

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

CAPTAIN CARL O. BACHMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company B attached to the Third Battalion, Twenty-Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 23 February 1945. Undaunted after five days of bitter fighting, Captain Bachman rallied his tired and depleted troops when ordered to flank the battalion to the beach and, establishing himself on the front lines with his men, encouraged and directed them during the fanatic infiltration attack launched during the night by the enemy with hand grenades and knives, personally engaging in fierce grenade duels until the Japanese assault was repulsed and heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy. By his indomitable spirit and coolness in the face of extreme danger, Captain Bachman inspired confidence in his men and prevented a serious break-through which would have been disastrous to vital units at the rear. His superb leadership and unwavering devotion to duty throughout the bitter hostilities contributed essentially to the defense of his sector and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

Citation

R--Minneapolis, Minn.
B--State Center, Iowa.

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AppdSofN 6-15-48
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Serial 44533
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE WALTER A. BACHORCZYK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Litter Bearer of the Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 17 March 1945. Observing a Marine who was wounded and lying in a shallow depression on the front lines covered by a sniper fire lane, Private Bachorczyk bravely inched his way over the hazardous terrain to the man despite intense enemy opposition. When the wounded man was unwilling to be moved in the face of hostile fire, Private Bachorczyk stood fully erect and, by his own example of courage and fortitude, reassured his fellow Marine and thus succeeded in evacuating him to safety. His cool 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--Buffalo, N.Y.
B--Buffalo, N.Y.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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Serial 4382a
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT HENRY W. BACKLUND,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Half Track Gun Commander of the Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Bringing his gun into position on the extreme left flank of the landing beach, Sergeant Backlund fired round after round into the base and slopes of Suribachi Yama and, while under intense enemy small-arms, mortar and artillery fire, unhesitatingly exposed himself to designate targets and direct fire. After the gunner of his crew was killed, he took over the gunner's duties in addition to his own and continued to support the assault with well-directed fire. When a mortar shell landed in the ammunition pile a few feet from him while he was loading ammunition into the vehicle, he rushed to the pile and threw the burning ammunition aside despite painful burns on both hands, thereby salvaging the remainder and saving the vehicles and other members of the crew from danger of a serious explosion. 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

R--Santa Fe N. M.,
B--Antinito, Colo.

Secretary of the Navy.

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CC, FMF, Pac
Appd SofN 6-10-45
Serial 13017
Signed 1-3-46

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

CORPORAL CASMERE W. BAGNOWSKI,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 24 June 1944. Sighting a wounded Marine lying helpless in an exposed area, Corporal Bagnowski unhesitatingly braved the enemy's shattering machine-gun and small-arms fire to attempt a rescue and, while performing his perilous mission, was himself fatally struck down by a bursting shell. His daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and grave concern for the safety of another at great personal risk reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Bagnowski and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for a comrade."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Hamtramck, Michigan

B--Detroit, Michigan

SSMw/perm cit & GMC ltr presented to the prnts of the late Corp. Bagnowski Mr.&Mrs. Leo Bagnowski, 11733 Klinger St., Hamtramck, Mich., at their residence on 4Feb46 in the presence of their family and friends only. Family requested an informal presentation. Presentation made by CO, MCTD, NTS, Dearborn, Mich.

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DGP-298-mvm

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SPOT
Serial 91146
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT DONALD I. BAHDE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Commander of the First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 22 May 1945. During an assault over difficult terrain, Sergeant Bahde was attempting to move his tank forward and destroy an enemy emplacement which had pinned down the accompanying infantry. When he observed two seriously wounded infantrymen lying in the path of his tank and unable to move, he promptly dismounted from his tank in the face of concentrated enemy fire and, crawling to the wounded men, carried them, one at a time, to the safety of his vehicle. Thereafter, he continued to advance and carry out his mission of destroying the enemy fortifications. His initiative, coolness under fire and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Wakefield, Nebr.
B--Wakefield, Nebr.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM BAIKAUSKAS,
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 Machine-Gun Squad of Company D, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 20 February 1945. When his squad leader and most of the squad had become casualties and the machine gun had been disabled by heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Baikauskas acted on his own initiative to brave a withering rain of fire and procure a light machine gun from a disabled tank in front of his own lines. Quickly organizing a squad to man the gun, he kept the men and weapon in action until the mission was successfully completed and Mount Suribachi taken. His inspiring action and courageous leadership in the face of enemy fire reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Baikauskas and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Chicago, Heights, Ill.
B - " " "

HEADQUARTERS USAFISPA
APO # 502

16 November 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)
: 014198
NO.....402)

Awards of the Silver Star I. SECTION

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

ALBERT E. BAILEY, First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in aggressively leading a platoon of six tanks in an assault on enemy positions during which an estimated thirteen hostile emplacements were destroyed with at least thirty of the enemy killed on 26 July 1943. Home Address: 2049 North Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, California.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R ... Pasadena, California,
B ... San Diego, California.

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Serial 0296-295
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL BENNETT BAILEY, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. When communications with the left flank platoon of his company were lost during a fierce enemy counter-attack, Corporal Bailey volunteered to lay a telephone line from this platoon to the company command post. Despite bayonet wounds received during hand-to-hand fighting, he refused evacuation and continued with his work until communications were restored. In addition, he guided men carrying extra machine guns and ammunition to this isolated platoon. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Bailey and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Blairs, Va.,
B--Callanda, Va.

~~JOHN L. SULLIVAN~~

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-288-ein

Spot Award
Serial 00191
Signed NOV 17 1944

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

MAJOR CHARLES J. BAILEY, JR., USMC,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the Battle of Piva Forks, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 22, 1943. Having been informed of hostile activity in a sector near his battalion, Major Bailey immediately worked his way forward under intense enemy fire to the out post line and personally conducted a reconnaissance. Discovering that a reinforced Japanese battalion was attempting a double envelopment of his position, he courageously proceeded to the combat area where, despite withering hostile mortar, machine-gun and artillery fire, he directed his troops and the employment of supporting weapons with outstanding tactical skill, enabling his men to complete their attack with heavy losses to the enemy forces. Major Bailey's inspiring leadership 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 - Augusta, Georgia.
B - White Plains, Georgia.

06424
DGP-298-eln

Spot Award
Serial 00317
Signed AUG 26 1944

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

MAJOR CHARLES J. BAILEY, JR., USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as Operations Officer of the First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in the landing at Cape Torokina, Bougainville Island, on November 1, 1943. Upon landing on the beach and discovering that his battalion had become disorganized during the extremely hazardous and difficult assault operations carried out in the face of heavy enemy machinegun, mortar and field gun fire, Major Bailey unhesitatingly made his way among the scattered groups of the battalion and, continually exposing himself to the intense hostile fire, led them to their assigned objectives, reorganized the attack on the right of the sector, contacted the left flank, located the elements of the Command Group and set them in action. Having reestablished control of the battalion, he returned to the Command Post and assumed the duties of his Battalion Commander who had been evacuated, thereafter acting as both Operations and Executive Officer. Subsequently, at the battle of the Koromokina River, he again exposed himself to enemy fire in locating hostile positions and was of invaluable service in preparing the battalion for a fierce counterattack which resulted in the frustration of a major Japanese effort against our forces. Major Bailey's inspiring leadership and heroic devotion to duty throughout these furious engagements were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R... Augusta, Georgia.

B... White Plains, Ga.

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DGP-298-swb

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Appd SofN 1-10-46
Serial 032465
Signed _____ MAR 28 1947

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

CORPORAL FRANCIS L. BAILEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Squad Leader, in a platoon of Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 22 May 1945. During a prolonged action in defense of an important hill while under continuous heavy enemy sniper and mortar fire, Corporal Bailey observed that two of his men had been wounded and were in an area exposed to hostile fire. Leaving his position of comparative safety, he daringly worked his way through devastating fire to assist his comrades and, returning with one of the casualties, succeeded in reaching a position from which the stricken Marine could be pulled to safety before he himself was severely wounded by an enemy sniper's bullet. His courageous initiative and gallant spirit of self-sacrifice on behalf of a comrade reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Bailey and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Amarillo, Texas.
B--Clovis, New Mexico.

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7-10-51
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CORPORAL HARRY O. BAILEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of an Assault Demolition Squad in Headquarters Company, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 15 to 23 September 1944. When the officer in charge of battalion assault teams was killed during a fierce attack across difficult terrain against an enemy force strongly entrenched in coral caves and concealed by dense undergrowth, Corporal Bailey unhesitatingly assumed command of the remaining squads and subsequently directed them in all assigned missions. Attached to another platoon and later to a company when severe casualties had reduced the original number in his units from thirty-two to nine, he participated in a daring attack against heavy enemy concrete machine-gun emplacements and, after the platoon leader and platoon sergeant became casualties, he again assumed command, led his men in bitter hand-to-hand combat and succeeded in putting the last remaining pillbox out of action. His outstanding courage, competent leadership and valiant fighting spirit in the face of heavy odds reflect great credit upon Corporal Bailey and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

S/S Francis P. Whitehair

Secretary of the Navy.

Acting

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

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL JOHN E. BAILEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery C, First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 21 November 1943. Boldly carrying his pack howitzer forward to the limit of the heavily fortified beachhead, Corporal Bailey promptly assembled the weapon under the enemy's incessant shellfire and, launching an aggressive attack against a pillbox sheltering a hostile antiaircraft gun which was inflicting heavy casualties among reinforcements landing on the shore, succeeded in destroying the position with his accurate fire. By his dauntless perseverance, his outstanding fortitude and cool courage in the face of extreme danger, Corporal Bailey contributed materially to the success of the mission, and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy

R..Carthage, Mo.,
B..Jasper County, Mo.

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DGP-298-dmf

Spot Award
Serial 891
Signed OCT 1 1943

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

MAJOR KENNETH D. BAILEY, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the First Marine Raider Battalion during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, August 7, 1942. After the advance of his company had been stopped by concentrated machine-gun and rifle fire, Major Bailey worked his way, with great difficulty, to the side of a Japanese dugout and attempted to remove rocks from its wall in order to permit his men to attack it from the flank. With heroic and inspiring leadership, although severely wounded, he continued to direct the ensuing action of his company until he was forcibly evacuated, thereby contributing materially to the destruction of the machine-gun nest and enabling his men to successfully carry out their mission. His dauntless courage and complete disregard for his own personal safety were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Danville, Illinois
B..Pawnee, Oklahoma

BAILEY, Melvin "D", Cpl.

260610

Silver Star-Awarded by despatch 4-27-42 filed on case 1740-55-65
(Army) For service at Philippine Islands.

Previous Awards: None

Born: Rhonesboro, Texas 7-4-18

Current Enl. Dallas, Texas 8-10-37 (Enlistment extended for 2 yrs.)

Legal Residence: Mineola, Texas

Next of Kin: Father - Dave "D" Bailey
Route # 1,
Mineola, Texas.

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DGP-298-gjd

Spot Award.
Serial 0069
Signed JUN 8 1943

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

FIRST SERGEANT ROY C. BAILEY, U. S. MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands on November 3, 1942. When his battalion launched an attack, First Sergeant Bailey, by his active reconnaissance, was thoroughly acquainted with the situation throughout the battle. Mindful that the Third Platoon had been hit hard and having no men at his disposal, he personally proceeded to close a gap left by heavy casualties by moving in and placing himself on the firing line. When the platoon ran short of hand grenades, he withdrew and began to supply them, bringing the weapons forward under tremendous hostile fire until he was seriously wounded, twice in the abdomen and once in the left arm. His heroic conduct, maintained at great risk in the face of grave danger, was largely responsible for annihilation of the Japanese strong point."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - San Francisco, California.

B - Onaway, Michigan.

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DGP-298-gl

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SPOT
Serial 87283
Signed DEC 9 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT HERBERT J. BAIN,
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 L, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 20 June 1945. Leading his platoon in an attack against strong enemy forces entrenched on commanding ground and heavily armed with grenades and automatic weapons, Second Lieutenant Bain voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire to rescue one of his men who had been wounded by a sniper. After carrying the casualty to a place of safety, he returned to destroy the hostile sniper. His aggressiveness, 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--Seattle, Washington,
B--Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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DGP 298 Navy rmh

CincPac Spot Ser. 11172
Signed _____

JAN 22 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT DALE W. BAIR,
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 H, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Engebi and Parry Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 18 to 23 February 1944. Suffering from wounds and a twisted knee incurred in a land mine explosion on the first day of the Eniwetok action, Second Lieutenant Bair continued to lead his platoon through two days and nights of action and in an assault landing under fire. Employing his guns skillfully, he personally carried ammunition to the guns, operating them when necessary and, on several occasions organized his men as riflemen and led them in assaults against enemy positions. His leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service." ~~and~~

R. Pocatello, Idaho
B.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Bd Serial 2885

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

CAPTAIN ROBERT BAIRD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Pilot of a Fighter Plane in Marine Night Fighting Squadron FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on the night of 22 June 1945. Vectored to intercept a hostile aircraft approaching the base, Captain Baird expertly employed his radar at close range and engaged the enemy despite vigorous evasive tactics. Although thrown into a spin during the fierce and speedy action, he quickly regained his position and continued his dive, blasting the Japanese plane from the sky. Directed to intercept and attack an enemy bombing plane a few hours later, Captain Baird braved intense fire from the hostile craft to pursue his target relentlessly and shoot it down in flames. By his superb airmanship and indomitable fighting spirit, Captain Baird contributed essentially to the success of his squadron in this vital theater of war, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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DGP-298-ebg

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL VICTOR W. BAIRD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 September 1944. When close-range rifle and machine-gun fire pinned down his squad with deadly crossfire, Corporal Baird charged forward alone to a position about ten yards from the right flank on the hostile pillbox, thereby wiping out the gun crew and silencing the weapon. By his courageous and aggressive efforts under hostile fire, Corporal Baird enabled his men to move forward and flank the remaining enemy machine guns. His gallant conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Newport, Ind.
B..Newport, Ind.

017578
DGP 298 Navy rmh

CincPac Spot Ser. 2788

Signed MAR 4 1946

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT BEN E. BAKER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action
as the Bomb Disposal Officer of the Fourth Marine Division,
during and after the Battle of Roi-Namur Islands, Kwajalein
Atoll, from 2 to 14 February 1944. By his exceptional skill
and tireless energy, First Lieutenant Baker removed from
Roi and Namur Islands, without a single mishap, many fused
United States ordnance duds and innumerable items of Japanese
ordnance. His faultless performance and fearless devotion
to a hazardous duty reflect the highest credit upon First
Lieutenant Baker and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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B. Athen, "

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CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

TECHNICAL SERGEANT DONALD L. BAKER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. With our troops pinned down by shattering hostile machine-gun and sniper fire during a perilous engagement, Technical Sergeant Baker fearlessly faced the withering barrage to launch his bold, determined demolition and flame thrower attacks neutralizing three of the Japanese pillboxes and enabling the advance to continue. Pursuing his same daring tactics throughout a three-day period of bitter hostilities, he aggressively led his demolition unit in wiping out Japanese dugout and pillbox resistance in the area, contributing essentially to the success of our operations against this heavily fortified stronghold. By his courageous initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and steadfast devotion to duty in the face of grave danger, Technical Sergeant Baker served as an inspiration to his men and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Portland, Oregon.,
B--Onamia, Minn.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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SPOT
Serial 11727
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

SERGEANT EDWARD S. BAKER, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Radio Operator of a Tank Liaison Party of Company C, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Completely disregarding his own safety in the face of extremely heavy enemy shellfire after all communications had failed, Sergeant Baker left the shelter of a shell hole, climbed into a partially destroyed amphibian tractor and repaired its damaged radio. Then, contacting a company of medium tanks afloat in landing craft, he established and maintained communications, ordering the tanks to land at that critical time. By his gallant action, Sergeant Baker made it possible to bring in the tanks of the landing team when they were urgently needed, and his resolute courage, daring initiative and unswerving devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Westwood, Mass.
B.--Orange, N.J.

359858
DGP-298-eln

Spot Award
Serial 00451
Signed DEC 19 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM E. BAKER, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Torokina River Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on December 24, 1943. Acting as a scout in the point of a reconnaissance patrol penetrating deep into enemy-infested territory, Private First Class Baker skillfully investigated a number of hostile positions and gained much vital information. When the retiring patrol was suddenly subjected to intense machine-gun, grenade and rifle fire as it entered the bivouac area of a strong Japanese force, Private First Class Baker, with two other scouts, courageously approached a large enemy entrenchment and, firing into it at a hazardously close range, ~~he~~ killed at least two of the hostile occupants, the remainder of whom were destroyed by the other scouts. Breaking trail through difficult swamp terrain, he then preceded his patrol in the return to its own lines. The valiant conduct and fearless devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Baker in the face of imminent personal danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R - Mount Morrison, Colorado.
B - Mount Morrison, Colorado.

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Serial-35246
Signed SEP 17 1946

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

CORPORAL PHILIP G. BALDWIN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Rifle Platoon of Company B, Third Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 11 March 1945. Leading his platoon in an attack against a strategic Japanese position, Corporal Baldwin and his unit were impeded by heavy automatic fire from hostile emplacements to the front. Undaunted by grave hazards, he immediately penetrated an exposed area and, voluntarily assuming command of a supporting platoon of tanks, braved terrific enemy fire to deploy the tanks into positions from which they quickly destroyed the enemy strongholds and enabled his company to continue the advance. His cool courage, fearless initiative and unwavering devotion to duty throughout this hazardous engagement reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Baldwin and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R -Spokane, Washington,
B--Chesaning, Michigan.

SSW/pom cit ltr fr CMC presented at informal ceremony to mother, Mrs. Frances Baldwin, at home, on 10 Jan 1947, by Cinc, WHPD, Seattle, 4, Wash.

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Serial 004072
Signed

APR 3 1945

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

CORPORAL WILFRED BALDWIN, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fourth Marines, Reinforced, First Provisional Marine Brigade, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Guam, Marianas Islands, on 30 July 1944. When the Intelligence Section sent out a patrol to capture Japanese prisoners and obtain vital information, Corporal Baldwin unhesitatingly volunteered to take part in the hazardous mission, courageously advancing toward the hostile objective until a sudden burst of withering fire from ambush wounded a companion in both legs. Fighting with determined aggressiveness throughout the ensuing savage action, he gallantly attempted to go to the rescue of the wounded man who was twice bayoneted by charging Japanese, but was himself fatally struck down by enemy machine-gun fire. Corporal Baldwin's 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. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Brooklyn, New York.
B--Saratoga Springs, New York.

SSM, perm. cit. & ltr. fr. CMC sent: The CO, MB, 8th and Eye Sts. Wash. D.C., for presentation to the widow, Mrs. Wilfred Baldwin, 2923 Northampton St., N.W. Wash. D.C. Presentation made by CO, Wash. on 29 June 1945 at 1700 with appropriate ceremony.

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

SERGEANT IDDO W. BALL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 21 November 1943. Fearless and aggressive throughout the fierce action, Sergeant Ball unhesitatingly risked his life in a valiant attempt to wipe out a heavily fortified Japanese blockhouse retarding the advance of our troops. After grenades had been thrown into the strong point, he pressed forward alone, boldly charged the enemy and killed all the occupants. Although wounded while carrying out his dangerous task, Sergeant Ball, by his daring initiative, great personal valor and dauntless courage in the face of the enemy, contributed materially to the success of an extremely perilous mission. His inspiring leadership and outstanding devotion to duty throughout the bitter hostilities reflect the highest credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..
B..Amite Co., Miss.

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

CORPORAL HOWARD L. BALLARD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Fire Group, of Company A, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 31 July 1944. When a member of his fire group was severely wounded while engaged in covering the advance of his platoon, Corporal Ballard voluntarily moved forward under intense machine-gun fire from a Japanese tank and from Japanese infantry forces and, firing an automatic rifle to cover his advance, approached to within a few yards of the wounded man. Although seriously wounded just before he reached the casualty, he had inspired the other members of his platoon to intensify their attack, thereby contributing to their success in killing fifteen Japanese infantrymen and destroying two Japanese tanks in this action. Corporal Ballard's initiative and cool courage under fire reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cleveland, Texas

B--Goose Creek, Texas

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SPOT
Serial 100638
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MICHAEL BALOG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Ammunition Carrier in a Machine Gun Platoon of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 15 May 1945. With his platoon subjected to a terrific barrage of hostile hand grenades thrown from behind the crest of a prominent knoll, Private First Class Balog braved the intense fire, which had inflicted heavy casualties on his section, to rush toward the enemy position, directing accurate machine-gun fire and tossing grenades into the Japanese emplacement. Repeating this heroic act successfully on four occasions, he enabled his platoon to continue and seize its objective. By his courage, initiative and selfless devotion to duty, Private First Class Balog upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Highland, Freeland, Pa.
B--Highland, Freeland, Pa.

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SPOT
Serial 14350

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LAWRENCE S. BANGSER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company E, Second Raider Battalion, Second Marine Regiment (Provisional), First Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, from 21 to 26 November 1943. Voluntarily leading a small patrol consisting of three Marines and three natives on a particularly perilous mission deep into enemy-held territory in order to obtain information of great importance, First Lieutenant Bangser disembarked some fifty miles in the rear of the hostile line and skillfully led his men five miles inland through dense jungle to the heart of the enemy positions and there established an observation post within twenty-five feet of the main supply road. After keeping a large hostile force under close observation for more than twenty-four hours and gaining the necessary information vital to future operations of friendly troops, he successfully led his patrol out of the enemy position and back to his own base. By his daring initiative, personal courage and unselfish devotion to duty in the face of peril, he contributed materially to the successful completion of a difficult operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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22 December 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)

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Awards of the Silver Star 111

111. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

CHARLES L. BANKS, Major, United States Marine Corps for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, when he volunteered to lead a patrol beyond the front lines, aggressively engaged the enemy, and enabled his regimental commander to escape from an isolated and exposed position on 9 July 1943. Home address: Beauford, **South** Carolina.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R ... Newark, New Jersey.
B ... West Milford, New Jersey.

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Serial 11684
Signed APR 3 1945

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

CORPORAL NORVAL T. BANKS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during landing operations on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Embarked in a lighter that was listing dangerously as a result of the faulty loading of a tank, Corporal Banks courageously and without hesitation volunteered to expose himself to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire by adding his weight to the starboard side in an effort to prevent the craft from capsizing before it reached shore, but was instantly killed when a hostile shell hit the lighter. Corporal Banks' inspiring conduct and selfless devotion to duty 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--Baltimore, Md.

B--West Friendship, Md.

SSM, perm.cit. & ltr fr CMC pres'd June 4, 1945 by OinC, DHI&RS, P.O.Bldg., Calvert & Fayette Sts., Baltimore 2, Md. to the parents of the late Corp.Banks, Mr&Mrs. Earl Banks, at appropriate ceremony at station.
274 S. Monastery Ave.
Baltimore 29, Md.

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Serial 79496
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS VICTOR BANTILAN, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifleman of Company I, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 18 May 1945. During an attack by his company on a strongly-fortified enemy hill, Private First Class Bantilan crawled to the crest of the high ground in the face of intense hostile fire and hurled hand grenades on the position, causing numerous casualties and confusion among the Japanese. Although suffering wounds in the head from grenade fragments, he refused to be evacuated and, voluntarily returning to the base of the hill for more grenades, once again climbed to the top and destroyed five of the enemy. In the course of this action, he received another wound in the head and was evacuated. His outstanding courage, 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--Pasadena, Calif.
B--Pasadena, Calif.

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Appd SofN 11-8-45
Serial 36960
Signed Oct 14 1946

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

CORPORAL ANTHONY C. BARANOWSKI,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Team Leader in a platoon of Company A, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 27 February 1945. With the fire of two hostile machine guns disrupting the advance of his platoon, Corporal Baranowski boldly crawled forward to within five feet of the enemy emplacement and, spraying the position with rifle bullets, succeeded in silencing the first of these weapons. Proceeding to the second pillbox which was delivering heavy barrages into the Marine lines, Corporal Baranowski threw two hand grenades into the emplacement, sustaining a fatal wound from the last burst of fire emanating from the fortification just before the explosives neutralized it. His daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and heroic devotion to duty in the face of grave danger were important factors in the success of his platoon's mission and reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Baranowski and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

/s/ James Forrestal

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Serial 1334
Signed OCT 29 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT PAUL L. BARBER,
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 G, Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 24 November 1943. With the majority of his men wounded while pinned down in the middle of the Piva River by Japanese machine-gun cross-fire, Second Lieutenant Barber stepped out in front of his platoon and, after effecting a crossing led a gallant attack against the hostile emplacements and succeeded in advancing our lines three quarters of a mile. His leadership and courage were an inspiration to his men, and his devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--St. Paul, Minnesota,
B--Caputa, South Dakota.

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Signed ---

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

CAPTAIN SPENCER F. BARBER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Battery B, First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, 21 November 1943. Although still in a weakened condition as a result of an emergency operation performed at sea, Captain Barber insisted on accompanying his artillery battery ashore and, landing across the difficult coral reef under heavy, persistent enemy fire, courageously and with expert tactical skill moved his command into position and delivered effective supporting fire despite the constant harassing of Japanese snipers. Captain Barber's inspiring leadership, fearless conduct and tenacious devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R -Trenton, New Jersey
B--Philadelphia, Pa.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM E. BARBER,
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 E, Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. When two men of his platoon were wounded while advancing beyond the company's front line during an attack against strongly-defended hostile positions, First Lieutenant Barber boldly moved forward into the enemy-held territory despite his own wounds and carried both Marines to safety in the face of direct Japanese fire. His courageous determination and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Middetown, Ohio
B..Dehart, Ky.

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DGP-298-rkz

Cinepac
Appd SofN 11-21-45
Serial 36896
Signed _____
OCT 10 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD BARELLA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Automatic Rifleman, serving with Company C, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 7 March 1945. With his squad waging a fierce attack against well-entrenched, heavily armed enemy forces, Private First Class Barella voluntarily crawled to an exposed position in order to fire more effectively upon the fanatic Japanese and, pouring a deadly stream of rifle fire on the hostile position, succeeded in annihilating two machine guns with their crews and in silencing still another enemy weapon. By his steadfast determination, indomitable fighting spirit and unfaltering devotion to duty in the face of strong opposition, Private First Class Barella enabled his squad to achieve its objective, and his courage throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--New Hartford, Connecticut.
B--Torrington, Connecticut.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EVERETT F. BARGER, JR.,
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, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. When his company had been pinned down by heavy hostile mortar and small-arms fire, Private First Class Barger braved intense cross-fires to guide three tanks forward of our lines and into a position from which they were able to destroy the enemy strong point. By his outstanding courage and initiative, Private First Class Barger contributed materially to the accomplishment of his company's mission. His devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Three Rivers, Michigan
B..Sturgis, Michigan

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

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

CORPORAL L CLARENCE A. BARINEAU, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Parachute Battalion during action against numerically superior enemy Japanese forces near Koi-ari, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 29, 1943. When close range sniper and machine-gun fire had pinned down his platoon, Corporal Barineau charged forward with three other marines and although subjected to terrific hostile fire, succeeded in putting one machine-gun and several snipers out of action, thereby holding casualties in his platoon to a minimum. His valiant fighting spirit and gallant conduct 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...Sanford, Fla.

B... " "

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Serial 45500
Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HAROLD W. BARKER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of the Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 25 February 1945. Making a difficult reconnaissance of the front line areas afoot to insure the success of his attack, First Lieutenant Barker persisted in familiarizing himself with the terrain and the situation despite continuous heavy fire of all types and hostile sniper fire. Choosing the best route of attack before returning to his tank, he boldly crossed known enemy fire lanes and placed himself within a few feet of Japanese positions. Then, taking his only remaining tank and a tank borrowed from another platoon, he spearheaded a coordinated tank-infantry attack. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Flushing, Long Island, New York
B..Flushing, Long Island, New York

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Serial-34885
Signed APR 12 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAYMOND K. BARKSDALE,
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 Engineer Battalion, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 15 March 1945. In driving his bulldozer to a point where approaches were to be built for a tank company to an enemy pocket of resistance, Private First Class Barksdale encountered heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire across an open area which prohibited stretcher bearers from proceeding to the rear with their wounded. Before joining another bulldozer working up front, he made several trips across the open terrain, using his bulldozer as a shield to give protection to the stretcher bearers. After his vehicle was put out of action by enemy fire while he was moving into position, Private First Class Barksdale directed the actions of the other operator by visual signalling in order that the mission might be accomplished, persisting in this task until mortally wounded. By his courageous fighting spirit and utter disregard for his own personal safety he 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..Keene, Texas
B..Pampa, Texas

SSM w/perm. cit ltr fr CMC, pres to mother of the late

Barksdale, Mrs. Winnie O. Barksdale, at USNAS Dallas, Texas, in May46, by CO

BARKWELL, Perm cit & SS
sent to (wife) Mrs. Robert L.
Barkwell, c/o A. Wunner, 201
Juanita Way, San Francisco, Cal.

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Approved SofN 5-26-44

Serial 2842

Signed JUL 29 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. BARKWELL, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while in command of an assault demolition team attached to the Fourth Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, February 1, 1944. Assigned the hazardous mission of destroying fortified enemy positions, First Lieutenant Barkwell courageously led his men in several devastating attacks, he, himself, placing the charges and setting them off. Assuming command of approximately twenty-five men while operating in an advanced position during the night, he skillfully organized the defense of that sector and later, when the supply of hand grenades became low as his men opposed the infiltration Japanese forces under cover of darkness, he personally made up grenades from available explosives and succeeded in holding his position until he was killed by the enemy. First Lieutenant Barkwell's inspiring leadership, brilliant initiative and heroic conduct enabled his comrades to destroy about fifty of the hostile troops and 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.

*Released
8/18/44*

R - Sacramento, California.
B - Stockton, California.

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Serial 01052
Signed NOV 11 1943

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

FIELD MUSIC FIRST CLASS HOWARD C. BARLING, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Fifth Defense Battalion, Reinforced, Fleet Marine Force, during the enemy Japanese bombing of Funafuti Island on April 22, 1943. When the slit trench which he occupied caved in from an exploding Japanese bomb, Field Music First Class Barling dug out a comrade from under the debris and assisted in rescuing the remaining men. During this action an Army plane about 75 feet away, fully loaded with fused bombs and gasoline, received a hit from an exploding bomb, caught fire and exploded, showering him with fragments and burning gasoline and setting fire to several personnel huts in the immediate area. Although suffering from minor burns and wounds, Field Music First Class Barling disregarded the fires and exploding .50-caliber ammunition in the burning plane, and continued his rescue efforts until all personnel in the trench had been removed to safety. His courage, perseverance, and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Pontiac, Michigan.

B - Pontiac, Michigan.

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20 November 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)

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Section

Awards of the Silver Star I.

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

CHARLES L. BARNES, (347898), Private First Class, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in successfully directing his fire team of three men, despite a painful wound, while protecting one other wounded man until the enemy were overcome on 8 July 1943. Home Address: 717 Rock Creek Church Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R ... Valatie, New York.

B ... Chathan, New York.

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AWARD (POSTHUMOUS) OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

PRIVATE DONALD A. BARNES, USMCR.,

"For gallantry in action at Bairoko Harbor, New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 20 July 1943. Hearing a wounded man cry out for help, he disregarded the danger to his own security and crawled through exceptionally heavy enemy fire to the side of his comrade and calmly assisted in administering first aid. While removing the man from the lines to a place of safety, Private Barnes received wounds from which he later died."

By command of Lieutenant General Harmon:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R..Cudahy, Wisconsin.
B..South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Official copy.

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Spot Award.

Serial 724.

Signed AUG 11 1943

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

STAFF SERGEANT GEORGE S. BARNES, U. S. MARINE CORPS.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Marine Fighting Squadron TWO TWENTY-FOUR during the bombardment of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, by enemy Japanese surface and air forces on the night of October 13-14, 1942. When a heavy enemy shell struck dangerously close to a bomb shelter, burying five marines under a mass of earth and debris, Staff Sergeant Barnes, hearing cries for help, voluntarily exposed himself to the intense fire of hostile shells and bombs and, with several other men, set to work rescuing their imprisoned comrades. Due to the quick thinking and heroic efforts of Staff Sergeant Barnes and his companions, two of the buried men were saved, and the bodies of the other three marines were recovered. His unswerving devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Hale Center, Texas.

B - Castro County, Texas, 4-3-1919.

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App. SofN 1-25-45
Serial 0033
Signed JAN 3 1946

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

PRIVATE JIMMIE F. BARNES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Rifleman serving with the First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Islands, on 17 September 1944. When his squad was pinned down by close-range enemy sniper and machine-gun fire during an extremely hazardous attack across densely covered jungle terrain, Private Barnes voluntarily advanced alone under the deadly fire of automatic weapons and, working his way forward to a vantage point, delivered rifle fire on the Japanese crew and disabled the gun. Although mortally wounded during the action, Private Barnes had enabled his squad to attain its objective, and 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."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Amarillo, Texas.
B--Vernon, Texas.

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Serial 19 APR 6 1943
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE ROY L. BARNES, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a member of the First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on August 21, 1942. Although ordered away from a hostile position, Private Barnes, with fearless determination and complete disregard for his own personal safety, advanced to a point where he could shoot a grenade from the hand of a Japanese soldier, thereby saving the lives of comrades who were in direct line of the enemy's fire. While boldly attacking another hostile position later in the day, he was killed in action. He gallantly gave up his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R - Cincinnati, Ohio.

B - Corbin, Kentucky.

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Signed _____

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

MASTER TECHNICAL SERGEANT ROBERT C. BARNETT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Marine Fighting Squadron THREE HUNDRED ELEVEN in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on the night of 24 May 1945. When a hostile twin-engined bomber landed on the main runway of our airfield and deposited numerous heavily armed suicide troops to destroy our parked aircraft, Master Technical Sergeant Barnes immediately engaged several of the enemy although armed with only a .45 caliber pistol and, after his ammunition was exhausted, quickly organized a detail of his men to assist in the attack. Although unarmed himself, he directed his men in the ensuing engagement in which several of the hostile troops were killed and during which he was seriously wounded by a grenade. His courage, leadership and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Master Technical Sergeant Barnett and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Kansas City, Mo.
B..Kansas City, Mo. 8/30/22

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DGP-298-pmb

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SPOT
Ser. 43550

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

PLATOON SERGEANT MICHAEL BARNEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Leader of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 28 February 1945. Promptly assuming command when his Platoon Leader was wounded during an advance upon a strongly fortified hill, Platoon Sergeant Barney skillfully deployed his men and, despite accurate and intense hostile fire from the maze of positions covering the objective, proceeded part way up the hill. After risking his life to move through the platoon zone of action to place his men and machine guns in effective positions, he personally led a group of his men in a forward advance almost to the enemy radar station at the top of the hill where their progress was stopped by interlacing fire. Although failing to reach the objective, Platoon Sergeant Barney skillfully employed his platoon in the destruction of two enemy pillboxes and hostile personnel in three caves with only moderate casualties to his unit. By his leadership and courageous fighting spirit, he contributed materially to paving the way for succeeding assaults, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Cleveland, Ohio,
B--Urey, Pa.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

499 194
DGP-298-1g

CincPac
Appd SofN 2-1-45
Serial 840
Signed JUL 16 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KENNETH W. BARNHARD, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 20 June 1944. Exercising prompt initiative when explosions and resultant fires occurred in an ammunition dump, Private First Class Barnhard unhesitatingly risked his life to enter the danger area where large quantities of explosives, artillery and mortar ammunition were stored and, fighting the flames with determined energy, worked desperately in a valiant attempt to isolate the fire until he was killed by a second explosion. Private First Class Barnhard's superb fortitude, cool courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty in the face of extreme peril 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--Independence, Mo.

B--Independence, Mo.

SCM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by Cinc, ^{KANSAS CITY} St. Louis, Mo., Major Lee J. Dulacke, USMC., 10-9-45 at 2:30 p. m. to the parents of the late PFC Barnhard, Mr. and Mrs. Milo H. Barnhard, at Hqs. Inf Pres.

Spot Award
Serial 00317
Signed AUG 10 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES V. BARR, 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 Third Marines, Third Marine Division, as a radio operator in the Regimental Radio Net during the landing operations at Cape Torokina, Bougainville Island, on November 1, 1943. When the boat carrying his highly important radio truck was forced to land on the wrong beach, Private First Class Barr, with the aid of a comrade, immediately commandeered another boat and, in the face of intense enemy fire which had sunk numerous landing craft, transported the truck to the proper point and set up his station despite the hazards imposed by the raging battle. Subsequently, after being ordered to remove the truck to a safer area and finding that the jungle interfered with the radio, he brought the vehicle back into position and, although exposed to persistent hostile machine-gun fire, remained at his post throughout the day and night, performing his essential duties courageously and with expert technical skill. Later, when the troops advanced, he established his station near the front lines and maintained a continuous watch for sixty hours without relief. Private First Class Barr's splendid initiative and vallant devotion to duty throughout this period of vital offensive operations were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

RALPH A. BARD

Secretary of the Navy.
Acting

R - King, North Carolina.
B - King, North Carolina.

355620
DGP-298-wlb

Cinepac Serial 909.
App. S of N. 5-24-43
Signed AUG 20 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WOODROW W. BARR, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion during the attack against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, on August 7, 1942. As a member of a small detachment ordered to envelop a hostile machine-gun position, Private First Class Barr, although exposed to severe small-arms fire, persisted in his advance against the enemy until he was killed. By his grim determination and great personal valor he contributed to the final destruction of the enemy machine-gun unit and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the defense of his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Keyser, West Virginia.

B - Keyser, West Virginia, 6-30-1913.

08720
DGP-298-rf

Spot Award

Serial 829

Signed

AUG 27 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES D. BARRETT, JR., USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 5, 1942. When his platoon, advancing along a jungle trail east of the Natanikau River, was ambushed by strong hostile forces, Second Lieutenant Barrett, with utter disregard for his own personal safety and despite heavy Japanese fire, moved forward to the positions of each of his men and supervised their firing, coordinating the movement of the platoon on his left for an attempted encirclement of the enemy. Finally realizing that his men were facing overwhelming Japanese forces, he accomplished a withdrawal of the platoon with a minimum of casualties. His skillful leadership and cool courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R -

B - Alexandria, Virginia.

023470
DGP-298-cag

Cincpac
Serial 6810
Appd SofN 7-25-46
Signed MAR 25 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN F. BARRETT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader attached to Company K, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 September 1944. Leading his platoon against strongly held enemy positions guarding Peleliu Airfield, Second Lieutenant Barrett encountered fierce rifle and machine-gun opposition from enemy pillboxes located across a road parallel to the platoon's front which caused heavy casualties in his two assault squads and completely halted their advance. After a personal reconnaissance of his platoon's position, he left his assault squads under command of his platoon sergeant and led his support squad to the left in an attempt to outflank the enemy and attack from the rear. When a hostile mortar barrage caused heavy casualties and disorganized his flanking unit as he was leading it into position to cross the road, Second Lieutenant Barrett quickly rallied the remaining men and charged forward into the midst of the Japanese positions, launching a devastating, close-range attack with hand grenade and carbine fire until he himself fell, mortally wounded. Continuing to direct his men despite his wounds until the hostile strong point was entirely annihilated, Second Lieutenant Barrett, by his inspiring leadership, outstanding fortitude and valiant fighting spirit, had enabled his platoon to continue its successful attacks on the enemy positions and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R..River Forest, Ill.
B..Oak Park, Illinois.

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM w/perm cit ltr fr CMC presented informally to parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Barrett, on 23 Apr 47, by OinC, CHRD, Chicago, Ill. No publicity desired.

08258
DPG-298-Navy-RLC

GuicPac
SPOT
Serial-0647
Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN MARTIN F. BARRETT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as Commanding Officer of Company F, Second Battalion,
Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during ac-
tion against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gil-
bert Islands, on 20 November 1943. With all his
officers and more than half of his men either killed
or wounded during the fierce hostilities on D-Day,
Captain Barrett, although painfully wounded him-
self, immediately effected a reorganization of his
company and, despite the extremely hazardous con-
ditions and the enemy's unceasing opposition, fear-
lessly led his command in brilliantly executed at-
tacks against the fanatic Japanese. By his force-
ful and determined leadership, and his courageous
action in the face of tremendous odds, Captain
Barrett contributed materially to the success of
our forces in capturing this vital hostile strong-
hold, and his zealous devotion to duty throughout
was in keeping with the highest traditions of the
United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Newport, Rhode Island
B-Portland, Maine

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

CAPTAIN VICTOR J. BARRINGER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Plans and Training Officer of the Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. Observing that intense small-arms, mortar and antitank fire from numerous hostile emplacements had halted the tank platoon supporting the left flank of a rifle company, thereby retarding the advance of the entire landing team on his left, Captain Barringer, unable to reach the Battalion Commander at this time, contacted the leader of the tank platoon to learn of the obstacles holding up the attack. After making a personal reconnaissance across the perilous terrain, he returned to mount the leading tank and courageously directed the assault in the face of determined resistance until his vehicle was disabled by enemy fire. Undaunted, he immediately leaped on top of a second tank and again led the attack with renewed vigor, inspiring his gallant Marines to press home their onslaught with unremitting fury and rout the fanatic defenders from their stronghold. His daring, indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty were contributing factors in clearing the critical beach areas and reflect the highest credit upon Captain Barringer and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Washington, D. C.
B--San Diego, California

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DGP-298-gl

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 8418 NOV 14 1947
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT STANLEY G. BARRON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 4 August 1944. When the majority of an element of his company was wounded after running into a trap in a deep, heavily wooded ravine, Sergeant Barron remained alone in a position exposed to hostile grenades and demolition charges in order to furnish covering fire, permitting the wounded to seek safety. His courage, indomitable fighting spirit and devotion to duty resulted in the saving of many lives and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Buffalo, New York,
B--Buffalo, New York.

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DGP-298-gl

FMFPac
SPOT 8418
Serial 4818
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

SERGEANT STANLEY G. BARRON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 27 June 1944. When his squad was assigned the mission of advancing up a steep rocky cliff in order to seize the top of the ridge and contact the unit on the right, Sergeant Barron led his squad through intense and accurate hostile mortar fire and through the direct artillery fire of an enemy artillery piece and succeeded in reaching the objective. After crawling over rough terrain under heavy Japanese machine-gun fire to aid a wounded Marine later on the same day, he obtained information to enable his forces to direct effective mortar fire on the enemy artillery emplacement which had been firing into his lines. His courage, indomitable fighting spirit and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Buffalo, New York,
B--Buffalo, New York.

842896
DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 79496
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL TED J. BARROW,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Platoon Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 May 1945. Assuming command of several squads of his company that had lost contact with the command post during a fierce assault on the enemy, Corporal Barrow exposed himself to heavy hostile machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire in order to organize the squads into a platoon and, gallantly leading his men in a strong counterattack, annihilated many of the enemy and succeeded in making contact with the command post with a minimum number of casualties. By his outstanding initiative and indomitable fighting spirit, Corporal Barrow saved his men from the possibility of complete annihilation, and 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.

R--Kemp, Texas.
B--Corsicana, Texas.

HEADQUARTERS USAFIAPA
APO #502.

15 February 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)

NO.....45)

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, August 8, 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following named officers and enlisted men;

* * * * *

JOHN S. BARRY, (335165), Private First Class, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action on December 26, 1942, on Guadalcanal. Private First Class Barry, a member of an Artillery observation party of Marines supporting infantry of the Army, was pinned to the ground, with others, by Machine gun and rifle fire while accompanying advance infantry elements to obtain observation well forward. Stretcher bearers were attempting to evacuate one of the casualties when they were also brought under fire. Private First Class Barry and two others voluntarily and in complete disregard of their own safety succeeded in evacuating the wounded man. Home Address: 4412 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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By Command of Major General HARMON:

A. J. BARNETT,
Brig. General, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/

William A. Lord Jr.,
WILLIAM A. LORD JR.,
Lt. Col., Inf.,
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

DISTRIBUTION "A"

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

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Spot Award
Serial 0787 *Cons. Sgt*
Signed SEP 9 1944

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM H. BARRY, JR., USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as gunner of a self-propelled 75-mm. gun serving with the First Marine Division during an engagement with enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 3-4, 1944. While his weapon was attempting to force a crossing over a river under a devastating attack by hostile rifles, machine guns and mortars from strongly fortified positions, Corporal Barry skillfully directed the fire of a machine gun against Japanese snipers and concealed enemy emplacements until the weapon advanced to a position where it could fire point blank on the hostile forces holding up the advance of the Third Battalion. Corporal Barry's extreme bravery and indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Hartford, Connecticut.
B - Providence, Rhode Island.

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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser 8631
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL GEORGE T. BARSDA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving with Battery E, Second Battalion, Tenth Marines,
Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese
forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944.
Voluntarily braving constant enemy shellfire, Corporal
Barsda risked his life to follow his Battery Commander
into an exploding and blazing ammunition dump set aflame
by enemy shellfire. Successful in isolating and extinguishing
the blaze in the main dump, he then bravely aided in
burying individual rounds which had been blown clear of
the dump. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest
credit upon Corporal Barsda and the United States Naval
Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Nanty-Glo, PA
B..Nanty-Glo, PA

511275
DGP-298-bgj

Cincpac
App. SofN 7-19-45
Serial 32448
Signed FEB 15 1946

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

SERGEANT STANLEY F. BARTKIEWICZ,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. Voluntarily undertaking an extremely hazardous mission, Sergeant Bartkiewicz repeatedly loaded and drove a cargo carrier through heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire and, despite great risk to his own life, succeeded in delivering vital supplies to his battalion on the front lines. Carrying out his dangerous self-appointed task as driver of the only cargo vehicle to attempt passage on this critical date, he contributed immeasurably to the combat efficiency of his battalion, in its advance across the island. By his daring initiative, cool courage and steadfast devotion to duty in the face of grave peril, Sergeant Bartkiewicz upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Cleveland, Ohio,
B..Cleveland, Ohio.

SSM, perm. cit. and ltr. from Commandant of the Marine Corps was presented to the parents of the late Sergeant Stanley F. Bartkiewicz, USMCR., Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bartkiewicz on 25 March 1946 at their home. Ceremony was informal.

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ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00396-45
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALFRED J. BARTKOWSKI,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman in an Assault platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. Severely wounded in hand-to-hand conflict during an attack against enemy positions on the north end of the beach, Private First Class Bartkowski refused evacuation in order to continue the assault with the remaining members of his platoon. Observing five Japanese in a trench, he attacked from the flank, shooting three and forcing the others to flee before he was ordered evacuated because of his weakened condition. 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..Courtenay, N. Dak.
B.. " "

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DGP-298-cgh

Cincpac
Appd SofN 9-29-45
Serial 35710
Signed JUL 9 1946

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

SERGEANT ASA T. BARTLETT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in a Demolition Unit of Company A, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 23 March 1945. Observing that a dangerous breach had developed in the front lines, Sergeant Bartlett boldly deployed his engineer squad across the gaps and, although lightly armed and subjected to heavy enemy rifle and machine-gun fire, staunchly held the position for three hours until ordered to withdraw. Delivering rapid covering fire, he stayed on the line and held the hostile troops in position as his squad members withdrew one by one, until he himself was fatally wounded. Sergeant Bartlett's bold action prevented the Japanese from infiltrating our lines and, his leadership, courage and devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

SSM w/permanent citation, ltr. fr. CMC delivered to parents Mr. and Mrs. Asa O. Bartlett, Bethel, Maine, 21 Aug 46 by OinC, USMC, DHRS, Portland, Maine.

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Serial 4865
Signed _____

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

PLATOON SERGEANT GEORGE E. BARTLETT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Demolition Rocket Expert of Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 8 March 1945. After a rocket launcher had been dragged into an exposed position 150 yards in advance of the front lines, Platoon Sergeant Bartlett, although suffering from acute catarrhal fever, volunteered to accompany the launcher and adjust and control its fire despite the enemy heavy mortar and small-arms fire encountered. Kneeling at the side of the launcher, he continued to adjust and control his fire and, by accomplishing his mission, contributed to the success of a difficult operation. His skill, aggressive initiative and courageous action were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Seattle, Washington
B--Elk, Washington

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FmFPac Spot Ser. 58486
Signed DEC 16 1947

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

CORPORAL CHARLES W. BARTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Company M, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 30 May 1945. Observing four wounded Marines lying in exposed positions while he was advancing under intense machine-gun and mortar fire, Corporal Barton, accompanied by another Marine, made four successive trips through the fire-swept area to carry the men to a covered position. By his initiative, unselfish concern for the welfare of his comrades and courageous devotion to duty, Corporal Barton upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Wadsworth, Ohio
B..Wadsworth, Ohio

485856
DGP-298-tes

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 9468

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HENRY R. BASFORD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery H, Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. During an enemy counterattack, Private First Class Basford manned an outpost being attacked by enemy troops with hand grenades. Steadfast in the face of grave danger, he continued to hurl the grenades back at the enemy until he and his companions were all wounded and forced to withdraw. 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--Gunnison, Colorado.
E--Smith Center, Kansas

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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser 00435-45
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE W. BATCHELOR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Runner of Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 19 September 1944. When his Platoon Leader was killed, Private First Class Batchelor voluntarily and courageously climbed a high ridge to the most exposed point of his company's position. Although furious fighting was in progress, he rallied the defenders of this ridge, personally engaging the counterattacking enemy with grenades and in fierce hand to hand combat throughout the night. By his heroic action, he aided greatly in holding the bitterly contested position, and his fortitude, daring 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..Buchanan, Mich.
B..Buchanan, Mich.

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FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 8418
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT GROVER A. BATES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Artillery Forward Observer, attached to the Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 27 July 1944. Although his observation was limited by wooded and hilly terrain, Second Lieutenant Bates proceeded with the infantry assault echelon until they reached a radio tower. With a detail of two men, he climbed the radio tower under heavy enemy small-arms fire and, for approximately one and a half hours, directed effective artillery fire from his vantage point. His cool courage, fighting spirit and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Elmira, N. Y.,
B--Elmira Heights, New York.

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FMFPac.
SPOT
Ser. 41635

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WESLEY C. BATES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as a Platoon Leader of the First Battalion, Twenty-
eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action
against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano
Islands, 19 February 1945. Although wounded in the
arm soon after landing on the beach, First Lieuten-
ant Bates bandaged his own wounds and proceeded to
lead the remnants of his platoon composed of one
and one-half squads across the Island as rapidly as
possible to an assigned position and, while en route,
destroyed numerous enemy pillboxes. Upon reaching
the other side of the Island, he reorganized his
platoon and, taking command of men from other units
who had succeeded in reaching that section, assigned
them to their proper places in the firing line. His
outstanding leadership and unfailing devotion to duty
served as a constant inspiration to all men under his
command, and reflect the highest credit upon First
Lieutenant Bates and the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Toledo, Ohio.,
B--Toledo, Ohio.

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CincPac
Appd SofN 3-8-45
Serial 01451
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT RAYMOND P. BATTANI, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader of an Assault Platoon serving with the Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 3 October 1944. Halted at the crest of a sharp coral ridge by heavy and accurate small-arms fire from enemy troops entrenched in a higher position, Gunnery Sergeant Battani promptly deployed his men along the crest and in covered positions on the forward slope in a bold counter movement and opened fire. By his well-timed and decisive action, he made possible the continued passage of friendly troops on the narrow trail to the rear, retained the initiative and enabled succeeding platoons to extend the line across the entire ridge. While exposing himself to intense Japanese fire in order to locate a hostile machine gun, Gunnery Sergeant Battani was mortally wounded. His daring and courageous leadership and unwavering devotion to duty throughout this perilous engagement 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..Detroit, Mich.
B..Detroit, Mich.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC sent:
OinC, MCDHI&RS, Rm. 501, Griswold Bldg., 1214 Griswold Street,
Detroit 26, Mich., for pres. to prnts of the late GySgt Battani,
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Battani, 5752 Bewick St., Detroit. Pres'd.
on 17Sep45 by OinC, Detroit, informally in the DHI&RS office,
Detroit at the request of the father.

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Spot Award
Serial 721
Signed Aug 5, 1943

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

CORPORAL LINOARD M. BATTEN
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces while on a reconnaissance patrol in the Matanikau River Area, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 25, 1942. When his unit was ambushed and attacked by a numerically superior Japanese force, Corporal Batten, in charge of a squad of eight men, with grim determination and loyal devotion to duty, successfully covered the withdrawal of the remainder of the patrol. After the main body of the patrol had reached the cover of the woods, he withdrew his squad and skillfully led them through the jungle safely back to their organization. His courageous and efficient leadership in the face of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

PAUL H. NITZE

Secretary of the Navy

R-Humbolt, Tennessee
B-Decator, Tennessee

/s/ 18Feb65

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Serial 86490
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE WALTER J. BATTERSBY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Flame Thrower Operator with Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 13 March 1945. Assigned the mission of destroying an enemy pillbox well-defended by machine-gun and rifle fire, Private Battersby crawled over the fire-swept terrain to a position from which he quickly silenced the enemy guns in the pillbox with his flame thrower. Upon returning through hostile fire with his empty weapon, he learned that the company on the right was without flame thrower operators and urgently in need of flame thrower support. Immediately proceeding to this company's assistance, he aided in the reduction of another Japanese position and, subsequently returning through enemy machine-gun and rifle fire to his own company, noticed that no experienced rocket launcher operators were available. Volunteering as a leader of a two-man team for the mission of destroying an enemy tank which was firing from the left flank of the company's zone of action, he advanced one hundred and fifty yards through hostile machine-gun, rifle and intermittent mortar fire and successfully accomplished his mission by destroying the Japanese tank. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Maywood, Ill.,
B..Chicago, Ill.

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

MAJOR ROY J. BATTERTON, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. When information was received during the night that enemy tanks followed by infantry were moving up to attack, Major Batterton personally directed a platoon of tanks to a strategic position where they could be employed against the hostile mechanized forces. By skillfully effecting this maneuver, he was instrumental in destroying the enemy forces and in preventing a serious break-through to the beachhead. Although wounded during the latter part of the action, Major Batterton remained with his men at his own request until the issue was decided. His tactical ability, leadership and courageous devotion to duty in the face of enemy attack reflect great credit on Major Batterton and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS
/s/ FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Lexington, Kentucky
B-Lexington, Kentucky

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAYMOND L. BATTOCLETTI,
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 I, Third Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 4 March 1945. When his platoon sustained heavy casualties from accurate enemy machine-gun and sniper fire, Private First Class Battocletti unhesitatingly made his way forward in the face of devastating hostile fire and carried two wounded men to a position where medical aid could be administered. Later the same day, when both his corpsmen had become casualties, he bravely worked his way forward over hazardous terrain to administer first aid to a wounded Marine and protected the stricken man against enemy sniper fire for a period of thirty minutes until his platoon had advanced. By his outstanding courage, daring initiative and selfless efforts in behalf of his comrades, Private First Class Battocletti upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

DAN A. KIMBALL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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Ser. 56883

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT LAUREN H. BATTY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Artillery Forward Observer of Battery B, First Battalion, Twelfth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 3 and 4 March 1945. When his Acting Company Commander became a casualty on the night of 3 March, during an attack on his Command Post by approximately forty infiltrating Japanese, Second Lieutenant Batty immediately took charge and skillfully organized the small force of seventeen men at the Command Post. Constantly braving intense enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, he skillfully directed the defenders in the use of their carbines, three 60-mm. mortars and a flame thrower and, by his gallant leadership, saved the Command Post from almost certain annihilation by a numerically superior Japanese force. When relieved by another company the following morning, he effected an orderly withdrawal to a reserve area and set up a perimeter defense. His tactical skill and courage under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Long Beach, Cal.,
B--Long Beach, Cal.

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD F. H. BAUER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 22 June 1944. When his company was forced to withdraw to a more favorable defensive position, First Lieutenant Bauer secured the assistance of five men to cover the withdrawal and, immediately seizing a wounded man's automatic rifle, braved intense hostile machine-gun and mortar fire to direct them in taking up a defensive position. Working his way forward alone, he silenced an enemy machine gun, thereby facilitating his company's retirement to a more favorable position with a minimum of casualties. 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-Indianapolis, Ind.
B-Indianapolis, Ind.

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DGP-298-vgv

Spot Award
Serial 0069
Signed JUN 8 1943

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

CORPORAL FRANCIS J. BAUER, USMC,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands on October 14, 1942. At the time Company A of the First Pioneer Battalion, First Marine Division, was under concentrated artillery fire, Corporal Bauer, on duty in our defensive line, was in charge of a left flank machine-gun section. When one of the positions was blown up by a near hit and two men were badly injured, he carried them to the company aid station through two hundred yards of tremendous shellfire, then picked up a stretcher and ran back to assist in the removal of another wounded comrade. By his heroic conduct, maintained at great risk in the face of grave danger, he undoubtedly helped save the lives of three marines who otherwise might have perished."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Baltimore, Maryland.

B--Baltimore, Maryland.

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Serial 1172

Signed-----

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN W. BAUER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Antitank Battery, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 22 February 1944. Serving as a member of a self-propelled gun crew, Private First Class Bauer assisted in unloading urgently needed ammunition and supplies and helped in carrying them inland under heavy enemy fire to front-line troops, where he acted as a rifleman until the objective was reached. Subsequently, he acted as a stretcher bearer and carried burning mortar shell cases into the water, burning his hands badly in the attempt to remove the dangerous cases. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

Copy to:
Public Relations, Navy Dept.
Re
R-Indianapolis, Ind
B-Indianapolis, Ind.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Cincpac
App. SofN 3-17-45
Serial 101390
Signed SEP 19 1945

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM B. BAUERSCHMIDT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader attached to the Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Ngesebus and Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 15 September to 5 October 1944. A forceful and inspiring leader, Second Lieutenant Bauerschmidt carried out his difficult and hazardous assignment of neutralizing enemy caves during the operations on Ngesebus and contributed in a large measure to the success of our forces on this highly strategic island. Subsequently continuing his courageous efforts at Peleliu, he personally led a small reconnaissance party up the side of a steep cliff in the face of heavy automatic and sniper fire to determine whether or not the position was tenable in order to avoid unnecessary casualties among his men and, discovering that the entire area was exposed to intense hostile fire, attempted to descend the cliff to report his findings, but was mortally wounded before his mission could be completed. Second Lieutenant Bauerschmidt's brilliant initiative and great personal valor under extremely perilous conditions 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-Pottstown, Pa.
B-Ridgewood, N.Y.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by OinC, Pittsburgh, 10-29-45
to the widow of the late 2dLt Bauerschmidt, Mrs. Bauerschmidt.
Inf pres at this station.

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM S. BAUGHAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Crew Chief of an Amphibian Tractor of the Third Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Third Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. After swimming clear of his tractor which partially submerged after it had been struck by hostile shellfire during the landing on Asan Beach, Corporal Baughan discovered that a fellow crewman was not in sight and, swimming back to the tractor despite the shells still being fired at the hulk, located his unconscious comrade in the wreckage. Pushing the man across a floating gun platform, Corporal Baughan kept him afloat until rescued by a passing tractor. His outstanding courage and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Salina, Kans.
R-Salina, Kans.

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Serial 22935
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GAIL L. BAXTER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Scout Sergeant of a Shore Fire Control Team of the Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 27 September 1944. When his team encountered severe enemy opposition while returning to the command post after having completed a mission and the Naval gunfire spotter was killed, Private First Class Baxter made his way to the nearest friendly troops and led an assault squad to the scene of the encounter. By his leadership, he contributed materially to the destruction of this pocket of resistance which consisted of an enemy machine gun and protecting riflemen. His initiative, courage under fire and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Wichita, Kansas.,
B--Ottawa, Kansas.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

BAY, Per Cit & cong ltr sent
to CO, MB, USNAD, Hingham, Mass

DGP-298-bz

Spot Award

Serial 0746

Signed

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM L. BAY, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving with the First Marine Division in combat against
enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Gloucester Area, New
Britain, December 28, 1943. Wounded by four Japanese who
suddenly rushed at him when his company moved into assault,
Private First Class Bay quickly turned on his attackers and,
despite his own serious condition, killed them by rifle fire.
His fearless aggressiveness and valiant fighting spirit 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.

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R - Glendora, New Jersey.

E - Glendora, New Jersey.

Released June 27, 1944

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

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT PHILIP P. BAYER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company B, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 September 1944. When a rifle platoon was pinned down by heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from enemy pillboxes and the two 75-mm. half-tracks supporting the platoon were virtually out of action because of hostile fire concentrated upon them, First Lieutenant Bayer assumed command and daringly attempted an advance by use of one of the 75-mm. guns. Although mortally wounded when he daringly climbed onto a half-track to direct the fire of the crew, he had contributed materially to the neutralization of a Japanese pillbox and the subsequent advance of his platoon. His self-sacrificing spirit and outstanding skill in combat reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Bayer and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Flushing Long Island, N.Y.
B--New York, N.Y.

SSM, perm cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 23 Aug. by CO, MB, NYd, New York to the parents of the late 1st Lt. Bayer, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bayer, 35-09 156th St., Flushing, N.Y. at post with appropriate ceremony.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PAUL M. BAYNE, JR., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 18 June 1944. When a withering burst of hostile machine-gun and rifle fire forced his company to withdraw, Private First Class Bayne unhesitatingly volunteered to cover this movement by close-range rocket fire although the nature of his weapon made him an obvious target for Japanese guns. Courageously exposing himself to an intense volley from the enemy emplacements, he succeeded in silencing a hostile machine gun before he was fatally wounded. Private First Class Bayne's indomitable fighting spirit and great personal valor were an inspiration to his comrades and 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--Montgomery, Alabama

B--

SSM perm.cit. & ltr.fr. CMC pres'd by 1st.Lt. Douglas C. Pritchett, USMCR, Ala: State Selective Service Hq. to the parents of the late PFC Bayne, Mr&Mrs Paul M. Bayne, Sr., 338 Sayre St, Montgomery, Ala., on 18 May 1945 at Baldwin Junior High School in connection with 7th War Loan rally.

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Serial 19614
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL REVIS C. BEACH,
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-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July 1944. When his company was pinned down by hostile fire, Corporal Beach observed that an enemy machine gun squad had worked around to the left of the company and prevented the company from maneuvering into position from which fire could be returned on the Japanese position. Obtaining demolitions, he courageously moved across an open ridge swept by heavy enemy machine-gun and mortar fire and succeeded in destroying the hostile machine gun emplacement. By his bravery, initiative and devotion to duty, Corporal Beach upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Hazelhush, Miss.,
B--Arcadia, La.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 41646

Signed-----

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

PRIVATE WALKER P. BEAGLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as
a Runner of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth
Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against
enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands,
on 2 March 1945. When intense hostile fire halted
his company's advance, necessitating evacuation of
casualties and a swift reorganization, Private
Beagle immediately volunteered to assist a comrade
in forming a stretcher team and, during the next
three hours, aided in the evacuation of fifteen
wounded men. Although wounded himself during this
period, he carried vitally needed ammunition to the
assault platoons on each return trip to the front
line, remaining with his company until all casualties
were evacuated. His outstanding courage and devotion
to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions
of the United States Naval Service."

Greensburg,
R-Greensburg, Ind.
B-New Point, Ind.

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

PLATOON SERGEANT ERNEST T. BEAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Sergeant of Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 7 March 1945. When his Platoon Leader became a casualty during a heavy fire fight, Platoon Sergeant Bean unhesitatingly assumed command of the platoon and continued the attack on a strongly defended enemy position. During the course of the attack, the hostile position was blown up, causing many casualties to his unit and knocking Platoon Sergeant Bean unconscious. Regaining consciousness, he immediately began reorganizing his platoon and supervising the work on casualties and, rallying the remaining eight uninjured men, pressed the attack forward and prevented the enemy from firing into the area where the wounded men were being treated and evacuated. He continued to attack with his few remaining men until he had joined forces with the unit on his left. His aggressive leadership and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Washington, D. C.,
B--Lexington, N. Car.,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 56882

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRED D. BEANS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, from 15 to 20 April 1945. Called upon to replace the Commanding Officer of the First Battalion, killed in action during a critical period of the Battalion's operations, Lieutenant Colonel Beans assumed command of the badly shaken Battalion during a fierce fire fight and, leading his men under intense hostile fire, accomplished the mission of capturing the enemy bastion of Mount Yaetake. Capitalizing on the advantage gained, he continued the attack throughout the following day to complete the destruction of the Japanese force. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Lieutenant Colonel Beans and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Annapolis, Md.
B--Skidmore, Kansas.

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Cincpac
App. SofN 1-25-45
Serial 126563
Signed AUG 18 1945

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Group, on 17 June 1944. Observing several members of his squad in imminent peril of losing their lives under violent enemy infantry opposition while attacking a hostile tank with antitank grenades, Private First Class Beard unhesitatingly exposed himself to intense fire and, engaging the enemy with his automatic weapon, single-handedly wiped out many of the Japanese before he was mortally wounded. By his heroic fighting spirit and courageous disregard for personal safety, Private First Class Beard enabled his squad to complete the destruction of the enemy tank which was endangering their position, and his valiant conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Marion, Ind.
B..Kokomo, Ind.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd by CWO, Anthony Morelle, ass't rec officer Indianapolis Ind., 9-29-45, to the mother of the late PFC Beard, Mrs. Anna F. Beard, 2353 N. Guilford Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Inf pres.

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DGP-298-cag

Cincpac
Appd 1-10-46
Serial 35591
Signed APR 24 1947

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

SERGEANT ROY T. BEARD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader in a Rifle Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 11 March 1945. When his platoon became pinned down under intense fire from a vastly superior number of the enemy, firmly entrenched in well-fortified positions, Sergeant Beard maneuvered his men into a more advantageous position on commanding ground and engaged the Japanese in a fierce grenade and fire fight with resultant heavy casualties to the enemy. Maintaining complete control of his squad at all times during the savage engagement, he repeatedly braved the devastating fire while directing his men. Locating four of the enemy entrenched to his front, he moved out under covering fire and fearlessly charged the group, killing all before he himself was mortally wounded. His cool courage and spirit of self-sacrifice served as an inspiration to his comrades, and his aggressive action was largely responsible for the attainment of his company's objective, thereby reflecting the highest credit upon Sergeant Beard and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Memphis, Missouri.
B..Memphis, Missouri.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. pres'd to Mr. & Mrs. Tom W. Beard, parents of the late Sgt. Roy T. Beard, USMC on 14 July 47 by OinC USMC HDRS, St. Louis, Mo. with appr. ceremony.

Spot Award 1942.
Serial 00192
Signed APR 2 1943

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

CAPTAIN CHARLES J. BEASLEY, U.S.M.C.R.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as operations and training officer of the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 7-9, 1942. While engaged in operations to the west of Metapona River, in an area infested with harassing groups and snipers, Captain Beasley, although previously wounded in a skirmish with the Japanese, persisted in continuing his duties. Frequently operating in advance positions under hostile fire, he carried on throughout a severe engagement on November 8, rendering valuable assistance until the situation had become secure. His courageous endurance and utter disregard of personal safety were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R...Ridgewood, New Jersey

B...Joliet, Illinois

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App. SoFN 1-11-45
Serial 004326
Signed APR 10 1945

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

PRIVATE RALPH P. BEAZLEY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Automatic Rifleman with the Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island in the Palau Group on 15 September 1944. The only Marine left within a sector of fifteen yards after all his comrades were killed while fighting off a powerful hostile counterattack in force on the right front of our lines, Private Beazley steadfastly maintained his position, alternately firing his automatic rifle and hurling hand grenades to inflict extremely heavy casualties on the fanatic, on-rushing Japanese. Mortally wounded in the fierce hostilities, he stoutly refused to leave his position, holding valiantly until death overcame him after the enemy had been driven back. By his determined aggressiveness, indomitable fighting spirit and resolute fortitude in the face of terrific odds, Private Beazley single-handedly completed the repulse of the final Japanese effort to counterattack in his sector, 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,

SSM, perm.cit. & ltr fr CMC pres'd 23 May 1945 by OinC, USMCDHI&RS, Rm 69, P.O. Bldg., Little Rock, Ark. to the parents of the late Pvt. Beazley, Mr. & Mrs. James W. Beazley, Sr., at the Methodist Church at Forrest City, Ark. Pastor, Mayor of Forrest City, and Commander of Legion Post, assisted OinC. Covered by newspapers and radio. 500 persons present.

R--Forest City, Arkansas.

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

CAPTAIN DONALD M. BECK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, from 21 July to 10 August 1944. When his company was pinned down and suffered heavy casualties under sudden enfilading, direct artillery fire after it had advanced five hundred yards in an attack against strong hostile forces, Captain Beck withdrew on order and, reorganizing into platoons, re-manned his lines with only seventy-two men. During a subsequent enemy full-force attack, his men held the line determinedly, exacting such a heavy toll from the Japanese that a dawn counterattack by an adjacent company was able to restore the lines. Separated from his platoons by infiltrating hostile troops who had severed his communications, Captain Beck remained with three men at his Command Post to report the situation to Battalion Headquarters by radio, thereby enabling his Battalion Commander to locate and localize the breakthrough. Captain Beck's tactical skill, courage and unwavering 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--Dallas, South Dakota.
B--Gregory, South Dakota.

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Appd SofN 9-13-45
Serial 35555
Signed JUL 9 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS B. BECK, SR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Flame Thrower Operator in an Assault Rifle Platoon while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. Upon discovering six of the enemy in a strongly defended cave position, Private First Class Beck daringly assaulted the position in the face of withering hostile fire and, although mortally wounded during the action, succeeded in destroying all of the enemy. His courageous fighting spirit and complete disregard for his own safety reflects the highest credit upon Private First Class Beck and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

JOHN W. SULLIVAN

Acting

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Jacksonville, Florida.
B--Thomasville, Georgia.

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr forwarded by reg mail to the widow of the late Pfc. Beck, Mrs. Thomas B. Beck, Sr., 1930 Redell St., Jacksonville Fla., on 5 Oct 46 by the CO, USNAS, Jacksonville, Fla.

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

MARINE GUNNER HARRY M. BECKELMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader of an Engineer Platoon of Company C, First Battalion, Nineteenth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 27 and 31 July 1944. On 27 July while on a tank security mission with six tanks attached to a Battalion then in an assault against strong enemy resistance in the Mount Tenjo Area, Marine Gunner Beckelman skillfully led his platoon in hand-to-hand combat with the enemy which resulted in capturing four active hostile mortar positions, burning out several enemy-occupied bunkers and caves with flame throwers and in destroying a large number of Japanese troops. While supervising the building of a road from the rear area to the front on 31 July, he discovered that a big Army and Marine Corps artillery and tank movement heading along the beach to Agana could not progress because facilities at the mouth of the river were almost impassable and, as a result, vehicles were standing in line for hundreds of yards unable to get through. Using part of his platoon and engineer equipment, he acted on his own initiative to open up a new route over the mountains, making it possible for the movement to be completed by nightfall on the same day. By his technical skill, ingenuity and courageous devotion to duty in the face of grave peril, he contributed materially to the success of our forces in this area and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Denison, Tex.
B..Denison, Tex.

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SPOT
Serial 84053
Signed _____ DEC 9 1947

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

CORPORAL LLOYD M. BECKER, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, 7 May 1945. While his company was holding a ridge against a strong hostile counterattack, Corporal Becker coolly and ably directed his squad in the defense of their position and, although seriously wounded by artillery fire before the main enemy assault began, steadfastly refused evacuation and continued to control his group. When the enemy approached his position, he personally destroyed four hostile soldiers and, after the counterattack was repulsed and the platoon was reinforced, consented to be evacuated. By his bravery, initiative and devotion to duty, Corporal Becker upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Dayton, Ohio,
B--Dayton, Ohio.

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Serial 2788
Signed

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

CORPORAL JAMES W. BEDINGFIELD,
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, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, 1 February 1944. Valiantly assuming command of a rifle squad when its leader became a casualty, Corporal Bedingfield, although wounded in the neck and shoulder, refused for four hours to be evacuated until his unit was relieved. During this time, in the face of intense hostile fire, he disregarded his own safety and exposed himself repeatedly to the enemy while courageously directing his men. His exceptional skill, keen initiative and inspiring devotion to duty throughout this hazardous engagement reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Bedingfield and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Cadwell, Georgia
B-Cadwell, Georgia

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS REX G. BEECHER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Reading, Mich.,
B..Wheatland, Twp., Mich.

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DGP-298-vml

Cincpac
AppdSofN 9-20-45
Serial-35445
Signed JUL 24 1946

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT OWEN R. BEEDE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Machine Gun Platoon attached to Company B, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 27 February to 7 March 1945. When a platoon of friendly tanks became confused and poured machine-gun and 75-mm. high explosive ammunition into the rifle platoons of his own company during an engagement with the enemy on 27 February, Second Lieutenant Beede, although forced to cross a one hundred yard open expanse swept by devastating hostile machine-gun, mortar and antitank fire, voluntarily risked his life in a desperate attempt to inform the leader. Reaching the command tank, he promptly seized the phone and, remaining erect and exposed despite the terrific shellfire, calmly walked beside the vehicle and transmitted his orders until he was able to adjust the line of fire. Unceasing in his efforts to destroy the enemy, Second Lieutenant Beede continued his daring tactics in the sustained drive across the island, carrying on valiantly until he was fatally struck down when the Japanese launched a terrific mortar barrage against his position during a fierce encounter on 7 March. By his daring initiative, cool courage and aggressive determination in the face of tremendous odds, Second Lieutenant Beede contributed to the saving of many lives and to the success of the bitterly fought Iwo campaign. His selfless 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

R..Kellerton, Iowa.
B..Des Moines, Iowa.

Secretary of the Navy. Acting

SSM w/perm. cit. ltr fr. CMC fwd by reg. mail on 9 April 1947 to the widow of the late 2nd Lt. Beede, remarried, Mrs. Alice Lou Greenman, Kellerton, Iowa by the Oinc USMC DHRS Des Moines, Iowa. No publicity given.

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Signed DEC 16 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BERNARD B. BEEGLE,
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 Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 9 May 1945. Voluntarily advancing alone against an enemy machine gun emplacement which was holding up the advance of his company, Private First Class Beegle killed two of the Japanese with hand grenades and, despite intense hostile automatic fire and hand grenades from the emplacement, continued relentlessly in the attack to eliminate the two remaining Japanese with rifle fire. By his initiative, resourcefulness and courageous devotion to duty, Private First Class Beegle enabled his company to advance and attain its objective, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Ellwood City, Pa.
B..New Brighton, Pa.

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Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN W. BEER,
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 A, First Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 7 March 1945. With the advance of his platoon and company temporarily halted by enemy mortar, grenade and small-arms fire, Second Lieutenant Beer courageously led flame thrower teams into front-line positions and personally directed their fire. Although painfully wounded while leading this assault, he continued to direct the advance of his platoon until he was evacuated. By his tactical skill and coolness under hostile fire, he contributed materially to the success of his company in capturing its objective and in killing at least fifty of the enemy during this perilous advance. His inspiring leadership throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Tacoma, Wash.
B-Denver, Colo.

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT ELDEN H. BEERS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Eighteenth Marines (Engineer), Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. Fearlessly risking his life in a valiant attempt to rescue a Marine struck down by the enemy's withering shellfire thirty yards from shore during landing operations on D-Day, Sergeant Beers boldly advanced across the open, fire-swept area to the side of his wounded comrade and, although wounded himself by fragments of an exploding mortar shell, dauntlessly continued his self-sacrificing efforts to reach the shore with his helpless companion. By his daring initiative, great personal valor and cool courage in the face of grave danger, Sergeant Beers served as an inspiration to others in the area and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Deer Park, Washington.
B- Barnard, South Dakota.
27 February 1922

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

SERGEANT LEONARD J. BEGALLA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of an Assault Platoon of Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault and occupation of Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 15 and 16 June 1944. Severely wounded by shrapnel during the initial hostilities, while manning a machine gun mounted on an amphibious tractor en route to the beach, Sergeant Begalla steadfastly continued to pour a stream of damaging fire on the enemy until his tractor landed on the beach. Resolutely refusing to be evacuated after leaving the tractor, he led his squad on assigned combat missions, performing his essential duties with zealous initiative. Wounded a second time while leading his men against sustained hostile fire the following day, he gallantly aided in evacuating wounded members of his squad before withdrawing himself for medical treatment. By his inspiring leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and cool courage in the face of savage and unceasing opposition, Sergeant Begalla contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital Japanese stronghold, and his valiant devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Youngstown, Ohio
B-Youngstown, Ohio

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Serial 440
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

SERGEANT GEORGE D. BEHANNA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as a Tank Bulldozer Commander of Company A, Third Tank Battalion, Third Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Unable to direct his bulldozer tank from within because of limited vision and an extremely congested beach, Sergeant Behanna unhesitatingly left the inside to sit daringly on the dozer blade and, despite intense mortar and small-arms fire, directed his tank by hand signals in cutting a road over the steep banks at the waters edge, and in pulling out mired tanks, thereby getting the remainder of the tanks in his company into action with least delay. His courage, skill, initiative and zealous devotion to duty were contributing factors in the success of the operation and reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Behanna and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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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 WESLEY C. BEHLAND, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands Area on the night of October 13-14, 1942. Voluntarily hurrying to fires started by enemy incendiaries and intense heavy shelling by a Japanese battleship offshore, Private First Class Behland and two other marines succeeded in putting out two fires during the height of the bombardment and assisted in combating another in an adjacent area. When a direct hit on a dugout trapped five of his comrades, he fearlessly went to their aid and assisted in extricating the wounded and removing them to a place of safety. As the Army units had just moved into bivouac that night and were undergoing their initial experience under fire, he and other marines made a reconnaissance of the area, offering assistance and looking for the wounded whom they removed to safety. His cool courage and fearless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Roosevelt, Nassau, New York.

B - Mineola, New York, 7-7-1920.

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Cincpac
Serial 9670
Appd SofN 11-27-44
Signed JAN 16 1945

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

PRIVATE ARTHUR A. BEHLING, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Twenty-Second Marines, Fifth Amphibious Corps, during an engagement against enemy Japanese forces on Farry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, February 23, 1944. Observing that lack of ammunition was keeping a desperately needed machine gun of his squad out of action, Private Behling promptly obtained a double load of ammunition, and, unhesitatingly risking his life under withering enemy fire, attempted to cross an exposed area and supply his gun. Although killed while carrying out his perilous mission, Private Behling, by his splendid example of courage, had inspired his companions to further heroic attempts which were eventually successful. His valiant spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Milwaukee, Wisconsin
B--

SS & perm cit pres'd to parents, Mr. & Mrs. Albert A. Behling, 3764 South 14th Street, Milwaukee, Wisc. (ltr dtd 4-6-45 fr. R. A. Dawes, Prof. of Naval Science & Tactics, Marquette University, Naval R s. Officers' Trng. Corps, Milwaukee, Wisc.)

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CincPac
Appd SofN 2-1-45
Serial 0119
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT SIDNEY C. BEINKE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a 37-mm. Gun Platoon attached to the Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Group, 17 September 1944. Courageously setting up his guns in the open only two hundred yards from the entrenched enemy despite continuous exposure to withering hostile mortar and machine-gun fire, First Lieutenant Beinke skillfully directed the firing and rendered vital aid to his battalion in its successful assault on the Japanese-held southwest peninsula. Subsequently knocked down and wounded by a mortar blast during a heavy enemy barrage while commanding a group of infantry on 3 October 1944, First Lieutenant Beinke, after receiving treatment, valiantly attempted to return to the front and reassume command but was mortally wounded by enemy sniper fire. His unwavering devotion to duty and exceptional courage in the face of 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..Seattle, Wash.
B..St. Louis, Mo.

SSM, perm Cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd. by CO, MB, US Naval Station, Seattle 99, Wash. on 25 Aug 1945 to prnts of the late 1st Lt. Beinke, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Beinke, 5505 4th Ave., South, Seattle, Wash. Appropriate ceremony in auditorium of US Naval Station, Seattle. Publicity made in leading newspapers of Seattle.

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App. SofN 1-11-45
Serial 004327
Signed APR 11 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STEPHEN BELA, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Automatic Rifleman serving with the Third Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, 22 July 1944. When a force of approximately twenty hostile infantrymen suddenly attacked from the rear, Private First Class Bela unhesitatingly launched a fierce, single-handed attack against the onrushing Japanese. Alternately hurling hand grenades and firing his automatic rifle, he succeeded in killing eight of the enemy, fatally wounding three others and in completely disorganizing the hostile assault before he was mortally wounded by Japanese fire. By his daring initiative and great personal courage in the face of grave peril, Private First Class Bela contributed materially to the success of our forces in this vital war area, 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."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..McVeigh, Kentucky.

B..Detroit, Michigan.

SSM, perm. cit. & ltr fr CMC pres'd 5/30/45 by OinC, USMCDHI&RS, Rm 501, Griswold Bldg, 1214 Griswold St., Detroit 26, Mich. to the parents of the late PFC Bela, Mr. & Mrs. James Bela, 8521 Vanderbilt St. Detroit, Mich. at home informally.

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Serial 12435
Signed JUN 19 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN P. BELCAK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Automatic Rifleman, while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines (Reinforced), Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan, Marianas Group, 12 July 1944. When a member of his patrol was killed by an enemy rifleman located on a rocky ledge during mopping up operations, Private First Class Belcak unhesitatingly scaled the cliff and, despite heavy hostile fire, closed in and singlehandedly killed the Japanese soldier. His outstanding fortitude, cool courage and continued aggressiveness despite painful wounds received on three separate occasions, served as an 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 - Hellertown, Pa.

B - Hellertown, Pa.

256662
DGP-298-rf

App. SofN
7-1-43
Serial 256662
Signed AUG 30 1943

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

TECHNICAL SERGEANT ROBERT A. BELET, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroism and extraordinary achievement while serving with the First Marine Division during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of August 9-10, 1942. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Technical Sergeant Belet, in the face of persistent enemy fire, skillfully directed the repairing of a critical wire line. His efficient and courageous leadership was an inspiration to his men and aided materially in reestablishing communication over this vital circuit. His initiative, perseverance, and unswerving loyalty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
FRANK KNOX
Secretary of the Navy.

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

R-Blairstown, New Jersey

B- Blairstown, New Jersey- 8-6-1914

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App. SofN 1-18-45
Serial 004272
Signed JUN 11 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT MAX BELKO, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Reinforced, First Provisional Marine Brigade, during the assault on enemy Japanese-held Guam, in the Marianas Islands, on 21 July 1944. Quickly organizing his platoon upon landing, First Lieutenant Belko personally led a determined attack across an open fire-swept area and, cautioning his men to make use of all available cover although continually exposing himself to the terrific barrage, relentlessly pushed on and captured the hill to his immediate front which was the limited objective of his company. Struck down by an enemy fusillade while disposing his unit against a desperate counterattack, he placed his platoon sergeant in charge of defensive measures pending orders from the company commander and dispatched information regarding his tactical situation and strength to his commanding officer before succumbing to his wound. By his aggressive leadership and personal valor, First Lieutenant Belko inspired his men with an indomitable fighting spirit which carried them through a bitterly fought battle to the achievement of their objective in a minimum of time, 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--Harford, Calif.

B--Gary, Ind.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CG-Pac 10-8-45 to the widow of the late 1stLt Belko, Mrs. Max Belko. Form pres with parade and review at the Univ. of So. Calif., Hovard Field, LA., Calif.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLIFFORD F. BELL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Wireman of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on the night of 19 September 1944. When hostile forces broke through our lines and inflicted heavy casualties on the command post personnel of a rifle company, forcing its relocation and disrupting communications, Private First Class Bell volunteered to run a line from the Battalion Command Post to the company. Boldly proceeding through unfamiliar territory known to be infested with enemy troops, he made his way over precipitous ravines and up an extremely steep hill tangled with undergrowth and, risking the fire of friendly as well as hostile forces, completed his hazardous mission. By his heroic action, he enabled his command to communicate with a company in a perilous situation during the night, and his daring initiative, courage and determination throughout reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Bell and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R-Banger, Me.
B-Limestone, Me.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 86000
Signed _____

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE B. BELL,
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, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 4 June 1945. Realizing that his entire battalion sector was in danger when the left assault company was stopped while attacking an enemy-held ridge during the battle for Oroka Peninsula, Lieutenant Colonel Bell went forward under heavy enemy fire to locate the Commanding Officer of this company and, although wounded by shell fragments while moving forward, continued until he had located the enemy points of resistance. He unhesitatingly exposed himself to sustained heavy fire to coordinate the battalion supporting weapons and, by directing a relentless attack, successfully seized the ridge, before returning to his Command Post to have his wounds dressed. By his inspiring leadership and courage, Lieutenant Colonel Bell upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Artesia, Calif.,
B..Artesia, Calif.

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SPOT

Serial 0296

Signed-----

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

CORPORAL GEORGE T. BELL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving as a Radio Operator in an Armored Amphibian
of Company A, First Armored Amphibian Battalion, Corps
Troops, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against
enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21
July 1944. When his tank was destroyed by fire and
two members of the crew were killed, Corporal Bell
braved heavy enemy fire to administer first aid to his
wounded Platoon Leader and two other injured crewmen
before evacuating them to a transport for further
medical treatment. His courage and devotion to duty
reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Bell and the
United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Roseville, Calif
B-Salt Lake City, Utah

011060
DGP-298-egc

CincPac
Appd SofN 1-11-45
Serial 11718
Signed

APR 10 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM S. BELL, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Machine-Gun Platoon attached to the Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 24 July 1944. When his tractor was subjected to a withering hail of enemy small arms fire during the first wave of assault landings, First Lieutenant Bell unhesitatingly jumped to the side of the vehicle and, with bullets striking the water around him, courageously supervised and encouraged his men throughout vital unloading operations. Observing a large group of Marines pinned down by hostile machine-gun fire after he had cleared the beach with his platoon, he promptly located the Japanese weapon and, fearlessly crawling to within range, annihilated the enemy position with hand grenades then proceeded to the beach and succeeded in moving his men inland before he was mortally wounded by hostile sniper fire. First Lieutenant Bell's inspiring leadership and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Los Angeles, California
B--Minneapolis, Minnesota

SSN term cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 28 July by R. Adm. E. M. Pace, USN, to the widow of the late 1st Lt. Bell, Mrs. Wm. S. Bell, 3334 Stockbridge Ave., Los Angeles, at combined formal ceremony at Naval Training School (radio), Naval Reserve Armory, Los Angeles.

468649
DGP-298-bz

Spot Award
Serial 0556
Signed SEP 5 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MILTON S. BELLAMY, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an automatic rifleman serving with the Third Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, November 13 and 14, 1943. When his squad suffered heavy casualties during an advance against a strong Japanese entrenchment, Private First Class Bellamy courageously exposed himself to the intense machine-gun and rifle fire in order to cover the evacuation of casualties from between the lines and, when the hazardous task was completed, gallantly engaged the enemy in a bitter fire fight for more than five hours. Severely wounded the following night while occupying an outpost with two other Marines, he refrained from making an outcry which might have disclosed their position and deliberately suffered in silence until daybreak. By his courageous initiative, daring aggressiveness and great personal valor in voluntarily risking his life for others, Private First Class Bellamy contributed to the saving of many of his comrades who otherwise might have perished. His extremely heroic action in the face of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Hammond, Indiana.
B..Chicago, Illinois.

018330
DGP-298-rkz

Cinepac
SPOT
Serial 2788
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM BELLANO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as Assistant Bomb Disposal Officer of the Fourth Marine Division, and Officer in Charge of all bomb disposal on Namur Island, during and after the Battle of Roi-Namur Islands, Kwajalein Atoll, from 2 to 14 February 1944. Applying exceptional skill and tireless energy to the fulfillment of his mission, Second Lieutenant Bellano removed from Roi and Namur Islands, without a single mishap, many fused United States ordnance duds and innumerable items of Japanese ordnance. His faultless performance and fearless devotion to a hazardous duty reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Bellano and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Reading, Pennsylvania.
B--Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

413474
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 41627
Signed FEB 10 1946

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

CORPORAL JEAN-MARIE M. BELLEMARE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Runner of Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. Moving forward through intense enemy small-arms and mortar fire to destroy an enemy bunker holding up the advance of his company, Corporal Bellemare led a flame thrower team and demolition man to a position from which to assault the enemy strong point and, when the demolition man was killed as he was about to place his explosive charge, rushed to the fallen man, picked up the charge and pushed it into the bunker opening, completely destroying the strong point. By his initiative, courage and devotion to duty, he aided the rifle company in continuing its advance and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Ouburn, Maine.,
B--Ouburn, Maine.

Secretary of the Navy.

BELLIS, Cong ltr & Per Sit
for SS sent to CG, 1stMar Div
FMF.

Spot Award

Serial 0746

Signed

ComSec 1lt
10-7-44

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

CORPORAL RICHARD D. BELLIS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Marine Division during an engagement with enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, December 28, 1943. When his unit was held up by intense hostile machine-gun fire, Corporal Bellis skillfully maneuvered his squad into an advantageous position and destroyed the enemy emplacement, enabling our troops to advance. Fighting courageously and with gallant disregard for his own personal safety, he continued his assault against the Japanese until he was seriously wounded. Corporal Bellis' valiant leadership and fearless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Brookfield, Illinois.

B - Chicago, Illinois.

Released July 14, 1944

HEADQUARTERS USAFISPA
APO #502

13 November 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)

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sent out 4-7-44*

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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR.....II

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II AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

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MERRILL R. BELLMAN, (289274), Corporal, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at Vangunu, Solomon Islands, in deliberately exposing himself to the enemy's fire in order to locate their positions, and in effectively directing his squad in the destruction of two hostile mortars and two-machine-gun emplacements on 1 July 1943, Home Address: Delavan, Wisconsin.

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By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R - Delavan, Wisconsin

B - Delavan, Wisconsin

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HENRY L. BELLMON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company C, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 16 March 1945. When his tank was damaged by a land mine immediately after landing on D-Day First Lieutenant Bellmon remained in the immobilized tank although it was a prime target for every fire and, despite repeated artillery hits on the vehicle, ably directed its fire and controlled the movement of the remainder of the platoon by radio as it advanced beyond him in the attack to the airfield. While leading his platoon in column through mined terrain in the face of enemy fire on 22 February, he continued to advance after his tank had received several hits from a hostile antitank gun until forced to abandon it far beyond friendly front lines. On the following day, First Lieutenant Bellmon courageously led his platoon in another attack through restricted and, when his tank was hit by antitank projectiles which destroyed it and killed several of the crew, changed vehicles and continued the attack. By his courage, determination and aggressive fighting spirit throughout, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Red Rock, Okla.
B - Tonnawa, Okla.

352965
DGP-298-dmf

Spot Award
Serial 002172
Signed WAR 9 1944

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

CORPORAL THOMAS J. BELT, JR., USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as member of a reconnaissance patrol landed by submarine on enemy-held Shortland Island, Solomon Islands, August 23, 1943. Voluntarily and with utter disregard of personal safety, Corporal Belt embarked upon an extremely dangerous mission into Japanese-occupied territory for the purpose of securing vital information with regard to terrain, hydrographic conditions, and strength and disposition of hostile forces. Undeterred by the isolation of his position and by the full knowledge that no assistance could be expected from outside sources, he nevertheless remained on the island for three days, successfully carrying out an important assignment under hazardous conditions where discovery by Japanese troops would undoubtedly have resulted in his capture or death. His courageous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/S/ FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B - Lafayette, Indiana. 6-26-21
R - Chicago, Illinois.

316096
DGP-298-dmf

Spot Award
Serial 01059
Signed NOV 11 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RALPH J. BENCOACH, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Eighth Marines, Reinforced, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on January 15, 1943. At the height of an engagement west of Point Cruz, Private First Class Bencoach, with cool courage and utter disregard for his own personal safety, voluntarily exposed himself to heavy fire from hostile rifles, mortars and machine guns in order to reach the side of a fallen comrade. Calmly rendering first aid, he then removed the injured man from his dangerous position to a point from which he could be safely evacuated. His heroic spirit of self-sacrifice was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Dines, Wyoming.

B - Hazard, Kentucky.

015398

DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac

SPOT

Serial 62821

Signed FEB 13 1948

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT MICHAEL D. BENDA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company E, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 20 May 1945. While directing the attack of his unit against a strongly fortified enemy position on Hill 57, north of Shuri, First Lieutenant Benda saw that further attack was impossible at the time and, exposing himself to enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, supervised the evacuation of casualties. Then reorganizing his company, he personally led a tank-infantry attack which resulted in the capture and occupation of the objective and the annihilation of the enemy forces with a minimum of casualties to his own men. His skilled leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and unrelenting devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Flemington, W. Va.,
B--Wendel, W. Va.,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

844035
DGP-298-bec

Cincpac
Appd SofN 9-13-45
Serial 35769
Signed JUN 6 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WARREN A. BENDER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifleman serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, from 21 to 26 February 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by intense enemy resistance on 21 February, Private First Class Bender unhesitatingly pushed ahead with another Marine through withering machine-gun fire and destroyed the hostile gun emplacement, thereby enabling his platoon to advance. On 26 February, observing more than fifteen of the enemy in a cave forward of the lines, he volunteered to advance and destroy the position, personally accounting for eight of the Japanese. His fearless initiative and courageous disregard for his own personal safety reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Bender and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Hollis, New York
B..New York, New York

288352
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00597-45
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL AMERICO M. BENEZIANO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Wireman of the First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 21 September 1944. Volunteering to establish urgently needed communications with the front line companies who were defending coral ridges covered with dense undergrowth, Corporal Beneziano worked his way forward in complete darkness under continuous hostile sniper fire and an intense mortar barrage. Although severely wounded by shrapnel before reaching the front, he continued forward and completed his mission and provided communications which were highly essential throughout a night of repeated enemy counterattacks. 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..Orange, N.J.
B..Orange, N.J.

460814
DGP-208-egc

Spot Award
Serial 00817
Signed OCT 26 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS VICTOR L. BENFATTI, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1943. Unhesitatingly volunteering to take part in an attempt to silence enemy gun emplacements threatening the advance of an infantry battalion, Private First Class Benfatti courageously proceeded under intense hostile fire and, with several comrades, attacked and destroyed seven vital enemy positions, killing fourteen Japanese and driving out numerous others. Ordered to return to the command post with captured military documents, he worked his way over difficult jungle terrain swept by hostile machine guns and delivered the papers, subsequently rejoining his comrades in continued attacks against the Japanese. Private First Class Benfatti's daring initiative and vallant conduct 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--Paterson, N. J.
B-- " " "

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DGP-298-egc

CG, FMF, Pac

Serial 11740

Spot Award

Signed

AUG 18 1945

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JOHN G. BENKOVICH, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Sergeant of a 37-mm. Gun Platoon serving with the Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 31 July 1944. Subjected to heavy volleys from Japanese guns while moving to the support of an infantry company, Platoon Sergeant Benkovich immediately directed relentless return fire and, though twice wounded, supervised the evacuation of six casualties and carried out an orderly withdrawal of his unit from an untenable position. Later, when the prime movers had been rendered inoperative and crewmen were unavailable, Platoon Sergeant Benkovich returned alone and dismantled the guns, making them useless to the enemy. His indomitable courage, outstanding fortitude and selfless 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--Brewster, Ohio
B-- " "

012637
DGP-298-rf

App. SofN 4-22-43
Spot Award
Serial 648
Signed AUG 17 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT STANLEY G. BENNER, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while in command of the Third Platoon, Company A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Lunga Area, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, October 24, 1942. Undeterred by terrific enemy fire, Second Lieutenant Benner, displaying courageous determination, led his platoon and directed its fire against repeated assaults of enemy forces greatly superior in number. The combat achievements of his platoon under his inspiring leadership contributed greatly to the rout and virtual annihilation of a Japanese regiment. He gallantly gave up his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

Released
30 Sept. 43
R- Arlington, Massachusetts.

B - Arlington, Massachusetts.

461636
DGP-298-pmb

App. SofN 8-5-47
Bd. Ser. 3475

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

PRIVATE HOWARD C. BENNETT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Depot Company A, Branch Number Three, Fourth Base Depot, First Marine Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands, 1 October 1943. When aerial bombs hit and set afire an LST unloading on the beach, Private Bennett assisted in the evacuation of casualties despite the danger from exploding gasoline and ammunition. While aiding in the removal of ammunition from the overheated upper deck to prevent the spread of further explosions, he received shrapnel wounds during a second enemy air attack. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private Bennett and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R- - Thacher, Idaho,
B- - Brigham City, Utah.

Spot Award
Serial 829
Signed AUG 27 1943

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

PRIVATE SAM D. BENNETT, JR., USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy

R - Altavista, Virginia.

B - Altavista, Virginia.

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DGP-298-vml

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SPOT
Serial 278
Signed SEP 17 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM J. BENNETT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Seventh 155-mm. Gun Battalion, Third Corps Artillery, Third Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 August 1944. Searching as a member of a two-man patrol for enemy snipers in front of his battalion position, Private First Class Bennett encountered seven well-armed Japanese and, immediately engaging the enemy, opened deadly fire upon them. Advancing with his companion in the face of intense fire, he valiantly assisted in annihilating the entire enemy group. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Bennett and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Murfreesboro, Tenn.,
B--Lebanon, Tenn.

353658
DGP-298-bz

Spot Award
Serial 0852
ComSecFlt
Signed OCT 9 1944

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

CORPORAL HOWARD E. BENNINK, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, December 28, 1943. Fearlessly leading his squad, which was detailed to follow a tank making an assault on a heavily fortified hostile pillbox, Corporal Bennink boldly climbed upon the turret of the tank and, despite intense enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, pointed out the enemy position to the driver thereby enabling the unit to reach its objective and completely annihilate the Japanese stronghold. Corporal Bennink's courageous initiative, daring aggressiveness and selfless devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were an inspiration to his comrades and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Coopersville, Michigan.

B - Coopersville, Michigan.

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DGP-298-rkz

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 13001
Signed AUG 19 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KENNETH A. BENSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 30 July 1944. Pinned down by heavy enemy fire while advancing with several companions to relieve two tank crews whose disabled vehicles were covered by hostile fire in front of our lines on 4 July, Private First Class Benson boldly pushed ahead for another three hundred yards and, despite continuous exposure to Japanese fire, succeeded in reaching his objective and in annihilating numerous snipers en route. By skillfully directing the tank weapons, he assisted in the destruction of two enemy fieldpieces and, with his group, effected the rescue of the eight Marines in the two tanks. Seriously wounded while carrying out this heroic attempt, Private First Class Benson, by his relentless fighting spirit and indomitable courage, contributed essentially to the success of a hazardous mission in this strategically important theater of war, and his selfless, unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Oak Park, Illinois.
B--Rockford, Illinois.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BENJAMIN BENTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Mortarman of Company B, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 16 September 1944. After a large number of hostile snipers infiltrated through the company lines and opened fire on the company mortar emplacements from concealed positions, Private First Class Benton ran through deadly sniper fire to the aid of a wounded runner. Shielding the stricken man with his own body, he carried him to his mortar emplacement where he administered first aid. He then voluntarily led a squad forward and wiped out the nest of snipers. By his courageous actions, Private First Class Benton saved the life of a comrade and removed a serious threat to his section, and his gallant conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Freehold, N. J.
B-Freehold, N. J.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 41646
Signed

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

PRIVATE JAMES A. BENTON, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Runner of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 2 March 1945. When an intense hostile fire halted his company's advance, necessitating evacuation of casualties and a swift reorganization, Private Benton immediately volunteered to assist a comrade in forming a stretcher team and, during the next three hours, aided in the evacuation of fifteen wounded men. Although wounded himself during this period, he carried vitally needed ammunition to the assault platoons on each return trip to the front lines, remaining with his company until all casualties were evacuated. 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

R--Kingstree, S. C.,
B--Kingstree, S. 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

PLATOON SERGEANT JOHN V. BERG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. Undaunted by hostile small-arms fire, Platoon Sergeant Berg boldly led an armored tractor over two hundred yards of treacherous terrain, thereby enabling the vehicle to clear a road for our advancing troops and tanks. Returning to lead the advance of two tanks over the new road, he directed accurate tank fire against the enemy. By his courage and initiative, Platoon Sergeant Berg upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Marinette, Wis.
B..Marinette, Wis.

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CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed-----

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT NEWELL T. BERG,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company B, First Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 23 November 1943. Dispatched to lead a group of men in the destruction of enemy blockhouses, First Lieutenant Berg fearlessly risked his life to carry out his perilous assignment and, working tirelessly and with daring aggressiveness under the enemy's incessant shellfire, personally placed demolitions in several Japanese fortifications. Seriously wounded while placing a bangalore torpedo in a hostile pillbox later that same day, he carried on dauntlessly, completely destroying the weapon and fulfilling his mission successfully. By his bold initiative, unwavering perseverance and cool and courageous action in the face of tremendous odds, First Lieutenant Berg contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold, and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Basalt, Idaho.
B--Basalt, Idaho.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

346594
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT GLENN P. BERGER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. After disembarking assault troops on the heavily fortified beachhead on D-Day, Sergeant Berger boldly returned to the edge of a treacherous coral reef to assist other units halted in the water by the enemy's concentrated shellfire. Using his tractor as a shield by driving between the gunfire and the troops, he effectively covered their advance to shore and, at the same time, skillfully manned his vehicle's mounted machine gun to deliver destructive return fire against the fanatic Japanese. Upon reaching the beach, he dauntlessly continued in the fight, providing overhead fire for oncoming troops until his tractor was completely demolished by a bursting Japanese shell. By his prompt and daring action, his great personal valor and zealous devotion to duty in the face of tremendous odds, Sergeant Berger contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Manitowoc, Wisc.,
B--Rosencrans, Wisc.

Secretary of the Navy.

05309
DGP 298 Navy FBB

FmfPotSer 61804
Signed _____

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL SPENCER S. BERGER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, from 2 May to 19 June 1945. With his Battalion operating at all times from forward observation posts in exposed areas, Lieutenant Colonel Berger skillfully and courageously directed his men in combat with well-entrenched enemy forces and, despite heavy hostile small-arms, mortar and artillery fire, maintained outstanding control of his troops during the assaults on Dakeshi and Kunushi Bidges. Although adverse weather made supply movement and communications extremely difficult, he succeeded in leading his Battalion to the successful completion of its missions. By his leadership and devotion to duty, Lieutenant Colonel Berger upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R- Flint, Michigan
B- Ontario, California.
12/27/13

Secretary of the Navy.

Citation only

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Serial 1113
Signed DEC 22 1943

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

SERGEANT ORLE S. BERGNER, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Second Marines, Reinforced, in action against Japanese forces during the invasion of enemy-controlled territory in the the Solomon Islands Area, August 7, 1942. Although subjected to withering fire from a cave nearby and endangered by the perilously close bands of fire from his own machine-gun cover, Sergeant Bergner crept forward to a hostile pillbox, remained in a precarious position until he had planted an explosive several feet below the ground, then hastily withdrew to observe the destruction of the largest pillbox on Tanambogo Island. While supervising all demolition work on the island, he repeatedly crawled to the edges of sniper caves and dug-outs and, with cool and expert timing, threw his dynamite charges into the enemy entrenchments a split second before they exploded. His daring aggressiveness and superb fighting skill, maintained throughout a period when his safety was imminently threatened, contributed to the marines' success in smashing all Japanese resistance on Tanambogo Island and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - San Diego, California.

B - Pulcifer, Wisconsin

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

CORPORAL RAYMOND R. BERLING,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 September 1944. During an amphibious landing, Corporal Berling observed two men pinned down in the shallow water by the wreckage of a burning amphibious truck with other wounded personnel lying nearby and, undeterred by intense hostile mortar and small-arms fire, unhesitatingly went to their aid. After assisting in extracting the two men and getting them to the beach, he made repeated trips back to the truck to help the other wounded to the shore. His coolness under fire and his prompt and courageous actions were contributing factors in saving the lives of several personnel and reflect great credit on Corporal Berling and the United States Naval Service."

R - Cincinnati, Ohio.
B - Cincinnati, Ohio.

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

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

CORPORAL MORRIS J. BERNARD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Group Leader, serving with Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Landing under intense mortar and machine-gun fire during initial assault operations, Corporal Bernard observed that the merciless barrage was coming from a blockhouse directly in front of the landing party. Instantly maneuvering toward a position flanking the blockhouse, he continuously exposed himself to the devastating fury of the Japanese guns as he advanced alone upon the objective and, attacking the enemy position with hand grenades, succeeded in pinning down the hostile garrison until a demolition man moved up and completely destroyed the blockhouse. Although he yielded his life as a direct result of head wounds received during the bitter action, Corporal Bernard, by his expert tactical ability, daring initiative and devotion to duty in the face of tremendous odds, had enabled his company to continue the advance with a minimum loss of life, and his conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Alameda, California.
B--Newark, California.

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Serial 4024
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

CORPORAL OMER J. BERNIER,
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 a 37-mm. Gun Platoon of Regimental Weapons Company, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 19 June 1944. Boldly volunteering to attempt the apparently hopeless rescue of several wounded Marines lying exposed to heavy enemy rifle and machine-gun fire, Corporal Bernier and a companion unhesitatingly braved the merciless barrage and succeeded in carrying four of the casualties to safety before the hostile fire was neutralized. His gallant and courageous spirit and tenacious 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--Westbrook, Maine
B--Westbrook, Maine

037495
DGF-298-ebg

FMFPac Spot Ser. 85999
Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT HOWARD A. BERRIAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Mortar Platoon Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 24 May 1945. Prior to assuming command of a rifle platoon whose leader had been wounded and evacuated while the unit was committed to fierce action, Second Lieutenant Berrian supervised the evacuation of several wounded men who were at the base of a cliff in front of his position. Working under enemy observation and fire, he courageously made his way forward to tie ropes around the wounded in order that they might be evacuated in the safest and most expeditious manner. Thus leading his men to a strategic position, he brought effective fire to bear on the enemy, thereby contributing materially to the destruction of the hostile force. His leadership and courageous initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Glen Burnie, Md.
B-Jersey City, N. J.

447886
DGP-298-sjs

Cincpac
Appd SofN 1-10-46
Serial 032423
Signed MAR 3 1947

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

CORPORAL CHARLES D. BERRY,
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 Tank Platoon of Company B, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 3 May 1945. Quick to act when the attack against a strongly fortified enemy hill was halted by a disabled tank, blocking the entire advance of the tank platoon in a narrow defile, Corporal Berry dismounted from his vehicle and, courageously braving the intense concentrations of hostile artillery, mortar and small-arms fire pinning down the accompanying infantry, worked his way to the immobile tank, unhooked the towing cable, attached it to another tank and directed its removal from the narrow pass. Although severely wounded during this heroic action, he not only prevented the certain destruction of several of our tanks but also rendered possible the successful completion of the attack upon the Japanese emplacements. Corporal Berry's resolute fortitude and devotion to duty in the face of extreme peril 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- Custer, Michigan
B- Pulaski, Indiana

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DGP-288-bz

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Serial 0854

Signed

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

CORPORAL HOYT C. BERRY, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, during the period from December 26 to 30, 1943. While voluntarily leading a patrol beyond our lines by night, Corporal Berry located eight enemy pillboxes and, returning with a squad of engineers, demolished the hostile emplacements. Later, displaying daring initiative, he again volunteered for a patrol to the front of our positions where, through his dauntless fighting skill, six of the enemy were killed and a group of hostile snipers routed. On a subsequent occasion when his unit of scout-snipers returned from an engagement in which his sergeant was fatally wounded, he immediately attached the men to a platoon engaged in a determined assault on enemy pillboxes and aided materially in the attack. Corporal Berry's courageous conduct and fearless devotion to duty throughout this period were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Summerville, Georgia.

B - Lyerly, Georgia.

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Signed-----

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS TURNER A. BERRY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving with a Forward Observation Team of Battery B,
Second Separate Pack Howitzer Battalion, Twenty-second
Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade,
Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy
Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 26 July 1944.
Advancing beyond the front lines on two occasions,
Private First Class Berry braved enemy fire to carry
a wounded man to safety. Later the same day, he an-
nihilated a hostile sniper who was attempting to kill
the Forward Observer Officer. His courage and devo-
tion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private
First Class Berry and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

C
R-Wilburton, Oklahoma
By Monroe Oklahoma

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP 298 Navy FBB

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT GERALD D. BERT, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. With his platoon pinned down by shattering machine-gun fire emanating from a strongly fortified hostile pillbox, Sergeant Bert voluntarily left his position of comparative safety in a valiant effort to wipe out the resistance and, boldly crawling through the enemy's incessant shellfire to the entrance of the entrenchment, hurled hand grenades into the strong point, neutralizing the fire and enabling the advance to continue. By his daring initiative, his indomitable fighting spirit and dauntless perseverance at great risk to his life, Sergeant Bert contributed materially to the success of an extremely perilous mission and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- Seattle, Washington
B- Portland, Ore.
15 May 1921

For the President,
JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-RVW

App. Soft 3-1-44
Serial 00247
Signed APR 22 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD L. BERTSCHE, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle of Five Forks, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, on November 25, 1943. With outstanding accuracy and destructive effect, Private First Class Bertsche threw hand grenades and delivered rifle fire at hostile emplacements until he had contributed materially to the advance of his platoon. Arriving near enemy lines at a point under heavy fire from mortars, grenades and machine guns, he observed a Japanese soldier taking aim at a marine. Rising from his position, he exposed himself just long enough to destroy the enemy, but in so doing was struck in the chest and killed by a hostile bullet. His alert initiative and heroic spirit of self-sacrifice were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Newport, Ky.
B - Newport, Ky. 12-26-22

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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 6881
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM E. BESSE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Team Leader of the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 27 September 1944. With his fire team assigned the mission of advancing with an amphibian tractor against strongly fortified hostile positions, Private First Class Besse courageously exposed himself to heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire to direct flame throwers on the hostile positions and his team's fire on hostile riflemen who were firing on the crew of the tractor. By his heroic action, he annihilated thirty of the enemy to make it possible for our forces to advance and seize an important objective. During his platoon's attack against Hill 140 on 11 October, Private First Class Besse boldly moved his fire team to a position from which effective fire could be delivered upon the enemy, and skillfully directed his men in annihilating eight Japanese soldiers and destroying one heavy machine gun before the enemy could bring fire to bear on the advancing troops. By his bravery, aggressive fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty throughout, Private First Class Besse upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Chicago, Ill.
B..Alvin, Ill.

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DGP-298-pam

Spot Award
ComSOPac Serial 00368
Signed JUN 9 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BERNARD J. BEST, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Marine Parachute Battalion during an attack against enemy Japanese forces on Choiseul Island, Solomon Islands, on October 30, 1943. Courageously returning to the scene of action after the order for withdrawal had been given, Private First Class Best risked his life under constant sniper fire to carry a wounded comrade back to safety. His gallant action in the face of grave peril resulted in saving the life of a fellow marine and was 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 - Chicago, Ill.

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DGP-298-eln

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Spot Award
Serial 01017
Signed SEP 23 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN S. BEST, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OK
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Scout
serving with the First Marine Division during action against
enemy Japanese forces near Mount Schleuther, New Britain,
on March 7, 1944. Encountering a patrol of eight Japanese
while conducting a reconnaissance mission with a compan-
ion, Private First Class Best immediately charged the enemy
and, after killing six, later sought and killed the remaining
two. Boldly advancing into hostile territory, he successfully
located Japanese positions and, returning to his own lines
with the vital information, enabled our forces to deliver an
accurate, concentrated mortar fire attack which forced the
enemy to withdraw. Private First Class Best's daring
aggressiveness, outstanding fortitude and fearless devotion
to duty in the face of grave peril contributed materially 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 - Hatboro, Penna.

B - Prospectville, Penna.

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

CORPORAL JESSE T. BETTS,
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 B, First Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. When enemy snipers caused several casualties and held up the advance of the Platoon, Corporal Betts voluntarily exposed himself to draw hostile fire in order to discover the position of the snipers. Rapidly locating them, he annihilated three of the enemy and, although wounded, enabled his platoon to reduce the Japanese strong point without further casualties. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--McAlester, Okla.,
B--Crowder, Okla.

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DGP-298-mvm

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FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 47155
Signed _____

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

MAJOR RALPH C. BEVANS, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of an Armored Amphibian Group of the Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 26 March 1945. In the face of intense hostile fire from the heights overlooking the beach, Major Bevans courageously led the first assault wave ashore and skillfully deployed his men in effective positions from which they delivered accurate supporting fire for the advancing infantry. During the assault on Mount Suribachi, he bravely exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to coordinate the delivery of direct supporting fire of his group to the assault troops, inflicting heavy casualties on the Japanese. By his tactical skill, fortitude and aggressive spirit, Major Bevans upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Quincy, Mass.
B--Boston, Mass.

341942
DGP-293-Navy-RDA

CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT V. BEVER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

R--Springfield, Missouri.
B--Parkersburg, W. Va.,
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For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 45500

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

FIELD COOK REYNOLD G. BIANES,
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, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on the night of 15 March 1945. When his company command post was surrounded by a large enemy force, Field Cook BIANES personally directed the ensuing fire fight, dispersed the enemy and, tossing out an enemy hand grenade that had fallen among a group of his comrades, saved four Marines from possible serious injury. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Santa Ana, Calif.

B--Clifton, Ariz.

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Serial 56881
Signed DEC 26 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEONARD W. BIEGANSKI,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Leader of a Stretcher Bearer Team of Company B, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands 11 June 1945. While organizing and dispatching stretcher-bearer teams and checking the company's lines for casualties, Private First Class Bieganski made repeated trips across a fire-swept zone to remove casualties and, returning to the lines with smoke grenades, covered the evacuation of additional wounded. By his initiative and courage, he assisted in the evacuation of at least seven seriously wounded men, and his devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Detroit, Mich.,
B..Detroit, Mich.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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Serial 98931
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL ISADORE BIESS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Company A, Third Tank Battalion, Third Marine Division, and on board an LST enroute to Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 21 February 1945. When the LST was struck by a suicide plane which penetrated into the tank deck, Corporal Biess entered the burning area wearing a gas mask and opened a pressure valve to secure water for the fire hoses. Then, with the aid of several comrades, he succeeded in getting a fire hose into the tank deck and bringing the fire under control, thereby preventing an ammunition magazine explosion which would have caused further damage to ship and personnel. Displaying great courage, Corporal Biess later entered the burning living quarters of the crew in search of wounded personnel. His initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Biess and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Fort McDowell, Calif.,
B--Peking, China.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 44965
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL REX A. BIGGS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 27 February 1945. While moving forward with his unit under heavy fire, Corporal Biggs noticed a wounded man lying in a position which was covered by enemy fire. Although wounded himself in an attempt to bring the man to his own lines, he rendered first aid and then dragged the casualty to safety. By his indomitable courage, he undoubtedly saved the life of his wounded comrade, and his unselfish devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Richmond, Utah
B..Cover, Utah

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LAWRENCE P. BIGLER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gunner in a platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 11 March 1945. Realizing, immediately after his platoon had seized its objective, that a group of the enemy was preparing to launch a counterattack, Private First Class Bigler unhesitatingly moved to an exposed position and, quickly taking an automatic rifle from the grasp of a fatally wounded comrade, skillfully employed it in killing seven of the Japanese before he himself was mortally wounded. His alert and courageous actions in the face of grave danger, which enabled his platoon to consolidate its position and to repulse any attempts to drive it back, reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Bigler and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Woodsfield, Ohio.
B--Akron, Ohio.

SSMw/perm.cit. USMC ltr. was presented to the mother of the late PFC Bigler, Mrs. Alma Highman, Route #2, Woodsfield, Ohio by the Cinc, USMC DHRS, Pittsburgh, Pa., on 26 Nov 45.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH L. BILKA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Platoon Runner of Company C, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 13 March 1945. Volunteering to carry a message when all communications had been cut and after two runners had lost their lives, Private First Class Bilka braved intense enemy machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire, delivered the message, and returned through the continuing fire to his post. Later, again exposing himself to enemy fire, he led tanks forward and accurately pointed out enemy emplacements, thereby contributing to their destruction. 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..Perry Poyt, Md.
B..Knoxville, Tenn.

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SPOT
Serial 0851
Signed JUL 21 1947

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM A. BIRAGA,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on 26 December 1943. Advancing under heavy hostile fire, Corporal Biraga led a group of six men behind a General Sherman tank in a determined assault against enemy pillboxes and, although severely wounded during the ensuing battle, continued to direct his men against the Japanese position until the hostile pillboxes were put out of action. His courageous leadership and valiant fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Detroit, Mich.
B..Detroit, Mich.

No correspondence received.

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Serial-01488
Signed _____

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT BYRON J. BIRD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, attached to Company E, Second Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, 26 and 27 November 1943. With an adjacent platoon pinned down by a numerically superior Japanese force, Second Lieutenant Bird unhesitatingly executed a vigorous counterattack, personally putting an enemy machine gun out of action and enabling the other unit to withdraw from its untenable position with all wounded men. On the following day, he boldly led his gallant Marines as the point of an assault company in a four-hour engagement with the enemy and, by his skilled tactics and daring initiative, rendered valiant service in carrying to fulfillment the hazardous mission assigned his platoon. His fearless leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave danger were important factors in the success of our operations on the bitterly contested atoll of Tarawa, and his courageous conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Bird and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Heavener, Oklahoma,
B--Heavener, Oklahoma.

No correspondence
Received.
Retirement case.

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FMF, Pac
~~Serial 11611~~
Spot Award
Serial 11611
Signed AUG 18 1945

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

PLATOON SERGEANT FRANCIS P. BIRNBAUM, USMC.,

*now an
officer*

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Sergeant serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July 1944. When his platoon leader became a casualty, Platoon Sergeant Birnbaum took over the platoon and displayed outstanding initiative and skill in leading his men on patrols in which many of the enemy were destroyed and numerous prisoners taken. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy fire from a range of fifty yards during a vigorous attack, Platoon Sergeant Birnbaum courageously directed the fire of a friendly tank and led his men into close combat with the enemy to destroy over forty of the Japanese. Later, while making several trips over rough terrain to rear areas, he brought up supplies and an extra machine gun needed for defensive positions. His unwavering devotion to duty and gallant conduct throughout these operations were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Rapid City, S. Dak.
B-- " " "

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DGP 298 Navy rmh

CincPac Spot Ser. 11172
Signed JAN 20 1948

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

CORPORAL DON L. BISHOP,
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-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Parry Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 22 February 1944. Advancing alone in the face of heavy grenade and machine-gun fire which had pinned down his section, Corporal Bishop destroyed an enemy machine-gun nest, silencing its devastating fire and allowing our troops to move forward from the beach. 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..Los Angeles, Calif.
B..Ahilen, Texas

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DGP-298-dmr

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 100459

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT B. BISHOP,
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 G, First Battalion, Fourteenth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 22 June 1944. Acting as a Forward Observer with a front line infantry company and directing artillery fire in support of an important attack, First Lieutenant Bishop crossed the crest of a ridge with the company and found himself pinned down by damaging hostile mortar and automatic weapons fire from the front and flanks. Observing that his company was caught in a trap, and unable to move forward or backward, he voluntarily crawled forward to a disabled tank to obtain observation and, standing on top of the tank exposed to intense enemy fire, courageously directed accurate artillery fire against Japanese positions to cover the withdrawal of the infantry behind the crest of the ridge. Undaunted by the hostile machine-gun fire which struck the tank, First Lieutenant Bishop bravely remained in this position until the enemy strong points had been neutralized and the infantry had reorganized and taken the Japanese entrenchments. By his unselfishness, courage and initiative in the face of grave peril, First Lieutenant Bishop contributed materially to the success of his Battalion in attaining this important objective with a minimum of casualties. His gallant devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Wilmington, Del.
B--Wilmington, Del.

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DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac
Appd SofN 11-21-45
Serial 36897
Signed OCT 14 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS M. BISSETT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Runner of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Motobu Peninsula, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 8 April 1945. Advancing ahead of his patrol to seek out the source of enemy firepower which was holding up his company's advance, Private First Class Bissett discovered a strongly defended Japanese emplacement. Courageously launching a singlehanded attack with hand grenades and rifle fire despite a furious onslaught of hostile machine-gun fire, he succeeded in destroying the vital enemy position before he fell close by the Japanese gun, fatally struck down by a burst of hostile fire. By his aggressive fighting spirit and outstanding devotion to duty, Private First Class Bissett contributed materially to the seizure of his company's objective 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..Philadelphia, Pa.
B..Philadelphia, Pa.

SSMw/perm.cit.&CMC ltr. were sent to the widow of the late PFC Bissett, 3624 Calumet St., East Falls, Phila., Pa. via registered mail on 20Jan47 by the Commander, Naval Base, Phila., Pa. in accordance with her expressed wish.

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DGP-298-ec

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 45500

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

SERGEANT RHEAL G. BISSONNETTE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Noticing an officer and enlisted man who were near exhaustion in the water after their landing craft had been sunk by enemy action, Sergeant Bissonnette left his shelter and moved through heavy enemy mortar, artillery and sniper fire to the scene. Rescuing one man, he returned immediately into the rough surf and saved the second. Later the same day, he voluntarily went to the aid of a wounded man whom he dragged to safety. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Manchester, N. H.

B--Quebec, Canada

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES W. BIUS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Crew Chief of an Amphibian Tractor of the First Amphibian Tractor Battalion, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 10 May 1945. Following the withdrawal of the front lines, Private First Class Bius volunteered to lead his tractor and another over extremely hazardous terrain to evacuated wounded men who had been left behind in the valley. Although previous attempts by stretcher bearers to reach the casualties had proven unsuccessful and there was no definite established route, he personally reconnoitered the valley, found an adequate route and led the two amphibian tractors to the place where the wounded lay. Placing one tractor at a right angle to the ramp of the other to protect the casualties from heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, he braved the hostile fire to make a thorough search for the scattered wounded while others were being loaded and, after fifty-two casualties had been picked up, conducted the tractors to the nearest aid station. By his initiative and courage, he contributed materially to the saving of many lives. His conduct throughout reflects the highest credit on Private First Class Bius and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..
B..Georgewest, Texas.

SSM w/perm.cit. & CMC ltr. was made to Mrs. John L. Medlin, Jr., Route 1, Box 387, Arcata, California for her son Michael C. Bius on 9 September 1949-by the OinC, USMC., Western Recruiting Division, San Francisco, California - Michael C. Bius is the son of the late PFC Charles W. Bius-his widow remarried.

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Spot Award.
Serial 724.
Signed AUG 11 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES O. BLACK, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Marine Aircraft Group TWENTY-THREE during the bombardment of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, by enemy Japanese surface and air forces on the early morning of October 16, 1942. When the terrific fire of a Japanese surface craft blasted and felled a tree which killed one marine and seriously wounded another caught beneath it, Private First Class Black, at great risk of his life, voluntarily rushed out in the face of intense Japanese fire, and with several companions succeeded in extricating their wounded comrades and getting him prompt medical attention. The unselfish initiative and heroic efforts of Private First Class Black and his companion were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - South Sioux City, Nebraska,
B - Lockhart, Texas. 11-30-1921.

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DGP-298-vml

CincPac
Serial 1464
Appd SofN 3-4-46
Signed JUN 26 1947

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

PLATOON SERGEANT ELBERT C. BLACK, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Rifle Platoon Leader, serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Sugar Loaf Hill, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 14 May 1945. Instantly assuming command when his platoon leader was killed during the initial assault against Sugar Loaf Hill, Platoon Sergeant Black promptly reorganized the unit and continued to press the assault despite heavy casualties among his men. Upon reaching the objective, he discovered an advance element of Marines under heavy counterattack and, skillfully deploying his small force, waged furious battle to aid substantially in repelling the enemy with resultant heavy casualties inflicted upon the Japanese. When his position subsequently became untenable, Platoon Sergeant Black effectively withdrew his men to friendly lines where he immediately organized a carrying party and made his way back into the fire-swept area, evacuating several stricken comrades under an overwhelming volume of hostile fire. Returning later under cover of darkness, he again ran the gauntlet of deadly fire and succeeded in rescuing the remainder of the wounded men. His indomitable leadership and aggressive determination were important factors in saving the lives of many Marines who otherwise might have perished, and his heroic conduct in the face of tremendous odds reflects the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Black and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Jasper, Alabama,
B..Townley, Alabama.

SSMw/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mrs. Elbert C. Black, widow of the late Sgt. Black on 11Aug47 by Oinc USMC DHRS, Raleigh, N. Car. via Oinc USMC S.E. Recr. Div., ATLANTA, Ga. Presentation was informal at this office.

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

CORPORAL MARION A. BLACK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Okinawa, Ryukyu Chain, 4 May 1945. When two Marines were seriously wounded by enemy fire, Corporal Black voluntarily left a position of comparative safety and braved an intense barrage of hostile shellfire in an attempt to effect their rescue. Fully aware of his great danger, he proceeded to the helpless men and succeeded in evacuating them to a place of safety before he fell, mortally wounded. By his daring initiative, dauntless courage and heroic efforts on behalf of his comrades, Corporal Black undoubtedly saved the lives of two Marines who otherwise would have perished. His self-sacrificing devotion to duty was an inspiration to those with whom he served and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

R--La Porte, Colo.
B--Breashear, Miss.

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-cs

App. S of N. 8-17-43.
Serial No. 0678
Signed OCT 19 1943

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

MAJOR ROBERT A. BLACK, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as Wing Communications Officer of the ~~First~~ Marine Aircraft Wing in combat against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, from September 24 to November 9, 1942. Despite frequent hostile air attacks and shelling by Japanese surface vessels, Major Black worked repeatedly in exposed positions to effect emergency repairs to the communications system linking all ground and air units on the island. His great courage and fearless devotion to duty were an inspiration to his men and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

Released
Dec 20/43

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R- Steelton, Pa.
B- Steelton, Pa.

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Cincpac
App. SofN 7-26-45
Serial 31855
Signed MAY 1946

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

CORPORAL SAMUEL O. BLACK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Acting Platoon Sergeant of a Rifle Platoon in the Third Battalion, Twenty-Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, in the Volcano Islands, on 11 March 1945. Fearlessly participating in four assaults against a heavily fortified enemy bunker entrenched on commanding ground, Corporal Black voluntarily moved ahead of his platoon during the fourth attack in the face of intense Japanese small--arms fire, dashing from one covering position to another in order to reach the front of the emplacement which he succeeded in silencing by hurling hand grenades through the fire ports. By this heroic action, he enabled his unit to overrun the hostile position. Mortally wounded by enemy rifle and grenade fire while assisting his leader to reorganize the platoon on the newly won ground, Corporal Black, by his courageous fighting spirit and determined efforts, had contributed materially to the attainment of his platoon's important objective in this action and his loyal 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..San Francisco, Calif.
B..San Francisco, Calif.

AM, cit, and ltr. fr. CMC was delivered with appropriate ceremony on 7 June 1946 to the mother of the late Pfc. Black, Mrs. Lettie V. Black, Box 2037, 301 Blake St., Globe, Arizona.

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DGP-298-dmf

Spot Award
Serial 326
Signed OCT 8 1943

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

PRIVATE WILLIAM E. BLACK, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a gunner serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Reinforced, during action against enemy Japanese forces in Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, January 22, 1943. When the Second Platoon of Company K was pinned down by hostile machine-gun shelling, Private Black set up his own weapon on a high grassy mound near the beleaguered detachment and neutralized the enemy's fire. Later in the same day, while assisting in the evacuation of personnel disabled by heat exhaustion, he and the other members of his party were caught on an exposed ridge by a deadly barrage of Japanese crossfire. Working his way back to his own gun, Private Black, unaided and with utter disregard of personal safety, held the area until his stricken comrades could be taken to cover. Afterward, he labored tirelessly in their behalf, helping carry them farther to the rear, until he himself was eventually overcome by heat exhaustion. 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 - Carthage, Missouri.

B - Carthage, Missouri.

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

CORPORAL MAYO BLACKBURN, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while in command of a Combat Group serving with the First Battalion, Twenty--Second Marines, First Provisional Marine Brigade, during an attack on an enemy Japanese-held ridge near Orote Peninsula on Guam, Marianas Islands, 25 July 1944. With the advance of his company threatened by extremely heavy fire from cleverly concealed positions of the enemy, Corporal Blackburn courageously risked his life to move forward and locate the hidden emplacement. Returning to his group, he quickly brought up the mortar forward observers and directed vigorous fire against the Japanese emplacements and, although mortally wounded during the action, refused to be evacuated until the mission was successfully completed. His exceptional fortitude, valiant initiative and unwavering devotion to duty at great peril to himself reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Blackburn and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Huddy, Ky.
B..Huddy, Ky.

SSM & perm cit pres'd on 5-3-45 by OinC, USMCDHI&RS, Cabell County Court House, Huntington, W.Va., to father of the late Corp. Blackburn, Mr. Ellis Blackburn, Huddy, Ky., informally.

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Signed _____

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tractor Crew Chief of the Third Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Third Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Guam, Marianas Islands, 21 July 1944. Acting on his own initiative, Private First Class Blaine braved heavy hostile mortar fire to rescue crewmen of a shell-damaged tractor and salvage machine guns from the vehicle, which was stranded on the Asan Bay Reef. Despite a direct hit by a mortar shell, which wounded one of his crew, he continued his work until the salvage was completed and another shell had struck the tractor, wounding three, including himself. Although severely injured and suffering great loss of blood, he refused to relinquish his post and, driving three hundred yards to the beach, saw that the wounded were unloaded before turning over his controls to another driver and submitting to first aid and evacuation. His outstanding courage, perseverance 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..Detroit, Mich.
B..Detroit, Mich.

Spot Award, 1942
Serial 19 APR 6 1943
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FREEMAN B. BLAIR, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a member of a patrol of Company D, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on August 21, 1942. While engaged with several hostile patrols in the vicinity of the Tenaru River, Private Blair received a severe bullet wound in his side. Fighting on, despite intense pain and waning strength, he was eventually incapacitated by a bullet wound in his shoulder. While being carried to the rear for treatment of the second injury, he was struck in the head and killed by hostile fire. He gallantly gave up his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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R - Lewisburg, Penn.
B - Milton, Penn.

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Serial 24097

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

PLATOON SERGEANT ALBERT L. BLAISDELL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Tank Commander of the Third Armored Amphibian Battalion (Provisional), Corps Troops, Third Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Ngesebus, Palau Islands, on 25 September 1944. When his tank approached friendly troops receiving intense enemy machine-gun fire and was ordered to cease fire in order that our troops would not be further endangered, Platoon Sergeant Blaisdell unhesitatingly took up a position at the .50 caliber machine gun outside the turret where he was completely exposed to enemy fire and attempted to cover stretcher bearers evacuating casualties before he himself was severely wounded. His courage, initiative and zealous devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R-Brawley, Calif
BpSandiego, Calif

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 LEONARD F. BLAKE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Tank Platoon Leader of Company C, Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 1 March 1945. When he observed that one of the tanks of his platoon was disabled in a platoon that had been by-passed by the infantry, Second Lieutenant Blake dismounted from his tank and, with two other tank crew members, killed three enemy soldiers who were attempting to attack the disabled vehicle, thereby enabling the crew of the damaged tank to escape to safety. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Archbald, Pa.
B..Archbald, Pa.

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DGP-298-bz

Spot Award
Serial 002364
Signed AUG 5 1944

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

CAPTAIN ROBERT W. BLAKE, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as Commanding Officer of the Ninth Defense Battalion Tank Platoon, Fleet Marine Force, in combat against enemy Japanese forces during the New Georgia Campaign, Solomon Islands, in July 1943. Daringly leading his platoon over extremely difficult terrain and against fierce enemy opposition, Captain Blake repeatedly opened the way for the advance of infantry troops. When a hostile magnetic mine put his tank out of action, he shifted to another, continued the attack in the face of intense resistance throughout the day and led the final assault from a third tank, the only one left in operation in his battalion. By his great courage and indomitable fighting spirit he contributed materially to the success of this campaign and undoubtedly saved the lives of many infantrymen. Captain Blake's heroic devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Canton, Ohio.
B..Canton, Ohio.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT MATTHEW L. BLAKELY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Officer Interpreter of the Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 18 March 1945. Organizing a small group to go ahead of friendly lines in an area strongly fortified by the enemy who had been holding up the advance of our troops, First Lieutenant Blakely braved intense hostile mortar, rocket and grenade fire to search for caves in this pocket of resistance. By his cool and heroic actions, he succeeded in capturing two prisoners from whom he obtained vital information concerning the identification of the brigade headquarters and the nature of the stubborn defense system used by the Japanese in this sector. First Lieutenant Blakely's courage, determination and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Stratford, Connecticut.
R--Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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

FIRST SERGEANT DANIEL T. BLANKENSHIP,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, Tenth Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 27 July 1944. Hit by shrapnel and knocked into the water while assisting in dispersing the amphibian tractors from the target area during a heavy enemy bombardment, First Sergeant Blankenship pulled himself out of the water, despite wounds sustained when a tractor ran over his foot and, mounting another tractor, continued to perform his duties with outstanding heroism. By his courage and loyal devotion to duty, First Sergeant Blankenship served as an inspiration to the men in his company and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - New Straitsville, Ohio
B - Greville, Ohio

Retirement Case
No Correspondence Received

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DGP-298-eln

Cincpac
App. SofN 2-8-45
Serial 230
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JOSEPH BLASKO, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 25-26 July 1944. When Japanese troops launched a fierce, pre-dawn attack on the battalion command post after penetrating the front lines during the night, Platoon Sergeant Blasko unhesitatingly crawled to a perilously exposed position and, completely disregarding his own safety, hurled hand grenades which killed at least three of the enemy. Advancing at daybreak against a Japanese rifleman who had killed or wounded several of his comrades, Platoon Sergeant Blasko was mortally wounded. His aggressive fighting spirit, cool courage and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Medford, Mass.
B..Boston, Mass.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by Major Winsor V. Crockett, Jr., USMC., 10-30-45 to the parents of the late Pl/Sgt Blasko, Mr. and Mrs. William Blasko, 16 Rockwood Terrace, Medford, Mass. Inf pres.

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DGP 298 Navy rmh

FmPac Spot Ser. 58486
Signed DEC 16 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLARENCE C. BLEAU,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Company A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 5 May 1945. When he and his squad leader were cut off from the main body of their patrol and were left to carry out the mission of the patrol alone, Private First Class Bleau advanced with his squad leader and, despite intense hostile sniper fire and hand grenades, succeeded in destroying an enemy mortar and machine gun and annihilating thirteen Japanese. Although wounded by a grenade fragment during the course of action, he crawled back to friendly lines unaided. By his initiative and courageous devotion to duty, he was successful in completing the mission of his patrol, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Alpena, Mich.
B..Alpena, Mich.

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DGP-298-ebg

FMPPac Spot Ser. 00396

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

CORPORAL CHARLES J. BLETSCHE, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Demolitions Corporal of Company, A, First Engineer Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 15 September 1944. With the assault held up by intense enemy fire from a number of well-fortified Japanese pillboxes, Corporal Bletsch worked his way forward under the covering fire of his comrades and despite the enemy's intense rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire, reached the hostile positions. Skillfully setting charges, he demolished four of the strong points and annihilated several of the enemy before he was severely wounded by an enemy hand grenade while making a determined effort to destroy the fifth emplacement. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Bletsch and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Boyside, N. Y.
B-New York, N. Y.

017591
DGP-298-bz

sent to (parents) Mr & Mrs Robert
M. Blood, 498 East High St.
Manchester, New Hampshire.

Approved SofN 5-26-44

Serial 2542

Signed JUL 29 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROGERS BLOOD, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a platoon
leader attached to the Twenty-Second Marines, Reinforced,
in action against enemy Japanese forces on Engebi Island,
Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, on February 18, 1944.
Promptly and skillfully organizing his men upon landing,
First Lieutenant Blood courageously led his platoon in a val-
iant charge across open terrain in the face of severe hostile
machine-gun, mortar and rifle fire to dislodge the heavily
entrenched enemy. Although he was killed during this action,
his heroic leadership and indomitable fighting spirit so in-
spired his men that they unhesitatingly pressed forward under
the continuing Japanese fire and successfully routed the hos-
tile forces. First Lieutenant Blood's great personal valor
and self-sacrificing efforts under extremely hazardous con-
ditions 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 - Manchester, New Hampshire.

B - Manchester, New Hampshire.

531795
DGP-298-eln

Cincpac
App. SofN 1-18-45
Serial 12697
Signed JUL 30 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN W. BLOOMFIELD, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during the assault and occupation of enemy Japanese-held Saipan Island in the Marianas, from 15 June to 9 July 1944. Moving approximately seventy-five yards in advance of his platoon while executing a dangerous mission, Private First Class Bloomfield observed a wounded Marine caught in the deadly crossfire of powerful Japanese guns. Despite the merciless hail emanating from cave-emplaced machine guns in the cliffs, he immediately discarded his rifle and, dropping to a prone position, fearlessly worked his way forward in a daring attempt to evacuate his comrade but was instantly killed by a burst of enemy fire as he reached the side of the helpless man. His intrepid initiative, resolute fortitude and valiant spirit of self-sacrifice reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Bloomfield and upon the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

ARTEMUS L. GATES

Secretary of the Navy.
Acting

R..Detroit, Michigan.
B..Detroit, Michigan.

SSM, perm cit ltr fr CMC pres'd. by CO, USN Trng. Schools, Dearborn, Mich. on 9 September 1945 to the mother of the late PFC Bloomfield, Mrs. John T. Bloomfield, 12042 Yosemite St., Detroit, Mich. Informal pres. at home in presence of friends and relatives.

364352
DGP-298-rf

Spot Award
Serial 891
Signed SEP 6 1943

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

PRIVATE MICHAEL E. BLOTTER, JR., USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, August 7, 1942. In spite of wounds received during a daring marine raider attack, Private Blotter courageously maneuvered himself to a position which enabled him to throw hand grenades into a Japanese gun emplacement. By his heroism and skill he contributed materially to the advancement of his company and the subsequent destruction of the enemy. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Hillside, Union, New Jersey.

B - Garwood, New Jersey.

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DPG-298-Navy-RLC

CuicPac
SPOT
Serial-0647
States takes pleasure

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

BLOXHAM,
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT D.
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. With units of his battalion pinned down on the shallow beachhead line by shattering hostile fire emanating from strongly fortified Japanese pillboxes, Private First Class Bloxham, as the only rifleman in the area, boldly charged forward and assisted in the destruction of four of the emplacements with well-placed anti-tank grenade fire. Undaunted by the enemy's shattering machine-gun and rifle fire, he fearlessly maintained his exposed position to launch repeated, determined attacks against the fanatic Japanese, neutralizing their fire sufficiently to enable rifleman to close in and complete their destruction. With his supply of ammunition exhausted, he voluntarily moved up and down the fire-swept beachhead to retrieve grenades from casualties, in his determined effort to wipe out the bitter hostile resistance. By his daring initiative, valiant fighting spirit and unwavering perseverance, Private First Class Bloxham contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Lamont, California
B-Dierks, Arkansas

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

899395
DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac
Appd SofN 10-25-45
Serial 36041
Signed SEP 20 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN A. BLUE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Automatic Rifleman, serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 March 1945. When his platoon fell into an enemy ambush and the officer in charge ordered the man to withdraw, Private First Class Blue remained under intense hostile barrages to fire upon the enemy with his automatic weapon, killing ten of the Japanese and enabling his platoon to complete its withdrawal and reorganization. Fighting relentlessly until his comrades reached a place of comparative safety, he was attempting to rejoin his platoon when he fell, mortally wounded by a bursting hand grenade. By his daring initiative, dauntless courage and unwavering devotion to duty, he seriously weakened the enemy's defense and inspired his platoon to launch a vigorous attack which destroyed the menacing Japanese position. His heroic conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon Private First Class Blue and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Vienna, Georgia,
B..Ashburn, Georgia.

BSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. were forwarded by registered mail to the parents of the late PFC Blue, Mr. & Mrs. John O. Blue, Route #3, Cordele, Ga. as requested by the recipients on 21Jan47, by the OinC, USMC DHRS, Macon, Ga.

287054
DGP-298-Navy-ELPK

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 196177
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT MILLER M. BLUE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Acting Platoon Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 25 June 1944. When his Platoon Leader was wounded during an intense fire fight with the enemy, Sergeant Blue assumed command and, after directing the evacuation of the wounded, skillfully reorganized his men for defense against continuing hostile counterattacks. During an attack against a strongly held Japanese position on 8 July, he again assumed command of his platoon and courageously led his men in annihilating a determined enemy. Continuing to lead the platoon during the remainder of the Marianas Campaign, Sergeant Blue contributed materially to the success of the operation. His leadership, initiative and aggressive fighting spirit throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Burlington, N.C.
B--Carr, Florida.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

249165
DGP-298-egc

CincPac
Appd SofN 1-18-45
Serial 12659
Signed MAY 10 1945

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT HAROLD C. BLUMENSHINE, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 10 July 1944. When a band of hostile soldiers and civilians launched a sudden violent attack against the regimental ammunition dump, Gunnery Sergeant Blumenshine immediately led his men in a valiant effort to thwart the Japanese assault. Subsequently braving a fierce barrage from hostile weapons to go to the assistance of a wounded comrade, he boldly launched a single-handed attack with hand grenades and carbine fire and destroyed three of the enemy. Although his supply of ammunition was exhausted, Gunnery Sergeant Blumenshine steadfastly continued his attempts to aid the helpless man until he himself was fatally wounded by a burst of Japanese rifle fire. His daring initiative 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..San Francisco, Calif.
B..Spokane, Wash.

SSM, perm.cit. & ltr. fr. CMC sent: The Comd't, 12th Nav. Dist., Fed. Office Bldg., Civic Center, San Francisco, Calif., and was presented by the CO, California to the mother of the late Gy.Sgt. Blumenshine, Mrs. Emma Blumenshine, 542 Fell St., San Francisco, on 7 July 1945. Presentation was made at the regular U.S. Nav.Trng. Cen. San Francisco. Representatives of the West Coast Area Pub. Relations office were present at the presentation.

312123
DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 51256
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT ROBERT W. BLUNDELL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gun Section Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 26 February and 6 March 1945. Voluntarily advancing alone about one hundred yards to the side of a wounded Marine lying in an exposed position between our lines and the enemy, Sergeant Blundell braved hostile rifle and machine-gun fire to drag the helpless man to safety. After the Platoon Leader and all of the non-commissioned officers of an assault rifle platoon had become casualties on 6 March, he assumed command and led it efficiently in a night attack on heavily-fortified enemy positions. By his courageous leadership, Sergeant Blundell enabled the platoon to hold the ground gained despite numerous casualties suffered until orders to withdraw were given. His courageous leadership and unwavering 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--Fort Wayne, Indiana
B--Detroit, Michigan

506095
DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 79496
Signed ____

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

CORPORAL ROBERT R. BOARDMAN, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for services as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Driver of Company C, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 17 June 1945. While under heavy hostile machine-gun and mortar fire, Corporal Boardman left the protection of his tank and rode on the rear to give aid and support to a seriously wounded infantryman being taken to a forward aid station. Later, when his tank was hit and disabled by an enemy antitank gun and his Platoon Leader was seriously wounded, he voluntarily assisted in attempting to carry the stricken man to safety through extremely heavy hostile machine-gun and mortar fire. Although severely wounded, and left for dead during this endeavor, he made his way back to our lines. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Salem, Oregon
B--Salem, Oregon

522440
DGP-298-dmr

Cincpac
SPOT
Serial 02476

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

PRIVATE DELBERT BOBB,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), Fifth Amphibious Corps, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Eniwetok and Parry Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands Group, from 18 to 23 February 1944. Stationed always in the front lines of any assault company to which he was assigned, Private Bobb performed his duties of caring for and evacuating the wounded and, despite the continuous danger of enemy rifle, machine-gun and mortar fire and the numbing exhaustion to which other stretcher bearers temporarily succumbed, contributed substantially to the saving of many lives. His spirit of self-sacrifice, courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private Bobb and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Fallon, Nevada.
B--Fallon, Nevada.

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

SERGEANT JOHN P. BODNAR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Marine Detachment, American Embassy, London, England, in the performance of Specialized Duties in enemy-controlled territory, and subsequently as a Prisoner of War of the German Government, from 1 August 1944 to 27 April 1945. After parachuting into southeastern France, Sergeant Bodnar participated in numerous dangerous reconnaissances, the last of which resulted in surrender to the enemy, to which he unselfishly agreed in order to spare the townspeople of Centron from German reprisals. Subsequently imprisoned and subjected to numerous interrogations, Sergeant Bodnar refused to divulge information. His heroic conduct and unwavering devotion to duty throughout an extremely hazardous and important mission were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Coatesville, Pennsylvania.
B--Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

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DGP-298-mvm

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SPOT
Serial 21352
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR E. BOEHME,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, attached to Company F, Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. When six Marines were wounded about twenty yards forward of the front lines and were unable to rejoin the company, First Lieutenant Boehme organized a party of stretcher bearers and automatic riflemen and, although the company was pinned down by heavy enemy small-arms fire, led them to the wounded men and recovered all the casualties. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Boehme and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Oroville, Calif.
B..Oroville, Calif.

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Signed DEC 9 1947

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

CORPORAL PAUL L. BOERTLEIN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Assistant Squad Leader of Company B, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 4 March 1945. Although wounded during the earlier part of the operation, Corporal Boertlein refused evacuation and, when subsequently assigned the mission of destroying a dual-purpose gun position, made his way through enemy fire to place a charge which demolished the position. Discovering that the explosion had opened a room sheltering five Japanese, he opened fire, destroying all of them. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Boertlein and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Washington, D.C.
B..Washington, D.C.

926940
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser 79500
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL GEORGE W. BOFFO,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Team Leader of Company G, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 4 May 1945. Assigned the mission of supporting a tank during an assault on strongly defended enemy caves and emplacements, Corporal Boffo courageously advanced under intense hostile small-arms, automatic weapon and mortar fire. Although twice wounded by this fire, he persisted in his mission and personally located hostile positions and directed the tank's fire on the enemy, refusing to be evacuated until all the enemy mortars and machine guns were destroyed. By his courage and determination, Corporal Boffo contributed materially to the success of this operation. His devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Danville, Ind.
B..Commisky, Ind.

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DGP-298-sps

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 3791

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. BOHANNON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 11 May 1945. When his company, with three attached tanks, was held up by intense enfilading antitank, machine-gun, mortar and rifle fire from strong hostile positions on a hill on the company's left flank, First Lieutenant Bohannon unhesitatingly ran forward and, despite the heavy enemy fire, mounted the turret of the leading tank and directed its fire against a hostile antitank gun and two machine gun positions. While under constant enemy observation and fire from his position on the tank, he continued to direct the tank's fire until the antitank gun and machine guns were silenced. By his bold initiative and resourcefulness, he contributed materially to the successful advance of his company which enabled the Battalion to reach the objective with a minimum loss of life. His courageous conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

413370
DGP-298-egc

CincPac
Serial 12341
Appd SofN 1-25-45
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

FIELD MUSIC FIRST CLASS JOSEPH C. I. BOISCLAIR, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of a Reconnaissance party serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian Island, Marianas Group, 30 July 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns; Field Music First Class Boisclair rendered valiant service during operations on this strategically important island. Unhesitatingly placing himself between the enemy and his company commander when the reconnaissance party of which he was a member was fired upon by enemy snipers, he opened fire and succeeded in killing five Japanese soldiers before he himself was killed. By his heroic fighting spirit and inspiring conduct, Field Music First Class Boisclair contributed materially to the ultimate success of a vital campaign pointing toward further victories over the Japanese. His daring initiative 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..Sanford, Maine
B..Island Brook, Canada

BSM, SSM, perm cits, ltr fr CMC pres by George Azud, CO, Portland, Maine, 11-12-45 to the parents of the late Field Music F/C Boisclair, Mr. and Mrs. Anaris H. Boisclair. Pres. made at app cer conducted by the local Amer Leg. Post Sandford, Maine, at 2030.

490358
DGP-298-fl

CinCPac
Appd SofN 1-31-46
Serial 34409
Signed JUN 23 1947

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

CORPORAL RICHARD G. BOLGER,
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 F, Second Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. With his company pinned down by close-range enemy sniper, machine-gun and knee mortar fire from a strongly defended Japanese emplacement at the base of a steep cliff, Corporal Bolger voluntarily advanced alone under the savage barrage to a strategic position and, hurling hand grenades and explosives into the hostile fortification, accounted for most of the occupants before returning to his own lines for more ammunition. Continuing his determined attack, he completely destroyed the enemy position and forced the remaining occupants to withdraw. Though mortally wounded while firing on the fleeing Japanese, Corporal Bolger had enabled his company to occupy the cliff and had contributed directly to the success of our operations in this vital area. His daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and great personal valor in the face of fanatical opposition inspired his comrades to greater efforts and 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..Daly City, Calif.

B..San Francisco, Calif.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mr. & Mrs. William P. Bolger, parents of the late Corp. Bolger on 8 Aug 47 by CO USNS, Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif. at the barracks with formal ceremony.

BOLLES, Perm cit for SS
sent to Mrs. Edith Bolles, 146
Chestnut St., Rutherford, N.J.
(mother)

Spot Award
Serial 0727 *Com Sec Act*
Signed *10-9-44*

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RALPH O. BOLLES, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving with the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First
Marine Division, during combat with enemy Japanese forces
on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on January 3, 1944. Brav-
ing intense enemy machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire in the
heat of a raging battle, Private First Class Bolles skillfully
assisted in bringing a 75-mm. gun to bear upon six hostile
pillboxes. Despite semi-darkness and dense jungle under-
growth, he helped members of the gun crew to distinguish
vital hostile targets, contributing materially to the subsequent
destruction of the enemy emplacements and making possible
the advance of his battalion. Private First Class Bolles'
aggressive fighting spirit and selfless devotion to duty in the
face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions
of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Miami, Florida.
B - Passaic, New Jersey.

Released Oct '44

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DGP-298-he

App. SofN 3-24-44
Serial 917
Signed JUN 23 1944

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

PRIVATE JOHN A. BODTHOUSE, JR., USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as
lineaman serving with the Third Battalion, Tenth
Marines, Second Marine Division, during action
against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert
Islands, November 27, 1943. While his company was
engaged in close range, bitter fire fighting with
the enemy, Private Bolthouse joined a group of men
engaged in evacuating casualties from the front
lines. Fearlessly pressing forward under a constant
hail of enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, he success-
fully removed many of the men to a safe area and
continued his valiant efforts until killed by enemy
shell-fire while attempting to rescue a wounded
comrade who had fallen behind the Japanese lines.
Private Bolthouse's great personal valor, daring
aggressiveness and heroic self-sacrifice in the
face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest
traditions of the United States Naval Service. He
gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Stillman Valley, Ill
E-Oregon, Ill. Ga.

294158
DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 8531
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT JOEL C. BOLTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion (Engineer), Eighteenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, in July 1944. Pioneering, building and maintaining supply routes to and forward of the Regimental lines in a zone of action, Sergeant Bolton rendered valuable service to his unit. When his tractor was damaged by enemy mortar fire and was being subjected to intense sniper fire on 1 July, he effected speedy repairs and succeeded in returning the vehicle to operation. After other means of clearing a path for tanks had failed on 6 July, he unhesitatingly drove his bulldozer forward of the Regimental lines and, despite enemy fire, built a road down a precipitous incline on the north side of Mount Tapotchau, thereby enabling the tanks and supporting infantry to coordinate and continue the attack. By his courage, initiative and devotion to duty throughout, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Vernon, Texas.
B--Vernon, Texas.

285948
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser 00420-45
Signed _____

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

FIRST SERGEANT CHARLES V. BOMAR,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as First Sergeant of Company A, First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 22 July 1944. Assuming command of a provisional platoon of men with the mission of assaulting a strongly contested ridge, First Sergeant Bomar succeeded in reaching the crest despite heavy enemy grenade and small-arms fire which reduced his platoon to three men. Then, establishing and holding a position on the side of the ridge, he provided covering fire and enabled a reinforcing company to move into position with a minimum of casualties. During the attack, he personally killed four of the enemy. By his inspiring leadership, determination and devotion to duty, he contributed materially to the annihilation of an enemy strong point which had been holding up the advance of an entire company, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Lufkin, Texas
B..Benford, Texas

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DGP-298-egc

CincPac
Serial 12632
Appd SofN 1-25-45
Signed JUL 30 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BRUCE E. BOND,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of the Second Motor Transport Battalion, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Group, 10 July 1944. When his platoon of truck drivers and a few members of a Marine regiment were attacked by a strong Japanese force, Private First Class Bond courageously assisted in driving the enemy back with heavy losses and, later, volunteering to aid in wiping out the remaining Japanese, unhesitatingly made his way to the forefront of the attack and succeeded in killing at least two of the enemy before he himself was mortally wounded. Private First Class Bond's indomitable fighting spirit and heroic disregard for personal safety were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

/s/ Artemus L. Gates

Secretary of the Navy.
Acting

R..Belt, Montana
B..Belt, Montana

SSM, perm.Cit, ltr fr CMC sent by registered mail to the widow of the late PFC Bond, Mrs. Bruce E. Bond, Stockett, Montana on 27 Aug 1945, by CO, Marine Detachment, US Naval Retraining Command, US Naval Trng & Dist. Center, Farragut Idaho upon written request of 24 Aug 1945 from Mrs. Bond.

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DGP-298-ebg

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ComGenFMFPac Ser 00597-45
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD B. BOND,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Company R, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 17 September 1944. When enemy machine-gun and rifle fire pinned his company down while it was advancing against a steep ridge interlaced with strongly defended caves, tunnels and concrete emplacements, Private First Class Bond voluntarily guided a tank into apposition from which to reduce the opposition and, taking an exposed observation post on top of the vehicle despite concentrated hostile fire, effectively directed the aiming and firing of his tank's guns in a bombardment which silenced the heavy weapons of the Japanese. By his courageous efforts in the face of intense hostile fire, Private First Class Bond enabled the company to continue its advance, and his gallant conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
B-Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

275937
DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac
Appd SofN 10-4-45
Serial 35302
Signed OCT 16 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JEROME F. BONIN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Corporal, serving with Headquarters and Service Battery, First Battalion, Thirteenth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against the enemy on Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 February 1945. As acting corporal in charge of a wire team, Private First Class Bonin bravely exposed himself to intense enemy fire in order to lay his line across a stretch of high ground where it would be protected against vehicles. Running from shell hole to shell hole with complete disregard for his own safety, he successfully laid his wire and established communications. When shell fragments cut the wire, he immediately crossed again into the open under heavy mortar fire and repaired the line. By his personal courage, technical skill and devotion to duty, Private First Class Bonin was able to maintain communications between the observers and the guns during a period of critical action. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Breaux Bridge, La.
B..Breaux Bridge, La.

SSM/perm.cit. & CMC ltr. was delivered by registered mail to the prnts of the late PFC Bonin, Mr. & Mrs. John F. Bonin by registered mail on 2Dec46 by the CO USN Ammunition Depot, New Orleans, La.

349622
DGP-298-rf

Spot Award.
Serial 724
Signed AUG 11 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DANIEL BONNAUD, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Marine Aircraft Group TWENTY-THREE during the bombardment of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, by enemy Japanese surface and air forces on the early morning of October 16, 1942. When the terrific fire of a Japanese surface craft blasted and felled a tree which killed one marine and seriously wounded another caught beneath it, Private First Class Bonnaud, at great risk of his life, voluntarily rushed out in the face of intense Japanese fire, and with several companions succeeded in extricating their wounded comrade and getting him prompt medical attention. The unselfish initiative and heroic efforts of Private First Class Bonnaud and his companions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Los Angeles, California.

B - Calexico, California, 10-24-1920.

853742
DGP-298-mvm

FMFFac
SPOT
Serial 45784
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL EDWARD J. BONTKOWSKI,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Company B, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 11 March 1945. With the advance of the infantry held up by heavy enemy fire from a pillbox ahead of their lines, Corporal Bontkowski volunteered to go forward to destroy the pillbox with explosives, although realizing the extreme risk involved. After successfully completing this mission, he returned to friendly lines and shortly thereafter went forward again and helped to drag a wounded Marine to safety. His courage, initiative and perseverance under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Asst CMC

Perf

Dec & Med

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cleveland, Ohio
B--Cleveland, Ohio

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

SERGEANT HAROLD A. BONVILLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Platoon Sergeant while serving with Company A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Island, Ryukyu Is Group, 4 May 1945. When his platoon leader was killed in an attack on a heavily defended enemy position, Sergeant Bonville assumed command and, ordering his men to maintain a base of fire, advanced to deliver a singlehanded assault on the hostile automatic weapon position. Although seriously wounded, he refused to be halted until his mission was completed and the Japanese gun silenced. His prompt assumption of leadership, skillful maneuvering of the platoon and absolute disregard for his own safety served as an inspiration to all his men and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.”

For the President,

Acting

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Kansas City, Missouri.

B--Kansas City, Missouri.

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to the mother of the late Sgt. Bonville at an informal ceremony on 31Aug46 by the OIC, USMC DHRS, Kansas City, Mo.

484083
DGP-298-tes

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 00421

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BERNARD A. BOOKER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Guam, Marianas Islands, 22 July 1944. Acting voluntarily without orders, Private First Class Booker procured a demolition kit and skillfully advanced under heavy hostile fire to the blind side of a Japanese pillbox and, on three different occasions, prepared charges of explosives and dropped them into the aperture of the pillbox in an effort to annihilate the enemy who were in position to rake our troops with machine-gun fire. Through the cool and efficient manner in which he carried out this mission while under heavy hostile fire, he served as an inspiration to the men in his unit and undoubtedly prevented many casualties. His courage, 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--Lewiston, Maine
B--Lisbon Falls, Maine

934841
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 44533
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HENRY F. BOOTH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. When his platoon encountered a pocket of resistance which halted its advance, Private First Class Booth skillfully maneuvered into a position covered by enemy fire and, delivering effective automatic rifle fire, neutralized a series of four spider traps and killed all four of the occupants as they attempted to hurl hand grenades at the advancing Marines. Continuing his aggressive action, he worked his way forward to an exposed position on the flank of an enemy machine gun and killed three of the crew with hand grenades. By his intrepid fighting spirit and resolute courage, he enabled his platoon to continue the attack. His gallant conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bowman, Ga.,
B--Iva, S. Carolina.

341587
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFFac Ser 51256
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT HAROLD G. BOQUIST,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. Courageously leading his men in an attack on Motoyama Airfield Number Two, where a strong enemy force was defending itself fanatically with automatic weapons, mortars and hand grenades, Sergeant Boquist observed two enemy soldiers attacking a Marine who was wounded and unable to defend himself. He fearlessly rushed to the man's assistance and killed the first with a butt stroke and bayoneted the other after a savage duel. 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-Tulamark, Ore.
B-Tulamark, Ore.

012072-2
DGP-298-pmb

Cinopac.
SPOT
Serial 0647

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALBERT S. BOREK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Adjutant of the Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November 1943. Working tirelessly throughout the fierce hostilities on D-Day with limited equipment and personnel, Second Lieutenant Borek expeditiously established vital communication with service companies, organized parties to service essential weapons for front line units and skillfully performed additional duties beyond his rank as Acting Operations Officer despite the enemy's shattering, concentrated shellfire. Determined to complete an extremely perilous mission the second day of the bitter action, he commanded the loading of a vehicle with ammunition and rations for advanced elements of the Battalion and personally directed it across the open fire-swept airfield. By his forceful and inspiring leadership, his fearless initiative and cool, courageous action at great personal risk, Second Lieutenant Borek contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital hostile stronghold, and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout the entire Tarawa Campaign reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R-- , Mass.,
B---Southbridge, Mass.

Secretary of the Navy.

467572
DGP-298-eln

CG, FMF, Pac
App. SofN 4-23-45
Serial 12850
Signed MAR 18 1946

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

ASSISTANT COOK JOSEPH M. BORGES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 10 July 1944. While assisting in guarding a battalion supply section dump, Assistant Cook Borges displayed exceptional initiative and courage when the position was suddenly taken under attack by Japanese forces. Quick to act as a hostile hand grenade was hurled into the foxhole in which he was sitting, he unhesitatingly attempted to throw it back but was mortally wounded while performing this heroic deed. His personal valor and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave danger reflect the highest credit upon Assistant Cook Borges and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Boston, Mass.
B..Tampa, Fla.

SSMw/perm cit ltr fr CMC pres to mother of the late Ass't
Ck Borges, Mrs. Guellimina M. Suarez, on 12Apr46, at a formal
ceremony at MB, U.S.NB, Boston, Mass.

316175
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN BORICH,
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, Eighteenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 23 November 1943. Repeatedly braving the enemy's shattering barrages following landing operations on D-Day, Private First Class Borich worked tirelessly and with calm courage throughout a period of intensive combat action and, relentlessly charging the Japanese, succeeded in destroying six hostile pillboxes with his flame thrower, thereby enabling his unit to continue its sustained advance against a fanatic enemy. By his daring initiative, valiant fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to the completion of each perilous mission, Private First Class Borich contributed materially to the capture of this vital hostile stronghold by our forces and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Coverdale, Pa.,
B--Monongahela, Pa.

Secretary of the Navy.

07615
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00436-45
Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN RANDAL B. BOROUGH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 26 September, 1944. Constantly exposed to intense hostile fire, Captain Borough skillfully led a tank-infantry attack over hazardous terrain and, after reaching the objective, directed his men in holding this position while another attack was organized to seize the Japanese-held hills commanding the area. Shortly after assisting in the rescue of a seriously wounded officer from an exposed position, he suffered wounds which necessitated his evacuation. His courageous devotion to duty and grave concern for the welfare of others were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Ossinig, N. Y.
B-New York, N. Y.

845071
DGP-298-mvm

Cincpac
Appd SofN 1-28-46
Serial 52353
Signed JUN 23 1947

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

CORPORAL SAMUEL BORRELLI,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Sergeant Guide in a platoon of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 13 May 1945. Skillfully applying his knowledge of rifle company and platoon tactics throughout the bitterly fought Okinawa Campaign, Corporal Borrelli willingly assumed additional responsibilities in the execution of extremely dangerous missions, greatly increasing the combat efficiency of his platoon. Attacking with his company in the suburbs of Naha on the northern side of the Asato River and observing the failure of several attempts to rescue a wounded Marine lying directly in the line of fire from an enemy pillbox, he signalled a near-by tank to direct its neutralizing fire upon the hostile emplacement and, dashing unarmed through the heavy fire, succeeded in carrying the stricken man to safety. Corporal Borrelli's aggressive fighting spirit and self-sacrificing devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the life of his comrade, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Jersey City, N.J.
B..New York, N.Y.

SSMw/perm.cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mrs. Michael Borrelli, widow of the late Corp. Borrelli on 24Sept.47 in the Office of the CO with ceremony by the CO USMCHMB N.Y. NSNB, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00598-45
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AUGUST W. BOSCHEN,
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 Patrol of the Twenty--first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 26 July 1944. With his patrol engaged in destroying enemy forces which had infiltrated and were operating behind our lines, Private First Class Boschen courageously advanced to aid a comrade in fighting off a group of enemy soldiers firing from a well concealed position. Charging the hostile position, he assisted in killing one of the enemy and causing another to kill himself. Later, when his squad executed a strategic withdrawal under enemy mortar and rifle fire, Private First Class Boschen again assumed an exposed position and covered the evacuation of three wounded members of the patrol. His coolness under fire and aggressive actions 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..Richmond, Va.
B..Richmond, Va.

281498
DGP-298-ebg

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ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00597-45
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM P. BOSLEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company G, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 September 1944. When a squad leader of his company was seriously wounded near the mouth of an enemy-held cave, Private First Class Bosley volunteered to rescue him. Dashing through the heavy hostile fire to the side of the wounded sergeant, he picked him up on his shoulders and again raced through the enemy fire to cover, thereby saving the injured man's life. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

X-
B-Gassaway, W. Va.

893727
DGP-298-he

Spot Award
Serial 02162
Signed JUL 17 1944

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

SERGEANT ROBERT H. BOTTS, USMC,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as a Tank Commander, while serving with the Eleventh Defense Battalion, First Marine Amphibious Corps, during an engagement with enemy Japanese forces on Arundel Island, Solomon Islands, on September 18-19, 1943. When his tank was hit and set afire during an assault against strongly held Japanese positions, Sergeant Botts evacuated his crew and valiantly covered their withdrawal by continuing to fire his turret gun. Remaining until his men were out of danger, he abandoned his post only a moment before the ammunition caught fire and enveloped the tank in flames. When the commander of another tank was unable to determine a route to safety, Sergeant Botts ran in front of him and, although exposed to intense enemy fire, personally directed him toward friendly lines. On the following day, taking another tank into action, he was again attacked and stopped, but succeeded in evacuating his crew without serious casualties. By his cool courage and indomitable fighting spirit, he undoubtedly saved many lives which otherwise might have been lost and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Littletown, Ill.
B-Industry, Ill.

363158
DGP 298 Navy rmh

Fmf Pac Spot Ser. 6887

Signed _____ FEB 18 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACK A. BOUCHER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Weapons Company, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. Remaining at his post as the only survivor of a 37-mm. gun crew, Private First Class Boucher loaded and fired the gun until all the ammunition was exhausted. Organizing a gun crew from riflemen in the immediate vicinity, he replenished the ammunition and restored the gun to action. By his heroic action, he assisted materially in repelling an enemy counterattack and in saving a vital portion of the line. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Brounsville, Tex.
B. Bristow, Okla.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

029972
DGP 298 Navy rmh

AmpfForPacFlt Spot Ser. 3167
Signed DEC 2 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT RAYMOND F. BOURNE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Pilot of a Fighter Plane in Marine Fighting Squadron THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO in action against enemy Japanese forces north of Okinawa on the morning of 28 May 1945. After the U.S.S. DREXLER was hit by a hostile suicide plane and lay dead in the water with greatly reduced fire power, First Lieutenant Bourne courageously attacked another suicide aircraft as it made its dive on the crippled vessel and, following on the tail of the attacking craft, braved heavy gunfire from the DREXLER to force the enemy plane from its course. During a second dive by the hostile suicide craft, he again pressed a determined attack and continued on the tail of the attacking plane until his own plane was hit by the ship's gunfire, forcing his retirement. By his airmanship, fortitude and aggressive spirit, First Lieutenant Bourne upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Toms River, N.J.
B..New York, N.Y.

329704
DGP-298-gjd

Spot Award.
Serial 724.
Signed AUG 11 1943

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

STAFF SERGEANT HERMAN H. BOUTELLE, JR., USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

serving with
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while attached to Marine Fighting Squadron TWO TWENTY-FOUR during the bombardment of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, by enemy Japanese surface and air forces on the night of October 13-14, 1942. When a heavy enemy shell struck dangerously close to a bomb shelter, burying five marines under a mass of earth and debris, Staff Sergeant Boutelle, hearing cries for help, voluntarily exposed himself to the intense fire of hostile shells and bombs and, with several other men, set to work rescuing their imprisoned comrades. Due to the quick thinking and heroic efforts of Staff Sergeant Boutelle and his companions, two of the buried men were saved, and the bodies of the other three marines were recovered. His unswerving devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Hillsboro, New Hampshire.

B - Hillsboro, New Hampshire. 8-29-1923.

011317
DGP-298-eln

Spot Award
Serial 0849
ComSevFlt
Signed 11-15-44

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

MAJOR GEORGE E. BOWDOIN, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Forward Artillery Observer from the Fourth Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, from January 4 to 9, 1944. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Major Bowdoin continually exposed himself to the fire of enemy riflemen, machine guns and mortars and, often working his way to points within a few yards of well-emplaced Japanese positions, skillfully directed the fire of our supporting artillery. By his extreme bravery in the face of grave danger and his unswerving devotion to duty, he contributed in a large measure to the final defeat of the enemy in this vital area. Major Bowdoin's heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Baltimore, Maryland.
B..Baltimore, Maryland.

Released 21 Apr 44

011317
DGP-298-rkz

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 262
Signed AUG 29 1947

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

MAJOR GEORGE E. BOWDOIN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the Fourth Battery, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 10 October 1944. Commanding a provisional group of artillerymen serving as infantry in a front-line sector, part of which was particularly rough terrain and could be dealt with adequately only by direct fire from a heavy weapon, Major Bowdoin personally supervised the manhandling and emplacing of a pack-howitzer into a position on a narrow rocky ridge despite heavy enemy machine-gun fire from three sides. By his courage, skill and initiative in directing this work and in remaining voluntarily in an exposed position throughout the night and the following day, during which the howitzer was employed effectively against the enemy, Major Bowdoin contributed materially to the success of our forces and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Baltimore, Maryland.
B--Baltimore, Maryland.

308183
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CGFMFPac
SPOT
Serial 7394
Signed FEB 10 1948

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

PRIVATE GEORGE E. BOWES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 31 July 1944. Leading his squad against firmly emplaced enemy machine guns supported by riflemen, Private Bowes repeatedly exposed himself to intense fire to direct tanks against the hostile positions. On one occasion when an advancing tank by-passed a machine gun which had pinned down the supporting infantry, he braved heavy fire, dashed out to the tank and directed it back to destroy the emplacement. His aggressive fighting spirit and courageous 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..Bronx, N.Y.
B..New York, N.Y.

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320746
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 45501
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL BILLY D. BOWMAN,
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 A,
First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth
Marine Division, in action against enemy Japa-
nese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 March
1945. Moving into the assault with his squad,
Corporal Bowman deliberately exposed himself to
hostile sniper fire in an effort to locate the
enemy concealed in caves and spider traps and,
aiding his men in the annihilation of the Japa-
nese, contributed materially to the success of
the attack. His courage and devotion to duty
reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Bowman
and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

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

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

335968
DGP-298-bgj

CG, FMF, Pac
App. SofN 4-19-45
Serial 13002
Signed DEC 11 1945

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

CORPORAL CHARLES S. BOWMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 17 June 1944. Alert and courageous in the performance of duty, Corporal Bowman boldly led his platoon through enemy infested territory to determine the location of hostile snipers retarding the advance of our forces. Repeatedly exposing himself to the enemy's withering barrages, he fearlessly engaged heavily fortified, well-entrenched hostile positions, personally accounting for ten Japanese troops and contributing to the destruction of many more. His inspiring leadership, outstanding fortitude and cool and courageous action in the face of grave peril were essential factors in the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold, and his zealous devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Bakersfield, Calif.
B..Denver, Colo.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. pres'd to Mrs. Edith M. Bowman, mother of the late Crp. Charles S. Bowman, on 1 March 46 by the CO, USMCAS, Santa Barbara, Calif. at an informal ceremony with appropriate publicity.

301723
DGP-298-rkz

Serial Special
Appd SofN 8-20-46
Signed JUN 19 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RUPERT O. BOWMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against enemy Japanese forces while serving at the Marine Barracks, United States Naval Station, Guam, Marianas Islands, on 10 December 1941. Volunteering to be a member of a demolition party of three, Private First Class Bowman greatly aided in destroying magazines containing explosives and ammunition at the Marine Barracks to prevent them from falling into enemy hands during the invasion of Guam by the Japanese. Despite constant danger from hostile patrols and aerial bombing and strafing attacks, he assisted in carrying and laying the demolition charges and, although exposed to enemy view, climbed two telephone poles to connect the wires necessary to detonate the charges. His courage and his skill and speed in accomplishing this vital mission reflect great credit upon Private First Class Bowman and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bellingham, Washington.
B--Lewistown, Montana.

011390
DGP-298-dmf

Serial 002172
Spot Award
Signed MAR 9 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HUGH H. BOWNES, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as member of a reconnaissance patrol landed by submarine on enemy-held Shortland Island, Solomon Islands, August 23, 1943. Voluntarily and with utter disregard of personal safety, First Lieutenant Bownes embarked upon an extremely dangerous mission into Japanese-occupied territory for the purpose of securing vital information with regard to terrain, hydrographic conditions, and strength and disposition of hostile forces. Undeterred by the isolation of his position and by the full knowledge that no assistance could be expected from outside sources, he nevertheless remained on the island for three days, successfully carrying out an important assignment under hazardous conditions where discovery by Japanese troops would undoubtedly have resulted in his capture or death. His courageous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B - New York, N.Y. 3-10-20
R - New York, N.Y.

285949
DGP-298-dfm

Spot Award
Serial 002172
Signed Mar 9 1944

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

SERGEANT JACK Z. BOYD, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as member of a reconnaissance patrol landed by submarine on enemy-held Shortland Islands, Solomon Islands, August 23, 1943. Voluntarily and with utter disregard of personal safety, Sergeant Boyd embarked upon an extremely dangerous mission into Japanese-occupied territory for the purpose of securing vital information with regard to terrain, hydrographic conditions, and strength and disposition of hostile forces. Undeterred by the isolation of his position and by the full knowledge that no assistance could be expected from outside sources, he nevertheless remained on the island for three days, successfully carrying out an important assignment under hazardous conditions where discovery by Japanese troops would undoubtedly have resulted in his capture or death. His courageous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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285949
DGP.-298-Navy-FBB

ComGenFmFPac
Spot Ser. 43822
Signed MAR 11 1946

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the GOLD STAR in lieu of the Second Silver Star Medal to

PLATOON SERGEANT JACK Z. BOYD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Sergeant of Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 and 21 February 1945. Refusing to seek cover from the intense hostile machine-gun and mortar fire on the beach, Platoon Sergeant Boyd collected his scattered platoon and led them in repeated successful attacks on the well-emplaced enemy, thereby enabling his company to reach its intended objective. Seriously wounded on 21 February, while leading well-executed attacks on four hostile pillboxes, deep within the enemy positions, he crawled seventy-five yards to his platoon leader and gave a clear report of the situation before being evacuated. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Las Angeles, Calif.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

B- Abilene, Texas.
12 May 1922

Secretary of the Navy.

333744
DGP-298-Navy-jrc

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 6067
Signed FEB 27 1948

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT ROBERT G. BOYD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine gunner of Company A, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 8 and 9 July 1944. Cool and aggressive during an enemy counterattack on the beach west of Kaberra Pass, Gunnery Sergeant Boyd maintained machine gun positions by reemplacing three machine guns that were put out of action by heavy hostile fire. Carrying the guns from the left flank of the line across the entire front to the right flank where the main attack was being staged, he placed them in action and contributed materially to the large number of enemy casualties accounted for by these positions. His outstanding initiative and courageous 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..Indianapolis, Ind.
B..Indianapolis, Ind.

418414
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 7630
Signed DEC 16 1947

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

SERGEANT HENRY A. BOYES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Squad Leader of an Assault Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Island, 15 September 1944. When the advance of his platoon was halted by almost point-blank artillery fire which caused many casualties, Sergeant Boyes volunteered to ride a tank which was brought forward, after one of his comrades was wounded, and directed fire on hostile positions. In order to have a full field of vision, he rode on the outside of a tank, completely exposed to all types of heavy hostile fire while effectively directing the tank's fire in destroying four strongly held artillery positions and their occupants. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Trinidad, Calif.,
B--Eureka, Calif.

Secretary of the Navy.

254593
DGP-298-feo

Spot Award
Serial 1113
Signed DEC 4 1943

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

CORPORAL WAYNE B. BRACEY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Second Marines, Reinforced, in action against enemy forces during the invasion of Japanese-controlled territory in the Solomon Islands Area from August 7 to 9, 1942. Undaunted by withering blasts of hostile weapons, Corporal Bracey fought with skill and daring against the well-entrenched foe during the hazardous initial landing on Tanambogo, continuing his aggressive action until he and his comrades were ordered to withdraw and proceed to Gavutu. While attempting to effect a precarious landing in the face of tremendous opposition by the enemy ashore, Corporal Bracey maintained his courage and determination throughout long periods in the water under intense fire before he and the other marines finally succeeded in gaining the beach. His valiant devotion to duty throughout this hazardous period was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Oak Grove, Louisiana.

B - Rayville, Louisiana.

08839- 298839
DGP-298-vml

ComSoPac
SPOT
Serial 00315
Signed OCT 23 1947

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

SERGEANT LANFORD BRACKETT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Machine-Gun Squad of Company B, First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 7 November 1943. When his squad was surrounded and cut off by the enemy during an assault against a strongly entrenched Japanese position, Sergeant Brackett ordered the gun crew to emplace their weapon and open fire. When the gun being assembled was attacked by six of the enemy, he advanced alone to meet them and succeeded in destroying several and in driving away the remainder. Then bringing heavy fire to bear on the hostile positions, he covered the advance of other units which broke the encirclement of his squad. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Brackett and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bowling Green, South Carolina.,
B--Clover, South Carolina.

335500
DGP-298-eln

Cincpac
App. SofN 3-22-45
Serial 2689
Signed OCT 5 1945

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

PLATOON SERGEANT FRANCIS E. BRADFORD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Group, on 15 June 1944. Upon finding himself and eighteen of his comrades separated from his company after effecting an extremely difficult landing under fierce, persistent enemy artillery and mortar fire, Platoon Sergeant Bradford promptly organized his own men and others who were separated from their units and, under deadly opposition, resumed an aggressive attack against the enemy. As he reached the objective and his company, he immediately aided his commander in organizing the hard-pressed company which was suffering many casualties and subsequently continued his heroic efforts in the face of heavy enemy fire until mortally wounded. Platoon Sergeant Bradford's inspiring courage and selfless conduct 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..Lebanon, Mo.
B..Brownfield, Mo.

SS.perm cit. ltr fr. CMC mailed to the widow of the late Platoon Sgt. Bradford, Mrs. Francis E. Bradford, 1813 Rosemead Blvd. Rivera, Calif. by CO, USMCAS, El Toro, Calif. Request of widow. 1-14-46

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES H. BRADLEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Runner and Radioman of Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 16 March 1945. When his Platoon Leader and all Non-Commissioned Officers near him were wounded, Private First Class Bradley immediately notified the Company Commander of the situation and then began organizing the platoon for continuance of the attack. Despite the heavy enemy fire still sweeping the area, he boldly made his way from man to man, strengthening the lines and organizing the group. After supervising the evacuation of the wounded, Private First Class Bradley courageously led the platoon forward in an aggressive attack against heavy enemy small-arms and mortar fire until he was wounded and evacuated. His initiative, fortitude and determined spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ John L. Sullivan
Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac
Appd SofN 11-21-45
Serial 35150
Signed JAN 15 1947

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

PRIVATE JOHN H. BRADT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman in a platoon of Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 February 1945. Crawling forward through deadly enemy fire which was holding up his platoon's advance upon Mount Suribachi, Private Bradt worked his way to the aid of a platoon of friendly tanks, and, disregarding all personal danger from the barrage of hostile fire, climbed to the top of a small knoll to observe and direct these tanks in firing upon the enemy's concealed emplacements. Maintaining his extremely vulnerable post in support of his units advance, he continued to give orders until the Japanese positions were completely destroyed. By his prompt and courageous action in the face of extreme peril, Private Bradt contributed materially to the success of his platoon's mission and to the saving of many of his comrades. His unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Cleveland, Ohio.
B..Toronto, Canada.

SSM w/perm cit pres to Mrs. John H. Bradt, widow, in a ceremony at HRD, Cleveland, on 9Apr47, by OinC. Publicity given.

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DGP-298-vml

Cinepac
SPOT
Serial 0094
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WALTER H. BRAKE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters and Service Battery, Second Battalion, Twelfth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, 26 July 1944. Voluntarily going forward with a small group of men to engage and destroy hostile forces that had broken through our front lines and were threatening our beach areas, Private First Class Brake repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire in his attempts to drive back the Japanese. Charging up a gulley after grenades had been thrown, he killed one of the Japanese with rifle fire, while another was killed within ten feet of him and a third blew himself up with a grenade. After six hours of fatiguing and almost continuous contact with the enemy, he volunteered to take a message to the infantry holding the front lines to advise them that Japanese troops had been sighted on their flank. Passing near the enemy, he ran into small arms fire and in returning the fire killed one of the Japanese. Completing his mission, he returned to his patrol to help destroy the remaining Japanese. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Brake and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Detroit, Michigan.,
B--Redford Township, Michigan.

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DGP-298-rtt

ComGenFMFPac Ser 79499
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALFRED F. BRANAUGH,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Machine Gun Squad with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 21 February 1945. Although painfully wounded during a fire fight resulting from a night infiltration by the enemy, Private First Class Branaugh steadfastly refused evacuation and remained with his machine gun. Courageously exposing himself to a barrage of hostile machine-gun, rifle and grenade fire, he repeatedly moved his gun, the platoon's sole supporting weapon, to alternate positions in order to confuse the enemy and render better support against their fierce attacks. Throughout the day, Private First Class Branaugh brought effective fire to bear on the Japanese, killing many of them and enabling his platoon to maintain its position. His heroism, initiative and determination in the face of great danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

R- Haywood, Calif.
B- Kennebec, S. Dak.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

450513
DGP-298-egc

Spot Award
Serial 00817
Signed OCT 26 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH G. BRANDT, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1943. When an infantry battalion was subjected to intense hostile fire during unloading operations, Private First Class Brandt unhesitatingly volunteered to advance beyond the beachhead and attempt to silence the enemy gun emplacements. Despite a withering hail of hostile machine-gun and rifle fire, he courageously proceeded beyond the foremost elements of combat troops and, with several comrades, attacked and destroyed seven vital enemy positions, killing fourteen Japanese and driving out numerous others. By his daring initiative, he and his companions were able to capture hostile documents containing valuable military information for our forces. Private First Class Brandt's aggressive fighting spirit and valiant conduct 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..Ozone Park, N.Y.
B..New York, N.Y.

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DGP-298-egc

CincPac
Serial 0031
Appd SofN 1-25-45
Signed 8-3-45

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANK E. BRANNING,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Automatic Rifleman serving with the First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 17 September 1944. Suddenly confronted with an enemy machine-gun nest while acting as the point of his platoon during a hazardous advance through heavy mortar fire toward a series of well-defended coral ridges, Private First Class Branning unhesitatingly attacked the Japanese position and, delivering a stream of devastating fire, completely knocked out the emplacement. Although seriously wounded during this action, he refused to endanger the life of a medical corpsman and attempted to make his way unaided to a place of comparative safety, but was struck again by enemy fire and mortally wounded. Private First Class Branning's indomitable fighting spirit and unselfish conduct were an inspiration to his comrades and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

/s/ Artemus L. Gates

Secretary of the Navy.
Acting

R..Camden, Texas
B..Deweyville, Texas

SSM w/perm cit and ltr. fr CMC was presented to the mother of the late PFC Frank E. Branning, USMC., 12 June 1946 ~~by~~ Niols Esperson Bldg., Houston 2, Texas by Captain T. O. Cullins. Appropriate publicity was given.

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DGP-298-egc

CincPac
Appd SofN 1-1-45
Serial 11070
Signed MAR 22 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LOUIS A. BRANNON, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Radio Operator of a Forward Observer Party serving with the Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 8 July 1944. With his radio put out of action and his company pinned down by intense hostile machine-gun fire, Private First Class Brannon fearlessly crawled to territory more advantageous for defense and promptly repaired his damaged set, thereby establishing a communication line which, for a short but crucial period of the operation, was the only system available. Steadfast in his performance of duty as Forward Observer Radio Operator, Private First Class Brannon rendered valiant service during the ensuing twelve days, carrying on in the face of grave danger until mortally wounded by enemy fire on 8 July. His cool courage and initiative throughout this period were an inspiration to those with whom he served and 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--Atlanta, Georgia
B--Fitzgerald, Georgia

S & perm cit pres'd to mother of the late PFC Brannon, Mrs. Beulah V. Brannon by OinC, DHIRS, Rms. 1101-13 Atlanta National Bldg., 50 Whitehall St. Atlanta, Ga at intermission of US Army show opening 7th War Loan Drive, on May 14, 1945.

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DGP-298-rlb

Cincpac
Appd SofN 9-13-45
Serial 35600
Signed JUN 19 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES W. BRANSCOME,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Automatic Rifleman, serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 21 February 1945. When the advance of his company was held up by intense, accurate machine-gun and small-arms fire from higher ground, Private First Class Branscome crawled forward and detected a hostile emplacement fifty yards to the front, rushed it from the blind side, despite a hail of fire from adjacent strong points, and fired into its port, killing three of the enemy before he was mortally wounded by a fourth who emerged from the rear of the position while he was reloading his weapon. By his valiant initiative and bold fighting spirit, he succeeded in neutralizing the Japanese position and his utter disregard for his own personal safety reflects the highest credit upon Private First Class Branscome and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Hillsville, Va.
B..Hillsville, Va.

SSM w/perm cit was presented to Mrs. James P. Branscome, mother of the late PFC. James W. Branscome at Hillsville, Va., on 23 Jul 1946 by the Officer in Charge. Mrs. Branscome requested an informal ceremony at her home.

HEADQUARTERS USAFISPA
APO #502

4 December 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NO.....463)

Awards of the Silver Star Section 11

11. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

JACK H. R. BRASWELL, (415125), Private First Class, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, by deliberately exposing himself to enemy fire to cover the withdrawal of his comrades, and at the same time safely evacuate a severely wounded marine on 20 July 1943. Home address: 7537 Oakwood Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R ... Jacksonville, Florida.
B ... Jacksonville, Florida.

Over File

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FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 79496
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE RAY M. BRATTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as a Rifleman of Company A, First Battalion, Fifth
Marines, First Marine Division, in action against
enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands,
31 May 1945. Seriously wounded by intense hostile
fire which pinned down his platoon during a patrol,
Private Bratton realized that the patrol could not
move and engaged the enemy with his weapon and
smoke grenades, thereby enabling the platoon to
withdraw to a sheltered position. Despite his
wounds, he remained at his post until the last of
the patrol had withdrawn. His outstanding courage
and devotion to duty were in keeping with the high-
est traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bellevue, Pa.
B--Belleville, Pa.

SSMw/perm Cit & CMC ltr was presented to the widow of the late Capt. Breakenridge, Mrs. Hugh W. Breakenridge, 422 Vermont St., Waterloo, Iowa on 10 Jan 47, by the OinC, USMC DHRS Des Moines, Iowa. Publicity commensurate with the desires of Mrs. Breakenridge.
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DGP-298-lfg

Cincpac
Appd SofN 9-27-45
Serial 35253
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

CAPTAIN HUGH W. BREAKENRIDGE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 to 27 February 1945. When all officers of a rifle company had become casualties and the members widely scattered by merciless Japanese artillery fire, Captain Breakenridge immediately assumed command, quickly rallied the disorganized company and led his men to a position where they could effectively support the advance of his landing team to high ground above the gun-studded cliffs. During the hours of darkness on 22 February, he personally attacked two of the enemy who had infiltrated our lines and, although himself painfully wounded, killed one and severely wounded the other. Refusing evacuation, he loyally remained with his company and, by his own fortitude and inspiring courage, sustained the morale of his men throughout the night. With the assault units sustaining heavy casualties under devastating machine-gun fire from concealed Japanese positions during the attack north of Quarry Number One on 27 February, he personally reconnoitered the areas to his front and directed artillery and mortar fire which destroyed the hostile emplacements. Occupying a constantly exposed position, he led his men in a continuation of the attack until mortally wounded by enemy fire. His valiant leadership, daring combat tactics and devotion to duty throughout this period of fierce action reflect the highest credit upon Captain Breakenridge and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Dinsdale, Iowa
B..Traer, Iowa

412354
DGP-298-egc

CincPac
Serial 12698
Appd SofN 1-18-45
Signed JUL 30 1945

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

CORPORAL WARREN B. BREEHER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the occupation of Saipan Island in the Marianas, on 7 July 1944. Observing a Japanese soldier running past his station to the center of the command post while on duty at the regimental switchboard, Corporal Breeher shouted a warning simultaneously with the sounding of the general alert and, cautioning those nearby not to endanger their comrades on the post by shooting at the invader, steadfastly continued to operate his switchboard in the sudden emergency. When a burst of fire struck close by, he called for the shooting to cease but was fatally wounded immediately thereafter by a second burst which also struck and killed the Japanese within ten feet of the switchboard. Corporal Breeher's alert initiative, cool courage and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of extreme peril reflect the highest credit upon himself and upon the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

/s/ Artemus L. Gates

Secretary of the Navy.
Acting

R..Lemay Station, Mo.
B..St. Louis, Mo.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC, pres'd by OinC, St. Louis, Mo, 26 Sep 45 to the father of the late Corp Warren B. Breeher, Mr. Josiph Breeher, 5851 Hampton, St. Louis, Mo. Inf pres by request of father. Members of the immediate family present.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD R. BREEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company G, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 2 May 1945. With his company pinned down by withering machine-gun fire on the right flank during an attack against heavily-fortified enemy positions, First Lieutenant Breen courageously went to the rescue of a wounded Marine lying helpless on the outer edge of an open field. Promptly discarding his equipment, he crawled through a flooded rice field for forty yards until he reached the casualty and, under a hail of machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire, dragged the stricken man to a covered position where he administered first aid. His courage 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--New Orleans, Louisiana.
B--New Orleans, Louisiana.

HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINE COAST ARTILLERY COMMAND
FORT MILLS, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

GENERAL ORDERS)

14 April, 1942.

Number.....24)

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
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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, 263522, 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.

EUGENE M. KOHLMAN, 290300, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 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, Corporal KOHLMEN, 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, 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.

MIKE WINTERMAN, 271428, Corporal, 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, Corporal WINTERMAN, 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 F. RAY, 291572, Assistant Cook, 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 several men therein, Assistant Cook RAY, 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.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 11, Army Regulations 600-45, August 8, 1932, the following-named officer and enlisted men are hereby awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, on April 13, 1942:

■ RAYMOND C. McQUILLIAM, 279663, Corporal, Fourth Marines.

"J" R. TOWNSDIN, 295763, Private First Class, Fourth Marines.

4. Pursuant to the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, August

8, 1932, 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:

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

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

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Each man.

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(Photostatic copy rec'd from Army sent to file on case
of Corp. Eugene O. HAYNES 279813)(7-5-49)

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT THOMAS P. BREKKE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 8 March 1945. Armed only with hand grenades and a rifle, Sergeant Brekke voluntarily attacked a hostile cave and, although under heavy fire, killed eight of the enemy and saved the lives of three of his men who were caught in the cross-fire from the cave. After this action, he worked his way back to his platoon and led it in an attack which resulted in the destruction of nine hostile caves and the death of approximately forty-two enemy soldiers. 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..Des Moines, Iowa
B..Des Moines, Iowa

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Appd SofN 9-20-48
4thMarDiv
Serial 14717

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

SERGEANT VINCENT BRENCICK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Chief of a Reconnaissance Section of Company C, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 to 26 February 1945. Making an early reconnaissance of the beaches on D-Day, Sergeant Brencick directed the landing of the tanks in the face of heavy enemy fire. Skillfully finding a route over the terraces despite hostile fire, he was directly responsible for the timely arrival of three tanks at the airfield where their fire support was vitally needed. When a tank crewman was wounded later during the operation, Sergeant Brencick voluntarily took the place of the casualty and fulfilled his newly assumed duties. His ingenuity, skill and courageous devotion to duty throughout this period 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. Louis, Missouri.
B--St. Louis, Missouri.

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SPOT
Serial 12535
Signed JUL 9 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES A. BRENDEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, attached to Company B, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 15 June 1944. When his command tank was incorrectly loaded on board an LCM which then developed a dangerous list to port and was in danger of capsizing, First Lieutenant Brenden immediately called for volunteers to proceed to the ship's starboard side to assist him in balancing the craft and, although seriously wounded when a hostile artillery shell hit the lighter, contributed to the successful landing of this vital craft. By his outstanding initiative and courage, First Lieutenant Brenden upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Moorehead, Minn.
B..Fergus Falls, Minn.

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Signed _____

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

SERGEANT CORNELIUS BRENKERT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Commander of Company C, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16 June 1945. When his tank was hit four times and several of his crew members were seriously wounded by fire from an enemy anti-tank gun during an assault well forward of the front lines, Sergeant Brenkert observed that the tank of his Platoon Leader was disabled and on fire and, skillfully maneuvering his vehicle alongside the burning tank despite continuing hostile antitank fire, effected the rescue of its crew members. 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-Highland Park, Mich.
B-Detroit, Mich.

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Serial 00317
Signed JUL 29 1944

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

SERGEANT THOMAS J. BRENTON, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as a gun captain while serving with the Third Marines, Third Marine Division, during the landing operations at Cape Torokina, Bougainville Island, on November 1, 1943. Realizing that it was not possible to destroy all of the enemy reinforced bunkers by infantry action without tremendous loss of life, Sergeant Brenton unhesitatingly exposed himself to hostile machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire in order to study the Japanese emplacements and devise a plan for bringing up his 75 millimeter gun to a strategic location from which to fire into a key bunker. Subsequently completing his survey and deciding upon an approach, he guided the gun to the selected position and, although the high brush made it necessary to drive the weapon up so close that it was endangered by fragments from its own shell, ordered the gun fired and destroyed the bunker with twelve enemy defenders. Sergeant Brenton's splendid initiative and courageous conduct under difficult conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..East Boston, Mass.
B..East Boston, Mass.

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DEC 9 1947
Signed-----

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. BRICKER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as leader of a Rifle Platoon of Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 6 May 1945. Braving heavy enemy mortar and small-arms fire, Second Lieutenant Bricker organized his position to provide an effective perimeter defense during the night for a key hill position one hundred yards in advance of his company lines. Although wounded, he tenaciously held his position throughout the night to direct and aid personally in repelling an enemy hand-to-hand counterattack, refusing evacuation until his unit had made a substantial advance against the enemy. His outstanding leadership and courageous fighting spirit reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Bricker and the United States Naval Service."

R-Winnetko, Illinois
BpMonmouth, Ill.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 45501
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MORRIS E. BRICKLEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in a Platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 23 March 1945. When four members of his platoon were seriously wounded by enemy hand grenades and were lying in an unprotected position near the Japanese lines, Private First Class Brickley braved heavy hostile fire to go to the aid of the casualties and, with assistance from the less seriously wounded, succeeded in evacuating them to a point where medical attention was available. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Brickley and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Hermosa, S. Dak.
B..Rapid City, S. Dak.

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

MAJOR HUDSON E. BRIDGE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the First Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), Fifth Amphibious Corps, during operations against enemy Japanese forces in the early stages of the landing at Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 22 February 1944. Daringly exposing himself to heavy mortar and machine-gun fire to reconnoiter and locate positions from which the Japanese were delivering devastating fire against the landing area, Major Bridge located an enemy machine gun firing from a pillbox on the flank of the beach and another gun harassing friendly troops from the rear. Quickly securing and placing heavy guns into operation as they landed, he directed their fire at point-blank range and destroyed the hostile pillbox and the machine-gun position, thereby securing the flank of the beach and saving the lives of many men who were helplessly exposed to the shattering barrage as they hit the beach. His courage under fire, leadership and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Walpole, New Hampshire
B--St. Louis, Mo.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed----- DEC 16 1947

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

CORPORAL JAMES G. BRIGGS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry while serving with the
Marine Detachment, U.S.S. SANTA FE, in action against
enemy Japanese aerial forces in Central Pacific waters,
on 16 October 1944. While under a heavy enemy air at-
tack, Corporal Briggs skillfully brought an enemy plane
under fire and, despite the grave danger as the hostile
craft plunged directly toward his station, maintained
steady fire until it crashed near his gun. By his out-
standing skill, courage and fearless devotion to duty,
Corporal Briggs contributed materially to the successful
operation of his ship, thereby reflecting great credit
upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Hils Ohio
B-Zanesville, Ohio

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

PLATOON SERGEANT MURL BRIGHT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. With his platoon leader a casualty during a fierce engagement with the Japanese, Platoon Sergeant Bright promptly assumed command and, fearlessly countering the enemy's incessant shellfire, personally located many hostile strong points throughout the bitter action and subsequently led his men in brilliantly executed attacks. Wounded in the arm during an assault against a hostile pillbox later that same day, Platoon Sergeant Bright, by his daring initiative, his outstanding fortitude and inspiring leadership maintained under perilous conditions, had contributed materially to the success of his unit in its sustained drive against a fanatic enemy and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Nampa, Idaho.,
B--Nampa, Idaho.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 20638
Signed SEP 18 1947

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

CORPORAL JOHN C. BRINSER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of an Antitank Gun Squad of Regimental Weapons Company, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 5 July 1944. When his gun position was suddenly attacked, Corporal Brinser braved heavy enemy fire to reorganize his squad and enable our forces to repel the following Japanese assault. Continuing to render valuable service, during hours of darkness on 25 July, he led his squad in attacking and destroying two hostile tanks. His courage and 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--Middletown, Penna.
B--Falmouth, Penna.

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Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JESSIE E. BRISTER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the First Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 20 June 1944. Participating in an intense artillery counterbattery attack, First Lieutenant Brister bravely worked his way forward to an ammunition dump which had been set on fire by hostile shell explosions and supervised the extinguishing of the fire and evacuation of casualties. Tirelessly assisting until serious wounds necessitated his evacuation, he contributed materially to saving the lives of numerous men and large quantities of ammunition. 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..Bogue Chitto, Miss.
B..Bogue Chitto, Miss.

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Signed JUN 26 1947

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

PRIVATE TROY BROCK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, Twentieth Marines (Engineers), Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 16 June 1944. Gallantly risking his life to attempt the rescue of a fallen Marine during a fire fight with a deeply entrenched enemy, Private Brock, although suffering intense pain from wounds received during the action, unhesitatingly crossed an open fire-swept area and succeeded in evacuating his helpless comrade. Then returning to his position, he continued his determined fight against the Japanese, rendering valuable service to our forces before being ordered to evacuate for treatment. By his initiative, courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty, Private Brock contributed materially to the success of our operations against this vital hostile stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Brownfield, Mississippi,
B--Walmart, Mississippi.

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Serial 0118
Signed JUL 5 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT J. BRITT, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 4 October 1944. Valiantly disregarding his own personal safety in the face of imminent peril, Private First Class Britt unhesitatingly crossed over terrain covered by enemy automatic fire to carry a vital message to an adjacent unit and, while returning to his post, heroically guided stretcher-bearers through heavy machine-gun fire and assisted in the evacuation of the casualties until he himself was mortally wounded. Private First Class Britt's selfless conduct and unyielding devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Albany, N.Y.

B..Albany, N.Y.

SSM, perm cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 22 Aug. by Oinc, USMCEPD, POBldg., Albany 1, N.Y. to the mother of the late PFC. Britt, Mrs. Mae Britt, 25 Genesee St., Albany, NY, at home with representatives of the press attending. Picture and suitable release published.

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Appd SofN 9-5-45 Serial 031106
Signed JUL 12 1946

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

CORPORAL EDWARD P. BROCKMEYER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of the Marine Reconnaissance Team assigned to the Navy Underwater Demolition Team while serving with the Headquarters Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 17 February 1945, prior to invasion by our forces. When the enemy opened fire on his small craft as it maneuvered close inshore, setting the vessel afire and severely wounding several embarked Marines, Corporal Brockmeyer fearlessly risked his life in a valiant effort to rescue men from the blazing area and, working tirelessly and with superb courage, quickly removed the wounded to safety. Promptly organizing a fire-fighting party of the other crewmen as the Japanese continued to lay down a shattering artillery and small-arms fire barrage from the beach, he gallantly directed his men in bringing the fires under control, thereby preventing further damage to his craft or injury to his shipmates. Steadfast and calm, he immediately resumed his assigned duties despite the continued bombardment, gaining information on the disposition of hostile strong points of value to our forces in carrying out invasion operations two days later. Mortally wounded when a second artillery shell destroyed his craft shortly thereafter, Corporal Brockmeyer, by his daring initiative, aggressive determination and grave concern for the safety of others in the face of tremendous odds, contributed materially to the saving of many lives in the initial landings at Iwo and his zealous devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

R..Severna Park, Maryland,
B..Baltimore, Maryland.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy (Acting)

SSM w/perm cit and ltr. fr. CMC., was presented to Mrs. Barbara R. Brockmeyer, mother of the late Corporal Edward P. Brockmeyer at an informal ceremony held in the Band Hall of the Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C. The ceremony was held without publicity in accordance with the expressed wishes of the recipient. Mrs. Barbara R. Brockmeyer resides at Severna Park, Maryland.

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

MAJOR JOHN P. BRODY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as Executive Officer of the First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in the landing at Cape Torokina, Bougainville Island, on November 1, 1943. Upon being informed that his Commanding Officer had been severely wounded, Major Brody unhesitatingly made his way through 300 yards of open ground in the face of intense enemy machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire to reach the command post and receive his instructions. Subsequently assuming command of the battalion, he left the comparatively safe position he was occupying and, exposing himself continually to hostile fire, went among his units to establish contact between them and coordinate their efforts. Throughout this engagement and later, during the battle of the Koromokina River, he carried out numerous hazardous reconnaissance missions, gathering information of vital importance to the efficient operation of the battalion. Major Brody's inspiring leadership and valiant devotion to duty under extremely difficult conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ James Forrestal
Secretary of the Navy.

R-Duquesne, Pa.
B-Czechoslovakia.

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

FIRST SERGEANT JAMES F. BROGDON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 11 June 1945. After one of his men had been attacked and wounded by the enemy in a cave, First Sergeant Brogdon heard the cry for help and, although fully aware of the armed enemy troops within, courageously entered the cave. Then, despite several grenades which were thrown at him, he reached his comrade and succeeded in bringing him to safety. First Sergeant Brogdon's heroic concern for the welfare of a comrade was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ Francis P. Matthews

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Parrish, Fla.
B - Taylor, co., Fla.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN S. BROM,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Ammunition Company of the Fifth Field Depot, Supply Service, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 5 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, Private First Class Brom bravely volunteered to climb on the burning stack and, despite the danger from the flaming powder and intense hostile fire, assisted in extinguishing the blaze by throwing out the burning powder containers, thereby preventing a dangerous explosion and saving a large amount of vitally needed ammunition. 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..Cleveland, Ohio
B..Cleveland, Ohio

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Serial 5459
Signed JUN 23 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DANIEL R. BRONSON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 29 July 1944. When his patrol was ambushed and pinned down by enemy soldiers armed with machine guns, Private First Class Bronson remained at his position at the head of the column for five minutes in order to divert the enemy's attention while the remainder of the patrol withdrew to safety. Although seriously wounded during this time, he succeeded in dragging himself and his weapon back to our lines without assistance. His initiative and devotion to duty contributed materially to the saving of many lives and reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Bronson and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Philadelphia, Penn.
B--Butte, Montana

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

CORPORAL JOSEPH H. BROOKS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Driver of an Amphibian Tractor of the First Amphibian Tractor Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 18 September 1944. Engaged in transporting supplies to a Marine Infantry Battalion, Corporal Brooks observed a gunboat explode and sink in the waters between Peleliu and an adjacent island. Aware that the intervening beach and sea were well mined and had not been previously traversed by vehicle or boat, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to intense mortar and small-arms fire and drove his vehicle, on his own initiative, through the mined area to the scene of the shipwreck. Aided by another Marine, he rescued eight injured and exhausted seamen. His resourcefulness, courage and initiative in voluntarily risking his life to save others reflect great credit on Corporal Brooks and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

A - Newark, N.J.
B - Poland

225390
DGP-298-fl

FMF
SPOT
Serial 5349
Signed JUL 21 1947

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

FIRST SERGEANT MARSHALL V. BROOKS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 26 June 1944. During a heavy enemy mortar and machine-gun concentration on his platoon position, First Sergeant Brooks went forward three times to carry wounded men to a protected area where medical attention could be rendered. His devotion to duty saved the lives of three members of his command and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Boung, Oregon
B..Portland, Oregon

447055
DGP-298-vml

Cinopac
Serial 032568
AppdSofN-1-10-46
Signed FEB 27 1947

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

CORPORAL OLON E. BROOKS, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Scout Sergeant, serving with an Artillery Forward Observation Team of Battery E, Second Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 20 April 1945. Discovering that his forward observation team was ambushed and pinned down by intense enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, Corporal Brooks unhesitatingly worked his way forward to an exposed position where he took station and, delivering a steady stream of accurate fire on the enemy, diverted their return fire to himself, thereby making it possible for his team to withdraw. His bold and unselfish courage in sacrificing his own safety for that of his comrades and his indomitable devotion to duty in the face of overwhelming odds reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Brooks and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Myrtle Point, Oregon,
B--Yacolt, Washington.

283711
DGP-298-wg

Cincpac
Appd SofN 1-10-46
Serial-032392
Signed MAY 23 1947

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

SERGEANT GEORGE M. BROOMFIELD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader, serving with Company C, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 June 1945. When his squad was assigned the mission of assaulting a precipitous coral pinnacle strongly defended by Japanese entrenched in caves and pillboxes, Sergeant Broomfield skillfully maneuvered his men over exceedingly treacherous terrain and through intense and accurate enemy small-arms and mortar fire and, despite excruciating pain from a wound received during the attack, continued to direct the onslaught until our forces, spurred on by his heroic example, overcame the enemy position. By his skillful leadership, cool courage in the face of grave danger and tenacious devotion to duty, Sergeant Broomfield contributed materially to the successful completion of his company's mission, making possible the destruction of three enemy pillboxes, and numerous Japanese, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R..La Junta, Colo.
B..La Junta, Colo.

SSM w/perm. cit. ltr. fr. CMC pres. to the son of the late Sgt. Broomfield at the Christian Church, La Junta, Colo., on 13 Jul 1947 by the OinC USMC DHRS. No publicity given.

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DGP-298-ec

FMF Pac
SPOT
Serial 91141

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MAX W. BROTHERTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Flame Thrower Operator of Company A, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 27 February 1945. When his company was subjected to heavy enemy machine-gun fire during an attack against a strong hostile force entrenched in concrete pillboxes on commanding ground, Private First Class Brotherton courageously made his way toward the hostile position. Carrying his flame thrower, he crawled forward through intense enemy small-arms and hand-grenade fire and, although painfully wounded about the face, continued to advance until he reached a position approximately ten feet from the pillbox. Then, firing his flame thrower into the opening, he succeeded in neutralizing the hostile position, thereby relieving the pressure on his company's front and materially aiding the advance. His coolness under fire and devotion to the completion of his mission were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Barry, Illinois

B--Griggsville, Illinois

310902
DGP-298-sps

Approved SoF N 8-8-48
Serial SPECIAL

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES M. BROWN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in a Machine Gun Squad of Company E, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 14 May 1945. When the platoon to which his machine-gun squad was attached was receiving heavy casualties, Private First Class Brown noticed that the loss of the platoon leader and the non-commissioned officers was disorganizing his platoon. On his own initiative, he placed his squad in an advantageous position to cover the reorganization of the platoon and fearlessly braved heavy enemy machine-gun and mortar fire to assist in the reorganization of the remnants of the platoon. By his indomitable fighting spirit and courage, he spurred the men of his platoon to move on and accomplish their mission. His staunch devotion to duty reflects the highest credit on Private First Class Brown and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R - Phoenix, Ariz.
B - Phoenix, Ariz.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-fl

FME
Appd SofN 8-20-46
Serial 22686
Signed JUN 11 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DARVEN L. BROWN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Fire Team Leader, serving with Company G, Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 29 July 1944. When two companies of his battalion were held up by fire from an enemy machine gun which was supported by well-entrenched Japanese riflemen, Private First Class Brown assumed the task of reducing this hostile position and, initiating a frontal assault across the open terrain with five men and a tank in support, succeeded in annihilating the enemy and in capturing the machine gun. Standing by three of his comrades who had been wounded in the action, he protected them until the front lines overran his position and then rejoined his unit and continued the advance. By his cool courage under fire, inspiring leadership and unwavering devotion to duty, Private First Class Brown contributed materially to the success of this operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Wichita, Kansas
B..Kansas City, Mo.

436139
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac
SPOT
Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EARNEST H. BROWN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 22 November 1943. With a platoon urgently needed to fill a gap in the front lines during fierce hostilities on D-Day, Private First Class Brown fearlessly pressed forward across the length of the pier despite the enemy's shattering mortar, machine-gun and sniper fire and expeditiously guided the unit to the designated area. During the sustained drive across the airstrip, he repeatedly exposed himself to intense hostile machine-gun and sniper fire to despatch vital messages to front line areas, tirelessly continuing his valiant efforts for days of bitter offensive action. Wounded while returning to the Command Post, he steadfastly refused medical assistance until the vehicle on which he was embarked had delivered its cargo of ammunition and supplies to his unit. By his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and cool courage in the face of grave danger, Private First Class Brown contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this important Japanese stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Paradise, Calif.,
B..Chico, Calif.

presentation to the widow of the late PFC Harry M. Brown in her home by Ensign Willis E. Meekins. Ensign Meekins was accompanied by the station photographer who provided photographic coverage.

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DGP-298-vm1

Cincpac
Appd SofN 9-17-45
Serial 35578
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HARRY M. BROWN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while voluntarily serving as a Demolition Man with Company C, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 17 March 1945. Repeatedly exposing himself to hostile small-arms fire in his determined efforts to destroy by-passed pockets of Japanese resistance, Private First Class Brown performed his essential duties with dauntless courage and consistent skill despite the increasingly desperate opposition encountered as his unit steadily approached the front line area. Alert and ready to counter any sudden enemy move, he closely observed the advance of his squad leader toward a heavily fortified cave position and, when the exposed Marine fell under the slashing fury of exploding shrapnel and small-arms fusillades, immediately rushed forward into the lane of hostile fire in a heroic attempt to rescue the wounded man but was himself struck down and mortally wounded by a savage burst from enemy guns while aiding his fellow Marine. An indomitable fighter and loyal comrade, Private First Class Brown, by his fearless initiative, cool decision and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of extreme peril, rendered valiant service throughout the bitter conflict and his self-sacrificing concern for another was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Myrtle Point, Oregon,
B..Estacada, Oregon.

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DGP-298-ebg

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FmFPac Spot Ser. 61801
Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES E. BROWN, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company C, Sixth Engineer Battalion, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 13 May 1945. Risking his life in the face of hostile observation and fire, First Lieutenant Brown voluntarily swam across the Asata River unarmed and under cover of friendly machine guns in order to obtain information necessary to replace a bridge destroyed by the enemy. Carrying two cloth measuring tapes tied together to determine the necessary bridge span, he crossed the 150-foot span of water and, after landing on the other bank of the river and obtaining the pertinent information, reconnoitered further into enemy territory where he located a second demolished bridge on the same road. Returning to friendly lines after his hazardous reconnaissance in an area well forward of all infantry elements and fully exposed to enemy fire, he transmitted the vital information which caused the decision to abandon the original plan as impractical and adopt a more effective course for supplying the division. His bold initiative, coolness under fire and courageous conduct were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. MULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Bluefield, W. Va.

B- " " "

434143
DGP-298-wg

Cincpac
Appd SofN 1-31-46
Serial-52751
Signed JUN 23 1947

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

SERGEANT JAMES F. BROWN, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Sergeant, serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 20 May 1945. When his platoon became pinned down by heavy Japanese machine-gun fire from the flank, Sergeant Brown boldly led fifteen men across two hundred yards of open terrain to attack and destroy the hostile emplacement. Upon reaching the reverse slope of an adjacent hill and repulsing a vicious enemy, counter-attacking under the cover of shattering mortar barrages, he valiantly proceeded alone to the crest of the ridge to hurl hand grenades at the enemy forces below and disrupt their attempts to reorganize for counter action. Inspired by his heroic actions, the remainder of his unit joined him at his hazardous post and, fighting with unquenchable spirit, repulsed numerous Japanese onslaughts until reinforcements arrived. Although killed shortly before his besieged forces were relieved, Sergeant Brown, by his daring initiative and unswerving devotion to duty, had materially contributed to his platoon's success during the day, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President

R..Bossier City, La.
B..Bossier City, La.

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

SSM w/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to the grandmother of the late Sgt. Brown, Mrs. Sarah E. Reichler on 10Nov47 by the CO, Co. C, 10th InfBn, USMCR, NG Armory, Shreveport, La., at a Birthday Dinner held by the local Reserve Unit in honor of the U.S.M.C. Anniversary.

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DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac
Appd SofN 10-25-45
Serial 36972
Signed SEP 18 1946

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

CORPORAL JOHN C. BROWN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Squad Leader in a platoon of Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Okinawa Island, Ryukyu Group, 12 May 1945. When his platoon was pinned down and received heavy casualties by vicious enemy fire from an undetermined source, Corporal Brown observed a companion deliberately expose himself to the hostile fire to cause the Japanese to reveal their position. Seeing the Marine seriously wounded before accomplishing his mission, he voluntarily arose from his covered position and drew the fire to himself, causing the gun emplacement to be detected and destroyed. His courageous action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Washington, Pennsylvania.
B--Washington, Pennsylvania.

SSMw/perm.cit.&CMC ltr. was presented to the parents of the late Corporal Brown, Mr.&Mrs. Dewey J. Brown on 28Oct46, by the Cinc, USMC DHRS Pittsburgh, Pa.

294658
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 9468
Signed _____

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

SERGEANT JOSEPH B. BROWN,
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, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. When his platoon leader was killed and the platoon became badly disorganized shortly after dark, Sergeant Brown assumed command of the unit and organized an effective night defense. On the following morning, he rallied his men and led them in an aggressive attack, eliminating a strong enemy center of resistance. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Houston, Texas
B..Wichita Falls, Texas

0114
DGP-280-dmf

Spot Award
Serial 1088
Signed OCT 8 1943

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JULIAN P. BROWN, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving on the Staff of a Task Force Commander during a series of highly successful missions launched against enemy Japanese forces in the Pacific Area from December 7, 1941 to June 14, 1942. Participating in the raids on Marshall, Gilbert, Wake, and Marcus Islands as well as the Battle of Midway, Lieutenant Colonel Brown, under constant threat of attack by air and submarine, skillfully performed his duties throughout protracted operations in hostile waters, in immediate proximity to enemy territory and bases. When his force was fiercely engaged by Japanese heavy bombers during its attack on the Marshall Islands and in subsequent actions directed against hostile ships and shore establishments, his courageous skill and grim determination contributed materially to the infliction of major damage upon the enemy with only minor impairment to his own force. 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 - Belmont, Massachusetts.

B - Belmont, Massachusetts.

019930
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac
SPOT
SERIAL 6685
Signed DEC 26 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LESLIE E. BROWN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Weapons Company, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. When the amphibious tractor, in which he embarked, was set on fire by several enemy shells, First Lieutenant Brown ordered the craft abandoned after several unsuccessful attempts to extinguish the blaze. While swimming away, he noticed a wounded man entangled by ropes and, despite imminent danger from exploding ammunition in the burning craft, returned to the tractor to throw the wounded man into the water. Providing him with his own life belt, he towed him to safety shortly before the craft exploded. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Brown and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Huntington Park, Calif.,
B--Topenish, Washington.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

06078
HEADQUARTERS
PHILIPPINE COAST ARTILLERY COMMAND
Fort Mills, Philippine Islands

9 April, 1942

GENERAL ORDERS)
Number22)

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, War Department, August 8, 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, Philippine Coast Artillery Command, for gallantry in action, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

* * * *

PAUL A. BROWN, Captain, Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P. I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, March 25, 1942. During the course of a heavy bombing attack by enemy planes on Fort Mills, when a large barracks in the Kindley Field area was set afire, Captain BROWN, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, left a place of shelter and aided in fighting the fire, during which time ammunition was exploding in the area and two flights of planes dropped several strings of bombs on the island.

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By command of Major General MOORE:

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

OFFICIAL:

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Approved SofN 2-16-44
Serial 0057
Signed APR 4 1944

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

PRIVATE ROBERT K. BROWN, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B - Modesto, Calif.
R - Oakland, Calif.

525285
DGP-298-bgj

Cincpac
App. SofN 3-1-45
Serial 1483
Signed NOV 19 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT L. BROWN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Driver serving with the Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon, Gilbert, and Marianas Islands from 7 August 1942 to 15 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Private First Class Brown landed in the three assault waves and, by his alert initiative and superb ability in operating and handling his vehicle, rendered invaluable service during the invasion and occupation of these strategically important enemy strongholds. His heroic fighting spirit and unfaltering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Brown and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Pueblo, Colo.
B..Avondale, Colo.

SSM w/perm. cit. ltr. fr. CMC presented by OinC, USMC, DHRS, Denver to widow on 6 Aug 46 at meeting of VFW at Pueblo.

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SPOT
CinC Pac
Ser 4987

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SIDNEY M. BROWN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a member of Battery A, Fourth Special Weapons Battalion, Special Troops, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Marshall Islands Area on 12 February 1944. During a severe bombing attack by enemy aircraft, Private First Class Brown bravely left his place of shelter to safeguard vehicles and antiaircraft guns located within seventy-five yards of an exploding and burning ammunition dump. By his outstanding courage, daring initiative and selfless devotion to duty in the face of grave danger, Private First Class Brown was greatly instrumental in saving large quantities of materiel from destruction by fire and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

DAN A. KIMBALL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Gladstone, Oregon
B..Sonora, Texas

480063
SGP 298 Navy rmh

CincPac Spot Ser. 3010
Signed FEB 17 1946

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

ASSISTANT COOK VERLON L. BROWN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while participating in amphibious landings as a Driver of an Amphibian Tractor of the Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Gilbert and Marianas Islands, from 20 November 1943 to 30 July 1944. Volunteering to drive tractors when casualties caused an acute shortage of drivers, Assistant Cook Brown completed two successful trips from his ship to a beachhead during one action, carrying critically needed medical supplies despite intense enemy fire which scored a direct damaging hit on his tractor. His initiative and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. Danville, Ill
B. Dismarck, "

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

469505
DGP-298-bgj

ComGenFMF
App. SofN 4-5-45
Serial 13001
Signed JAN 3 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WALTER E. BROWN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Rifleman of an Infantry Platoon serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during the Saipan-Tinian phase of the assault against the enemy Japanese-held Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 24 July 1944. Pinned down by heavy enemy fire while advancing with several companions to relieve two tank crews whose disabled vehicles were covered by hostile guns in front of our lines on 4 July, Private First Class Brown boldly pushed ahead for another 300 yards and, despite continuous exposure to Japanese fire, succeeded in reaching his objective and in annihilating numerous snipers en route. By skillfully directing the tank weapons, he assisted in the destruction of two enemy field pieces and, with his group, effected the rescue of the eight crewmen. Subsequently mortally wounded on Tinian, Private First Class Brown, by his relentless fighting spirit and indomitable courage had contributed essentially to the success of his battalion's vital mission in this strategically important theater of war and his selfless, unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

280160
DGP-298-bz

Spot Award
Serial 0853 *ComSec Slt*
Signed SEP 30 1944

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

SERGEANT WARREN G. BROWN, 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, December 30, 1943. Courageously leading a squad on a mission to seek and destroy an enemy patrol sighted near our air-dromes, Sergeant Brown, upon contact, immediately engaged the hostile units with vigorous fire, forcing them to take cover in pillboxes. Directing his men to a ridge when the enemy launched a fierce counterattack, he skillfully selected advantageous firing positions and, despite heavy mortar fire, moved among his men throughout the entire assault keeping his platoon leader informed of all hostile activities. Sergeant Brown's daring initiative and selfless devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Fletcher, Kentucky.

B - Fletcher, Kentucky.

CITATION FOR SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUS)

First Sergeant Edward R. Browne, 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 position was under close enemy observation and steady fire, to rescue his comrades. Disregarding the imminent danger of collapsing walls and roofs, Sergeant Browne heroically entered the tunnels, assisted in extricating trapped soldiers, and gave first aid to the wounded.

Approved by WD on 20 Jan 47

Station: Corregidor

Home address of next of kin: Mrs. Germaine Browne
515 W. Ivy Street
San Diego, California

Copy for: Press Branch, EPR
D & A Section, DPRB

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Ser 61534

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

CORPORAL RUSSELL A. BRULAND
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against enemy Japanese forces while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, on 9 May 1945. When his platoon was halted by heavy enemy fire during an advance across a valley, sustaining several casualties, Corporal Bruland twice traversed open ground swept by the hostile fire to rescue and carry to safety two of the wounded men from his platoon. His outstanding courage, initiative, and inspiring devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN B. CONNALLY

Secretary of the Navy

R - Bradish, Nebraska
B - Bradish, Nebraska
Date: 2 Nov 1922

486348
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac
SPOT
Serial 6685
Signed DEC 26 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM L. BRUMMER,
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, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 17 June 1944. During a strong tank and infantry counterattack on his company's sector, Private First Class Brummer voluntarily left his sheltered position and went forward under intense enemy machine-gun fire to stop and destroy a hostile tank with antitank grenades. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Brummer and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Erlanger, Ky.,
B--Batesville, Indiana.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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Appd SofN 1-10-46
Serial 032390
Signed APR 24 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT P. BRUNDAGE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader attached to Company L, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 3 May 1945. Courageously leading his platoon against a strongly defended, heavily fortified enemy position and observing that one of his scouts had been buried by an artillery shell burst, Second Lieutenant Brundage unhesitatingly braved the intense fire to dig the helpless man out of the debris and carry him to a place of safety. Maneuvering his troops to the top of a hill after a personal reconnaissance across the hazardous terrain and finding the new positions untenable when a hail of artillery fire blanketed the area, Second Lieutenant Brundage valiantly remained with his platoon sergeant to hurl grenades at the hostile emplacements, covering the safe withdrawal of his platoon. Although mortally wounded during this action, his aggressive leadership and intrepid fighting spirit served as an inspiration to his men, thereby reflecting great credit upon Second Lieutenant Brundage and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Dover, New Jersey
B..Orange, New Jersey

SSM w/perm cit ltr fr CMC delivered informally to parents, Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Brundage, on or about 20 May 1947, by CO, MB, USNAD, Dover, N.J. No publicity desired.

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SPOT
Serial 500
Signed JUL 10 1947

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL AUSTIN R. BRUNELLI,
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, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 18 June to 4 July 1944. A daring and courageous leader, Lieutenant Colonel Brunelli boldly led his men against heavily fortified hostile positions and, engaging the enemy in furious combat, succeeded in gaining bitterly contested terrain. When two of his companies were reduced in strength by heavy Marine casualties and were forced to withdraw a short distance from the assigned objective after a day of continuous assault over almost impassable ground, he promptly made a personal reconnaissance in the face of savage fire and, skillfully reestablishing his lines, resumed contact with his adjacent units, thereby insuring the success of the day's operations. Later, on 28 and 29 June, when his battalion was ordered to fill a dangerous gap between two units, he again reconnoitered under enemy fire and, effectively directing his forces into position, launched a daring and successful attack. By his fearless leadership, cool courage and inspiring devotion to duty in the face of strong Japanese resistance, Lieutenant Colonel Brunelli contributed to the success of our forces on Saipan, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Raton, New Mexico
B--Blossburg, New Mexico.

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Appd SofN 1-23-46
Serial 05523
Signed APR 7 1947

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

PLATOON SERGEANT FREDERICK J. BRUNNER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Arms Instructor, serving with Marine Detachment, American Embassy, London, England, in action against enemy German forces in France, from 1 August to 3 October 1944. Parachuted behind the German lines into France to instruct the Beaufort Maquis and other resistance groups in the use of modern weapons, Sergeant Brunner skillfully trained these guerrilla forces to a high state of efficiency and, participating in their audacious forays against the Wehrmacht, disrupted communications and troop movements and assisted in the liberation of numerous towns in the department before the arrival of Allied troops. On 16 August, when his patrol was dispersed by a numerically superior enemy force, he calmly returned accurate fire as he effected a withdrawal, swam across a swiftly flowing, bullet-swept river without loss of arms or equipment and, risking execution as a spy by donning civilian clothing, made his way fifteen miles through German-controlled territory to regain contact with his headquarters. By his courageous actions, resourcefulness and devotion to duty, Sergeant Brunner contributed materially to the success of the Allied Campaign in Europe, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Eggertsville, New York.
B--Buffalo, New York.

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Appd SofN 1-5-46

Serial 032467

Signed MAY 28 1946

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

PRIVATE RICHARD R. BRUNNHOEFFER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a Rifle platoon in Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Okinawa Island, Ryukyu Group, 10 May 1945. When a bazooka gunner was wounded in an advance under heavy enemy machine-gun fire, Private Brunnhoeffler took the weapon and operated it so effectively that he succeeded in destroying a well camouflaged hostile emplacement. Determined to locate Japanese snipers who were holding up the advance of his unit, he deliberately exposed himself to draw their fire and remained in this hazardous position until he had destroyed the enemy emplacement by rifle fire, thereby permitting his company to continue its attack. His heroism and unwavering devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Louisville, Ky.

B..Rochester, Ind.

SSM w/perm. cit. &CMC ltr. was presented to the father of the late Pvt. Richard R. Brunnhoeffler, USMCR., on 20 June 1946, Mr. Gilbert C. Brunnhoeffler by the OinC, Central Recruiting Division, HD of Louisville, Louisville 1, Ky. The private ceremony was held at the Brunnhoeffler residence in Louisville, Ky.

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Serial 45500

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

CAPTAIN THOMAS A. BRUNS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company B, Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 8 March 1945. Commanding his company in an attack on an enemy salient which formed a reentrant into our lines, Captain Bruns noted that the infantry was pinned down by intense mortar, hand grenade and small-arms fire and that no avenue of approach for tanks existed. Dismounting from his tank, he reconnoitered the hostile installations on foot and, after entering the enemy positions, obtained the desired information. Returning to his company, he brought up his tank dozer and, still on foot, initiated its entry along the route he had selected. Noticing at this time that the Japanese had swarmed an abandoned tank and installed a machine gun, he returned again to his tank, brought his company up and, annihilating twenty of the enemy, forced the remainder to retire, thereby breaking their final line of resistance. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--San Diego, California.
B--Chicago, Illinois.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN B. BRUNSON JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader attached to Headquarters and Service Company, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 June 1945. When the foot troops of a coordinated tank-infantry attacking force became halted by extremely heavy, long-range Japanese fire, Second Lieutenant Brunson unhesitatingly led his platoon into the concentrated barrages in an attempt to locate the guns which impeded the advance until he was seriously wounded when his tank was hit and set afire. Undaunted, he boldly continued his hazardous mission until the enemy guns were located and destroyed, permitting the infantry to continue its assault. Disregarding his serious wounds, he directed the evacuation of his wounded tank crew, refusing aid until all others had first been treated. By his heroic actions, inspiring leadership and perseverance, Second Lieutenant Brunson was instrumental in maintaining the successful attack, thereby reflecting 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-- Bunkie, Louisiana.
B-- Bunkie, Louisiana.

Spot Award, 1942
Serial 18 MAR 18 1943
Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN CHARLES H. BRUSH, JR., U.S.M.C.R.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
in action as Commanding Officer of Company A,
First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Di-
vision, during engagements against enemy Japanese
forces in the vicinity of Taivu, Guadalcanal, Sol-
omon Islands, on August 19, 1942, and in the Tenaru
Sector on August 21, 1942. Leading his patrol
toward the village of Taivu, Captain Brush, suddenly
encountering a group of Japanese, brilliantly di-
rected the ensuing fight which resulted in over-
whelming defeat for the enemy, while his own losses
were extremely small. From documents found on the
bodies of four Japanese officers killed during the
battle, and material carried by the patrol, Captain
Brush gained valuable information about the enemy's
presence, strength and intentions. Two days later,
while counterattacking in the face of heavy machine
gun and mortar fire, he directed his company with
such courageous initiative that the entire enemy
force was either killed or captured. By his able
and distinguished leadership he contributed im-
measurably to the success of the engagements."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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verbally or in writing to
any person without the per-
mission of the officer in
charge of the Decorations
and Medals Division.

R...Montclair, New Jersey

B...Montclair, New Jersey

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Signed DEC 9 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT C. BRUTINEL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Demolition Man and Flame Thrower Operator of Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 12 March 1945. When his company was held up by an enemy pillbox, Private First Class Brutinel made a direct frontal attack on the hostile emplacement, firing his flame thrower until the fuel supply was exhausted. Returning to the company dump, he refilled his weapon and, advancing again on the Japanese position, attacked the pillbox until it was completely silenced. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Brutinel and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Clifton, Arizona
B..El Paso, Texas

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO 504

AWARD (POSTHUMOUS) OF THE SILVER STAR:

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

PRIVATE EVERETT BRYANT, USMCR.,

"For gallantry in action at Bairoko Harbor, 20 July 1943. Never concerned with his own safety when he could strike a damaging blow at the enemy, he was persistent and audacious in the operation of his machine gun, bringing exceptionally effective fire to bear on strong Japanese positions. Even when he suffered a severe abdominal wound he refused evacuation and died several hours later, still manning the weapon with which he so heroically aided his company's defense."

By Command of Lieutenant General Harmon:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

R..Pontiac, Michigan.
B..Bernie, Missouri.

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Serial 919 (Cincpac)
Signed JUN 16 1944

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

PRIVATE ALVIN C. BRYSON, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, November 20, 1943. Volunteering to divert the light machine-gun fire of the enemy from the main area occupied by his platoon, Private Bryson, armed with an automatic rifle, moved to a position from which he could attack the Japanese emplacement. When his first volley registered on the enemy, he fearlessly advanced under their answering fire and silenced their position, but was fatally wounded. Private Bryson's heroic devotion to duty was an inspiration to his comrades and 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..Asheville, N.C.
B..Hendersonville, N.C.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ANDREW H. BUBANAS,
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 I, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 4 May 1945. Observing that an adjacent platoon was leaderless after the Platoon Leader became a casualty, Private First Class Bubanas took command and led the platoon forward in an assault on a heavily defended Japanese position. Locating an enemy machine gun, he boldly moved forward alone and attacked the position with hand grenades, persevering in his mission until he had destroyed the weapon and killed its crew. His courageous fighting spirit and determination in the face of grave hazards were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Lowell, Mass.
B-Lowell, Mass.

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Serial 0167
Signed FEB 10 1948

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

MAJOR GEORGE S. BUCK,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Marine Fighting Squadron TWO HUNDRED SEVENTEEN, attached to the U.S.S. WASP, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Tokyo Bay, Japan, on 17 February 1945. Undaunted by intense antiaircraft fire and aerial opposition, Major Buck led his squadron in a low-level strafing attack over a major enemy airfield to inflict extensive and costly damage on the Japanese. His initiative, airmanship and devotion to duty throughout this hazardous operation were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Los Angeles, Calif.
B..Buffalo, N.Y.

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Cincpac
Appd. SofN 11-8-45
Serial 36970
Signed OCT 14 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DANIEL T. BUCKINGHAM,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Scout and Observer with Headquarters and Service Company, Twenty-Second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima in the Ryukyu Chain, from 1 April to 18 June 1945. Taken under a slashing fusillade of Japanese rifle and artillery fire while stationed in the Regimental Observation Post on Hill 69, near the town of Mezado, Private First Class Buckingham, accompanied by two other Marines, located the position of three hostile snipers and, skillfully directing accurate rifle fire on the position, destroyed the enemy. Undaunted as the Japanese concentrated their merciless fire from concealed emplacements, he joined a fire-team and boldly defied the hidden enemy, proceeding shortly thereafter in search of still another Japanese sniper who was pouring a deadly stream of bullets into the Observation Post. Suddenly his fire-team leader was struck and seriously wounded. Instantly exposing himself to the merciless rifle volleys, Private First Class Buckingham made a determined effort to evacuate his comrade despite the unabating fury of hostile fire. Mortally wounded as he persevered in his heroic attempt, he staunchly refused all assistance until his suffering fellow Marine had been evacuated. Stouthearted and loyal in the face of fanatic opposition, Private First Class Buckingham, by his cool courage, indomitable fighting spirit and self-sacrificing devotion to duty, rendered valiant service and his conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and upon the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

R..Milford, Conn.
B..Seattle, Wash.

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mr. D. F. Buckingham, P.O. Box 1498, Billings, Mont. father of the late PFC. Daniel T. Buckingham on 14 Aug 47 by CG USMCAS, El Toro (Santa Ana), Calif. via reg. mail. No publicity was given.

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Signed _____

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

PLATOON SERGEANT EARNEST J. BUCKLEY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 5 to 9 March 1945. Assuming command after all officers of his company had become casualties, Platoon Sergeant Buckley reorganized the group and, personally reconnoitering the area under heavy and accurate hostile small-arms fire, led his men forward in the face of stiffening resistance of a strong Japanese line that had held up the advance. When an enemy strong point again slowed the advance of the Battalion on 9 March, he fearlessly braved accurate rifle and mortar fire to select positions for his automatic weapons and, skillfully coordinating their fire, rallied his depleted forces for a last attack, personally leading them forward through caves and intricate ravines under deadly small-arms fire until wounded. By his leadership, courage and unwavering devotion to duty throughout, Platoon Sergeant Buckley upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Mattapan, Mass.
B..Boston, Mass.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ERNEST L. BUCKLEY, JR.,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifleman, serving with Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-Ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 18 April 1945. Fearlessly leading his platoon up a precipitous and strongly held hostile ridge, Private First Class Buckley advanced rapidly from point to point and, taking very little cover, accurately fired on the Japanese and hurled hand grenades into their groups, inflicting heavy casualties. Recognizing the danger to friendly troops and wounded ahead of the lines when a superior officer ordered hand grenades to be thrown into a nest of snipers, he insisted on personally leading the charge against these snipers and, by successfully overrunning the enemy position, enabled his men to reach the wounded and also continue the advance. His courageous tactics and indomitable fighting spirit assisted materially in the success of the assault and reflected great credit upon Private First Class Buckley and the United States Naval Service."

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr delivered to Mr. & Mrs. Ernest L. Buckley, Sr., parents of the late Pfc. Buckley, Jr., on 13 Sep 46 with appropriate ceremony at the USNB, Newport, R.I.

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Acting

Secretary of the Navy.

B--Providence, Rhode Island,
R--Warwick, Rhode Island.

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Appd SofN 2-1-45
Serial 0117
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANK P. BUCKLEY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 6 October 1944. Valiantly disregarding his own personal safety, Private First Class Buckley unhesitatingly exposed himself to annihilative enemy machine-gun and rifle fire in a daring attempt to wipe out a strongly defended hostile emplacement which had pinned down the rest of his platoon. Having succeeded in silencing the Japanese strong point, Private First Class Buckley, although himself mortally wounded by enemy fire, unselfishly assisted another Marine to safety. His unflinching courage in the face of grave peril and his exemplary, unwavering devotion to duty reflect great credit upon Private First Class Buckley and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Chicago, Ill.

B..Chicago, Ill.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd. by Colonel Chester L. Fordney, USMCR, OIC, Cent. Proc. Div. Chicago, on 10Sep45 to the mother of the late PFC Buckley, Mrs. Elizabeth Buckley, 6047 S. Kimbark Ave., Chicago. Informal pres.

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Serial 0349 *Comdant*
Signed 11-15-44

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JOHN D. BUCKLEY, JR., *USMC*,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while
serving with the First Marine Division during combat against
enemy Japanese forces in the Pacific War Area on January
3, 1944. After his platoon leader had been killed, Platoon
Sergeant Buckley immediately assumed command and with
his comrades continued to battle his way over difficult and
unfamiliar terrain in the face of determined hostile attacks
from pillboxes concealed in the dense jungle undergrowth.
Daringly leading his men across a stream, he positioned
them so skillfully that they were able to cover the crossing
of other elements of his company. Platoon Sergeant Buckley's
initiative, resourcefulness and courageous devotion to duty
were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United
States Naval Service."

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For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Newark, N.J.
B - Harrison, N.J.

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

STAFF SERGEANT LINDEN M. BUCKLIN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 13 and 14 March 1945. When heavy enemy fire from a series of caves to the front held up the advance of his platoon, Staff Sergeant Bucklin fearlessly moved in front of his men and, personally leading the attack, contributed materially to the accomplishment of the company's mission. Again leading his platoon forward in the face of deadly fire the following day, he aided in seizing high ground to the front in an ensuing grenade fight before being evacuated as a result of wounds sustained during the action. By his courageous leadership and determination at a time when his company had lost all its officers, he upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Philadelphia, Pa.
B--Dysart, Pa.

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Serial 00421
Signed _____

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

FIRST SERGEANT CHARLES L. BUCKNER,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Leader of Amphibious Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Guam, Marianas Islands, from 25 to 28 July 1944. When the hostile forces attacked our lines in an all-out effort to break through on the night of 25 July, First Sergeant Buckner proceeded from foxhole to foxhole despite the fact that he was the target of enemy fire and inspired his men in repulsing the hostile attack in their sector. During the following day, when our advance was held up by an enemy fieldpiece that had our forces pinned down and was inflicting heavy casualties, he voluntarily exposed himself to the hostile fire to move to the crest of an adjacent ridge, where he set up a machine-gun and directed its fire at the enemy gun, dispersing its crew and allowing our forces to advance with a minimum of casualties. Wounded two days later while leading his platoon in an advance through intense sniper fire, he remained with his men despite his injuries until ordered to the hospital by a medical officer. His valiant leadership, cool 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..Memphis, Tennessee
B..Memphis, Tennessee

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Serial 004251
Signed APR 3 1945

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

CORPORAL RAY H. BUCKNER, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Guide and later as Platoon Sergeant serving with the Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during the recapture of the enemy Japanese-held Island of Guam, Marianas, from 21 July to 21 August 1944. Although sustaining a serious leg wound from enemy rifle fire during the final assault on Mount Chachao on 28 July, Corporal Buckner refused to be evacuated until after the objective had been taken. In order that the company corpsmen might care for the more severely wounded, he courageously made his way alone to the aid station for treatment. Despite the handicap of an extremely painful and unhealed wound, he returned to action several days later and, advancing steadfastly with his unit over long distances of rugged terrain, contributed essentially to the successful drive to sweep the Japanese from the northern end of the island until he was mortally wounded on 21 August while engaged in patrol duty. His exceptional fortitude and selfless devotion to the fulfillment of a vital mission reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Buckner and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Silshee, Texas
B..Center, Texas

SSM, perm cit & ltr fr CMC fw'd by Comdt, 8thNavDist, New Fed'l Bldg., New Orleans 12, La. to the mother of the late Corp. Buckner, Mrs. Carl C. Buckner, Rt. 1, Silsbee, Texas, by registered mail in accordance with wishes.

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ComGenFMFPac Ser 48904
Signed _____

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT EDWARD O. BUDDY,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 29 February 1945. While leading his company in a frontal assault on fixed enemy positions at the base of a ridge, First Lieutenant Buddy observed that part of his line on the right flank was sagging and, unhesitatingly crossing the flat, fire-swept terrain to the point of danger, found the platoon without leadership and the squads uncoordinated. Quickly welding the unit into an effective fighting team again, realizing that the resistance to the front had to be neutralized immediately, he skillfully guided tanks to a flanking position where effective fire was brought to bear on the enemy. With great courage, he stood upright as he walked along the line of firing tanks and boldly pointed out targets. Shortly thereafter, as a result of his able leadership and daring, the platoon was able to rush and capture the strong emplacements after which the company continued the attack. By his initiative, courage and unwavering devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Buddy contributed materially to the defeat of the enemy on this strategic stronghold, and his conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- St. Louis, Mo.
B- St. Louis, Mo.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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FMFPac Spot Ser. 42751
Signed FEB 18 1946

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

CORPORAL RICHARD BUEGEL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Battery D, Second Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, 12 April 1945. Just as an enemy shell exploded in the gunpit killing four men, wounding three others and setting fire to the ammunition in the pit, Corporal Buegel returned from his mission of turning on the aiming stake lights and, although exposed to enemy shellfire and the burning and exploding ammunition, succeeded in removing one of his wounded comrades to a place of safety. Going back to the gunpit to rescue more casualties, he reached another man and found him dead and was then forced to withdraw by the rapidly advancing flames. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Chicago, Ill.
B. " "

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 44533
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MILTON W. BUEHRIG,
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 H, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. When his Platoon Leader and all Non-Commissioned Officers became casualties during a fierce fire fight and hand grenade exchange, Private First Class Buehrig unhesitatingly took charge of the remaining men, notified his Company Commander and, braving the constant enemy fire, reorganized the platoon and continued the attack. During the vicious fire fight which ensued, he exposed himself to the intense fire on three different occasions to report to his Company Commander and keep him abreast of the tactical situation. Later, he successfully completed the reorganization and gained commanding ground before digging in his platoon for the night. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Cuero, Texas.,
B--Cuero, Texas.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

BUETHE, George M.

Corporal

269619

SILVER STAR-(Army) Awarded by despatch 4-27-42 filed on case
PURPLE HEART 1740-55-65 for service at Philippine Islands.
(Army) Awarded by despatch 4-27-42 filed on case 1740-55-65 for
service at Philippine Islands.
Previous Awards - None.

Born: 6-9-17 - St. Paul, Minnesota.

Current Enl.: 1-3-39 - Los Angeles, California.

Legal Residence: 152 South Ardmore St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Susan A. La Riviere, (Mother)
2717 Second St., West.,
Hibbing, Minnesota.

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DGP-298-nvw

Approved SofN 2-16-44
Serial 0057
Signed APR 4 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HERBERT C. BUETTGEN, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

280665
AW-298-ebs

Spot Award, 1942
Serial 18
Signed MAR 18 1943

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

STAFF SERGEANT HOWARD F. BUFF, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Matanikao River, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, between October 7 and 11, 1942. Disregarding fierce enemy sniper fire, Staff Sergeant Buff coolly and skillfully carried out his task of establishing wire communications between the most vital points of strategic command. Leading his wire crew through jungle and difficult terrain, far off any beaten trail and in an area known to have contained Japanese snipers, he maintained an uninterrupted telephonic communication throughout the entire operation at Matanikao River during this period."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R...Mountain Top, Pennsylvania

B...Hazleton, Pennsylvania

Spot Award, 1943
Serial 00192
Signed APR 2 1943

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the GOLD STAR to be worn with the SILVER STAR MEDAL awarded December 1942 to

STAFF SERGEANT HOWARD F. BUFF, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 13, 1942. As a member of a wire crew of the Headquarters and Service Company, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, Staff Sergeant Buff assisted in laying a telephone trunk line to Headquarters after all others had been destroyed during heavy Japanese naval bombardment. During construction of the circuit, he and the other members of the crew were caught in the open and exposed to hostile bombing on five separate occasions. However, despite the hazardous distraction, at no time did the personnel scatter or suspend their activities. They were able to complete their mission before daylight and thus establish the only means of wire communication from Headquarters to the Base Radio and other important units. The heroic conduct displayed by Staff Sergeant Buff on this occasion reflects great credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy

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

R...Mountain Top, Pa.

B...Hazleton, Pa.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN J. BUMP,
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, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Mount Chachao, Guam, Marianas Islands, on the early morning of 29 July 1944. When five Japanese infiltrated the lines and attacked the occupants of an adjoining foxhole, Private First Class Bump voluntarily left his own foxhole and, in the face of enemy fire as well as fire from his own troops, went to the aid of his comrades. Unable to give help by rifle fire due to darkness, he jumped into the foxhole where hand-to-hand fighting was taking place and, using his rifle as a club, succeeded in killing two of the enemy. By his prompt action and coolness under fire, Private First Class Bump aided materially in repulsing the hostile attack. His devotion to the welfare of his fellow Marines was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Waverly, Kansas
B..Lane, Kansas

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Serial 79496
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GLYNN H. BUNCH,
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, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 5 May 1945. Locating the cave from which his company was being subjected to heavy hostile machine-gun and rifle fire, Private First Class Bunch unhesitatingly worked his way forward with his Platoon Leader and, entering the cave, killed two of the four occupants in hand-to-hand combat. Emerging from the cave and noticing the muzzle of a 47-mm. gun protruding from an adjacent excavation, he entered this cave and destroyed the enemy weapon. His indomitable fighting spirit and courageous 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--Lenorah, Texas
B-- Carthage, Texas

BUNN, Evan Frank, Private First Class

278783

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS

First Battalion, Fourth Marines

3 April, 1942.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To: The Commanding Officer, Fourth Marines.
Subject: Recommendation for awards of Silver Star.

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

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

MANNING, Alan S.		First Lieutenant
COOLEY, Richard	230853	Supply Sergeant
O'BRIEN, John P., Jr.	218757	Platoon Sergeant
KENNEY, Richard D.	277741	Sergeant
BUNN, Evan F. ✓	278783	Private First Class
FREE, Edward G.	301430	Private First Class

CURTIS T. BEECHER

R.....Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
B.....South Bend, Indiana.

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Serial 79496
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE THOMAS E. BUNTEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Stretcher-Bearer of Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 May 1945. While his company was pinned down by extremely heavy hostile mortar and machine-gun fire, Private Buntan courageously left cover, although painfully wounded, to go to the aid of a wounded comrade. Forced to move slowly through the intense enemy fire due to the pain from his own wound, he took his comrade to the aid station and refused medical aid until all other casualties had been treated. 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--Morgantown, W. Virginia.
B--Morgantown, W. Virginia.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

NO.....519)

21 December 1943.

Section.....III

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH S. BUNTIN, USMCR.(014700)

CITATION

For gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, while deliberately exposing himself to enemy fire in order to locate and attack hostile installations, and aggressively leading a company forward after his company commander was wounded, to repulse a Japanese counter attack on 20 July 1943. Home address: Brooklyn, New York.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON.

R-- Ashford, Alabama
B-- Ashford, Alabama

10-12-15

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Serial 65526
Signed _____

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

CORPORAL GERALD E. BUNTING,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Tank Commander of Company A, Sixth Tank Battalion, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 12 May 1945. After his tank was disabled during an attack, Corporal Bunting dismounted in the face of enemy heavy machine-gun and rifle fire to examine the damage, then began to repair it. When the infantry withdrew to a better defensive position and he was ordered to abandon his tank, he covered his crew as they dismounted and, after the entire crew had reached the cover of another tank, sought shelter for himself. His cool courage, exemplary leadership and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Reville, S. Dakota
B-Reville, S. Dakota

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Appd. S of N 5-10-45
Serial 13017
Signed 1-3-46

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JIM T. BURCHAM,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 15 June 1944. Forced to wade ashore when his amphibian tractor was struck and totally disabled by enemy artillery fire during landing operations on D-Day, Private First Class Burcham sighted a severely wounded comrade and immediately went to his assistance. Braving the shattering hostile machine-gun and artillery fire, he placed the helpless man on his back and carried him to the beach then, working tirelessly and with calm efficiency, administered first aid to the wounded Marine. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and grave concern for the safety of another at great personal risk, Private First Class Burcham saved the life of a man who otherwise might have perished and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ James Forrestal

R..Carlsbad, New Mexico
B..Bokoshe, Oklahoma

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM, perm. cit. and ltr. fr. CMC presented to the father of the late, Pfc. Burcham, Mr. Clyde T. Burcham, by Mr. Milton Smith, mayor of Carlsbad, N.M. at a public ceremony in the City Hall of Carlsbad at 2:00 p.m. on 26 March 1946. Presentation was preceded by the reading of the cit. by the OinC, of the SDR El Paso, Tex. Friends attended the presentation plus a reporter and photographer.

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DGP-298-rf

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Serial 00380
Signed SEP 24 1943

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

SERGEANT FLOYD W. BURDGE, U. S. MARINE CORPS,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

U.S. Marine Corps
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving aboard the U.S.S. BROOKLYN during the assault on and occupation of French Morocco from November 8 to 11, 1942. In a fierce engagement with hostile surface forces, Sergeant Burdge, serving as a member of the crew of an anti-aircraft gun, was painfully wounded by enemy shellfire. With complete disregard for his own suffering and discomfort, he immediately proceeded up two decks and manned another gun until he was ordered below for medical attention. His indomitable fighting spirit and valiant devotion to duty under extremely adverse conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Newton, New Jersey

B - Great Meadow, New Jersey, 6-30-1921

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

CORPORAL JAMES B. BURDEN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 14 May 1945. Learning that a wounded Marine was lying in front of friendly lines exposed to hostile fire, Corporal Burden rushed to the casualty and, although thrown to the ground and wounded in the leg by an exploding enemy grenade, succeeded in evacuating the Marine to safety. Subsequently risking his life in the face of constant illumination, hostile fire and the danger from infiltrating enemy troops while traversing perilous territory, he succeeded in reaching a prearranged rendezvous with several tractors and voluntarily guided them to the front lines where they delivered vitally needed ammunition to replenish the rapidly dwindling supplies of friendly forces engaged in a night attack against fiercely resisting hostile troops. By his courageous initiative, unselfish actions and indomitable devotion to duty, Corporal Burden contributed materially to the success of the reinforced Second Battalion in continuing its effective offensive and in repulsing a strong Japanese attack, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

DAN A. KUTZALL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Bremen, Ga.
B-Buchanan, Ga.

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

CORPORAL JOSEPH R. BUREAU,
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 A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 4 May 1945. When his company was halted by intense enemy machine-gun and mortar fire from the reverse slope of a hill which was the company's objective, Corporal Bureau led a patrol to flank and destroy the enemy weapons and, as his group was rounding the hill, another machine gun opened fire and cut off the main body from the point. Aware of the situation, he and another member of the patrol continued the advance and, despite accurate sniper fire and Japanese grenades, attacked the positions, destroyed the enemy weapons and killed seventeen Japanese, thereby contributing materially to the success of the attack. By his initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and courageous devotion to duty, Corporal Bureau upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. CULIVAN

R-Waterville, Maine
B-Rollinsford, N. H.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Spot Award
Serial 0058
Signed MAY 22 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN D. BURG, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Parachute Battalion in action against numerically superior enemy Japanese forces near Kol-ari, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 29, 1943. Although severely wounded while his platoon was under heavy enemy machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire, Private First Class Burg voluntarily returned to his post on the front line immediately after receiving medical attention and remained in his hazardous position throughout many hours of continuous, intense fighting. His valiant conduct and unselfish devotion to duty under extremely difficult conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Omaha, Nebr.

B...Rockport, Mo.

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

SERGEANT EDWIN A. BURGDORF,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Reconnaissance Sergeant in a Mortar Platoon of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 26 March 1945. Courageously performing vital reconnaissance work in the face of enemy observation and fire, Sergeant Burgdorf moved freely along the front lines on numerous occasions during this period to obtain and report information concerning the disposition of both friendly and hostile forces. On 14 March, he led a detail of snipers into position and attacked a group of the enemy, personally annihilating six Japanese. On 16 March, he went to the aid of a wounded Marine, single-handedly moved him from a position which was exposed to heavy enemy fire, and thereafter supervised his evacuation. His initiative and courage under fire reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Burgdorf and the United States Naval Service."

R- Hannibal, Mo.
B- Palmyra, Mo.
16 May 1916

Citation only

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 01489

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEROY M. BURGESS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Weapons Company, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, 21 November 1943. Undaunted by heavy enemy machine-gun fire, Private First Class Burgess gallantly manned an advanced sniper post and inflicted numerous casualties among the hostile forces. His courage and devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Charenton, La.,
B--Charenton, La.

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SPOT
Serial 79496

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT FRANCIS T. BURKE,
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 C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 3 May 1945. When a large hostile force launched a seaborne counterattack against his Battalion's left flank in the pre-dawn hours, Second Lieutenant Burke quickly and skillfully maneuvered his platoon to cover the flank and deny the beachhead to the numerically superior enemy. Bringing heavy fire to bear on Japanese landing barges and on personnel wading across the reef, he killed a large number and caused great confusion among those who remained. When a small hostile group gained the beach, he led a group from his platoon to attack and annihilate them before they could secure their position. His courageous leadership and devotion to duty under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Scranton, Pa.
B--Dunmore, Pa.

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Appd SofN 11-1-45
Serial 38956
Signed JAN 2 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN F. BURKE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Naval Gunfire Spotter in a team of the Third Joint Assault Signal Company, Headquarters Battalion, Third Marine Division, and temporarily attached to Company A, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 3 March 1945. Although wounded during the fierce exchange of hostilities, First Lieutenant Burke steadfastly refused to be evacuated and, repeatedly exposing himself to the enemy mortar and machine-gun barrages in order to obtain accurate observations of Japanese targets, stubbornly persisted in conducting naval gunfire. Returning from the front lines, he was wounded a second time by a mortar shell which killed one and wounded two members of his team. Resolutely disregarding his own condition, he aided his fallen comrades despite the continuous fire, then attempted to cross the exposed area for medical assistance. Struck down by a burst of artillery fire, he sustained fatal wounds to which he subsequently succumbed. Unflinching in his skill and judgment throughout the bitter conflict, First Lieutenant Burke, by his dauntless determination and valiant fortitude in the face of tremendous odds, rendered invaluable service, and his indomitable fighting spirit throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R..Tulsa, Oklahoma.
B..Buffalo, New York.

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM w/perm cit & CMC ltr pres to Mrs. Isabel J. Burke, widow of the late 1stLt. Burke at a formal ceremony held at MB, USNB, Boston, Mass. on 7 Mar 47.

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Serial 0647
Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALVA A. BURKETT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

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 at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 23 November 1943. With a friendly tank dispatched to blast strongly fortified hostile emplacements which were retarding the advance of his company eastward on Betio, Private First Class Burkett voluntarily exposed himself to shattering cross-fire from supporting enemy light machine guns and other weapons in an attempt to correct the line of tank fire when shells began falling in a sector occupied by his company's assault platoon. Fearlessly charging forward through one hundred and fifty yards of withering shellfire, he boarded the vehicle and pounded vigorously on the turret, attracting the attention of the crew and directing their fire against the proper targets, thereby averting many casualties to our troops. His daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and grave concern for the safety of others at great risk to his own life served as an inspiration to his comrades and reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Burkett and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Exeter, Calif.,
B--Ft. Towsen, Okla.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN
Secretary of the Navy.

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

SERGEANT ROBERT F. BURKHARDT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 17 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Sergeant Burkhardt rendered valuable service during initial operations on this strategically important enemy stronghold. Acting as platoon leader during a night counterattack by hostile tanks, he brought his troops from a rear area to reinforce another sector of the company and, despite intense fire from 87-mm. and 75-mm. machine guns, organized his men and obtained ammunition, thereby enabling them to aid materially in the repulse of the enemy in his sector. His determined initiative and outstanding leadership reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Burkhardt and the United States Naval Service."

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr GMC sent out 11-16-45, but report of pres not rec'd as of this date 2-5-46.

For the President,
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Glendale, California
B--Kansas City, Missouri

SS. perm cit. ltr fr. GMC pres 1-16-46 by CG, MCAS, El Toro, Calif., Brig.Gen. Ivan W. Miller, USMC. to the father of the Late Sergeant Burkhardt, Mr. James A. Burkhardt, 318 Oak St., Glendale, Calif. Informal pres. at MCAS. Due publicity given.

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL CLYDE K. BURLESON,
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 F, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 26 February 1945. Skillfully directing the fire and movement of his squad until it advanced to within fifteen yards of an enemy entrenchment strongly defended with automatic weapons and grenades, Corporal Burleson braved intense hostile fire to reconnoiter for weak spots in the enemy position from three different points on the squad front. Although severely wounded during a fierce three-hour action during which two automatic weapon emplacements were destroyed, he continued to direct and encourage his men until he lost consciousness. By his skill, aggressive determination and courageous devotion to duty, Corporal Burleson contributed materially to the success of his squad in annihilating a large number of the Japanese and in destroying the position. His conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Lynwood, California
B..Lubbock, Texas

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Spot award.
Serial 0478
Signed JUL 17 1943

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT W. BURNETTE, USMCR.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

Released
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
in action while serving as leader of Weapons
Platoon, Company E, Second Marine Raider Bat-
talion, during operations against enemy Japa-
nese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands,
from November 4 to December 4, 1942. On Novem-
ber 11, while his company was engaged with nu-
merically superior Japanese forces, First
Lieutenant Burnette, despite terrific enemy
fire, moved two machine guns to a strategic
position in the front lines and directed their
employment with devastating effect upon the
enemy. By his exceptional courage, excellent
judgment, and heroic devotion to duty, he con-
tributed in a large part to the success of his
battalion throughout this and subsequent en-
gagements."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R- Burbank, California
B- Oakland, California

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Serial 44534
Signed _____

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

CAPTAIN GEORGE J. BURNS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity
as Commanding Officer of Company A, First Battal-
ion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division,
in action against enemy Japanese forces during
the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 20 Feb-
ruary 1945. When the front lines were held up
in the vicinity of Airfield Number One by inces-
sant and intense enemy automatic and small-arms
fire coming from a well-camouflaged blockhouse
to the immediate front, Captain Burns braved the
hail of fire and moved along his lines in an at-
tempt to spot the enemy position. After locating
the strong point, he ran back through the curtain
of hostile fire to obtain the services of a tank
and, leading the vehicle into position despite
enemy efforts to destroy it, directed its fire
to demolish the blockhouse. His courage, initia-
tive and devotion to duty were in keeping with
the highest traditions of the United States Naval
Service."

For the President,

R--Richmond, Hill, N. Y.,
B--New York, N. Y.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

05880
AGPD-R 201 Burns, John A.

27 March 1946

Subject: Silver Star Medal

To: Commandant
Marine Corps
Washington, D. C.

1. By direction of the President, the Silver Star Medal has been awarded to First Lieutenant John A. Burns, serial number unknown, by the Commanding Officer, Philippine Coast Artillery Command. The citation is as follows:

SILVER STAR MEDAL

"For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, 10 April 1942. During the course of an enemy bombing and shelling of Fort Mills, Lieutenant BURNS, voluntarily exposed himself to great danger by leaving a place of shelter and proceeding a distance of some two hundred yards over open ground then under fire, to render first aid to a wounded soldier."

(Authority: GO 29, PCAC, 22 April 1942, 1st Lt, 4th Marines.)

2. It is requested that you make the necessary arrangements to present the inclosed appropriately engraved Silver Star Medal to First Lieutenant John A. Burns.

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General

1 Incl:
Silver Star Medal

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Appd SofN 10-25-45
Serial 35232
Signed SEP 17 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MILLARD E. BURNS,
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, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 28 February 1945. With his platoon pinned down by enemy automatic fire during an assault on a heavily fortified ridge protecting one of the approaches to enemy-held Hill 362, Private First Class Burns advanced under intense hostile fire to rescue a wounded Marine and carry him back to the comparative safety of his own lines. Later, when the battalion was withdrawing to a better position for the night, he again braved heavy mortar and sniper fire to help another wounded man, persevering until he fell, mortally wounded. By his daring initiative and heroic concern for the welfare of his fellow Marines, he saved the life of a man who otherwise might have perished, and his unwavering devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon Private First Class Burns and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Beulah, Kansas,
B..Pittsburgh, Kansas.

SSM perm. cit. & CMC ltr. presented to the prnts of the late PFC Burns, Mr. & Mrs. John C. Burns on 20Nov46 by the OinC USMC DHRS, Kansas City, Mo.

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Serial 029
Signed DEC 10 1947

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

SERGEANT EDWARD T. BURRELL,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Antiaircraft Gunner while serving with the Marine Detachment, U.S.S. CABOT, in action against enemy Japanese forces off the coast of the Philippine Islands on 25 November 1944. Although seriously wounded during an enemy attack, Sergeant Burrell refused medical aid and, remaining at his station, directed his men in maintaining accurate fire on all targets as long as his gun would bear. His courage and devotion to duty, despite grave hazards, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Cedar Rapids, Iowa
B..North Vernon, Indiana

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Spot Award.
Serial 0069
Signed JUN 15 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THURMAN B. BURRIS, USMC.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands on October 14-15, 1943. Along with another marine from the Communications Section of the First Pioneer Battalion, First Marine Division, Private First Class Burris was assigned to Company A which was under heavy bombardment by hostile field artillery. For two days, with cool courage and utter disregard for his own personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to vigorous shelling in order to repair wire lines continually severed by enemy fire, and thereby enable the company to maintain uninterrupted communications with its platoons and the battalion command post. 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.

Recommendation and temporary citation state rank as Private at the time of action, but Promotion Section at Headquarters hold man as Private First Class from August 31, 1942.

R - Arcanum , Ohio.

B - Darke County, Ohio.

HEADQUARTERS USAFISPA
APO # 502

6 March 1943.

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II. AWARD (POSTHUMOUS) OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, August 8, 1932, the Silver Star is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

* * * * *

JOSEPH W. BURT, JR., (403080), Private, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action on January 23, 1943, at Guadalcanal. With complete disregard to his own safety, Private Burt voluntarily attempted to carry a stretcher to a wounded Marine through heavy enemy machine gun fire from positions to his front and rear. The courage displayed in making the supreme sacrifice reflects great credit on Private Burt and the military service. Next of Kin: Mr. Joseph W. Burt, Sr., Father, 738 North Hill Street, Globe, Arizona.

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By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

A. J. BARNETT,
Brig. General, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

William A. Lord, Jr. /s/
WILLIAM A. LORD, JR.,
LT. Colonel, Inf.,
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

R - Globe, Arizona.
B - Globe, Arizona.

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Signed _____

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT B. BURT,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Flame Thrower Operator of Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. When the platoon to which he was attached was halted by an enemy pillbox, Private First Class Burt was assigned the mission of demolishing the hostile strong point. As he crawled forward toward his objective, heavy enemy machine-gun fire from the pillbox reduced the protective covering fire of his supporting riflemen to a minimum while he was still thirty yards from the target. Boldly charging the remaining distance to the embrasure, he fired his full tank of flame fuel into the pillbox, annihilating the Japanese gun crew within and permitting the platoon to continue the attack. His indomitable fighting spirit and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc.,
B--Wisconsin, Rapids, Wisc.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

CAPTAIN VERNON BURTMAN,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Platoon Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 22 May 1945. Although twice wounded by enemy machine-gun fire, Captain Burtman courageously led his platoon in overcoming a fierce pocket of enemy resistance, continuing to expose himself to hostile fire and lead his platoon throughout the fire fight. Only after all opposition had been destroyed and his mission successfully completed, did he allow himself to be evacuated. By his leadership, initiative and untiring devotion to duty, Captain Burtman contributed materially to the success of this operation and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Fillmore, California

B..Farm, N.D.

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App. SofN 3-1-45
Serial 1134
Signed 10-5-45

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

CORPORAL LOWELL L. BURTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader of a Rifle Platoon serving with the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 22 and 23 June 1944. Defending his company's position on Mt. Tipo Pale, Corporal Burton fought with determined aggressiveness during repeated Japanese night counterattacks, holding his assigned sector of the line indomitably despite continuous, heavy barrages of hostile mortar and machine-gun fire. Blown from his foxhole when the enemy infiltrated his position under cover of darkness and fired grenades from close range, he steadfastly refused to be evacuated and, constantly moving through the squad's position, reorganized the unit as it became depleted, eventually obtaining reinforcements from the command post. By his forceful leadership, decisive judgment and unceasing effort, Corporal Burton contributed essentially to the repulse of the enemy's abortive countermeasures, and his great personal valor throughout a period of fierce hostilities upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R..Kansas City, Mo.

B..Kansas City, Mo.

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres. 2-18-46 by OinC, USMC DHIRS, Kansas City, Mo. to the mother of the late Corp. Burton, Mrs. James L. Burton, 4272 East 62nd St., Kansas City, Mo. Informal pres. at home.

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Serial 20631
Signed JUL 21 1947

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

PLATOON SERGEANT WILLIS H. BURTON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Platoon Leader while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Expertly leading an assault team composed of several enlisted men, Platoon Sergeant Burton braved heavy small-arms fire from an enemy pillbox, and although casualties were being inflicted upon his unit, fearlessly advanced to the emplacement and completely destroyed the entrenched enemy. His outstanding leadership, courage in the face of danger and unflinching devotion to the fulfillment of a hazardous assignment reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Burton and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Blantord, Indiana
B..Clinton, Indiana

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Serial 0852 (ComSevFlt)
Signed OCT 9 1944

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL HENRY W. BUSE, JR., USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, January 14 to 16, 1944. Conducting an assault on heavily fortified Hill 660, Lieutenant Colonel Buse boldly directed and controlled the activities of his men throughout the entire bitter attack, seizing this most difficult and strategic objective of the operation with a minimum of casualties to our fighting units. Lieutenant Colonel Buse's inspiring leadership, valiant fighting spirit and courageous devotion to duty under enemy fire 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.

3 - Ridley Park, Penna.
5 - Ridley Park, Penna.

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT EUGENE A. BUSHE,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commander of a Rocket Section of the Third Provisional Rocket Detachment, Fifth Service Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 19 February 1945. Landing with his rocket vehicles in the assault, Second Lieutenant Bushe coolly directed their movement through a heavy surf up the soft sandy terraces of the beach to a firing position which he had previously reconnoitered under heavy enemy mortar and machine-gun fire. Although both the rocket position and his observation post were continually subjected to hostile fire, he moved from weapon to weapon and to his observation post while bringing enemy targets under fire. After three of his vehicles had been destroyed, Second Lieutenant Bushe maintained the fourth in constant operation despite the intense enemy barrage and continued to fire on hostile positions at the base of Mount Suribachi, thereby providing supporting fire during the critical phase in the establishment of a beachhead. By his professional skill, cool courage and devotion to duty, Second Lieutenant Bushe aided materially in the advance of the assault infantry, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Brooklyn, N.Y.
B--Brooklyn, N.Y.

Secretary of the Navy.

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Bolis J. Buskus,
RD., Rochester, N.Y.

Spot Award

Serial 0727

Signed

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

CORPORAL RAYMOND S. BUSKUS, USMCR., *347137*

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with an antitank unit of the First Marine Division in combat against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, December 27, 1943. When enemy forces threatened to break through our lines, Corporal Buskus unhesitatingly rushed forward through a barrage of intense hostile fire to a place within twenty-five yards of Japanese machine guns. Courageously maintaining his exposed position, he fought with fierce determination until fatally wounded by a hostile grenade. Corporal Buskus' daring initiative and selfless devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

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For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Rochester, New York.
B - Waterbury, Connecticut.

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APO #502

22 February 1943.

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, August 8, 1932, A Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to each of the following named officers and enlisted men:

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GEORGE S. BUSSA, (244661), Platoon Sergeant, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action on January 15, 1943, on Guadalcanal. After his platoon leader was evacuated for illness, Platoon Sergeant Bussa took command and personally led his platoon into action in the ravine west of Point Cruz and at all times fought bravely. Against heavy opposition the men under his leadership destroyed three enemy machine guns and other weapons. He accompanied the Company Commander and the Demolitions Officer into the enemy lines to locate targets. With the fire of his platoon he covered the demolition party while enemy positions were destroyed. Home address: 14117 Emelita Street, Van Nuys, California.

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By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

A. J. BARNETT,
Brig. General, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/William A. Lord, Jr.

t/WILLIAM A. LORD, JR.,
Lt. Col., Inf.,
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

Distribution "A" 3 Com So Pac, 3 Com. Gen Fst Mrne. Ampbs Cor

R-Chicago, Illinois

B-Chicago, Illinois

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JACKSON B. BUTTERFIELD,
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, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 25 March 1945. Landing his Battalion in the assault on 19 February, with the mission of getting quickly across the Island, Lieutenant Colonel Butterfield skillfully maneuvered his force in the face of heavy enemy machine-gun and mortar fire from the front and both flanks. When the assault elements were pinned down on the beach immediately after landing, he urged them forward and started the Battalion on a steady advance which did not halt, despite continuous and bitter opposition, until the other side of the Island had been reached. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty in directing the attack were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Lyndonville, Vt.,
B--Lyndonville, Vt.

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Signed MAY 29 1944

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

STAFF SERGEANT RAYMOND J. BUTTS, USMC.,
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the First Marine Parachute Regiment against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, on December 9, 1943. When a small unit of our forces was surrounded by the enemy during an intense fire-fight, Staff Sergeant Butts volunteered to lead a three-man group to destroy one of the hostile machine guns. With cool courage in the face of grave danger, he advanced toward the enemy weapon despite the terrific fire of the Japanese and when both of his comrades were wounded, rescued one of them and assisted in administering first aid. As a hostile sniper in a tree fired in his direction, Staff Sergeant Butts unhesitatingly set out alone to silence the machine gun, but was mortally wounded. His great personal valor and unswerving devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Kansas City, Missouri
B - Kansas City, Missouri

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Signed _____

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

CORPORAL ORIN K. BYERS,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 22 June 1944. Voluntarily leaving the Battalion Command Post, Corporal Byers joined his Company which was pinned down by several enemy Machine guns protected by riflemen. After organizing an assault squad of combat engineers and riflemen, he led them in an attack on the Japanese strong point, destroying it and enabling his company to continue the attack. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Cambridge, Idaho
B- Cambridge, Idaho

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Signed

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

SERGEANT WILLIAM G. BYFIELD,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, on 1 and 2 February 1944. Separated from his platoon during operations in a position ahead of the front lines, Sergeant Byfield joined a Marine assault team vigorously attacking hostile emplacements in the area. When the group was subsequently cut off and surrounded and the leader was killed, he unhesitatingly assumed command, tenaciously holding back the enemy while the uninjured made a withdrawal to friendly lines. Remaining throughout the night with those who were wounded and unable to move, he was instrumental in saving them from further attack by the Japanese. By his courage, spirit of self-sacrifice and unwavering devotion to duty, Sergeant Byfield rendered valiant service and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--San Diego, Calif.,
B--Fredericksburg, Va.

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

PRIVATE ANTHONY L. BYRNES,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gunner in an Assault Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 16 September 1944. Although wounded by shrapnel when our lines were assaulted by enemy forces three times during a forty-eight hour period, Private Byrnes steadfastly maintained his machine-gun post and, accurately directing his fire, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. Refusing to be evacuated on the following morning, he swam fifty yards into the ocean under intense enemy machine-gun and mortar fire to rescue a wounded comrade. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private Byrnes and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

---Ridgefield, N. J.
---New York, N. Y.