling his unit to take the objective. His skill, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- Pleasanton, Iowa
B- Leon, Iowa
28 Nov 1921

For the President,

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

SERGEANT PAUL B. REED,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tractor Operator of the Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 14 to 20 March 1945. Engaged in constructing tank roads and closing caves during this period, Sergeant Reed courageously operated an armored tractor with angledozer in front-line zones of action. On 14 March, after completing his assigned mission of building a road beyond the front lines, he voluntarily projected the road two hundred yards further although under intense mortar and small-arms fire, thereby enabling tanks and infantry to attack and seize many more caves and enemy positions and to advance to the next ridge line. His initiative, coolness under fire 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..Neola, W. Va.

B..Neola, W. Va.

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Serial 00666
Signed _____ NOV 27 1944

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

CORPORAL RALPH D. REED; USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on December 24, 1943. Courageously penetrating deep into enemy-infested territory while serving as scout for a reconnaissance patrol, Corporal Reed skillfully effected a thorough investigation, gathering valuable information on numerous Japanese positions discovered by his patrol. When his party became pinned down by intense hostile machine-gun, grenade and rifle fire in an enemy bivouac area, he unhesitatingly advanced to within a few yards of a hostile gun emplacement and, with two comrades, fiercely attacked and killed all seven Japanese occupants, enabling his patrol to extricate itself from the perilous position. Subsequently preceding his men in the hazardous return to our front lines, Corporal Reed fearlessly broke the trail through difficult swamp terrain and brought the others safe to their destination. His daring initiative and resolute 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 - Chicago, Ill.
B - Pampanga, Philippine Islands.

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Spot Award.
Serial 00451
Signed JUN 29 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FOY M. REESE, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, during combat against enemy Japanese surface forces in the Solomon Islands Area on the night of October 13, 1942. When incendiary shells from enemy ships exploded near the quartermaster storeroom tent in the bivouac area of his Battalion, starting fires, Private First Class Reese, during a short lull in the shelling and later during the second phase of the action, worked tirelessly at the battery well pump until the fire was extinguished. His bravery and heroic devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Acting.
Secretary of the Navy.

R - Hickory, North Carolina.

B - Hickory, North Carolina.

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

PRIVATE MATTHEW J. REESE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 15 May 1945. Assigned the mission of protecting the extreme right flank of his company during the defense of Sugar Loaf Hill, Private Reese remained steadfast at his position, although he was subjected to intense enemy fire from automatic weapons and mortars and his company was suffering numerous casualties. When he sustained serious wounds, he refused evacuation and, realizing the attendant danger of a corpsman attempting to reach him, would not permit one to be called. Throughout the night, he brought accurate automatic fire to bear on the enemy and, not until the last casualty had been removed and his unit had been ordered to withdraw, did he relinquish his position. By his steadfastness, courage and aggressive spirit, Private Reese aided materially in disrupting a strong Japanese counterattack and in the subsequent seizure of one of the most important terrain features of the island. His conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Minneapolis, Minn.,
B--Watertown, S. D.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed APR 26 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES L. REEVES, USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity, while a member of the Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands, October 29, 1942. Volunteering with five other Marines to accompany an officer on a patrol into territory where enemy forces were known to be operating, Private First Class Reeves participated in the locating and putting out of action of two Japanese field pieces while under direct observation of hostile forces. His courageous conduct throughout the entire patrol contributed to the success of the mission.

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

SERGEANT CLAY W. REEVES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Weapons Company, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 13 to 19 March 1945. Cool in the face of heavy hostile fire on 19 March, Sergeant Reeves skillfully supervised bulldozer crews in constructing roads for use by tanks and, in addition, courageously exposed himself to enemy bombardment to direct the fire of tanks in his platoon sector, thus enabling his company's left flank and the adjacent units right flank to continue their advance against the Japanese. Seriously wounded during his heroic action, he contributed materially to the success of his company during this period of operation, and his courage, initiative and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. Oakley, Mich.
B. Owasso, Mich.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT HUGH D. REEVES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of the Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 10 and 11 July 1944. Fearlessly swimming ashore to the enemy-held beach, Gunnery Sergeant Reeves participated, with great skill and daring, in a patrol to determine definitely and accurately the presence, location and nature of beach obstacles; the presence, location and characteristics of depths of water on reefs; the height and characteristics of cliffs and of the terrain inland from the beaches, and suitability of those beaches and inland terrain for invasion by our forces. Successfully executing the mission under the vigilance of Japanese patrols, soldiery, and fortifications, he, with the other members of the group, returned to his station with intelligence information of the highest value which contributed materially to the success of the subsequent landings on Tinian beaches. His courageous action, resourceful initiative 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 Antonio, Tex.

B..Naumee, Ark.

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App. SofN 1-26-45
Serial 232
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT VEROL L. REGER, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Battalion Bomb Disposal Officer attached to the Second Battalion, Nineteenth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 31 July 1944. Untiring and exceptionally skilled in the performance of a hazardous duty, First Lieutenant Reger directed the clearing of all types of mines and unexploded projectiles from the reef, the beach and the road in the Green Beach sector and thus made possible the rapid and safe unloading of supplies and equipment essential to our front line and rear area troops. Instantly killed when an anti-personnel mine exploded on 31 July, First Lieutenant Reger, by his valiant conduct, had fulfilled a vital mission and 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--Buffalo, N.Y.
E-- " "

SSM, perm oit, ltr fr CMO pres byCO, Washington, D.C. 11-15-45 to the widow of the late 1stLt Reger, Mrs Reger. Inf pres.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT RICHARD L. REICH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as
a Rifle Platoon Leader of Company E, Second Battal-
ion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division,
in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima,
Volcano Islands, 4 March 1945. When all other of-
ficers in his company were killed or wounded by a
terrific enemy mortar barrage, Second Lieutenant
Reich immediately assumed command and quickly reor-
ganized the unit in order to continue the assault
which had just begun. Despite the intensity of hos-
tile mortar and small-arms fire, he fearlessly moved
up and down the line to deploy his company and, dur-
ing this action, sent forth one of his platoons which
destroyed a number of Japanese installations, thus
enabling the company to continue the advance. His
leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keep-
ing with the highest traditions of the United States
Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

B--Oklahoma City, Okla.,
B--
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RALPH R. REICHENBACH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines,
First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese
forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 14 May 1945. When
his company's assault on strongly-defended Dakeshi Ridge
was hampered by extremely heavy machine-gun and mortar
fire from Japanese forces in caves and entrenched positions,
Private First Class Reichenbach crawled to an exposed posi-
tion to throw grenades and to fire thirty-three rounds of
rocket ammunition at hostile emplacements, thereby reducing
several enemy strong points and contributing materially to
the capture of the ridge. His outstanding courage and de-
votion 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--New York, N.Y.
B--New York, N.Y.

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Spot Award 1942
Serial 18
Signed MAR 18 1945

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

CORPORAL WALLACE J. REID, U. S. MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as gunner in a scout plane attached to Marine Aircraft Group Fourteen, on patrol over New Georgia Channel, October 8, 1942. Subjected to a devastating attack by an overwhelming force of enemy fighter planes as well as intense anti-aircraft fire, Corporal Reid maintained constant and effective fire against the superior opposition until his guns jammed. He then rendered valuable service by indicating to the pilot the course to steer in evading enemy fire. Largely as a result of his action, the pilot and the plane were saved."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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R..St. Joseph, Missouri

B..Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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App. SofN 1-11-45
Serial 11715
Signed APR 18 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LYMAN E. REIFSNYDER, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 18 June 1944. When his platoon was subjected to a pounding barrage of enemy rifle and machine-gun fire, First Lieutenant Reifsnyder skillfully directed the necessary withdrawal of his squads and, after making certain that retirement could be effected safely, voluntarily remained behind to care for the wounded. Courageously making himself a target for Japanese riflemen, he tirelessly administered first aid until he himself was fatally struck down by a sudden burst of enemy fire. By his splendid leadership and daring initiative in the face of grave peril, First Lieutenant Reifsnyder was an inspiration to his men, and his valiant conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSM, perm.cit. & ltr. fr. CMC pres'd 29 May 1945 ^{for the President}, USMCRHARS, Rm.1, P.O.Bldg, 4th Ave. & Smithfield St, Pittsburgh, Pa. to the parents of the late 1st Lt. Reifsnyder, Mr & Mrs. Herman S. Reifsnyder, 2215-13th St., Altoona, Pa. Informal presentation at home. ^{DAVID FORRESTAL}

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Altoona, Penna.
B-- " "

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Serial 35279
Signed MAR 3 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT E. REIGNER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Group Leader in a platoon of Company G, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against the enemy on Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 6 March 1945. When the Japanese inflicted heavy casualties and disorganized his platoon during an attack against a heavily fortified position, Private First Class Reigner located an enemy machine gun in a pillbox and, braving the merciless fire from the automatic weapon, made his way to the position and hurled two hand grenades, killing the occupants of the pillbox and silencing the enemy weapon. His cool courage and heroic performance of duty in the face of grave danger, enabled his platoon to reorganize and continue the attack and reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Reigner and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Springfield, Mass.
B--Springfield, Mass.

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Serial 733
Signed AUG 17 1943

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

CORPORAL JOSEPH J. REILLY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
while serving with ~~Company F, Second Battalion,
Seventh Marines, First Marine Division,~~ during
action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadal-
canal, Solomon Islands, on the morning of October
26, 1942. While his company was under relentless
attack by hostile forces, Corporal Reilly, although
severely wounded and suffering great pain, con-
tinued to command his squad with cool courage and
utter disregard for his own condition. By his
grim perseverance and unyielding devotion to duty,
he contributed materially to the success of a
counterattack which drove Japanese troops from
the advance position to which they had penetrated."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Scranton, Pennsylvania.

B - Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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CincPac
Appd SofN 1-18-45
Serial 11723
Signed MAY 10 1945

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

CAPTAIN CHARLES F. REINHOLD, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. When a pounding barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire forced his company to debark at the water's edge, Captain Reinhold promptly organized his men and launched a vigorous assault against the hostile machine-gun emplacements as he boldly advanced toward Agingan Point. Subjected to a vicious enemy counterattack upon reaching the middle of the beach, he deployed his unit with outstanding tactical ability and destroyed the entire Japanese force then, skillfully reorganizing his company, continued the bitter assault against hostile gun positions and snipers, courageously moving from one platoon to another until he was mortally wounded by Japanese fire. Captain Reinhold's inspiring leadership and great personal valor 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--Denver, Colorado

Br. St. Francis, Kansas

ISM, perm. cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 7 June 1945 by Cinc, USMCDHI&RS, Rm522, Fed. Bldg. Cleveland 15, Ohio to the widow of the late Capt. Reinhold, Mrs. Charles F. Reinhold, 3868, W.38th St. Cleveland, informally at station.

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App. SofN 2-1-45
Serial 235
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

SERGEANT ROBERT J. REILLY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Rifle Squad serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 11 August 1944. Coolly disregarding his own safety despite continuous exposure to enemy machine-gun and rifle fire while operating as advance guard of a patrol, Sergeant Reilly skillfully led his squad in an attack on an enemy ambush and with courageous initiative succeeded in killing a large number of the hostile force. Ordered to withdraw when it became apparent that the patrol was greatly outnumbered, Sergeant Reilly, although severely wounded, personally conducted the retirement of his squad, expediting withdrawal over the difficult terrain by refusing to be carried and valiantly making his own way for two and one-half hours back to the base camp, where he succumbed to his wounds. By his vigilant aggressiveness and outstanding leadership, Sergeant Reilly protected his patrol from ambush and contributed to the annihilation of numerous Japanese troops. His unfaltering devotion to duty 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--Philadelphia, Pa.

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

SERGEANT JOSEPH REINTHALER, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, as Leader of a Rifle Platoon conducting a reconnaissance during the battle of Piva Forks, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 21, 1943. Seriously wounded when his platoon was subjected to a devastating hostile machine-gun and mortar fire barrage upon approaching the Japanese lines, Sergeant Reinthaler immediately reorganized his men who had been forced to take cover during the bitter attack and skillfully led a successful flanking assault on the enemy entrenchments. Although barely able to walk, he refused to be evacuated and continued steadfast in command of the platoon for a period of four hours until he had completed the mission and had returned with his men to his own lines. Sergeant Reinthaler's fearless leadership, unflinching courage and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave peril contributed to the success of our forces in that area and 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--Munich, Germany

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Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN ARAM S. REJEBIAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Operations Officer of the First Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. When his Battalion became badly disorganized under heavy enemy shelling, Captain Rejebian moved forward from the Battalion Observation Post and found the center company decimated by casualties, including the Company Commander and Executive Officer. Undaunted by the intense hostile fire, he skillfully reorganized the company and, reestablishing contact with the remainder of the Battalion, successfully led the forward attack until the arrival of a relief Company Commander. His courageous leadership, determination and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--San Luis Obispo, Calif.,
B--Binghamton, N. Y.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 00319 NOV 27 1944
Signed

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT M. RENNIE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Forward Artillery Observer attached to the Twelfth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 29, 1943. Encountering violent enemy opposition while attempting to advance inland after landing with a parachute battalion, First Lieutenant Rennie courageously and skillfully assisted in conducting the fire of a 155-mm. artillery battery and of a destroyer, supporting the battalion's operations, throughout a fierce seven-hour battle. Exposing himself to hostile small arms and mortar fire, he moved about the hazardous area in order to obtain observations and, during the withdrawal of the troops, continued to control and direct the fire of the supporting artillery with such ability and fearlessness that strategically located enemy machine guns and mortars were silenced. First Lieutenant Rennie's outstanding skill and valiant 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--Chicago, Illinois
B-- " "

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. RENNIE,
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 B, First Battalion, Twentieth Marines (Engineer), Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 16 June 1944. Courageously crawling over hazardous terrain in the face of intense hostile fire, First Lieutenant Rennie went to the aid of a wounded man and, after administering morphine, further exposed himself to the enemy fire to arrange for evacuating the casualty. Later, during a furious hostile night counterattack on Tinian, he maneuvered his engineer platoon into position to furnish infantry support to a rifle company whose defenses were being overrun by an enemy charge. He personally led his men through many hours of close in-fighting until the Japanese were repulsed and he had to be evacuated because of his wounds. By his courage, determination and devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Rennie upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--New Orleans, La.
B--New Orleans, La.

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Signed

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LE ROY A. RENSON, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a Machine-Gun Section of the First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island in the Palau Group from 15 to 25 September 1944. Flanked by hostile tanks within ten yards of his position and with three of his squad seriously wounded during the enemy's fanatic tank-led opposition on 15 September, Private First Class Renson resolutely fought his gun and maintained his men at their posts throughout the fierce battle. Taking over as Section Leader during a furious offensive across an open airfield on the following day, he defied concentrated Japanese shellfire to lead his men in the execution of an extremely hazardous mission. Struck down by a heavy mortar barrage while holding his vital gun position in the face of shattering point-blank fire on the night of 25 September, Private First Class Renson, by his courageous initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and valiant fortitude, was an inspiration to his comrades, and his unwavering 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--Parkland, Pa.
B--Philadelphia, Pa.

SSM & Perm.Cit. pres'd to widow, Mrs. LeRoy A. Renson, 228 Market St., Bristol, Pa., in Recrthg Office, New Custom House, Phila., 17 April 45 by Lt. Col. Donald L. Dickson, PR. Officer of E. Pro. Dive

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Serial 6112

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

MAJOR JOHN E. RENTSCH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the landing and subsequently operations on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 5 July 1944. When the Commanding Officer of his Battalion was wounded and evacuated, Major Rentsch immediately assumed command and skillfully led the unit in all action throughout this period. Exposing himself to mortar, machine-gun and small-arms fire on numerous occasions, he consistently placed himself and his men in positions where their firepower could be most effectively utilized, thereby contributing materially to the success of the campaign. 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 - Sandusky, Ohio.
B - Sandusky, Ohio.

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Serial 11742
Signed NOV 13 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES H. RENTZ, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of a Combat Patrol serving with the First Battalion, Twentieth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 20 July 1944. Contacting a large force of Japanese troops occupying well-concealed positions during the later stages of the fierce hostilities following our invasion of this strategic enemy base, Private First Class Rentz fearlessly risked his life to engage the Japanese, forcing his attack with determined aggressiveness and waging a bitter fire fight in an effort to crush the stubborn pocket of hostile resistance. Although twice wounded during the close encounter, he continued his valiant assault tactics until fatally struck down by the merciless enemy barrages. An indomitable fighter, Private First Class Rentz, by his bold initiative, relentless fighting spirit and resolute fortitude in the face of savage opposition, succeeded in releasing friendly troops pinned down by the deadly Japanese fire and in disrupting the deeply entrenched enemy strong point. His great personal courage and decisive conduct during 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..Wilmington, Dela.
B..Felton, Dela.

SSM, perm. cit. and ltr. fr. CMC presented to Mrs. P. E. Rentz, in her home on 25 March 1946.

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

PLATOON SERGEANT PETER J. RENZO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Assistant Platoon Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guam, Marianas Islands, on 26 July 1944. When a numerically superior hostile force enveloped his position, Platoon Sergeant Renzo assisted his Platoon Leader in a fierce hand-to-hand struggle with the enemy and, after assuming command when his Platoon Leader was wounded for the third time, quickly directed the evacuation of the wounded despite his own injuries. Then, he continued to lead his platoon in defending his company's sector until the attack had been repulsed. After reorganizing his men, he led the platoon in combat against the enemy until the arrival of a relief three weeks later. By his daring initiative, leadership and devotion to duty, Platoon Sergeant Renzo contributed to the successful repulse of the enemy and to the prevention of further hostile attacks, and his conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

B - Des Moines, Iowa.
R - " " "

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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App. SofN 2-1-45
Serial 0408
Signed SEP 4 1945

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

CORPORAL STEPHEN P. RESSER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in the Radio Section, of the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Islands, 17 September 1944. While his battalion was advancing against the enemy and terrific fire from Japanese guns was making impossible the maintenance of constant communications, Corporal Resser volunteered to lay a wire to Company C. In the absence of wire team personnel, he courageously worked alone over an extremely difficult terrain which was infested with numerous hostile snipers until mortally wounded by enemy machine-gun fire. By his daring initiative and heroic efforts, Corporal Resser contributed materially to the ultimate success of a vital campaign pointing toward further victories over the Japanese. His self-sacrificing spirit and valiant conduct were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by Comdr, Phila, Pa. on 12-9-45 to the parents of the late Corp Resser, Mr and Mrs Frank Resser, at Hungarian Hall in Allentown, Pa.

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Allentown, Pa.
B-- " "

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

WARRANT OFFICER CHARLES E. H. REVELS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Reconnaissance Patrol of Regimental Weapons Company, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, from 30 to 23 December 1943. Attacked by Japanese troops while leading his patrol into hostile territory, Warrant Officer Revels fiercely engaged the enemy, killing one soldier and, after disengaging his men, resolutely proceeded deeper into the hostile stronghold to gather vital information. With the entire Japanese position alert the following day when a member of his patrol intercepted and killed one of the enemy, he succeeded in killing two gunners with his pistol and in silencing a hostile machine gun, then skillfully directed and covered the withdrawal of his patrol. Remaining for twenty-three hours thereafter close to the enemy bivouac area, he obtained additional data before leading the survivors of his patrol back through the strong Japanese position to his own lines. An indomitable fighter, Warrant Officer Revels contributed materially to our success in the area and his gallant conduct throughout this extremely hazardous mission was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R--Bryn Mawr, Penn.,
B--San Francisco, Calif.

Secretary of the Navy.