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Serial 00406

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 23 July 1944. Although he sustained a painful head wound, Private First Class Cadden carried ammunition to his platoon during an intense fire fight with the enemy and, in the face of heavy hostile machine gun fire, crossed a rice paddy three times to accomplish his dangerous mission. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

W. L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Orcos Island, Washington

E--Denver, Colorado

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Serial 00436

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES C. CAGLE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Assault Company, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 27 September 1944. When seven of his comrades were pinned down by intense hostile machine-gun fire from a cave heavily surrounded by antipersonnel mines, Private First Class Cagle courageously advanced up to the cave mouth and, by firing his flame thrower into the opening, made possible the rescue of the trapped Marines. Continuing to aid the advance of our troops, he made three trips to the rear fuel dump to resupply his flame thrower and continue in action. 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..Hickman, Ky.  
B..Mayfield, Ky.



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SPOT  
Serial 79496

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

CORPORAL AUGUSTUS J. CAHILL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Tank Gunner of Company A, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 12 June 1945. Acting on his own initiative and from a position well forward of the front lines, Corporal Cahill rode on the back of his tank with two wounded Marines through intense enemy mortar and small-arms fire and covered the wounded men with his own body until the safety of an aid station was reached. By his unselfish and courageous conduct Corporal Cahill contributed materially to saving the lives of his wounded comrades, 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--Bridgeport, Connecticut

B--Danbury, Connecticut

279760  
DGP-298-pam

App. SofN 4-18-44  
Serial 0538  
Signed JUL 21 1944

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

SERGEANT LOUIS R. CAIN, JR., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-First Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville Island, Solomon Islands, on December 22, 1943. Although seriously wounded while leading his squad under extremely heavy enemy fire in an attempt to flank a hostile position, Sergeant Cain steadfastly maintained control of his men skillfully directing the evacuation of the injured and successful withdrawal of the entire group before he was struck again and fell, mortally wounded. Sergeant Cain's inspiring leadership, indomitable courage and valiant 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,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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



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DGP-298-pam

App. SofN 3-24-44  
Serial 919  
Signed JUN 9 1944

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

CORPORAL THOMAS D. CAIN, JR., USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as member of the Second Tank Battalion reconnaissance party, serving with the Second Marine Division, against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, November 20, 1943. After a lane of channel markers 1200 yards long over a shell and bomb-pocked coral reef had been swept away, Corporal Cain, with other members of his battalion, made himself a human channel marker and steadfastly remained at his exposed position under intense enemy fire until the tanks were guided to the beach. Courageously volunteering to lead them inland through our own infantry lines, he reached a point well within the Japanese-held area and daringly worked his way forward in the face of intense hostile fire in order to point out targets to our tanks, valiantly continuing his perilous task until he was killed. Corporal Cain's extreme bravery and indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Denver, Colo.  
B..Denver, Colo.

Spot Award  
Serial 0556  
Signed SEP 5 1944

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

CORPORAL WILLIAM P. CAIN, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while  
serving with the Third Marine Division during action against  
enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougain-  
ville, Solomon Islands, on December 22, 1943. Voluntarily  
risking his life to effect the rescue of a wounded comrade  
lying approximately fifty yards beyond his own lines, Corpo-  
ral Cain courageously proceeded up a steep hill in the face  
of devastating hostile fire and, with the assistance of a com-  
panion, succeeded in removing the injured Marine to safety.  
After returning from his perilous rescue mission, he gallantly  
took a position with the rear guard and effectively protected  
stretcher bearers as they completed evacuation of casualties.  
Corporal Cain's courageous initiative, daring aggressiveness  
and great personal valor despite tremendous odds contributed  
to the probable saving of many lives and were in keeping with  
the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R - New Orleans, Louisiana.  
B - New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Cincpac  
App. SofN 4-19-45  
Serial 2836  
Signed DEC 11 1945

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 15 June 1944. With his platoon pinned down during a bitter engagement against a fanatic enemy on D-Day, Private First Class Caine fearlessly braved the fierce hostile machine-gun fire in a valiant attempt to wipe out the emplacement and, skillfully maneuvering to a more favorable attack position, poured a steady stream of deadly fire into the strong point, effectively silencing the weapon and killing the twelve hostile troops manning the gun when he subsequently charged the emplacement. By his daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and dauntless perseverance in the face of tremendous odds, Private First Class Caine contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold, and his selfless 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..Arlington, Va.  
B.. Washington, D.C.



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Serial 3156

Signed JAN 15 1947

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

CORPORAL ROBERT E. CAINE, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader in an Assault Rifle Company while serving with the Third Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Tinian in the Marianas, on 1 August 1944. Locating a heavy Japanese machine gun pouring its deadly fire into his company position during a furious engagement, Corporal Caine unhesitatingly left his protected position to advance across an open fire-swept area and, gaining a strategic point just below the hostile installation, launched a vigorous attack against the enemy, destroying the powerful weapon and inflicting heavy casualties before he fell, seriously wounded by a burst of merciless hostile gunfire. An indomitable fighter, Corporal Caine, by his bold tactics, unrelenting aggressiveness and resolute determination in the face of savage opposition, contributed materially to the disruption of the Japanese strong point and to the ultimate conquest of this vital enemy base. His undaunted courage and gallant conduct throughout a period of fierce hostilities upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

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APO # 502

17 March 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, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following named officers and men:

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LESLIE G. CALDWELL, JR., (296186), Sergeant, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action on January 15, 1943, at Guadalcanal. The advance of a platoon of Marines was halted by fire from an enemy machine gun. Sergeant Caldwell and one other volunteered to advance through machine gun and sniper fire to a point near the enemy machine gun position. Improvised dynamite bombs were then used to blast it out of action. As a result two enemy gunners were killed and the machine gun was destroyed.

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By Command of Major General THOMPSON:

OFFICIAL:

s/ William A. Lord, Jr.,

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

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

R- Marysville, California

B- Winchester, Arkansas



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APO #502

GENERAL ORDERS)

NO.....301)

24 February 1944.

Section.....III

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HARRY T. GALKINS, USMCR.(472865)

CITATION

For gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, on 20 July 1943, in aggressively advancing thirty yards forward of the front lines under exposure to heavy enemy fire to deliver such effective and destructive automatic fire as to enable his comrades to rout the enemy from their well-entrenched positions with hand grenades. Home address: Sunnyside, Long Island, New York.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON.

R-- Sunnyside, New York  
B-- Hartford, Connecticut 4-17-20



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES E. CALLAHAN,  
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 I, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guam, Marianas Islands, on 3 August 1944. Voluntarily assuming command after his Company Commander had been wounded and his Executive Officer had been killed at Pinegayan, First Lieutenant Callahan immediately organized his men for a coordinated attack against a hostile road block that had halted a motorized reconnaissance patrol. With the company's advance impeded by intense hostile machine-gun fire, he boldly exposed himself to a rain of enemy fire to move forward to an effective firing position and, launching a hand grenade and carbine attack, assisted in killing the crews of two machine guns and in silencing the enemy emplacements. By his daring initiative, leadership and courageous devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Callahan upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

R- San Diego, Calif.  
B- Abington, Mass.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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HEADQUARTERS USAFISPA  
APO #502

20 November 1943.

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Awards of the SilverStar. . . . . I .

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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:

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JAMES W. CALLAHAN, (447598), Private First Class, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in aggressively advancing beyond his own front lines under heavy enemy fire to successfully silence three enemy machine-gun positions with rifle grenades on 1 July 1943. Home Address: Tremont, Illinois.

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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 ... Tremont, Illinois.

B ... Tremont, Illinois.



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Signed FEB 13 1948

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN CALLAHAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in aerial flight as Pilot of a Fighter Plane in Marine Fighting Squadron ONE HUNDRED TWELVE in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Amami Oshima, Ryukyu Islands, on 12 April 1945. When an enemy formation was detected approaching our surface units, First Lieutenant Callahan courageously attacked and shot down two hostile aircraft. Later, he flew alone to an enemy airfield and, within range of the enemy's antiaircraft fire, destroyed another Japanese plane in aerial combat. His courage and superb airmanship were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. Baltimore, Md.  
B.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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Appd SofN 9-13-45  
Serial 34737 AUG 20 1946  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BRUCE J. CALLOWAY,  
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 the Second Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 8 March 1945. In an attack during which his platoon suffered severe casualties from the intense and accurate fire of an enemy machine gun, Private First Class Calloway observed a Marine lying helpless and wounded some distance from the general front. Immediately advancing to an exposed position and directing a volume of protective fire against the Japanese weapon, he succeeded in neutralizing its deadly fire and covering the evacuation of the casualty. Although wounded in the preceding act, he pushed forward, urging his men in a valiant effort to complete the destruction of the hostile emplacement before he collapsed from a second and fatal wound. A fearless leader, Private First Class Calloway, by his bold initiative and cool courage throughout this engagement upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

SSMw/pem cit & CMC ltr presented to the  
prnts of the late PFC Calloway, Mr. & Mrs.  
Avery C. Calloway informally at their home at Asheville, N.C. on 16 Oct 46 by the  
OinC, USMC DHRS, Charlotte, N.C. Appropriate  
publicity was given the presentation.

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.-- Asheville, North Carolina  
B.-- Grace, North Carolina

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Serial 44965  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL GEORGE A. CALVIT,  
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 a Platoon of Weapons Company, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. While his platoon was in the assault with tank support, Corporal Calvit, on his own initiative, directed fire from a tank against an enemy machine-gun nest which was holding up his platoon and an adjacent company. Although the heavy mortar, artillery and small-arms fire which the tanks drew had driven off several others who had attempted to act as guides, Corporal Calvit stood beside the tank and, pointing his weapon at the target, fired tracers into it to designate its location until he was seriously wounded by enemy fire. His indomitable courage and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Minden, La.,  
B--Minden, La.

Secretary of the Navy.



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SPOT  
Serial 98302  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT AUGUST L. CAMARATA,  
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 I, Third Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 June 1945. When his company was engaged in heavy fighting on Oroku Peninsula, Second Lieutenant Camarata was ordered to move behind an assault platoon to provide covering fire against heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire emanating from both flanks and from the right and left rear of the assault platoon. Courageously leading his men up the forward slope of the steep objective, he directed the delivery of accurate fire on both flanks of the Japanese and was responsible for the annihilation of fifteen of the enemy and the neutralization of two machine guns. Although wounded during the action, he continued to move from man to man, shouting encouragement and orders until the objective was seized. His resolute courage, indomitable fighting spirit 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..Cedar Falls, Iowa.  
B..Waterloo, Iowa.



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AW-298-rlm

Spot Award, 1943  
Serial 083  
Signed MAY 16 1943

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

PRIVATE GUS J. CAMMARATA, U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity aboard the U.S.S. HORNET while that vessel was under tremendous aerial attack by enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of the Santa Cruz Islands on October 26, 1942. Severely wounded by a bomb explosion as hostile planes swept low to rake the deck with cannon fire, Private Cammarata, with cool courage and utter disregard for his own personal safety, stood gamely by his battle station on board the carrier and manned an anti-aircraft gun throughout the action. 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..Chicago, Ill.  
B..Morgan City, La.

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.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL GEORGE M. CAMP, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine-gun Squad Leader of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 12 March 1945. When his company was held up by severe flanking and frontal fire from hostile machine guns and rifles during an assault on the enemy's final defensive line, Corporal Camp assisted in the evacuation of numerous casualties in the immediate area. Observing two wounded Marines lying forward of the front lines where grazing enemy fire discouraged any rescue attempts, he crawled beneath the heavy fire to evacuate the two casualties. Although severely wounded in the process of a third rescue, he made his way back to the lines where he was ordered evacuated. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- Levelland, Texas

B- Maypearl, Texas  
21 January 1925

For the President,

JOHN E. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

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Appd SofN 2-7-46  
Serial 52 24  
Signed MAY 23 1947

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

CORPORAL DARYL D. CAMPBELL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader in a Rifle Platoon of Company K, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 20 June 1945. Fearlessly leading his assault squad up a steep and treacherous slope toward the last Japanese strong point on Okinawa, Corporal Campbell skillfully maintained control of his men despite the deadly and relentless barrage fired by a trapped and desperate enemy, repeatedly risking his life to determine the most strategic approach to the fiercely defended emplacement and to reorganize his men as casualties mounted. After many hours of slow and tortuous progress and the loss of many of his men, he successfully gained the top of the ridge, thereby enabling his platoon to begin its advance upward. Later, when his unit was attacked by hidden snipers, he unhesitatingly pressed forward alone in a valiant attempt to destroy the hostile riflemen but was mortally wounded before accomplishing his mission. By his aggressive leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and daring courage in the face of grave peril, Corporal Campbell inspired his men to greater efforts during the final action on Okinawa and contributed directly to the ultimate capture of this vital Japanese stronghold. His heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R..Rochester, N.Y.  
B..Elmira, N.Y.

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. pres'd to Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell, mother of the late Crp. Campbell on 14 July 47 by OinC USMCDHRS, Buffalo, N.Y. in an informal ceremony.



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Serial 0011  
Appd SofN 1-25-45  
Signed AUG 3 1945

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

CORPORAL EUGENE M. CAMPBELL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Machine-Gun Section while serving with the Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. With his section reduced to five men and he himself wounded as his company launched a series of attacks against well-defended enemy fortifications on a highly strategic ridge, Corporal Campbell courageously moved up in close support of the assaulting rifle troops and, when the advance of the company was held up by a group of strongly entrenched Japanese whose rifle and machine-gun fire was inflicting heavy casualties, unhesitatingly took a machine gun through a hail of hostile bullets to the only position from which flanking fire could be brought to bear and killed fifteen of the enemy, knocking out two machine guns. Subsequently continuing his heroic efforts, he was mortally wounded later in the afternoon while steadfastly manning his gun. By his brilliant initiative and tenacious devotion to duty in the face of grave peril, Corporal Campbell enabled his company to advance, and his vallant conduct throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by Cinc, Buffalo, N.Y., about 11-14-45 to the  
parents of the late Corp Campbell, Mr and Mrs  
John R. Campbell, 108 Sixth St., Warren, Pa.  
Inf pres.

151 Artemus P. Gates

Secretary of the Navy.

Acting

R--Warren, Pa.  
B--Laurel, Pa.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL JAMES L. CAMPBELL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a 37-mm. Gun Squad of Weapons Company, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 September 1944. Wounded and thrown into the water when the amphibian truck in which he was coming ashore with the assault waves was hit by enemy antboat fire about two hundred yards from the beach, Corporal Campbell started toward the beach for medical aid but, upon hearing a cry for help from the burning truck, unhesitatingly returned to the vehicle to assist a seriously wounded comrade despite the continuing hostile fire. Despite the pain of his own injuries, Corporal Campbell dragged the man from the vehicle and carried him to the beach where he secured medical aid, thereby saving the life of his comrade. His courageous and unselfish conduct and outstanding 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-New Castle, Pa.  
B-New Castle, Pa.



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DGP-298-dmd

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 6-21-46  
Serial 0933  
Signed JUN 26 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PETER M. CAMPBELL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 18 and 19 November 1943. Assuming charge of six men trapped on the enemy side of the Piva River during an engagement with Japanese forces, Private First Class Campbell remained behind and personally covered their successful withdrawal. On 19 November, he courageously led a patrol through hostile lines and, at great personal risk, obtained vital information regarding Japanese positions, thereby insuring an effective artillery barrage before he was killed by enemy fire in the ensuing action. Private First Class Campbell's resourceful initiative and valiant 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..Huntington, New York.  
B..Glasgow, Scotland.

SSM in lieu of BSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mr. & Mrs. Peter M. Campbell on 18 Aug 47 by CO in the Office of the CO with appropriate ceremony.



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SPOT  
Serial 65536  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

MAJOR ROBERT A. CAMPBELL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Weapons Company, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 14 to 18 March 1945. On 15 March, Major Campbell personally directed the operations of his command from front line positions which were under hostile fire during an attack against enemy emplacements on a well-fortified ridge at the eastern end of the Island. Although wounded on 16 March, he continued to exercise command and braved Japanese fire in order to better direct his combat unit while it eliminated the last remnants of enemy forces in that area. By his tactical skill, exemplary leadership and courageous devotion to duty, Major Campbell contributed materially to the success of his command in accomplishing its mission in a most difficult operations over hazardous terrain, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

338221  
DGP-298-wlb

Spot Award.  
Serial 0478  
Signed JUL 17 1943

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

PRIVATE STUART CAMPBELL, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Second Marine Raider Battalion during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 30, 1942. When his patrol squad made a surprise assault against a strong enemy base, Private Campbell, with quick initiative and high courage, boldly rushed into the group, ten times the strength of his squad, and with his automatic weapon blazing, attacked the Japanese forces, contributing in a large measure to their swift destruction. His grim determination and indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

**FRANK KNOX**

Secretary of the Navy.

R- Sultan, Washington  
B- Sultan, Washington



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DGP 298 Navy mnh

InfPac Spot Ser. 45501  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HERSE H. CANADAY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Third Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 21 February 1945. After crossing an area covered by heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class Canaday braved the hostile fire to re-cross the area and conduct the remainder of his platoon forward. On his way back, he administered first aid to a wounded comrade and, after carrying him two hundred yards to safety, helped reorganize the widely dispersed squads of his platoon and guide them forward through heavy Japanese barrages to the position occupied by his own squad. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Canaday and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Sycamore, Kan.  
B. Centerville,"

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-29--elm

ComSevFlt  
Spot Award  
Serial 01017  
Signed SEP 30 1944

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

SERGEANT ROBERT A. CANFIELD, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*OP*  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader serving with a company of the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces near Nara Village, New Britain, on March 8, 1944. Braving bitter hostile opposition, Sergeant Canfield fearlessly led his squad to an advantageous point to protect an exposed position of his company's left flank. Seriously wounded while advancing through an intense hail of enemy fire to report the situation to his platoon leader, he immediately returned to his squad after receiving first aid and valiantly continued to direct the operations throughout the fierce battle. Sergeant Canfield's daring aggressiveness, inspiring leadership and loyal 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 - Oakland, California.  
B - Detroit, Michigan.



Cincpac  
Appd SofN 12-24-46  
Serial 35002  
Signed JUL 9 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAYMOND E. CANNON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Gunner in a Machine Gun Squad of Company K, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on the night of 22 February 1945. Observing the enemy's attempted infiltration of our lines near his gun position, Private First Class Cannon immediately engaged the hostile force in a bitter struggle. Although severely wounded when a mortar shell practically demolished his emplacement, he refused to be evacuated and continued to man his gun, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and disrupting the attempted penetration. His initiative, determination and courage reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Cannon and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Greer, South Carolina  
B..Greer, South Carolina

SSM & perm. cit. in lieu of BSM & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mrs. Minnie L. Cannon, mother of the late PFC Raymond E. Cannon on 13Aug47 by OinC DHRS, at the Sub-District Hdqr. Recr.Sta., Room 239, P.O. Bldg., Greenville, S.C. before a Rep. of the Marine Corps League.

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DGP-298-egc

ComSevFlt  
Spot Award  
Serial 01054  
Signed NOV 29 1944

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

CORPORAL JOHN E. CAPITO, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Operator of a Bulldozer while serving with the First Marine Division during action at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, on January 3, 1944. The first to arrive at a stream crossing which had stopped a platoon of tanks supporting the advance of our troops, Corporal Capito braved heavy Japanese machine-gun fire from pillboxes less than fifty yards away as he maneuvered the bulldozer down the bank of the stream. Wounded during this operation, he was assisted to a nearby defilade for first-aid treatment and, promptly returning, rendered further service by aiding the relief bulldozer operators and remaining in action until the advance of our tanks and troops was assured. Corporal Capito's courageous 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--Bradford, Kentucky  
B--Bethlehem, Kentucky



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DGP-297-rkz

CinCPac  
Appd SofN 11-15-45  
Serial 37379  
Signed OCT 16 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CARROLL L. CAPLES,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifleman, serving with Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 24 February to 3 March 1945. Undaunted by the failure of several Marine comrades to rescue a wounded man lying approximately fifty yards forward of friendly lines, Private First Class Caples crawled across the exposed terrain and, staunchly braving a merciless concentration of enemy machine-gun and sniper fire, removed the stricken man to a position of safety. Cool and unhesitating when his squad leader subsequently fell in action, he instantly took command and led his squad with unfaltering skill and aggressiveness until fatally wounded on 3 March. By his ready initiative, dauntless courage and unfailing devotion to duty, Private First Class Caples rendered valiant service 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--Baltimore, Maryland.  
B--Denver, Colorado.

514315  
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

F  
FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 45501  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL RONALD R. CAPLINGER,  
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 A, First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 28 February 1945. With his platoon pinned down by heavy hostile small-arms and machine-gun fire, and with his Platoon Leader absent on reconnaissance, Corporal Caplinger assumed command and led his men from the draw in which they were trapped. Upon reaching a safe area, he checked the platoon and found that some members were missing and, immediately making two additional trips into the draw, attempted to evacuate the remaining members. On the third attempt, he led a portion of an adjacent unit into the area and, succeeding in establishing contact with the trapped men, opened the way for their successful withdrawal. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Caplinger and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Eaton, Ohio.,  
B--Gratis, Ohio.



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DGP-298-RTT

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

PLATOON SERGEANT HARVEY C. CARBAUGH,  
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, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 5 August 1944. Leading his platoon in a one-hour attack against well-organized and well-defended enemy positions, in the face of heavy mortar, machine-gun, rifle and grenade fire, Platoon Sergeant Carbaugh remained with or ahead of the assault squads at all times, covering the entire platoon front, advancing squads and tanks, designating enemy targets, attending to the evacuation of seven wounded men and arranging for the replenishment of ammunition. While directing the attack on the last remaining enemy pillbox, he sustained severe wounds from an enemy hand grenade. By his indomitable fighting spirit and cool courage, he contributed materially to the infliction of heavy damage on the Japanese and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

R- Omaha, Neb.  
B- Burke, S. Dak.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-egc

CincPac  
Appd SofN 1-11-45  
Serial 11713  
Signed APR 10 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES W. CARBEAU, JR., USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to a Rifle Company of the First Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 6 July 1944. Struck down by hostile sniper fire while carrying out a vital observation mission with his platoon forward of front lines, First Lieutenant Carbeau steadfastly disregarded his own critical condition and, quickly directing his men to cover, out of range of the enemy guns, ensured the safety of his platoon before succumbing to his wounds. By his splendid leadership and great personal courage in the face of grave peril, First Lieutenant Carbeau was an inspiration to all his comrades, and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Ellwood City, Pa.  
B-- " " "

SSM, perm.cit. & ltr. fr. CMC ~~sent~~ Pres'd on 29 June 1945 by the Comd't, 4th Nav. Dist. Bldg., 4, Navy Yard, Philadelphia 12, Pa., to the parents of the late 1st Lt. Carbeau, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Carbeau, 79 Pittsburgh Circle, Ellwood City, Pa. Presentation took place at a parade at the Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Philadelphia.



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DGP-298-egc

Cincpac  
Serial 1166  
Appd SofN 3-1-45  
Signed OCT 19 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM L. CARDIFF,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

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 First Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 29 June 1944. Stoutly advancing inland through heavily fortified Japanese territory, First Lieutenant Cardiff valiantly assisted in reducing two strongly defended enemy pillboxes well protected by hostile snipers and, despite terrific hostile machine-gun fire, continuously and effectively directed the fire of his gun platoon until he fell, mortally wounded. By his inspiring leadership and heroic efforts, he contributed immeasurably to the ultimate conquest of this strategically important area, and his cool courage and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Cardiff and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Stockton, Calif.  
B..Canargo, Okla.

SSM, perm. cit. and ltr. fr. CMC was presented informally to the mother of the late Lt. Cardiff, 2154 E. Weber Ave. Stockton, Calif. at her home by Lt.Col. E. N. Thompson, Executive Officer, MB, Mare Island, Calif. on March 1946.

489 198  
DGP-298-lfg

CincPac  
Appd SofN 2-22-45  
Serial 1182  
Signed SEP 19 1945

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

CORPORAL ERNEST M. CAREY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Squad Leader serving with the First Battalion, Twenty-Ninth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 18 June 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Corporal Carey rendered valiant service during initial operations on this strategically important enemy stronghold. With his squad, he was first to reach the ridge during his assault company's attack on a hostile position and was mortally wounded. Observing the withdrawal of some of his men, Corporal Carey, despite his critical condition, rallied them and thereby enabled his squad to repulse a small number of attacking infantrymen and to destroy several Japanese troops. By his determined initiative and heroic fighting spirit, he contributed materially to the success of his company's attack and to the ultimate success of this vital campaign, and his unwavering devotion to duty and inspiring leadership 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..Corpus Christi, Tex.  
B..Salem, Ind.

SSM w/perm, cit. ltr fr CMC forwarded to Mrs. Ernest M. Carey, widow, by mailing in June, 1946, by Commander, NATB, USNAS, Corpus Christi, Tex.



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DGP-298-eln

Spot Award  
Serial 0058  
Signed MAY 22 1944

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

CORPORAL JERRY V. CARGILL, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while  
serving with the First Marine Parachute Battalion  
in action against enemy Japanese forces near Koi-ari,  
Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 29, 1943.  
Repeatedly exposing himself to intense hostile machine-  
gun and sniper fire, Corporal Cargill valiantly led  
his squad in a fierce engagement with numerically  
superior enemy forces. When one of his men was ser-  
iously wounded, he unhesitatingly rushed forward in  
the face of withering hostile fire and carried his  
helpless comrade to a safe position where first aid  
treatment was administered. Corporal Cargill's  
splendid initiative and unselfish devotion to duty,  
maintained at great personal risk, were in keeping  
with the highest traditions of the United States  
Naval Service."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL ..

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Brownfield, Tex.

B...Tokio, Tex.

CARHART, Per Cit & Congrat  
ltr for SS sent to Med Off in  
Command, USN Hospital, Oak-  
land, Calif.

Spot Award

Serial 0718

Signed

*Com Secy-Alt*

*10-9-44*

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

SERGEANT ROBERT W. CARHART, USMC.,

*369054*

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 in the Southwest Pacific Area on January 3, 1944. Despite hostile fire from concealed pillboxes, Sergeant Carhart fought his way through dense jungle undergrowth and over difficult and unfamiliar terrain, going ahead of his squad to determine the position of an enemy machine gun which was slowing down the advance of his company. Skillfully directing an attack toward the Japanese emplacement, he continued to move forward and, encountering a wounded platoon scout from an adjacent unit, started back with him toward his own lines. With bold defiance of danger, he advanced in the face of hostile fire, killing two of the enemy, and, although wounded in the neck, succeeded in reaching an aid station before he was again injured. Sergeant Carhart's cool courage and indomitable fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

*OK POW 10/3/44*

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Riverton, New Jersey.

B - Riverton, New Jersey.

*Released Oct '44*



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DGP-298-cbh

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 9-13-45  
Serial 34865  
Signed MAY 28 1946

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR W. CARLEY, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-Third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, on 7 March 1945. Although seriously wounded when his company had become disorganized and had suffered heavy casualties from an intense enemy mortar barrage, First Lieutenant Carley repeatedly exposed himself to hostile fire in order to reorganize the company and evacuate the casualties. In so doing, he received a second and extremely critical wound but refused to be evacuated until his casualties had been treated and his company reorganized to carry out its mission. His courageous fighting spirit and utter disregard for his own safety reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Carley and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was presented to the widow of the late 1st. Lt. Arthur W. Carley, Jr., Mrs. Arthur W. Carley, Jr., at her home 612 Cambridge Ave., Dayton, Ohio, on 19 August 1946 by the OinC, USMCDHRS, Room 242, Post Office Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. Publicity conformed with the wishes of the recipient.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN D. CARLISLE,  
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, Eleventh 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. Shortly before midnight when the enemy laid down a heavy mortar concentration on the company bivouac area, killing both the Company Commander and Executive Officer, Second Lieutenant Carlisle immediately assumed command of the company and, by personally locating places of safety for the company's tractors, saved many of the vehicles from destruction. Then, continuing his inspiring leadership, he supervised the evacuation of the dead and wounded from the area. By his courageous devotion to duty while under intense hostile fire, Second Lieutenant Carlisle upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Brentwood, Calif.  
B-Richmond, Calif.



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DGP-298-mft

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 EVANS C. CARLSON, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity  
in action while serving as leader of a rifle  
platoon in Company E, Second Marine Raider Bat-  
talion, during operations against enemy Japanese  
forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, from  
November 4 to December 4, 1942. Charged with  
directing the advance guard of the battalion  
on several occasions, First Lieutenant Carlson,  
with sound judgment and unflinching courage,  
carried out the missions assigned him with  
marked success. On November 11, faced by a  
numerically superior enemy at Asamana, he daunt-  
lessly led his men into combat. When the com-  
pany finally had to retire, due to the terrific  
fire of overwhelming Japanese forces, he effective-  
ly covered the retirement with his platoon. His  
skill, tenacity, 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- San Francisco, California  
B- Douglass, Arizona

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DGP-298-dmr

Appd SofN 9-24-48  
FMFPac  
Serial 56878

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SANTO J. CARMIGIANO,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 24 March 1945. Quick to act when the crew members of a disabled tank were trapped in a narrow defile flanked by cliffs from which the Japanese were throwing hand grenades, Private First Class Carmigiano dismounted from his own tank at a point about one hundred and fifty yards in front of friendly lines. Braving enemy small-arms and grenade fire, he risked his life to move back and forth in the hostile territory to place tow lines on the vehicle and secure them. Returning to his own vehicle, he towed the disabled tank and its crew out of the trap, thereby saving the lives of the men and enabling the tank to be returned to combat service. His bold initiative and courageous action reflect the highest credit on Private First Class Carmigiano and 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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DGP-298-lfg

CincPac  
Appd SofN 2-1-45  
Serial 0151  
Signed JUL 5 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WAYNE A. CARMODY, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader attached to the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 26 September 1944. When terrific enemy machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire inflicted many casualties and threatened to disorganize his platoon, First Lieutenant Carmody unhesitatingly advanced along the entire platoon front and reorganized his men in the face of imminent personal peril and, locating one of the hostile machine-gun positions, courageously led a fire team forward and succeeded in silencing the emplacement with hand grenades and small-arms fire. Later, when one of the tanks of his platoon bogged down and blocked off the other vehicles, he again exposed himself to enemy fire and reconnoitered for a tank approach route until he was mortally wounded. First Lieutenant Carmody's valiant fighting spirit and unyielding devotion to duty were an inspiration to his men 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..Sioux Falls, S.D.  
B..Ramona, S.D.

SSM, perm cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 9 Aug. by OinC, USMCCPD, Omaha Bldg. & Loan Assoc. Bldg., 1504 Dodge St., Omaha, Neb. to the parents of the late 1stLt. Carmody, Mr. & Mrs. John S. Carmody, 719 No. Walts Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, informally at SDHIRS, Sioux Falls, relatives and friends attending.

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FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 43822  
Signed

FEB 18 1948

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALVIE N. CARNEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

or service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifleman of Weapons Company, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 17 March 1945. Pinned down and unable to remove casualties due to intense fire from a Japanese machine gun nest and pillbox while on a volunteer combat patrol against an enemy sector of resistance, Private First Class Carney seized a machine gun and, moving to an exposed position, destroyed the hostile machine gun nest and killed its occupants. Aided by a comrade, he then set up a rocket launcher in the face of deadly enemy sniper fire and silenced the pillbox with a series of well-placed rockets. Through his cool and efficient actions, Private First Class Carney enabled the patrol to reorganize, evacuate the casualties and accomplish its mission. His courageous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R McAlester, Okla.,  
B McAlester, Okla.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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

MAJOR EDGAR F. CARNEY, JR.,  
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,  
Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action  
against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu  
Islands, 4 June 1945. During the assault land-  
ing on Oroku Peninsula, Major Carney perceived  
that his assault companies had lost coordination  
due to the breakdown of several amphibious trac-  
tors and Japanese resistance on the beach. Order-  
ing his tractor to land, he quickly made his way  
through enemy fire and mined areas to a forward  
position where he could observe and control his  
front line companies. Against bitter and pro-  
gressively increasing resistance throughout the  
attack, he functioned from positions close to  
the front lines under constant hostile fire of  
all types. His calm and brilliant direction of the  
attack resulted in the successful seizure of the  
beachhead with a minimum of casualties. By his  
bravery and outstanding leadership, Major Carney  
contributed directly to the success of his Battal-  
ion and upheld the highest traditions of the United  
States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Churchland, Virginia  
B-Churchland, Virginia

John L. Sledge

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-wlb

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

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LOUIS J. CARPELLOTTI, 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. In the face of heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Carpellotti led a detachment of his squad to a point where they could deliver a flanking fire on the Japanese, thereby enabling the remainder of his squad to assault and seize the hostile position. His great personal valor was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the defense of his country."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Old Forge, Pennsylvania.

B - Old Forge, Pennsylvania. 2-13-1918.



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Ser. 58486  
Signed DEC 16 1947

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

CORPORAL CHARLES A. CARPENTER,  
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, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 9 May 1945. When his Platoon Leader and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers became casualties during an attack against a heavily defended hill, Corporal Carpenter immediately assumed command, reorganized the platoon under enemy fire and led an assault against the hostile machine gun emplacement which had inflicted casualties upon his platoon, courageously continuing the attack until the objective had been reached. By his initiative, leadership and unwavering devotion to duty, Corporal Carpenter contributed materially to the success of his platoon in seizing and holding the position, and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Tulsa, Okla.  
B..Saylersville, Ky.

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Serial 35986  
Signed AUG 20 1946

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

FIRST SERGEANT PAUL J. CARPENTER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader, serving with 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 was ordered to advance through an area swept by continuous enemy cross-fire, First Sergeant Carpenter boldly led his men forward and, testing likely fire lanes before allowing his men to pass through them, skillfully maneuvered his force toward the hostile position, silencing three machine gun nests as he advanced on the Japanese strong point. First Sergeant Carpenter continued his aggressive tactics until instantly killed during the final assault on the position. By his dauntless leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and perseverance in the face of tremendous opposition, First Sergeant Carpenter rendered vallant service, 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."

SSMw/perm cit & CMC ltr delivered to the widow of the late 1stSgt. Carpenter, Mrs. Paul J. Carpenter, 106 Fayette St., Buckhannon W.Va., on 29Sep46 informally since no public presentation was desired. Pres made by the Cinc, USMC DHRS, Huntington, W.Va.

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Flatwoods, West Virginia.

B--Erbacon, West Virginia.



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Appd SofN 8-16-45  
Serial 34169  
Signed MAY 9 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD J. CARPIAUX,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Fire Team Leader, serving with Company A, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, 2 April 1945. When the advance of his company was halted by a large volume of fire from a hostile machine gun situated on high ground near by, Private First Class Carpiaux courageously led a charge against the enemy position. The first to reach the hostile stronghold, he unhesitatingly risked his life to enter and succeeded in killing three of the Japanese before he himself was fatally wounded. By his superb initiative, dauntless fighting spirit and zealous devotion to duty, Private First Class Carpiaux contributed materially to the annihilation of the enemy position 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..Green Bay, Wisc.  
B..Green Bay, Wisc.

SSM, cit. and ltr. fr. CMC was presented to parents of the late Pfc. Carpiaux, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Carpiaux on 17 June 1946 by the CO, U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes.

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

SERGEANT CHARLES R. CARR,  
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 E, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, from 21 to 25 July 1944. With his group assigned as assault squad of a rifle platoon during the attack on Fonte Hill, on the morning of 25 July, Sergeant Carr boldly maneuvered his men through heavy fire from hostile mortars to overrun the Japanese positions, killing all members of three mortar crews with only one casualty in his squad. Later, when the platoon came under heavy cross-fire from enemy machine guns in caves a short distance to the front, he courageously exposed himself to the rain of fire to supervise the movement of his squad and, although painfully wounded in the course of his action, steadfastly refused to be evacuated. When it became apparent that a flame thrower was needed to dislodge the enemy, he voluntarily started across an open field swept by hostile fire to obtain one and, wounded again before reaching the weapon, was returned for evacuation. By his fortitude, initiative and unselfish devotion to duty throughout, Sergeant Carr upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Haverhill, Mass.,  
B--Haverhill, Mass.

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

PRIVATE VICTOR H. CARR,  
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 a Platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 25 May 1945. While advancing with his squad, Private Carr determined the location of three hostile mortar positions and, unhesitatingly pressing forward under intense fire, succeeded by his accurate rifle fire in destroying one of the mortars and in rendering the other two ineffective. Although severely wounded during this action, he remained steadfast until his platoon advanced to a place where it was able to destroy the remaining two mortars. His heroic action and outstanding devotion to duty were a contributing factor in his platoon's success, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Georgetown, Ky.,  
B--Cynthiana, Ky.

Secretary of the Navy.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM J. CARR,  
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 G, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 22 May 1945. When he and another Marine were seriously wounded while advancing to a forward position, Private First Class Carr made his way alone to the Company Command Post to report the situation rather than call for stretcher-bearers and endanger their lives. Proceeding to the aid station for treatment and finding the corpsman fully occupied with other casualties, he refused morphine to alleviate his pain and immediately returned through intense enemy fire to aid his wounded comrade. Again braving heavy fire, he succeeded in carrying the Marine to safety and treatment. By his initiative, gallant spirit and courageous devotion to duty, Private First Class Carr upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Marfa, Texas  
B--Clint, Texas

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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APO # 502

16 November 1943.

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

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III. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the 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:

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DANIEL J. CARRODL, (294343), Platoon Sergeant, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in exposing himself to hostile small arms and mortar fire to retrieve a machine gun as it was about to fall into the hands of the enemy on 20 July 1943. Home address: 190 Falls Street, Seneca Falls, New York.

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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 ... Seneca Falls, New York.  
B ... Seneca Falls, New York.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while  
attached to Company A, First Battalion, Sixth Marines,  
Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japa-  
nese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 17 June  
1944. After leading his platoon in an assault upon  
Hill 790, First Lieutenant Carroll was reorganizing  
his men when his company began to receive heavy hos-  
tile machine-gun and rifle fire from a high rocky  
area to the front. With casualties being sustained  
and certain units forced to withdraw to more covered  
positions, he deliberately exposed himself to enemy  
fire to go to the aid of two severely wounded men  
and carry them to safety. His courage and devotion  
to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieu-  
tenant Carroll and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

B--Philadelphia, Pa.,  
B--Philadelphia, Pa.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.



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Pac Spot Ser. 41646  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

DEC 16 1947

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

PRIVATE BENJAMIN E. CARSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

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-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. When accurate rifle fire from a hostile bunker halted his squad's advance, Private Carson voluntarily moved out in the face of heavy fire to charge the bunker and, firing his automatic rifle, killed six Japanese and neutralized the position, thereby enabling his unit to renew the attack. 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. Rutherfordton, N.C.  
B. Marion, N. C.

Secretary of the Navy.

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App. SofN 4-26-45  
Serial 21354  
Signed DEC 11 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAYWARD L. CARSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

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CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 24 July 1944. With the maintenance of communication lines made extremely difficult during fierce hostilities on D-Day, Private First Class Carson unhesitatingly volunteered to act as company runner and, with the entire section under heavy fire from enemy positions to the direct front, boldly exposed himself to the withering barrage to make repeated trips between his limited beachhead area and the front lines to carry vital messages, valiantly performing each perilous mission until he was mortally wounded by hostile shellfire. By his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and cool and courageous action at great risk to his life, Private First Class Carson contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this important Japanese stronghold, and his zealous 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--Clarksburg, W. Va.  
B-- " " "



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4 December 1943.

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Awards of the Silver Star. . . . . Section 11

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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:

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JOHN H. CARSON, (350355), Corporal, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action while leading his squad forward in an assault upon an enemy strong point during which four hostile guns were captured and several of the enemy were killed on 10 July 1943. Home address: Ferry Beach, Saco, Maine.

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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. Saco, Maine

B- Oxford, Mass. 7-22-23

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Signed JAN 11 1946

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

CORPORAL ALDEN A. CARTER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

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 action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 24 September 1944. Assigned the mission of defending a strategic position on a mountainous sector affording no protection and surrounded by bare coral reefs and jagged rocks, Corporal Carter moved his squad to a protected position in the rear and, despite the extreme danger, went forward alone to observe the activities of the enemy. Concerned only for the safety of his men, he remained at his post for a period of two days, maintaining a constant vigilance over the vital ridge and accounting for five Japanese. By his daring initiative, great personal valor and unwavering devotion to duty throughout, Corporal Carter served as an inspiring example to his comrades and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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



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App. SofN 14 Jan. 1945  
Serial 004186  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER C. M. CARTER, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Fourth Marines, Reinforced, First Provisional Marine Brigade, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Guam, Marianas Islands, 22 July 1944. Placing his platoon in the front lines in a desperate effort to hold the beachhead established by his regiment, Second Lieutenant Carter valiantly led his men in fierce hand-to-hand fighting against a superior Japanese force heavily attacking his sector. Carrying on courageously despite darkness and great odds, he personally accounted for the death of an enemy officer before sacrificing his own life in the superb defense of a vital position and, by his forceful and inspiring leadership, contributed immeasurably to the success of the entire operation. His unwavering devotion to the fulfillment of an extremely hazardous mission 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 25 May 1945 by CG, MCB, NOB, San Diego, 30, Calif. to the widow of the late 2dLt. Carter, Mrs. Alexander C.M. Carter, 4726 Kenmore Ter., San Diego, 4, Calif., at weekly parade & review at base.

Secretary of the Navy.

/s/ JAMES FORRESTAL

R--Hollywood, California.  
B--Fort Casey, California.

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*Carroll H. S. Pitt*

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Serial 00315  
Signed OCT 23 1947

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

PLATOON SERGEANT CLIFTON CARTER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, 7 November 1943. Taking charge of a number of men from his platoon and the crew of a light machine gun cut off from the rest of the company and surrounded by the enemy, Platoon Sergeant Carter led an attack which broke the encirclement and penetrated the rear of the defensive area. Unable to return to his own lines because of darkness, he conducted a combat patrol and located a trail used by the enemy for the movement of reinforcements and supplies to the front, where he set an ambush and waited until a party of Japanese approached the position. As the hostile group came within range, he ordered the machine gunners to open fire, annihilating numerous of the group. Immediately moving to a new position, he established another ambush and way-layed and killed several more of the enemy who had come to investigate the firing. At daybreak he successfully flanked the Japanese and returned to our lines. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Platoon Sergeant Carter and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Christiania, Tennessee.,  
B--Beach Grove, Tennessee.



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Serial 42755

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE L. CARTER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Regimental Weapons Company, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 16 March 1945. When the ammunition dump of an 81-mm. mortar unit caught fire, endangering the lives of the men around the dump and causing a serious threat to near-by stacks of ammunition and equipment, Private First Class Carter left his covered position despite the exploding mortar ammunition in the area and, with three other volunteers, seized a shovel and began to throw sand on the flames. Hurling to the ground by the concussion of an ammunition burst, he quickly arose and continued in his efforts to extinguish the fire. By his initiative and cool action, he was instrumental in extinguishing the blaze without further loss of life and in saving the vehicles, guns and ammunition dump from destruction. His devotion to duty reflects the highest credit on Private First Class Carter and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Banning, Calif.  
B--Tolleson, Arizona

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Serial 2277  
Signed AUG 29 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EUGENE P. CARWILE, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Automatic Rifleman serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July; and on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 24 July 1944. A skilled and courageous fighter, Private First Class Carwile repeatedly closed with the enemy in caves and fortified positions and was attempting to put a Japanese machine-gun nest out of action when mortally wounded. By his outstanding technical ability and zealous efforts, Private First Class Carwile had contributed effectively to the ultimate success of our vital missions in these strategically important enemy strongholds, and his unswerving devotion to duty throughout this period 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--Heber Springs, Ark.  
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The President of the United States takes pleasure  
in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN T. CASEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as  
Commanding Officer of 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 with  
his company in the face of severe hostile artillery  
and mortar fire during the initial landing on the  
enemy-held beach, First Lieutenant Casey immediately  
reorganized his command and led them forward toward  
Motoyama Airfield Number One. When his company's  
advance was deterred by machine-gun fire from a pill-  
box at the southern tip of the airstrip, he fearlessly  
made his way forward of the front lines through the  
heavy fire and skillfully placed a demolition charge  
in the aperture of the pillbox which caused complete  
destruction of the hostile position and enabled his  
company and other elements of the battalion to move  
forward across the airfield and the dominating ridge  
line in the center of the island. By his initiative,  
fortitude and courageous leadership, First Lieutenant  
Casey contributed materially to the success of this  
assault landing and his conduct upheld the highest  
traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Uxbridge, Mass.,  
B--Uxbridge, Mass.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT KENNETH L. CASKEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company C, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 18 March 1945. Painfully wounded while directing the construction of a road in front of the lines to enable tanks to reach enemy positions holding up the advance of our infantry, First Lieutenant Caskey refused to be evacuated and, continually moving back and forth between his armored equipment and the assault tanks, directed the construction under sustained heavy enemy fire. By his close and daring direction of demolitions and construction units as they blasted and cut paths through a maze of caves and pillboxes, he contributed materially to the successful completion of the infantry's mission. First Lieutenant Caskey's gallant conduct was a source of inspiration both to his men and the infantry which he supported, and his unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Houston, Tex.,  
B--Wash., D.C.

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 JOSEPH R. CASSIDY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 17 September 1944. Refusing to be evacuated although painfully wounded, First Lieutenant Cassidy reorganized his platoon which had suffered heavy casualties and, assaulting a heavily fortified enemy-held hill, led his men in the destruction of three hostile placements and thirty Japanese, thereby facilitating the advance of his company the following day. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Cassidy and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--New York City, New York  
B--New York City, New York

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT LUCIUS F. CASSIDY,  
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 Demolitions Team of Company A, First Engineer Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. Landing under intense fire from numerous enemy pillboxes, Sergeant Cassidy led his men forward under the covering fire of the assault unit. Although he and all six members of his team were wounded while advancing, he personally eliminated two enemy pillboxes with demolitions and, directing his men in the destruction of ten others, inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Cassidy and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Jersey City, N. J.  
B-Bayonne, N. J.



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Serial 891  
Signed SEP 24 1943

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

PRIVATE VINCENT H. D. CASSIDY, JR., USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, August 7, 1942. When the advance of his squad was halted by intense machine-gun and rifle fire from hostile troops concealed in a cave, Private Cassidy, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, fought his way to the mouth of the hideout and threw in hand grenades, thus neutralizing the enemy fire sufficiently to allow his squad to advance and destroy the Japanese gun emplacement. 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 - Londonderry, New Hampshire

B - Manchester, New Hampshire, 9-10-1923

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Serial 44965  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL EUGENE A. CASTANEDA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving in a Platoon of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 11 March 1945. When his Platoon Leader became a casualty, Corporal Castaneda immediately took command of the platoon and reorganized it in the face of strong enemy resistance. Despite a serious stomach wound, he continued to effect a tying-in of the lines for night defense before he would permit himself to be evacuated. His exemplary courage, skillful leadership and unselfish devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Bay City, Mich.,  
B--Bay City, Mich.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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Serial 0677  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT DEAN CASWELL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of a six-plane flight of Fighter Planes in Marine Fighting Squadron TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE, attached to the U.S.S. BUNKER HILL, in action against enemy Japanese forces while on combat air patrol in the vicinity of Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 28 April 1945. When his flight intercepted a formation of approximately thirty Japanese fighters approaching Okinawa to launch an attack on shipping and land installations, Second Lieutenant Caswell skillfully pressed home his attack against the greatly superior force and succeeded in shooting down three enemy planes and probably destroying one other. By his aggressive fighting spirit and skilled airmanship, he contributed materially to the outstanding record of his flight in destroying one other and routing the remainder, thereby protecting our ships and land installations. 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..Edinburg, Texas.,  
B..Banning, Calif.

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Spot Award.  
Serial 0069  
Signed JUN 8 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH J. CATALE, 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 15, 1942. When heavy artillery fire destroyed telephone lines between Company A of the First Pioneer Battalion, First Marine Division, and Battalion Headquarters, Private First Class Catale, along with another marine, started from the safe zone at Battalion Headquarters and carried two new wire lines through heavy shell-fire until he reached the command post and restored communication. His heroic conduct, maintained at great personal risk in the face of grave danger, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of 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 - New York, N.Y.

B - New York, N.Y.



Spot Award  
Serial 0853 (Com Sec 2Lt)  
Signed SEP 5 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD H. CATHOR, 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, December 30, 1943. Assuming a firing position on the crest of a ridge covered by intense enemy fire, Private First Class Cathor manned his gun with fierce determination and personally accounted for eleven Japanese before his supply of ammunition was exhausted. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he maintained his hazardous station, directing 80-mm. mortar fire against the hostile emplacement with devastating results. Private First Class Cathor's daring initiative and selfless devotion to duty at the risk of his own life were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - New York, New York.  
R - New York, New York.

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917240  
DGP-298-lfg

CincPac  
Appd SofN 3-15-45  
Serial 01454  
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LUTHER E. CAUGHON, 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 the Island of Peleliu in the Palau Group, on 11 October 1944. Fearlessly exposing himself to intense Japanese sniper fire during a determined assault on a fiercely-defended enemy ridge, Private First Class Caughon boldly advanced through the deadly barrages. Gaining a strategic observation post, he skillfully directed the powerful, accurate fire of his platoon against the hostile positions, annihilating a large number of Japanese and forcing the remainder to withdraw, thereby averting heavy casualties to his unit later in the day when they successfully stormed and occupied the ridge. Although killed at his post during the fierce exchange of hostilities, Private First Class Caughon, by his daring initiative, unfaltering skill and indomitable fighting spirit in the face of fanatic opposition, contributed materially to the ultimate conquest of this vital enemy stronghold, and his undaunted courage and decisive conduct throughout upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R..Sevierville, Tenn.  
B..Sevierville, Tenn.

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM, perm. cit. ltr fr CMC pres'd 28Aug45 to widow of the late PFC Caughon, Mrs. Luther E. Caughon, RFD #9, Sevierville, Tenn. at the Hills Creek Baptist Church, Sevierville. Formal pres. w/approx. 50 persons incl. representatives of local veterans organizations, minister, reporter, Chasteen, USMC, DHIRS, Nashville, Tenn. (Pres'd. by OinC USMC DHIRS, Rm. 23, US Court House Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.)



0188  
DGP-298-egg

ComSoPac  
Spot Award  
Serial 0049  
Signed OCT 23 1944

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

BRIGADIER GENERAL OSCAR R. CAULDWELL, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as  
Assistant Division Commander, Third Marine Division,  
during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Battle  
of the Koromokina Lagoon, Bougainville, Solomon Islands,  
November 7, 1943. Realizing the acute dangers facing ex-  
pected Army reinforcements, Brigadier General Cauldwell  
proceeded in the face of concentrated enemy rifle and  
machine-gun fire to an advance command post which was at  
that time only seventy-five yards behind the front lines.  
When Japanese snipers armed with machine guns infiltrated  
through to the command post, engaging headquarters per-  
sonnel in a fire fight, Brigadier General Cauldwell remained  
at his position despite the lack of cover or protection from  
hostile fire, advising and assisting in the launching of a  
coordinated attack which ultimately destroyed the hostile  
forces. Ignoring torrential rains and defying enemy oppo-  
sition, he refused to leave the scene of battle until the flank  
of the beachhead had been secured. His resolute deter-  
mination, cool courage and inspiring devotion to duty were  
in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States  
Naval Service.”

R--Crawfordsville, Indiana  
B--Rockville, Indiana

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 56878  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT ROBERT R. CAVIN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Squad Leader of Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 24 February 1945. Assuming command when his rifle platoon leader became a casualty and at a time when the platoon's advance was being held up by three hostile pillboxes and mortar fire, Sergeant Cavin courageously moved from man to man, encouraging them until tanks could be made available. After the tanks arrived, he boldly moved through a heavy concentration of mortar fire to place them in effective positions and then personally led the tanks and his men in an aggressive attack against the enemy fortifications. Later, when the telephone communications on the tanks failed to function, he further exposed himself to hostile small-arms fire by climbing upon one of the vehicles to direct its fire by talking through the port hole. By his cool and heroic actions, he aided greatly in neutralizing three enemy pillboxes and in capturing the commanding Japanese position. Sergeant Cavin's skill and aggressive fighting spirit were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--St. Louis, County, Mo.,  
B--St. Louis, Mo.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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DGP-298-egc

CincPac  
Serial 766  
Appd SofN 2-8-45  
Signed **AUG 18 1945**

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEON D. CAYTON,  
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-Ninth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, 15 to 23 June 1944. Painfully wounded by shrapnel on his first night patrol, Private First Class Cayton refused evacuation from a rear area and, making his way to the front lines, continued his hazardous scouting operations until the following day. Penetrating enemy-held territory in a daring reconnaissance mission two days later, he was again wounded but refused to be evacuated and, observing that his company was pinned down by merciless Japanese mortar fire, made a vallant attempt to rejoin his platoon, pushing forward with resolute determination until he fell, mortally wounded. Private First Class Cayton's remarkable fortitude and selfless devotion to duty were contributing factors in the success of a hazardous operation 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**

SEM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC sent out  
11-27-45, but report of pres not  
rec'd as of this date 2-5-46.

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Denver, Colorado  
B--Durango "

SS. perm cit. ltr fr. CMC pres. 2-2-46  
by CinC, DHHS, Denver, Col., to the mother  
of the late PFC Cayton, Mrs. Dorothy E.  
Reichert, 283 South Santa Fe Drive, Denver  
Col. Informal pres. at home. Due pub-  
licity given.



429860  
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac  
SFOT  
Serial 04294  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

JAN 26 1948

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

SERGEANT VINCENT J. CECCHANOWIZ,  
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, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 17 February 1945. Despite heavy artillery and automatic weapons fire which caused numerous casualties to those with whom he was working, Sergeant Cecchanowiz carried out his mission of reconnoitering the landing beaches and installations of the island and obtained valuable information which was of vital importance and was subsequently responsible for the saving of many lives. His cool courage and determined devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Dunellen, N. J.,  
B--Dunellen, N. J.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



360301  
DGP-298-rf

Spot Award  
Serial 891  
Signed SEP 24 1943

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

PRIVATE METHODIUS C. CECKA, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, August 7, 1942. Observing that his squad leader was wounded and unable to carry on the fight, Private Cecka, although he had been injured in the hand and had continued firing his automatic rifle until wounded again in the right arm, caught up a captured Japanese pistol and assumed command of his squad. Until finally ordered by his platoon commander to leave the action, he directed the advance of his squad to the assigned objective. His resolute determination and indomitable courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

**FRANK KNOX**

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Lockport, New York

B - New Prague, Minnesota

549241  
DGP-298-lfg

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 9-20-45  
Serial - 35738  
Signed SEP 4 1946

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

PRIVATE RAYMUNDO CERVANTES,  
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-Seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 1 March 1945. Skillfully using his knowledge of the terrain and heavily fortified enemy positions, Private Cervantes persistently risked his life without orders to direct first-aid parties to his wounded comrades and, determined to further his company's attack, voluntarily led friendly tanks through heavy and accurate enemy sniper and machine-gun fire, personally guiding them to a position from which they could destroy the targets. By his courageous initiative and self-sacrificing spirit throughout this operation, Private Cervantes materially contributed to the success of the attack and the saving of his comrades' lives and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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

SSM w/perm cit & CMC ltr presented to the prnts of the late Pvt. Cervantes, Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Cervantes, at an informal ceremony held at this station USMCAS, El Toro, Cal., on 23Nov46 by Brig. Gen. I. W. Miller. Publicity was released to the appropriate newspapers.



CHABOT, Leon Edmond, First Lieutenant

06453

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 the Fitness Report dated 31 March 1942 and received in Decorations and Medals August 1942.

HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINE COAST ARTILLERY COMMAND  
Fort Mills, Philippine Islands.

13 March, 1942.

GENERAL ORDERS )

Number.....16 )

1. The following-named officer and enlisted men, United States Marine Corps, are cited for gallantry in action and are entitled to wear the Silver Star. The citations are as follows:

EXTRACT

LEON E. CHABOT, Second Lieutenant, Company E. Fourth Marines, Fort Mills, P.I. For gallantry in action at Fort Mills, Philippine Islands, February 16 and 17, 1942. During the course of an enemy artillery bombardment on Fort Mills on February 16, 1942, Lieutenant CHABOT, from the vicinity of his command post on the South Shore Road, observed the location of an enemy battery. In the midst of shell fire and without regard for his personal safety, Lieutenant CHABOT worked his way to the seaward defense command post and reported the position, enabling our artillery to take the battery under fire. On February 17, 1942, Lieutenant CHABOT repeated the above-described performance under similar conditions.

By command of Major General MOORE:

W. F. MARQUAT,  
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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

DISTRIBUTION:

"A" to "E"

A TRUE COPY.  
/s/ L. E. WAGNER  
Captain, U.S. Marine Corps.

R - Gardner, Massachusetts.  
B - Gardner, Massachusetts.

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FmFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 6068  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT PHILIP T. CHAFFEE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company B, Second Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Fifth Amphibious Corps, Fleet Marine Force, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. Returning from the beach after leading his platoon of amphibian tractors ashore in the assault wave, First Lieutenant Chaffee discovered a disabled amphibian vehicle a short distance away receiving intense machine-gun fire and, proceeding to the stranded vehicle, engaged the hostile machine gun with the weapons of his own tractor. Silencing the enemy gun, he maneuvered his vehicle near the disabled tank despite mortar fire and exploding ammunition from the burning tank and, with the assistance of his crew, removed the tank officer and crew and carried them to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Chaffee and the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Van Etten, N.Y.,  
B..Van Etten, N.Y.



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DGP-298-fl

CinCPac  
SPOT  
Serial 12084  
Signed AUG 4 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HOWARD J. CHAMBERLAIN, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 21 June 1944. Riding unprotected on the top of a tank through withering hostile fire to a shell hole forward of our lines where his commanding officer lay seriously wounded, Private First Class Chamberlain bravely assisted in placing the stricken man on the vehicle and then shielded him with his own body on the return trip. His daring initiative, personal heroism and concern for another in the face of grave danger reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Chamberlain and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Los Angeles, Calif.  
B..Columbiana, Ohio

05929  
DGP-293-Navy-RDA

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 6067  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

MAJOR WILLIAM C. CHAMBERLIN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 15 June 1944. With his Battalion assigned to take a heavily fortified objective which was necessary to seize before vehicles, tanks and artillery could be landed, Major Chamberlin assumed command of the Battalion when the Commanding Officer became a casualty shortly after landing and, realizing the importance of the Battalion's mission, immediately proceeded to reorganize his command, after a landing on the beach approximately seven hundred yards from the assigned objective. Exposed to heavy fire from enemy mortars and artillery while moving from unit to unit, he reoriented the attack and then led and directed it toward the objective. Through his outstanding leadership and skillful handling of all elements of his command, Major Chamberlin so disposed his troops that the vital objective was seized the next morning and a beach opened for the landing of vehicles. His aggressive fighting spirit and courageous devotion to duty were at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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

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 GOLD STAR in lieu of a second SILVER STAR MEDAL to

MAJOR WILLIAM C. CHAMBERLIN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Executive Officer of the Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 31 July 1944. At the height of an enemy counterattack, Major Chamberlin moved from company to company, coordinating their efforts and encouraging the men of the Battalion despite intense hostile fire. Under his personal direction, the Battalion launched local counterattacks against Japanese penetrations, and repulsed the enemy with heavy losses. His courage, 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--Chicago, Ill.,  
B--Chicago, Ill.

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DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 56883  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT HOWARD F. CHAMBERS,  
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, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. Assigned an attack mission in a sector of rough, sandy ridges defended by concealed Japanese emplacements, a high-velocity fieldpiece and a heavy machine gun on high ground to the rear, Second Lieutenant Chambers carefully reconnoitered the area and then deployed his unit in a series of maneuvers to destroy the mutually supporting strongholds. Frequently advancing beyond the front lines to supervise tank and demolition personnel, he skillfully coordinated the attack of his unit and, at the end of the day, had destroyed thirty-two hostile emplacements and advanced an additional three hundred yards. His leadership and courage under enemy 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--Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.  
B--Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.



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DGP-298-rf

App. SofN 5-24-43.

Signed AUG 5 1943

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

MAJOR JUSTICE M. CHAMBERS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while attached to the First Marine Raider Battalion during the seizure of Tulagi, Solomon Islands, from enemy Japanese forces, on the night of August 7-8, 1942. While a patient at the Battalion Aid Station, suffering from multiple wounds inflicted by a mortar shell, Major Chambers personally assumed control of the evacuation of the wounded when a hostile counterattack threatened to penetrate to the station. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he also directed the action of the marine detachment covering the removal of the wounded to a less dangerous area. His heroic 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 - Washington, D. C.

B - Huntington, West Virginia.



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DGP-298-mvm

CincPac  
SPOT  
Serial 2788  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LESLIE M. CHAMBERS, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, on the morning of 2 February 1944. Skillfully acting as gunner on a mortar in the front lines, Private First Class Chambers fearlessly picked up and tossed out two live enemy hand grenades which had been thrown into his gun position. Despite a Japanese counterattack at dawn, he remained at his post and fired his mortar at perilously close ranges after all those around him had withdrawn to new defensive positions. His exceptional courage and heroic devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Chambers and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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DGP-298-egc

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ComSoPac  
Serial 00772  
Spot Award  
Signed JAN 16 1945

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

SERGEANT RAYBON M. CHAMBERS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Wire  
Section Chief of a Communication Platoon serving with the  
Third Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division,  
during action against enemy Japanese forces at Piva Forks,  
Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 24, 1943. With  
his entire crew killed or wounded by a sudden, vicious Japa-  
nese attack while attempting to establish telephonic com-  
munications among front line companies and outposts, Ser-  
geant Chambers valiantly continued alone and, fearlessly  
exposing himself to the intense hostile fire, singlehandedly  
laid a telephone line throughout the entire battalion. By  
his daring initiative, courageous determination and unswerv-  
ing devotion to duty in the face of grave peril, Sergeant  
Chambers contributed to the success of our forces in that  
area, and his valiant conduct was in keeping with the highest  
traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Halls, Tennessee  
B--Unionville, Tennessee

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DGP 298 Navy rmh

FMFPac Spot Ser. 6887  
Signed FEB 12 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KERMIT CHANEY,  
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, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 17 June 1944. Attacking approaching enemy tanks with anti-tank grenades during a hostile assault, Private First Class Chaney assisted in halting and destroying at least one tank in his platoon area. Continuing to render valuable service, he braved hostile fire to assist in the evacuation of wounded men from his area. 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,

R. Milward, Ky.  
B.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser. 9468  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL THOMAS E. CHAPMAN, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Battery M, Fourth Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on the night of 16-17 June 1944. Under heavy enemy artillery fire, Corporal Chapman laid a telephone line from his battery to Battalion Headquarters and, when the line was rendered useless, re-laid it under fire. After repeating his action when communications were disrupted again, he then made a fourth trip under fire to guide the Battalion Executive Officer to Battalion Headquarters. 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-Borger, Tex.  
B-Winters, Tex.

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FMFPAC  
SPOT  
Serial 90509  
Signed-----

JAN 26 1948

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

CAPTAIN ERNEST F. CHASE,  
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 Fighting Squadron TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR in action against enemy Japanese forces off Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, 13 May 1945. Flying on radar picket patrol, Captain Chase sighted a friendly destroyer lying dead in the water and undergoing attack by an enemy suicide plane. Unhesitatingly diving through intense antiaircraft fire from the ship, he pressed home his attack and shot the hostile craft down in flames. By his skilled airmanship, courage and devotion to duty, he aided in saving the ship from destruction and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Ossing, N.U.  
B-Ossing, N.Y.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



CHASTAIN, Joe B., Sgt.

270992

(Army) Silver Star Awarded by despatch 4-27-42. filed on case 1740-55-65  
Service at Ph. Is.

Previous Awards: None.

Born: Irdell, Texas 1-25-20 ✓

Current Enl. Dallas, Texas 4-4-39

Legal Residence: Waco, Texas.

Next of kin: Mother - Mrs. Lola R. Chastain  
Route #6,  
Waco, Texas.



278405  
DGP-298-f1

ComSoPac  
SPOT  
Serial 0945  
Signed AUG 15 1947

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

SERGEANT EARL CHEAL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Leader of a Six-Man Reconnaissance Patrol, Company D, Third Tank Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, from 20 to 24 December 1943. Boldly leading his patrol into hostile territory, Sergeant Cheal remained throughout the night in the Japanese bivouac area to obtain valuable information on enemy activity. Although the patrol suffered casualties when detected and fired upon the following day, he daringly continued his mission, tirelessly ministering to a wounded companion, giving him all of his own food and water and carrying him bodily through enemy-infested jungles to friendly lines. By his outstanding initiative and courageous fortitude, Sergeant Cheal made possible the completion of a vital, hazardous mission and his valiant devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Brigham, Utah  
B - Brigham, Utah



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

SERGEANT WAYNE B. CHEATWOOD,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Acting Platoon Leader, serving with Company A, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 20 June 1945. Unhesitatingly assuming command of his depleted unit when his platoon leader was wounded, Sergeant Cheatwood skillfully reorganized his inexperienced men under intense hostile machine-gun and small-arms fire and, imbuing them with his own indomitable fighting spirit and aggressive determination, vigorously pressed forward in the attack. Coolly and courageously directing his gallant Marines in the fierce fighting that followed, he succeeded in clearing the area in his assigned sector until, hindered by casualties and having lost contact with the adjacent platoons, he halted the offensive. Repeatedly exposing himself to draw the concentrated fire of the enemy, he directed the successful evacuation of the wounded and effected the safe withdrawal of his platoon to the company lines before he himself was mortally wounded. Sergeant Cheatwood's valiant leadership, great personal valor and unfaltering devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cullman, Alabama.

B--Edwardsville, Alabama.



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DGP-298-gjd

Spot Award.  
Serial 002194  
Signed MAR 21 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KARL M. CHENEY, U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against enemy Japanese forces while serving as a gunner with an anti-aircraft detachment of the Ninth Defense Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, protecting Zanana Beach, New Georgia Island, Solomon Islands, on July 8, 1943. Despite extremely difficult conditions imposed by almost impenetrable jungle undergrowth, Private First Class Cheney unhesitatingly volunteered to accompany a patrol on a hazardous assignment to clear an adjacent area of an unknown number of Japanese who were endangering personnel and vital installations on the only American beachhead. In the action following contact with hostile forces, he contributed materially to the success of his patrol in destroying or capturing five of the enemy. Private First Class Cheney's heroic conduct and outstanding devotion to duty throughout this mission were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B...Oxford, Mass. 6-25-15

R...Oxford, Mass.



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FMF, PACSER48443

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ERNEST N. CHENNAULT,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Leader of a Combat Engineer Platoon of the Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, attached to Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 2 March 1945. Engaged in blowing up Japanese caves and heavy gun emplacements when a rifle platoon became pinned down by hostile positions to its front, First Lieutenant Chennault led a group of his engineers through heavy enemy fire to the assistance of the platoon. After personally destroying several caves in the front lines with explosives, he placed himself in the line of riflemen and opened fire on the Japanese in order to cover wounded men and the litter bearers engaged in evacuating them. When one litter team was forced to cross an exposed area, First Lieutenant Chennault accompanied them and protected them from enemy fire. His courageous initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Dallas, Texas  
B-Gilbert, La.



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Approved 15-3-43  
Signed Wm L. S. 1943

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

CORPORAL ROBERT J. CHENOWETH, U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Marine Aircraft Group ~~FOURTEEN~~ in the Solomon Islands Area. On October 13, 1942, Corporal Chenoweth, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, courageously left his place of shelter during a severe shelling by Japanese naval forces in order to release men pinned to earth by a fallen tree. On October 18, he again risked his life to rescue an officer trapped in a plane which was burning and dangerously near the explosion point. His undaunted courage on both these occasions was responsible for saving the lives of men who otherwise might have perished."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX  
Secretary of the Navy.

The recommendation states that at the time of action this man was Corporal, but our records show that he made Cpl. 17 October 1942. Therefore, it is assumed that it was a field promotion at an earlier date.

R - Staples, Minn.  
B - Crosby, Minn.

Released  
6/20/42



542633  
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Spot Award  
Serial 0000  
Signed JUN 8 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD CHITLIK, 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 15, 1942. When heavy artillery fire destroyed  
telephone lines between Company A of the First Pioneer  
Battalion, First Marine Division, and Battalion Head-  
quarters, Private First Class Chitlik, along with  
another marine, started from the safe zone at Battalion  
Headquarters and carried two new wire lines through heavy  
shellfire until he reached the command post and restored  
communication. His heroic conduct, maintained at great  
personal risk in the face of grave danger, was in keeping  
with the highest traditions of the United States Naval  
Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of Navy.

Recommendation and temporary citation state rank as  
Private, but Promotion Section at Headquarters hold  
man as Private First Class from August 31, 1942.

R - Cleveland, Ohio.

B - Cleveland, Ohio.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

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Serial 44965  
Signed MAR 11 1948

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

CORPORAL ROLAND M. CHIASSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 28 February 1945. When his Squad Leader became a casualty, Corporal Chiasson assumed command of the squad and, skillfully leading his unit, contributed materially to the success of his company. When intense enemy machine-gun fire delayed the advance of his squad, he seized a rocket launcher, exposed himself to the hostile barrage in order to maneuver himself into a position to fire on the enemy machine gun nest and, by his accurate fire, eliminated the Japanese strong point and enabled his unit to advance. His initiative, skill and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Thibodaux, La.,  
B--Thibodaux, La.

Secretary of the Navy.



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DGP-298-Navy-FBB

CincPac Spot Ser. 0647  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT WALTER H. CHRISTENSON,  
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 Tank Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. When the lane of channel markers laid by his party over a 1200 yard shell and bomb-pocked coral reef were swept away during landing operations on D-Day, Sergeant Christenson unhesitatingly stood fast in his dangerous position, serving as a human channel marker despite the enemy's incessant shellfire to signal tanks on a safe route to the beach. By his daring initiative, dauntless perseverance and self-sacrificing devotion to the completion of an extremely perilous mission, Sergeant Christenson 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,

R- San Pedro, Calif.  
B- Wichita, Kansas.  
11 March 1917

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-sps

FMFPac SPOT  
Serial 00422

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD L. CHRISTIAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 16 September 1944. At the height of a strong Japanese counterattack against his position on the eastern side of the airstrip, Private First Class Christian took the Browning automatic rifle of a friend who had been sent to the rear for hand grenades and proceeded to deliver fire on the enemy. Fearlessly exposing himself to intense mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire in order to operate this weapon more effectively, he succeeded in annihilating at least twenty hostile troops. Continuing to use the weapon efficiently throughout the remainder of the campaign, Private First Class Christian, by his skill, initiative and courageous devotion to duty, upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R - Vallejo, Calif.  
B - Penelope, Texas.

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.



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DGP-298-VGV

Spot Award.  
Serial 0039  
Signed JUN 8 1943

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN CHUDIO, U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the First Service Battalion, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on the night of October 15, 1942. Under tremendous hostile bombardment, Private First Class Chudio, when a close shellburst caved in a dugout and buried two of his comrades, unhesitatingly left his own shelter and exposed himself to enemy fire in response to their cries for help. Quickly removing sandbags and other suffocating debris which pinned them down in a narrow enclosure of dust and smoke, he successfully extricated the two men and led them back to the safety of his own dugout. By his courageous initiative, maintained at great risk in the face of grave danger, he undoubtedly saved the lives of two men who might otherwise have perished."

For the President,  
FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Detroit, Michigan.

B - Detroit, Michigan.

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DGP-298-nvw

Spot Award  
Serial 002194  
Signed MAR 21 1944

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

BERGEANT NEAL R. CHURCH, U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against enemy Japanese forces while serving as a gunner with an anti-aircraft detachment of the Ninth Defense Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, protecting Tanana Beach, New Georgia Island, Solomon Islands, on July 8, 1943. Despite extremely difficult conditions imposed by almost impenetrable jungle undergrowth, Sergeant Church unhesitatingly volunteered to accompany a patrol on a hazardous assignment to clear an adjacent area of an unknown number of Japanese who were endangering personnel and vital installations on the only American beachhead. Upon contacting the enemy, he killed one man and wounded another while effecting his capture. Sergeant Church's heroic conduct and outstanding devotion to duty throughout this mission were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B--McAlester, Oklahoma 5-16-20  
R--Cleveland, Ohio



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Appd SofM 11-21-45  
Serial 082474  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ OCT 10 1945

*Max Frank*

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

PRIVATE JOHN T. CHVOJKA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine Gunner, serving with Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 21 May 1945. While defending a platoon position, Private Chvojka saw a small force of the enemy infiltrating through the lines and, rather than shoot toward them and the rear of his own platoon, armed himself with a rifle and grenades, left his foxhole and fearlessly went in search of them. Upon finding the enemy, he killed all of them in close combat. While returning to his position, he daringly engaged a group of Japanese troops setting up an automatic weapon and, fighting gallantly against fierce opposition succeeded in destroying five of them. His cool courage and heroic aggressiveness reflect the highest credit upon Private Chvojka and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--North Star, Michigan  
E--Erekenridge, Michigan

SSMw/perm.cit.& OMC ltr. was forwarded via registered mail to the parents of the late Pvt. Chvojka, Mr.& Mrs. Frank P. Chvojka, ~~Mrs.&Mr.~~ on 23Nov46 by the OinC, USMCDHRS, Detroit, Mich. Appropriate publicity was sent to local newspaper.

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Spot Award.  
Serial 0478  
Signed NOV 17 1943

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

SERGEANT JOSEPH J. CIANCI, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Second Marine Raider Battalion during operations against enemy Japanese forces near Binu, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 11, 1942. Caught in an open field when the point of his company engaged the Japanese at the edge of a wood, Sergeant Cianci, commanding a 60mm. mortar section, courageously fought his mortars in the face of severe hostile fire, and although forced to move his section eighteen times while firing twenty-two rounds, his accurate and deadly aim had a telling effect on the enemy. By his skillful leadership and excellent judgment he not only aided in the withdrawal of his company to a covered position, but saved the members of his section from suffering a single casualty. His conduct throughout 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, New York  
B- New York, New York,



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Serial 00/72  
Spot Award  
Signed DEC 28 1944

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT STEVE J. CIBIK, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Reinforced Rifle Platoon attached to the Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, during the assault and capture of a Japanese-held ridge at Piva Forks, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 20, 1943. Surrounded by an overwhelming number of hostile forces while defending a vitally important ridge six hundred yards in advance of his front lines and commanding the entire area in which our troops were operating, First Lieutenant Cibik determined to retain his position and, gallantly leading his men through-out thirty-five hours of fierce combat during which the enemy made repeated attempts to drive his platoon from the entrenchment, held the ridge until his command was relieved. Under his inspiring and forceful leadership his men destroyed at least thirty of the enemy during this prolonged battle and retained the commanding ground which proved of the utmost importance in driving the Japanese from the area. By his daring initiative and valiant fighting spirit, First Lieutenant Cibik contributed materially to the success of the engagement, and his 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--Leechburg, Pa.  
B-- " " "

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CincPac  
Appd Soft 1-11-45  
Serial 07824  
Signed APR 18 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EMIL R. CIGOI, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of a Demolition Team serving with the First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island in the Palau Group from 15 to 18 September 1944. With the entire demolition team put out of action during the critical stage of the initial landing, Private First Class CigoI unhesitatingly volunteered to act as runner in an effort to bring up tanks urgently needed to frustrate the enemy's tank-led opposition and, making numerous trips to the rear under continuous hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire, guided the vital tanks into position, thereby assisting materially in smashing the Japanese counterstroke. Subsequently, during the attack across the airfield through enemy artillery and mortar barrages, Private First Class CigoI repeatedly carried inter-platoon messages of essential importance in maintaining the organization of the platoon and in advancing the attack, but was killed while performing one of these voluntary missions. His daring initiative, great personal valor and unwavering devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

A--Aines, Illinois

B--Elmhurst, Illinois

SM. perm cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 21 July by OinC, USMCDHRS, Rm.172, Fed'l Off Bldg, Washington & 2nd Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. to the widow of the late PFC. CigoI, Emil R. CigoI, Rt.1, Bigfort, Minn., informally at DHRS.



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Appd SofN 1-10-46  
Serial 032567  
Signed MAY 23 1947

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

CORPORAL DENNIS CIMENTAL  
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 A, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 3 May 1945. When his company's advance up a strongly defended ridge was halted by a fiercely fighting enemy hurling grenades and satchel charges from the crest and far side of the hill, Corporal Cimental, accompanied by another Marine, inched courageously to the top of the hill under the exploding charges and, engaging the hostile forces from his exposed position, killed several of them with rifle fire. Corporal Cimental's daring and unwavering devotion to duty inspired his comrades to renew the assault with fresh vigor and achieve the objective, and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

R..Bakersfield, Calif.  
B..Tehachapi, Calif.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mrs. Celestine S. Cimental, mother of the late Crp. Dennis Cimental on 18Aug47 by OinC USMCDHRS, Los Angeles, Calif. informally at Sub-Dist. Hdq. Recr. Station, Bakersfield, Calif.

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FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 42750  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE E. CIRE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Landing with the reserve company of an assault battalion, Second Lieutenant Cire led his platoon forward in rear of an assault company and, observing that it was disorganized, alerted his men to pass through it. Moving his platoon to the front, he directed the annihilation of hostile personnel in three pillboxes and in numerous fire trenches. When fire from an enemy emplacement pinned down his platoon, Second Lieutenant Cire returned to the beach and, obtaining a tank, guided the armored vehicle by walking before it in the face of hostile fire. Although wounded while on this mission, he continued to lead the tank to his platoon area and, by directing its fire on the Japanese emplacement, neutralized the enemy strong point and enabled his unit to continue its advance. His initiative, exemplary leadership 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..Houston, Texas.,  
B..Houston, Texas



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SERIAL 61805  
Signed----- DEC 9 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEWIS GLADIN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader of a Rifle Platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 May 1945. When his company was forced to withdraw in the face of heavy hostile artillery and machine-gun fire, First Lieutenant Gladin courageously stood up in front of his platoon and, despite extreme danger to himself, threw smoke grenades to cover retiring movements of the platoon. Although he sustained a painful neck wound, he steadfastly refused to leave his post and continued to cover withdrawal until he collapsed. By his valiant actions, First Lieutenant Gladin upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Sarasofa, Fla.  
B-Tarpon Spings, Fla.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Cincpac  
Appd SofN 1-29-46  
Serial 52719  
Signed JUN 23 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN J. CLAMPITT,  
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 the Observation Post of the Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 18 June 1945. Returning to the observation post after accomplishing a mission to the rear, Private First Class Clampitt spotted a group of approximately twenty-five Japanese soldiers hidden in caves from which they were directing extremely heavy short-range rifle fire into the rear of the post. Alert to the grave danger threatening the Regimental Commander and other officers and men, he unhesitatingly engaged the enemy in a fierce fire fight, killing three Japanese riflemen and driving the remainder from their stronghold into a clearing before he, himself, fell mortally wounded by hostile fire. By this heroic act, he insured the safety of the personnel at the post, enabling them to annihilate the fleeing Japanese riflemen. Private First Class Clampitt's courageous devotion to duty, indomitable fighting spirit and self-sacrificing efforts on behalf of his fellow Marines 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, Mo.  
B..Kansas City, Mo.

SSM & Perm. Cit. & CMC ltr. pres'd to Mrs. Ann Clampitt, mother of the late pfc. Clampitt on 22 Jul 47 by OinC USMC HDRS, Kansas City, Mo. informally.



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

CORPORAL ERNEST CLANCY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Bulldozer Operator of Company G, First Pioneer Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 18 September 1944. Called upon to maneuver his bulldozer into position to destroy an enemy pillbox which had halted the advance of our troops, Corporal Clancy braved machine-gun fire and grenades and succeeded in destroying the enemy position and crushing its occupants. When a Japanese soldier rushed him with a bayonet while he was advancing against the emplacement, he coolly drew his pistol and shot the interceptor. His skill, courage and aggressive devotion to duty were contributing factors in the advance of his unit and reflect great credit on Corporal Clancy and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Detroit, Mich.  
B - Kimmout, Ky.

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FMF, PAC SER 48443

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

CAPTAIN JOHN B. CLAPP,  
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, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 26 February 1945. After being wounded by a Japanese shell and evacuated to the battalion aid station, Captain Clapp voluntarily returned to his company and, although suffering from concussion, led his company in the assault against a very heavily defended enemy position. Repeatedly exposing himself to heavy hostile machine-gun and artillery fire in order to keep the attack coordinated, he sustained additional wounds while issuing orders to a subordinate on the front lines. Evacuated shortly thereafter, Captain Clapp, by his fortitude, determination and courageous leadership, contributed to the success of this action, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS  
Secretary of the Navy.

R-La Jolla, Calif.  
B-Parris island, So. Carolina.



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Appd SofN 10-25-45  
Serial 34901  
Signed SEP 4 1946

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT EARNEST A. CLARK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 22 February 1945. While maneuvering his platoon into position alongside a unit that had suffered heavy casualties, Second Lieutenant Clark observed four critically wounded Marines lying in a fire lane covered by enemy machine guns. In the face of intense mortar and small-arms fire and further handicapped by a driving rain, he proceeded to the helpless Marines and, in four trips, carried the men to a place of comparative safety. He then organized litter teams and directed the evacuation of the wounded men for medical treatment. His courageous conduct, daring leadership and gallant concern for the welfare of others reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Clark and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Seminary, Mississippi  
B.--Seminary, Mississippi

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT EDWARD L. CLARK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of the Command Post of Company B, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 19 September 1944. Observing two men lying wounded in a listening post beyond our troops during a heavy enemy barrage of artillery and mortar fire along the front lines, Gunnery Sergeant Clark dashed forward despite the concentrations of high explosive falling close by, and carried one unconscious man to the Command Post. Disregarding serious wounds sustained on this trip and refusing aid, he again ran forward through the fire-swept zone and succeeded in rescuing the second wounded man. By his perseverance and cool courage under fire, Gunnery Sergeant Clark, saved the lives of the two Marines. 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-Lawton, Okla,  
B-Lawton, Okla.



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

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK C. CLARK,  
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 Second Engineer Battalion, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 2 August 1944. When his Battalion Command Post was attacked by approximately one hundred and fifty Japanese, First Lieutenant Clark worked his way through the intense fire to a position near the point of attack and skillfully threw demolition charges into the hostile ranks, killing many of the enemy. Repeatedly making his way through heavy hostile machine-gun and rifle fire, he personally evacuated several Marine casualties until serious wounds necessitated his own evacuation. 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-Springfield, Mass.  
B-Springfield, Mass.

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Serial 13001  
Signed SEP 9 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANK K. CLARK,  
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 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 1 August 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 Clark 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. By his relentless fighting spirit and indomitable courage, Private First Class Clark 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--Auburndale, Mass.  
B--Newton, Mass.



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HEADQUARTERS  
PHILIPPINE COAST ARTILLERY COMMAND  
Fort Mills, Philippine Islands

9 April, 1942

GENERAL ORDERS )

Number .... 22)

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:

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GOLLAND L. CLARK, JR., 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 Clark, 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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SPOT  
Serial 1739  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN D. CLARK, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity  
as Executive Officer of Company G, Second Battal-  
ion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division,  
in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo  
Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 and 23 February 1945.  
Assuming command when his Company Commander be-  
came a casualty, First Lieutenant Clark constant-  
ly exposed himself to hostile machine-gun and  
mortar fire in order to place men and weapons  
in defensive positions to hold bitterly contest-  
ed ground and to maintain liaison with units on  
his flanks. Although his company was reduced  
to half strength by the Japanese fire, he re-  
ceived orders to attack and, rallying his men,  
led them against the enemy's most heavily de-  
fended position. When cross-fires from hostile  
bunkers and pillboxes delayed his assault pla-  
toons, he personally led them in a furious hand-  
to-hand assault of these positions until severely  
wounded. His indomitable fighting spirit, coura-  
geous leadership and devotion to duty were in  
keeping with the highest traditions of the United  
States Naval Service."

R--Maplewood, N. J.,  
B--Orange, N. J.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.



CLARK

Perm.Cit & cong.ltr. for SS sent to:

CO, 8th Mar., 2nd Mar.Div., FMF

352632

DGP-298-nvw

Spot Award  
Serial 2761  
Signed DEC 22 1943

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

PRIVATE KENNETH W. CLARK, U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Eighth Marines, Reinforced, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, January 2-4, 1943. During this period of intense patrol activity, Private Clark, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, repeatedly rushed enemy-occupied positions, killing the occupants and capturing or destroying arms and ammunition. He voluntarily engaged in these activities fully aware that once he entered hostile territory the supporting fire of his comrades could no longer cover his actions. Private Clark's daring courage and valiant devotion to duty under extremely hazardous conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

*Released  
Previously*  
R - Whitewater, Wisconsin

B - Jefferson, Wisconsin

374868  
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 MAX L. CLARK,  
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 squad viciously counterattacked by a strong hostile force, Corporal Clark voluntarily left his position of comparative safety and pressed forward against the bitter resistance and, relentlessly charging the enemy with hand grenades, killed five of the enemy and repelled the bitter onslaught in that sector. By his daring initiative, valiant fighting spirit and cool courage in the face of grave danger, Corporal Clark contributed immeasurably 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."

For the President,

R--Farragut, Iowa.,  
B--Blanchard, Iowa.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.



344283  
DGP-298-nvw

Spot Award  
Serial 002194  
Signed MAR 21 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS OTIS CLARK, U.S.M.C.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against enemy Japanese forces while serving as a gunner with an anti-aircraft detachment of the Ninth Defense Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, protecting Zanana Beach, New Georgia Island, Solomon Islands, on July 8, 1943. Despite extremely difficult conditions imposed by almost impenetrable jungle undergrowth, Private First Class Clark unhesitatingly volunteered to accompany a patrol on a hazardous assignment to clear an adjacent area of an unknown number of Japanese who were endangering personnel and vital installations on the only American beachhead. In the action following contact with hostile forces, he contributed materially to the success of his patrol in destroying or capturing five of the enemy. Private First Class Clark's heroic conduct and outstanding devotion to duty throughout this mission were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

B--Arkadelphia, Ala. 5-17-22  
R--Cordova, Ala.

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DGP-298-bgj

Cincpac  
App. SofN 7-19-45  
Serial 32306  
Signed FEB 7 1946

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAPHAEL D. CLARK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Radio Operator 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. Despite severe wounds received during the initial landing on Iwo Jima, Private First Class Clark refused to be evacuated and, lying on the beach under terrific enemy fire, kept communications uninterrupted by the skillful and efficient operation of his equipment. Remaining steadfast at his post of duty until he lost consciousness, Private First Class Clark aided essentially in effecting the successful landing of assault troops on the beach and in expediting their advance across the island. His outstanding technical ability, fortitude, and resolute devotion to duty at great risk to his own life 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..Oakland, Calif.

B..Oakland, Calif.

SSM, perm. cit. and ltr. fr. CMC was presented to mother of the late Pfc. Clark Mrs. Mildred V. Munro, 664 22nd St., Oakland, Calif. Medal was presented with simple ceremony at Marine Barracks, Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, Calif. Photographers fr. two local papers were present and the Depot paper. Ceremony was simple.



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DGP-295-eln

CinCPac  
App. SOF 1-25-45  
Serial 150  
Signed JUL 10 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT V. CLARK, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Eighteenth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, 3 July 1944. When the forward movement of our troops in one sector was being held up by heavy fire from a Japanese emplacement, Private First Class Clark, on his own initiative, courageously exposed himself to intense enemy fire while advancing on the emplacement and succeeded in destroying it with demolitions. Although killed by a hostile sniper immediately following his heroic act, he had insured the safe and rapid advance of friendly troops through this area and, by his valiant spirit of self-sacrifice and steadfast devotion to duty, had contributed materially toward the ultimate success of a vital campaign. His courageous 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--Portland, Oregon.

B--Sacramento, Calif.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres'd. by CinC, Portland, Oregon (USMC Dist. Hqs. Ind. and Rec. Station, Rm. 208, U.S. Court Hse, SW Broadway & Maine Sts. Portland) on 5 Sep 1945 to prints of the late PFC Clark, Mr. & Mrs. Vernon M. Clark, 1930 SW 5th St., Portland 1, Ore. Pres. part of program sponsored by City of Portland in celebration of citory & was also final session of the Dept. of Oregon Amer. Leg. Convention. Approx. 2700 persons present incl. Nat'l. Comdr. of Amer. Legion Mayor of Portland, Hon. Senator Guy Cordon of Oregon. Present also were members of the British, Chinese and Russian consulate & members of the Marine Corps League.

499115  
DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 44532  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL THOMAS J. CLARK,  
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 D, Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 15 March 1945. Leading his squad in an assault on a ridge in his company's zone of action in the face of heavy enemy fire, Corporal Clark received wounds which necessitated his evacuation. Returning to his post of duty within an hour, he led the remnants of his squad against the same enemy-held ridge, personally routing the hostile forces by throwing grenades into caves and pillboxes. Although wounded for the second time and again ordered to the rear, he had served as an inspiration to the entire company. 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--Moline, Illinois.  
B--St. Louis, Missouri.



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AGPD-B 201 Clark, Vernon C.  
(3 Sep 46) USMCR

Silver Star

6 September 1946

Commanding General  
Fifth Army  
Chicago, Illinois

*Bougainville*

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918, the Silver Star was awarded by the War Department to Second Lieutenant Vernon C. Clark, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action on 28 December 1943.

2. The Commanding General, Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, has been directed to have a Silver Star medal appropriately engraved and to forward it to you for presentation to Lieutenant Clark, 306 Bartram Road, Riverside, Illinois.

3. An official citation pertaining to this award is inclosed for presentation with the decoration.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. N. GARDNER,  
Adjutant General

1 Incl  
Citation

Copy for: Commandant  
United States Marine Corps  
Washington 25, D. C.

C O P Y

Sample citation for Silver Star Medal.

Second Lieutenant Vernon C. Clark, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina area, Bougainville Island, British Solomon Islands, on December 28, 1943. Second Lieutenant Clark was the leader of the first assault platoon of a company which attacked a prepared enemy position from the rear. Under heavy Japanese machine gun and rifle fire, he personally destroyed two enemy emplacements. His leadership, aggressiveness, and courage under adverse conditions inspired his men, and contributed heavily toward the success of his platoon's mission. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States naval service.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT ELMO L. CLARKE,  
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, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. Embarked on a tank lighter which bogged down on a coral reef a considerable distance from shore during landing operations on D-Day, Sergeant Clarke immediately swam to the beach under the enemy's concentrated shellfire, stripped off his pack and returned to aid others in danger of drowning. Undaunted by the intense machine-gun and mortar fire directed at the lighter, he repeatedly made his way to and from the area to rescue five men and bring them to shore. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and valiant disregard of his own danger, Sergeant Clarke was an inspiration to those with whom he served and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Corvallis, Oregon  
B- Portland, Oregon  
1 October 1918  $\frac{1}{2}$

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN F. CLARKE,  
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 Forward Scout serving with the Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, on 20 September 1944. Observing the leading scout lying wounded and helplessly exposed to hostile fire as he courageously advanced forward of his platoon during a hazardous attack against a heavily-fortified Japanese ridge, Private First Class Clarke unhesitatingly made his way through intense machine-gun and rifle fire in an effort to rescue his comrade. Struck down by the enemy, he immediately stood up and heroically continued to move forward until mortally wounded upon reaching his stricken companion. Private First Class Clarke's outstanding valor and self-sacrificing conduct on behalf of another were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by  
OO, Washington, D.C. at 1530, 11-  
16-45 to the mother of the late PFC  
Clarke, Mrs Mary E. Clarke, 8013  
Illinois, Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C.  
Form pres at MAs, D.C. at a battalion  
review.

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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



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App. S of N 4-23-44  
Serial 1650  
Signed Jul 3 1944

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAVID K. CLAUDE, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as military observer attached to the Second Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, November 20-22, 1943. Constantly subjected to a devastating barrage of enemy rifle and machine-gun fire while proceeding to the beach in a landing boat, Lieutenant Colonel Claude sighted a number of seriously wounded men in danger of drowning. Unhesitatingly exposing himself to the direct line of hostile fire, he valiantly plunged into the treacherous waters, repeatedly swimming distances of from 30 to 75 yards in order to bring the men back to his own boat from which they were transferred to other craft for medical attention. Finally gaining the beachhead after successfully completing his perilous task, Lieutenant Colonel Claude gathered information vital to subsequent operations before he was killed by enemy fire while proceeding on an important mission to a forward command post. His splendid initiative, great personal valor and unrelenting devotion to duty in the face of grave peril directly contributed to the saving of many lives 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-Orange, Virginia  
B-Annapolis, Maryland

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 11134  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROLLAND J. CLAUSSEN,  
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 G, Third Battalion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 4 March 1945. When heavy fire from two enemy machine guns was holding up the advance of his platoon with grenades and small-arms fire had failed, Private First Class Claussen voluntarily advanced alone in the face of the hostile fire, outflanked the Japanese machine gunners and forced them to withdraw to a cave. Obtaining a flame thrower, he then proceeded to the cave under enemy fire, assaulted it and annihilated the occupants. By his bold initiative and fighting spirit, he enabled his platoon to continue its advance, and his unwavering devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Wilton Junction, Iowa.,  
B..Wilton Junction, Iowa.



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DGP-298-rkz

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 10-4-45  
Serial 35797  
Signed AUG 27 1946

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

PRIVATE CARL A. CLAUSSEER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Machine Gunner, serving with Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-Fourth Marines, in action against the enemy on Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 28 February 1945. When his platoon, which had advanced and captured a Japanese fortified stronghold, was ordered to reorganize and move into a more advantageous position for the night and it was discovered that three wounded Marines were left behind, Private Clausser and six other men volunteered to return to the hostile lines to search for and rescue their wounded comrades. Advancing with the others over two-hundred yards into enemy territory in the face of heavy mortar and machine-gun fire, he helped to neutralize an enemy pillbox and to remove the wounded men to safety. His courageous conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon Private Clausser and the United States Naval Service."

SSMW/perm cit & CMC ltr forwarded by reg mail to the prnts of the late Pvt. Clausser, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Clausser, Federalsburg, Md., on 22 Oct 46 by the CO, MB, Washington, D.C.

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Federalsburg, Maryland.  
B--Hurlock, Maryland.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL NORMAN B. CLAVEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Group Leader of Company C, First Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Exposing himself to severe enemy machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire, Corporal Clavey grasped an automatic rifle, moved forward of his company and, standing erect to bring his fire into an enemy trench from which fire was holding up his unit's advance, emptied four magazines, killing ten hostile soldiers and putting two machine guns out of action. Returning to his group, he led it forward to its objective. By his initiative and cool courage, he spurred his men to advance 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-Glenview, Ill.  
B-Glenview, Ill.



288397  
DGP-298-nvw

Spot Award  
Serial 0057  
Signed APR 22 1944

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

SERGEANT LE ROY C. CLEARY, U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
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 attack on Puruata Island, British Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1943. Serving as a member of a 75 millimeter self-propelled anti-tank gun, Sergeant Cleary unhesitatingly advanced into the jungle to assist in reducing an enemy position of three strongly defended pill boxes well protected by hostile snipers. Although seriously wounded by severe enemy fire which killed or injured every man in the crew, he steadfastly continued to keep the gun in action until the hostile stronghold was destroyed. Sergeant Cleary's great personal valor and tenacious devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Oconomowoc, Wisc.  
B - Oconomowoc, Wisc.

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Spot  
Serial 0812  
Signed JAN 8 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS R. CLEARY, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Gunner of a Machine Gun Squad of Company D, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Hill 150, Cape Gloucester, New Britain, 10 January 1944. Volunteering to assist as rifleman in Company C during an assault against a strongly fortified Japanese position well concealed in dense and hilly country, Private First Class Cleary unhesitatingly braved the relentless fury of an enemy machine gun which was inflicting many casualties among our own men and, hurling his hand grenade with aggressive determination, destroyed the gun and its entire crew. Although mortally wounded near the edge of the hostile emplacement, Private First Class Cleary, by his courage, indomitable fighting spirit and unfaltering devotion to duty in the face of tremendous odds, had contributed to the ultimate success of the attack 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--Pound Ridge, New York.  
B--Bridgeport, Connecticut.



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DGP-298-eln

Cincpac  
App. SofN 2-1-45  
Serial 99  
Signed OCT 5 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ARTHUR E. CLEMENTS, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

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 on Guam, Marianas Islands, 8 August 1944. Informed that a Marine lay wounded and helpless on an exposed area nearby, where intense enemy fire made rescue work extremely hazardous, Private First Class Clements, with members of his wire team, unhesitatingly started to the aid of the helpless man, although immediately pinned down by Japanese fire, counterattacked and continued firing until their ammunition was expended. Replenishing his supply at the rear, Private First Class Clements, selflessly disregarding his own safety, again attempted to reach the wounded man but was killed before attaining his objective. His valiant sacrifice and outstanding devotion to duty throughout at the risk of his own life reflect great credit upon Private First Class Clements and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Mulgo, Ala.  
B..Birmingham, Ala.

SSM, cit. and ltr. fr. CMC were presented to parents of the late Pfc. Arthur E. Clements, Jr., in a public ceremony at Bayview Village community house on 28 April 1946. Appropriate publicity was given the presentation. Was made by the OinC, Southeastern Rec. Division, Birmingham, Ala.

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DGP-298-ebg

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS J. CLIFFORD,  
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, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Although painfully wounded early in the assault, First Lieutenant Clifford remained steadfast in his tank and, accompanied by another vehicle, proceeded through a hazardous mine field to support the attack on an airfield. Cool and determined, he directed a successful assault against several hostile pillboxes and emplacements, thereby materially aiding our troops in their advance. By his initiative, courage and unwavering devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Clifford upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Calvin, N. Dak.  
B..Langdon, N. Dak.



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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

CincPac  
SPOT  
Serial 0647  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL ROBERT H. GLYMER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters and Service Company, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November 1943. Skilled and aggressive during fierce combat against a deeply entrenched enemy in the central sector of Betio Island, Corporal Glymer 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--Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.,  
B--Columbia, Tenn.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 54922  
Signed OCT 6 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLARENCE G. COATNEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 7 March 1945. When his companion was wounded by hostile machine-gun fire while returning from the front line, Private First Class Coatney promptly obtained some hand grenades and, crawling to within range of the enemy gun, stood up and threw several grenades to destroy the emplacement and kill its crew, after which he assisted the stricken man to an aid station. By his courage and initiative, Private First Class Coatney upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Vroman, Colorado  
B--Manzanola, Colorado.



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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

SECOND LIEUTENANT CHARLES T. COBB, USMCR.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a member of Company I, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Solomon Islands on November 3, 1942. While temporarily attached to a battalion launching an assault against the enemy, Second Lieutenant Cobb, in the face of heavy machine gun and mortar fire, maintained excellent control of his company and coordinated the final assault stages of the attack in perfect unison with other attacking units. By his outstanding leadership and courageous aggressiveness, he contributed to the annihilation of an enemy strong point of approximately one battalion."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Orlando, Fla.

B-Verbena, Ala.

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 6067  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CAPTAIN BRUCE L. COBURN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity  
as Commanding Officer of Company K, Third Battal-  
ion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in  
action against enemy Japanese forces during the  
assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 24 June 1944.  
Ordered to attack enemy positions in a heavily  
wooded ravine, Captain Coburn deployed his men  
for the attack on the hostile strong points, which  
consisted of heavy machine guns covering the steep-  
walled approaches to the ravine and, although  
wounded three times in the leg, disregarded his  
painful injuries to remove a more seriously wounded  
man from the line of enemy fire, after which he  
continued to direct the operation and refused to  
be evacuated until its success had been assured.  
His outstanding leadership and devotion to duty  
under fire were in keeping with the highest tradi-  
tions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Vicksburg, Mich.,  
B--Battle Creek, Mich.



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FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 7630  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PLATOON SERGEANT CLYDE COCHRAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Section Leader of an Assault Platoon of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 15 to 28 September 1944. Volunteering to carry out patrols although his duties did not require it, Platoon Sergeant Cochran repeatedly participated in the assault in the front lines. On 26 September, during an attack on a strategic enemy hill, he disregarded hostile grenades and voluntarily manning a flame thrower, worked his way to the Japanese caves, effectively employing the weapon against two of the opposing positions. On 28 and 29 September, inasmuch as his company was not committed to the assault, he volunteered his services to an assault company. He frequently aided his company's advance by placing demolition charges on active enemy caves and setting them off. His initiative, courage, and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Indianapolis, Ind.,  
B--Rutherfordton, N. C.

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-ebg

FMFPac  
Spot Ser. 00396

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ELMER L. COCHRAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of an Assault Platoon of Company L, Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 15 to 25 September 1944. Assuming the duties of Executive Officer when four of the officers in his company became casualties, First Lieutenant Cochran braved heavy enemy rifle, machine-gun, mortar and artillery fire to carry out his duties. Although wounded by shrapnel on 22 September when his company was attacking a high coral ridge, defended by enemy troops strongly entrenched in caves, he refused to be evacuated and, rallying his men, led them in a furious assault which resulted in the seizure of the Japanese positions and the elimination of a large number of the enemy. His courage, leadership and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Cochran and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Paducah, Ky.  
B..Mayfield, Ky.



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FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 00422

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

SERGEANT WILLIAM T. COCHRAN,  
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, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 17 September 1944. When intense machine-gun and rifle fire from a hostile pillbox temporarily halted the advance of his squad during a company attack on the southwestern peninsula, Sergeant Cochran skillfully maneuvered his reserve fire team into a position from which it could effectively place covering fire on the enemy entrenchment. In the face of increased fire from other hostile emplacements, he crept to a point from which he could approach the pillbox from the flank and, although wounded in the chest and arms by a Japanese mortar shell, continued his advance toward the emplacement. Attacking the pillbox with smoke grenades and an automatic weapon, he destroyed the hostile machine gun, killed five of the enemy and, despite the continued loss of blood from his wounds, persisted in directing his squad's assault on the remaining hostile defenses until he was ordered to return to the aid station. His aggressive leadership, indomitable fighting spirit and courageous devotion to duty reflect great credit on Sergeant Cochran and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.

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

418540  
DGP-298-ebg

ComGenFMFPac Ser 79496  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT JACK W. COEN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Platoon Sergeant of Company G, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 2 and 5 May 1945. Unhesitatingly assuming command of the platoon when its leader was seriously wounded during a heavy enemy night counterattack, Sergeant Coen fearlessly exposed himself to heavy hostile automatic weapons and rifle fire to direct his platoon more effectively in repelling the attack which resulted in the destruction of more than fifty Japanese. Painfully wounded in the chest and shoulder on 5 May in an attack on strongly-entrenched enemy positions under heavy hostile automatic weapons and mortar fire, he refused evacuation and, leading his platoon in an assault on the enemy positions, killed many hostile troops and captured the objective. His outstanding leadership and courageous devotion to duty in the face of Japanese 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..San Jose, Calif.  
B..Rossland, B.C. Canada



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DGP-298-eln

CG, FMF, Pac  
App. SofN 4-19-45  
Serial 13041  
Signed DEC 11 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT TOM R. COFFEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tinian, Marianas Islands, on 24 July 1944. Dispatched as leader of a rifle platoon to wipe out a Japanese sniper strong point, First Lieutenant Coffey voluntarily exposed himself to a fanatic enemy to place demolition charges in the area and, laboring tirelessly and with outstanding courage despite the extreme danger, steadfastly continued his perilous task until mortally struck down by the enemy. By his daring initiative, exceptional fortitude and zealous devotion to the completion of an important mission, First Lieutenant Coffey contributed materially to the success of our operations against this heavily fortified stronghold 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..Portland, Ore.  
B..Portland, Ore.

SSM, perm. cit. and ltr. fr. CMC were presented to Joel Coffey, 2635 S.W. Georgian Place, Portland, Oregon, a brother of the late Lt. Coffey. Presentation was made by Major General Larkin. Presentation ceremony was held in the office of the OinC, and was attended by members of the press and photographers. News Stories have been released covering the pres.

372943  
DGP-298-rf

Spot Award  
Serial 891  
Signed SEP 24 1943

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

PRIVATE HERBERT L. COFFIN, JR., USMC.,  
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. Although severely wounded during a Japanese counterattack at night, Private Coffin, refusing to be evacuated for medical attention, remained at his post until the enemy action was completely repulsed. By his inspiring courage and devotion to duty he materially aided his platoon in the ultimate destruction of the enemy. His gallant conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Watertown, Massachusetts

E - Somerville, Massachusetts



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

MAJOR CHARLES L. COGSWELL, U.S.M.C.R.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while a member of the Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on August 29 and September 2, 1942. On the former date, after enemy bombs set fire to an ammunition dump, and four days later, after enemy naval bombardment had fired an aviation gas and high explosive munitions dump, Major Cogswell organized fire-fighting parties and unmindful of exploding shells, advanced at the head of his detachment, fighting the blaze until he was painfully wounded by a shell fragment. Largely as a result of his valiant actions, many lives and much invaluable equipment were saved."

For the President,

/s/ Frank Knox  
Secretary of the Navy.

Copy.

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Spot Award, 1942  
Serial 18  
Signed MAR 18 1943

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

CORPORAL THEODORE COGSWELL, U. S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Regimental Intelligence Observer of the First Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Tenaru Sector, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, August 21, 1942. By his accurate and timely observation and report of enemy activity, Corporal Cogswell rendered valuable service until the communication wire from his station to the Command Post had been severed. Promptly taking a position on the front lines, he engaged the enemy in furious hand-to-hand combat and aided effectively in driving back the enemy with great losses and in preventing them from establishing a foothold on the western side of the Tenaru River. Although wounded during the action, Corporal Cogswell continued to hold his position in spite of intense opposition throughout the Japanese attack."

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...South Pasadena, California

B...Spokane, Washington



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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

SECOND LIEUTENANT MAX COHEN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Third Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 23 November 1943. Pinned down by shattering hostile machine-gun and sniper fire in a position approximately two hundred yards to the rear of our front lines while commanding a party of twenty men carrying vitally needed water and salt to our assault troops, Second Lieutenant Cohen immediately organized and deployed his men for an attack against the enemy. Fighting relentlessly against fanatic opposition, he valiantly led his unit in destroying a hostile pillbox with the entire crew and in killing five Japanese snipers with minimum loss to his own party. By his skilled and intrepid leadership, his daring aggressiveness and courageous initiative in the face of grave peril, Second Lieutenant Cohen insured a safe route for supplying front-line troops and contributed immeasurably to the ultimate success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold. His zealous devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Cohen, his fearless men and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Corpus Christi, Texas.  
B--Pinsk, Texas.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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SPOT  
FMF PAC  
Ser 90521

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

WARRANT OFFICER CURTIS E. COKER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Communications Platoon of the Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 18 May 1945. While carrying out a reconnaissance mission for a command post location, Warrant Officer Coker entered an abandoned enemy dugout, in company with another officer, to determine the possibility of its use for command post installations. When a cleverly concealed grenade booby trap was ignited, he unhesitatingly picked up the grenade and, throwing it into a far corner of the dugout, immediately dropped to the ground between his companion and the deadly missile. Although the subsequent explosion severely wounded his hand, Warrant Officer Coker was responsible for shielding his comrade and those outside the enclosure from possible injury or death. His prompt and courageous action in the face of grave personal risk was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

DAN A. KIMBALL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - La Mesa, Calif  
B - New Albany, Miss.



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DGP-398-ein

*On Book*  
Cinopac  
App. SoIN 4-23-45  
Serial 2277  
Signed 8-29-45

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

CORPORAL JIMMY COLAGERAKIS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Group Leader of a Rifle Squad serving with the 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. Courageously leading his group in every attack throughout this period, Corporal Colagerakis repeatedly volunteered as scout and patrol leader, boldly moving into enemy territory to obtain vital information. When his company was pinned down on its final objective on 9 July, he skillfully maneuvered his group into advantageous firing positions and, in the face of accurate and intense hostile volleys, ably directed his men in delivering vigorous fire upon well-concealed Japanese riflemen. Mortally wounded during this heroic action, Corporal Colagerakis, by his fearless fighting spirit and unflagging zeal, had contributed essentially to the successful invasion and occupation of this strategically important island, and his 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--W-Asheville, N.C.  
B--Asheville, N.C.

SSBw/perm cit forwarded via registered mail, at request, on 14 April 1947, to parents, Mr. & Mrs. Lukas Colagerakis, by Oinc, SHRD, Raleigh, N.C. Appropriate publicity given.

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DGP 298-eln

ComSevFlt  
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 LEONARD COLE, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

OF  
"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while  
serving with the Forward Observation Post, First Battalion,  
Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against  
enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of Hill 450, Cape  
Gloucester, New Britain, on January 3, 1944. When the right  
platoon of Company A was viciously attacked by a strong hos-  
tile force, Private First Class Cole voluntarily braved the  
devastating Japanese fire to gain an advantageous position  
on the forward slope of a ridge where the fighting was the  
most intense in an effort to prevent a break-through in our  
lines. Despite a serious wound received during the bitter  
engagement, he steadfastly continued an accurate and steady  
stream of fire until the hostile attack was completely re-  
pulsed with heavy losses inflicted upon the enemy. His  
daring aggressiveness, indomitable fighting spirit and loyal  
devotion to duty in the face of grave peril were a constant  
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 - Binghamton, N.Y.  
B - Binghamton, N.Y.



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DGP-228-rkz

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 10-11-45  
Serial 34927  
Signed SEP 26 1946

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

CORPORAL VICTOR L. COLE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-Seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands 22 February 1945. Voluntarily moving forward to an exposed position in order to fire his bazooka into four enemy emplacements, Corporal Cole succeeded in destroying all four Japanese positions before he fell, mortally wounded by hostile fire. Through his fearlessness and initiative, he enabled his platoon to withdraw from an untenable position and continue as a tactical unit. His courageous 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.--Marion, Kansas  
B.--Florence, Kansas

360094  
DGP-298-ec

FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 8531

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

CORPORAL CLAIR S. COLEMAN,  
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, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 2 July 1944. With his company pinned down by enemy machine-gun fire and his Platoon Leader and Gunnery Sergeant wounded, Corporal Coleman assumed command of his platoon and, in the face of intense hostile fire, directed his men in destroying the enemy positions, thereby enabling his company to advance. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Coleman and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Mills, Wyoming

B--Wichita, Kansas



360524  
DGP-298-Navy-ELPK

CincPac  
SPOT  
Serial 0647  
Signed-----

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EARL A. COLEMAN,  
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. Landing on the heavily fortified beachhead with the first assault wave on D-Day, Private First Class Coleman immediately charged forward with his flame thrower despite the enemy's shattering machine-gun and rifle fire and, pressing home his bold, determined attacks, neutralized three hostile strong points, thereby enabling our troops to resume their advance. Continuing his same daring tactics, he destroyed many additional Japanese emplacements in subsequent bitter engagements and, in one action, braved extremely heavy opposition to make three successive attacks against a reinforced concrete blockhouse, effectively silencing the enemy fire for short periods of time and contributing materially to the sustained operations of our forces against the fanatic Japanese. His daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and dauntless perseverance against tremendous odds served as an inspiration to others in the area and reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Coleman and the United States Naval Service."

R--Choctaw, Okla.  
B--Pine Ridge, Ark.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

373628  
DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 6068 JAN 28 1948  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL FRANCIS J. COLEMAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while  
serving with the Second Battalion, Tenth Marines,  
Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japa-  
nese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 20 June  
1944. Voluntarily entering a blazing dump contain-  
ing large quantities of explosives, artillery and  
mortar ammunition, Corporal Coleman courageously  
worked to isolate and extinguish the blaze until  
he was seriously wounded. His courage and devotion  
to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal  
Coleman and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Pueblo, Colorado.,  
B--Pueblo, Colorado.

Secretary of the Navy.



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NPGP-298-rkz

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 11-15-45  
Serial 032418  
Signed OCT 16 1946

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

CORPORAL ALTON B. COLLINS,  
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 Squad of Company F, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 May 1945. Waging an assault on heavily defended Dakeshi Ridge, Corporal Collins led his squad with courageous initiative, constantly exposing himself to the merciless barrage of machine-gun fire pouring out from enemy-held caves and cleverly concealed emplacements, in a determined attempt to force a break in the Japanese defenses. Although wounded by small-arms fire during the bitter exchange of hostilities, he refused to be evacuated, resolutely returning to his squad after receiving first aid. Undaunted by the heavy machine-gun and mortar fire, he continued the battle against fierce opposition and, moving along the line to direct his men in the attack, persevered in his aggressive tactics until he fell, mortally wounded. By his daring leadership and personal valor in the face of tremendous odds, Corporal Collins had succeeded in overrunning and destroying several enemy strong points, and his tactical skill and indomitable fighting spirit throughout reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

1..Prairieville, La.  
2..Springfield, La.

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was delivered to the mother of the late Corp. Collins, Mrs. Ted Collins, at a formal ceremony on 30 Jan 47, by the CO, MB Naval Ammunition Depot, New Orleans, La.

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Cincpac  
Appd SofN 1-10-46  
Serial 35633  
Signed APR 7 1947

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

SERGEANT CHARLES D. COLLINS,  
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 I, Third Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 24 February 1945. Prevented from using defensive gunfire by the presence of nearby friendly units, Sergeant Collins and his platoon employed hand grenades and knives in repulsing numerous fanatical infiltration attempts by an estimated force of one hundred Japanese soldiers during the night. With the hard pressed Marines desperately in need of grenades to stem the vicious assaults, he repeatedly crawled from man to man across the rough terrain, distributing over four cases of grenades and issuing necessary instructions, heedless of the constant hail of fragments falling about him. By his heroic actions, resolute fortitude and undaunted fighting spirit, Sergeant Collins was instrumental in thwarting a hostile breakthrough which would have seriously impaired the entire position of his battalion, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

Rk Millerstown, Kentucky  
B- Louisville, Kentucky



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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 44534  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANCIS F. COLLINS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Shortly after the initial landing, First Lieutenant Collins led the attack against an enemy pillbox which prevented the advance of his company inland from the beach. After emplacing his supporting weapons, he advanced alone and threw hand grenades into the stronghold, effectively neutralizing it while he maneuvered his flame thrower operators into a position from which they were able to fire on the hostile position and destroy it, thereby facilitating the continuation of his unit's attack inland. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R..Holyoke, Mass.,  
B..Northampton, Mass.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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SPOT  
Serial 8762  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JESSE P. COLLINS,  
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, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 2 July 1944. When his machine gun squad was pinned down by hostile fire and the gunner killed during a fire fight, Private First Class Collins worked his way to the gun and, under heavy enemy fire, placed the weapon back into action. Although wounded shortly thereafter, he continued operating his gun until he had neutralized an enemy emplacement that was holding up the advance of his company. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Collins and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

No correspondence received from Navy Department.

R-- Pecks Mill, W. Va.

B-- Logan, W. Va.



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DGP-298-egc

CincPac  
Serial 01439  
Appd SofN 3-15-45  
Signed JUL 30 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MALCOLM L. COLLINS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Fourth Battalion, Eleventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Peleliu in the Palau Group, on 15 September 1944. Landing on this fiercely defended island during initial assault operations on D-Day, Private First Class Collins advanced with his reconnaissance party in an extremely hazardous mission and, coming under a sudden concentration of deadly fire from Japanese snipers located in a well-concealed dugout, fearlessly exposed himself to the savage rain of bullets and relentlessly moved in on the attackers. Undaunted by threatened annihilation, he held the enemy snipers at the point of his gun and enabled members of his party to work up from the flanks and rear and annihilate the hostile position. Mortally wounded during the exchange of hostilities, Private First Class Collins, by his daring initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and tenacious efforts, contributed essentially to the destruction of the enemy strongpoint and to the occupation of his battalion's objective. His courageous fortitude and decisive conduct in the face of almost certain death upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

R..Miami, Florida  
B..New York, N.Y.

/s/ Artemus L. Gates

Secretary of the Navy.  
Acting

SSM, perm cit & ltr fr CMC pres'd 22 Aug. by Dist. Marine Officer, 7th ND, 113 DuPont Bldg., Miami 32, Fla. to the mother of the late PFC. Collins, Mrs. Maurice M. Minton, 4465 SW

15th St., Miami, Fla. informally at home; due publicity given.

HEADQUARTERS  
United States Forces in the Philippines  
Fort Mills, P. I.

4 April, 1942.

GENERAL ORDERS)

NO. 14)

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II. Award of Silver Star. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, War Department, August 8, 1932, the Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Forces in the Philippines, for gallantry in action, to the following named enlisted man of the United States Marine Corps, detached for service with the United States Forces in the Philippines:

RAYMOND H. COLLINS, (279656), Corporal, Battery "A", Company "K", Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, For gallantry in action at Lapiang Point, Bataan, Philippine Islands, on January 24, 1942. When an enemy machine gun opened fire on the flank of his company, Corporal Collins immediately attempted to reach a position from which he could destroy the hostile gun position with grenades. This courageous non-commissioned officer persisted in his attempt in the face of heavy enemy machine gun fire despite open terrain which provided little cover, and retired to his organization only when specifically ordered to do so by his commanding officer.

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By command of Lieutenant General WAINWRIGHT:

LEWIS C. BEEBE,  
Brigadier General, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

Awarded by despatch 4-27-42  
Filed on case 1740-55-65

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



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CincPac  
SPOT  
Serial 0647  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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 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 Collins fought furiously and without rest throughout three days and nights of bitter offensive action, contributing materially to the success of his unit in wiping out many Japanese emplacements. On one occasion, he boldly proceeded to the gun port of a hostile strong point and, despite the enemy's incessant shellfire, destroyed the entrenchment with well-placed demolitions and grenade fire, then entered the area and killed the remaining personnel. Again risking his life in a subsequent engagement, he fearlessly exposed himself to withering hostile fire to gain an advantageous position for covering the advance of a companion to the entrance of an enemy-held position. His daring initiative, great personal valor and tireless devotion to the completion of each perilous mission served as an inspiration to our troops and reflect the highest credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Hudson, N. Y.,  
B--Chatham, N. Y.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 44583

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM R. COLLINS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of the Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 26 March 1945. After landing with his Battalion early on D-Day, Lieutenant Colonel Collins aggressively directed his unit in supporting the assault troops and, despite heavy hostile fire, mine fields and terrain obstacles, aided materially in the establishment of the initial beachhead. On 22 February, when intense enemy mortar fire disrupted communications between the infantry and supporting tanks and caused heavy casualties among the front line troops, he dismounted from his tank and braved the heavy fire to contact the Infantry Commander and establish liaison. Receiving information on the situation, he returned to his vehicle and directed effective tank operations which resulted in the saving of many lives. By his courageous leadership and skilled tactics, Lieutenant Colonel Collins contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the Division's mission, 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--Wash., D. C.,  
B--Wash. D. C.



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CincPac  
Appd SofN 1-25-45  
Serial 023  
Signed JUL 5 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT HAROLD J. COLLIS, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Company Executive Officer attached to the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 4 October 1944. When one of the platoons of his company was attempting to withdraw from an untenable position and suffering severe casualties from enemy weapons which controlled the route of withdrawal, First Lieutenant Collis unhesitatingly exposed himself to the intense hostile fire to throw smoke grenades and provide an effective screen for the evacuation of the wounded. Completely disregarding his own personal safety, he rushed into a fire-swept ravine and, while working to remove casualties, was himself mortally wounded. First Lieutenant Collis' splendid initiative and unselfish 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

R..Tulsa, Oklahoma  
B..Tulsa, Oklahoma

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM, perm. Cit. ltr fr CMC pres'd. 24Aug45 by OinC, USMC, DHIRS, Rm 326, PO Bldg., Oklahoma City 2, Oklahoma to widow of the late Lt. Collis, Mrs. Harold J. Collis, P.O. Box 1274, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Informal pres. at DHIRS, PO Bldg., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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DGP-298-eln

Cincpac  
App. SofN 2-15-45  
Serial 742  
Signed JUL 24 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SALVATORE B. COLOMBO, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 17 June 1944. Fighting with determined aggressiveness during a bitter counterattack launched by the enemy following our assault and subsequent establishment of a beachhead on this strategic island, Private First Class Colombo remained steadfast at his machine gun when the right flank of his company was withdrawn in a tactical maneuver and, directing a steady stream of devastating fire at the enemy, effectively covered the withdrawal of our force and inflicted numerous casualties upon the Japanese troops before he fell, mortally wounded. By his fearless initiative, valiant fighting spirit and resolute fortitude in the face of savage, unceasing opposition, Private First Class Colombo contributed essentially to the success of the action and to the ultimate conquest of this vital Japanese stronghold, and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout a period of fierce hostilities 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..Lawrence, Mass.  
B..Lawrence, Mass.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CO, Boston, Mass., 10-5-45  
to the mother of the late PFC Colombo, Mrs. Colombo. Form  
pres.



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DGP-298-mvm

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 43550  
Signed\_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH M. COLSNIK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Group Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 7 March 1945. During action against a numerically superior enemy force, Private First Class Colsnik climbed to an exposed position on a rocky ledge to fire on enemy machine guns that were holding up the advance of the company. Although under constant hostile small-arms fire, he maintained almost continuous fire by having loaded rifles passed up to him from below, thereby accounting for four snipers and neutralizing the machine-gun fire until a tank was moved up against the positions. During this action, Private First Class Colsnik was seriously wounded and evacuated for medical treatment. His bold initiative, skill and courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Verona, Pa.  
B--Verona, Pa.



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APO #502

21 December 1943

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Section

Awards (Posthumous) of the Silver Star.....II

II. AWARDS (POSTHUMOUS) OF THE SILVER STAR

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

JOHN G. COMBS, (259 087), Platoon Sergeant, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at \*\*\*, \*\*\*, Solomon Islands, on 11 July 1943. When the officer in charge of a mopping-up patrol was wounded, Sergeant Combs assumed command and without interruption continued a skillful attack on an enemy position. Concerned only with the successful accomplishment of the mission, Sergeant Combs crawled close enough to throw a hand grenade into the Japanese position. He was killed when his bold action immediately drew fire from another enemy weapon.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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

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

SS(Army) & Off. Copy of cit. Pres'd  
to widow of the late Pl. Sgt. Combs,  
Mrs. J. G. Combs, 1320 Jackson St.,  
Phila 43, Pa at Parade at MB, Nyd,  
Phila, Pa on 16 Mar 45.

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DGP 298 Navy tgw

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Signed.....  
Com7thFlt. Serial 01018

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

SERGEANT SELDON W. COMBS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Officer-in-Charge of the point with a Combat Patrol of Company D, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, against the enemy Japanese forces in the Eleanora Bay Area, New Britain, on 16 March 1944. Although seriously wounded in the initial engagement with the enemy, Sergeant Combs unhesitatingly moved forward in an effort to divert hostile fire to himself, thereby making possible the safe deployment of the remainder of the patrol and, disregarding all personal danger as he advanced toward the enemy, succeeded in disorganizing the hostile force and inflicting many casualties among the Japanese before he was killed. Sergeant Combs' initiative and unselfish 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,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

280448  
DGP-298-fl

CinCPac  
Appd SofN 3-22-46  
Serial 1882  
Signed MAY 2 1947

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

SERGEANT HOWARD D. COMIN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Marine Fighting Squadron TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN in action against enemy Japanese forces on Wake Island, from 8 to 23 December 1941. Steadfastly refusing hospitalization and treatment for his own wounds, Sergeant Comin continued to aid in evacuating wounded Marines during the devastating attack of 8 December, and persisted in rendering services to his squadron when physically handicapped and under grave danger from daily hostile aircraft attack. Undaunted by his own disabilities when again raided on 23 December, he moved forward with the front ranks and, fighting gallantly, aided in driving back repeated Japanese attacks until mortally wounded by hostile fire. His indomitable fighting spirit and devotion to duty throughout reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Comin and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Windsor, Colorado  
B..Denver, Colorado

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. pres'd to Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Comin, parents of the late Sgt. Howard D. Comin on 26 June 47 by OinC USMC HDRD, Denver, Colo. informally at the home.



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DGP-298-dmf

Spot Award  
Serial 1043  
Signed OCT 1 1943

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

FIRST SERGEANT WILBUR C. CONLEY, U.S. MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as leader of a seven-man patrol of ~~the First Battalion, U.S. Marines, reinforced,~~ during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, January 16-17, 1943. After the advance of our forces had been held up for several weeks by nine Japanese pill-boxes dug into the sides of a deep ravine, First Sergeant Conley, having located the hostile obstruction, launched a bold attack in the face of furious machine-gun fire and destroyed two of the pill-boxes by means of hand grenades. Although eventually compelled to withdraw, he led a combat patrol against the same position the following day, this time smashing the remainder of enemy resistance and clearing way for the advance of our forces. His heroic leadership, maintained with utter disregard for personal safety, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Prairie City, Iowa.

B - Prairie City, Iowa.

035784  
DGP-298-cbg

FMFPac Spot Ser. 105126  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL M. CONNELLY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Intelligence Officer of the First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. Braving hostile rifle and mortar fire, First Lieutenant Connelly moved thirty-five yards ahead of the front lines in an attempt to locate an enemy fieldpiece which was holding up the advance of a company. Wounded during the attempt and forced to go back for first aid, he refused evacuation and, returning to his exposed position, spotted the hostile gun position and directed friendly artillery fire on it with the result that the piece was destroyed and the company enabled to continue its advance. His cool 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-Salamanca, N. Y.  
B-Salamanca, N. Y.



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AW-298-rf

Spot Award, 1943  
Serial 00192  
Signed APR 2 1943

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

CORPORAL GEORGE I. CONLAN, U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

*Relayed*  
"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, Corporal Conlon 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 this 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 communications from Headquarters to the Base Radio and other important units. The heroic conduct displayed by Corporal Conlon 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...Newark, New Jersey

B...Newark, New Jersey

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DGP-298-vml

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ComSoPac  
SPOT  
Serial 00315  
Signed OCT 23 1947

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

MAJOR MAYNARD C. CONNER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company D, First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 7 November 1943. When his machine gunners were having difficulty coordinating their fire and his mortar crews were unable to discover suitable targets because of poor visibility, Major Conner advanced beyond his own lines and, in the face of intense rifle and machine-gun fire, located several mortar targets and calculated azimuths for laying the machine guns in order to deliver effective fire. Returning to his company, he sighted the guns, thereby enabling his men to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy and to contribute directly to the success of the infantry's attack. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Major Conner and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Buffalo, Ridge, Va.,  
B--Stuart, Va.



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DGP 298 navy flw

LSTctf  
Spot  
Serial 0847  
Signed DEC 16 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PETER M. CONNOLLY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Gunner 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 attack, Private First Class Connolly 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 outstanding skill, courage and fearless devotion to duty, Private First Class Connolly contributed materially to the successful operation of his ship, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Flushing, L.I., N.Y.  
B..Flushing, N.Y.

06412  
AE-198-rf

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 HARRY S. CONNOR, U. S. MARINE CORPS, RESERVE,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, from November 1 to 4, 1942. As operations officer of the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in the area of the Matanikau River, Captain Connor, displaying great courage and leadership, commanded a reinforced company which was successful in cutting off hostile lines of communication to the enemy's rear. Withstanding strong counterattacks by the Japanese in their desperate attempt to reestablish communications, he defied a fierce mortar and machine gun barrage in order to spot for the artillery which was laying down fire to aid the Marine defense. His outstanding capability in estimating the situation and carrying out orders in the face of grave danger reflects great credit upon the United States Naval Service."

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For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

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

R - Worcester, Mass.  
B - Boston, Mass.



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APO # 502

16 November 1943.

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Section  
III

Awards of the Silver Star.....

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III. 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 officer and enlisted men:

THOMAS J. CONNOR, First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps Reserve, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, in aggressively leading his platoon in repeated assaults upon enemy strongpoints which were defended by extremely heavy rifle, machine-gun, and mortar fire on 20 July 1943.  
Home address: Gilbert, Minnesota.

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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.C.,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

R ... Gilbert, Minnesota.  
B ... Gilbert, Minnesota.



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DGP-298-rf

Spot Award  
Serial 891  
Signed SEP 24 1943

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

CORPORAL JOHN J. CONNORS, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Marine Raider Battalion during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tulagi, Solomon Islands, August 7, 1942. Attacked at night by numerically superior Japanese troops, Corporal Connors greatly aided the men of his squad in their efforts to hold their position by his quick thinking and admirable valor in picking up Japanese hand grenades and throwing them back into the enemy ranks. Through his courage and skill, he undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. 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- Somerville, Massachusetts

B- Boston, Massachusetts.



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DGP-298-mvm

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SPOT  
Serial 0296-295  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT GRAHAM G. CONOLEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Acting Leader of an Assault Platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, Third Amphibious Corps, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 22 July 1944. Leading his platoon, First Lieutenant Conoley pressed forward the attack and, when the advance was halted by an enemy machine gun, personally killed a covering hostile sniper and then worked stealthily into a position from which he destroyed the enemy strong point. Weak and suffering from a wound received during the action, he refused treatment until all the other wounded men of his platoon had been evacuated and his platoon had been completely reorganized. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon First Lieutenant Conoley and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Taylor, Texas.  
B--San Antonio, Texas.

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SPOT  
Serial 0848  
Signed OCT 23 1947

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

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ODELL M. CONOLEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, from 26 December 1943 to 1 January 1944. Continuously exposing himself to intense barrages from concealed and well-entrenched enemy positions to direct the fire of his battalion, Lieutenant Colonel Conoley successfully repulsed repeated and determined counter-attacks with heavy losses to the enemy. By his cool courage, indomitable fighting spirit and inspiring leadership, Lieutenant Colonel Conoley was largely responsible in preventing hostile penetration of our lines and his vallant 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.

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R--San Diego, Calif.  
B--Amarillo, Texas.



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4thMarDiv  
Appd SofN  
Serial 147188

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT WILLIAM J. COOGAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 23 February 1945. When one of his men was wounded during the platoon's advance and needed medical treatment, Second Lieutenant Coogan braved heavy enemy fire to go to the aid of the casualty and, after rendering first aid, remained with the wounded man in an exposed position until medical corpsmen could come forward and evacuate him. During this time, he continued to direct the attack of his platoon in the completion of its assignment and maintained efficient radio contact with his Company Commander, keeping him constantly informed of the situation. His unselfish conduct, skillful leadership and unswerving devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on Second Lieutenant Coogan and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Jersey City, N.J.  
B--Jersey City, N.J.

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SPOT  
Serial 90496  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DELL H. COOK, 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 for a mortar observer of Company C, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Orokuni Peninsula, Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, on 11 June 1945. Braving intense enemy small-arms fire, Private First Class Cook continuously threw hand grenades into an enemy position above his company's location and made three trips through hostile mortar and machine-gun fire to repair breaks in the telephone lines. 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--Norwalk, California.,  
B--Rains, Utah.



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ComGenFMFPac Ser. 00597  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HARRY A. COOK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rocket Launcher Operator of Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. During an enemy tank counterattack, Private First Class Cook boldly moved into a position from which he could bring the most effective fire to bear on an oncoming tank and, after firing several rounds, completely disabled the hostile vehicle. Later, again braving intense enemy fire, Private First Class Cook crawled out in front of the lines to bring in a wounded comrade and, although wounded in both legs, refused to be evacuated until all other casualties had been removed. 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-Peoria, Ill.  
B-Keewanee, Ill.

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SDOT  
Serial-0647  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LOUIS R. COOK,  
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 Cook fought furiously and without rest throughout three days and nights of bitter offensive action, contributing materially to the success of his unit in wiping out many Japanese emplacements. On one occasion, he boldly proceeded to the gun port of a hostile strong-point and, despite the enemy's incessant shellfire, destroyed the entrenchment with well-placed demolitions and grenade fire, then entered the area and killed the remaining personnel. Again risking his life in a subsequent engagement, he fearlessly exposed himself to withering hostile fire to gain an advantageous position for covering the advance of a companion to the entrance of an enemy-held position. His daring initiative, great personal valor and tireless devotion to the completion of each perilous mission served as an inspiration to our troops and reflect the highest credit upon the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Los Angeles, California  
B-Los Angeles, California

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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DGP-298-bgj

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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

GUNNERY SERGEANT MAURICE L. COOK,  
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 22 June 1944. Promptly assuming command of his platoon when the leader became a casualty during a furious attack against heavily fortified, Japanese-held Hill 504, Gunnery Sergeant Cook skillfully reorganized his men under constant, intense barrages of hostile machine-gun and mortar fire, then boldly led them in a brilliantly executed attack. Setting up an effective defense against determined enemy counterattacks, he repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy's fierce opposition in order to gain more advantageous firing positions for his men and despite the tremendous odds fought unceasingly against the fanatic Japanese until fatally struck down by a bursting shell. By his forceful and inspiring leadership, outstanding fortitude and cool and courageous action in the face of grave peril, Gunnery Sergeant Cook contributed essentially to the success of our operations against this vital hostile stronghold, and his unrelenting 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

R..Greensboro, N.C.  
B..Darie County, N.C.

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM w/perm. cit. ltr fr CMC pres. to Mr. & Mrs. John M. Cook, parents, on 6 May 1946 by Lt. Col. G. H. Benson, USMC.

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DGP-298-rk

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 10-25-45  
Serial 032417  
Signed SEP 17 1946

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT THOMAS C. COOK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader, attached to Company A, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Okinawa, Ryukyu Group, 11 May 1945. With his platoon subjected to intense mortar and machine-gun fire from the front, right and left flanks during an attack against strong Japanese forces firmly entrenched on a ridge overlooking the battalion's zone of action, Second Lieutenant Cook repeatedly crossed open terrain exposed to intense fire to lead his platoon in an assault against the hostile positions. Gaining the ridge's top, he skillfully directed the fire of his unit upon pill-boxes and Japanese soldiers occupying the ruins of a village, destroying the emplacements and inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy. His courage, daring leadership and unwavering devotion to duty were inspiring to those with whom he served and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Wyandotte, Michigan  
B..Portsmouth, Ohio

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was forwarded via registered mail to the widow of the late 2nd Lt. Cook, Mrs. Thomas C. Cook, on 26Nov46, by the OinC, USMC DHRS, Detroit, Mich. Appropriate publicity was sent to local newspaper.



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SPOT  
Serial 6726  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM E. COOK,  
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 K, Third Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 24 June 1944. With his platoon pinned down by an intense barrage of machine-gun fire emanating from commanding ground, Private First Class Cook immediately proceeded to a position on the enemy's flank and boldly delivered repeated bursts of accurate rifle fire on the hostile gun emplacement. Although painfully wounded in the shoulder by return fire, he gallantly maintained his position and continued to fire on the Japanese, thereby enabling his platoon to advance and capture the enemy stronghold. By his personal valor, daring initiative and indomitable fighting spirit, Private First Class Cook contributed materially to the success of our forces in this strategic area and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Cleburne, Texas,  
B--Wichita Falls, Texas.

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DGP-298-eme

Cincpac  
Appd SofN 1-10-46  
Serial 032653  
Signed JUN 11 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWIN C. COOKE  
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 A, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 10 May 1945. Learning that a comrade had been wounded and left in an open fire-swept area two hundred yards to the front when his unit withdrew to a less exposed position, Private First Class Cooke unhesitatingly risked his life in a valiant attempt to effect a rescue. Braving a shattering barrage of mortar and machine-gun cross-fire, he unhesitatingly made his way back to the scene of the action and, finding the helpless Marine, carried him through the blistering shellfire to a place of safety. By his daring initiative, outstanding fortitude and grave concern for the safety of another, Private First Class Cooke saved the life of a man who otherwise might have perished, and his selfless conduct throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy

B..Wichita, Kansas  
R..Newton, Kansas

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was pres'd to Mrs. Mary E. Cooke, mother of the late PFC. Edwin C. Cooke on 31 July 47 by OinC, USMCDHRS, Oklahoma City, Okla. informally.



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

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LE ROY M. COOKE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to 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, First Lieutenant Cooke organized and led a detail on board and, despite the danger from exploding gasoline and ammunition, directed his men in the removal of ammunition from the overheated upper deck, thereby preventing the spread of further explosions. 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--Baltimore, Md.,  
B--Georgetown, Dela.

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Serial 48443  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MARQUIS K. COOKSON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Demolition Man of Headquarters and Service Company, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 9 March 1945. When his platoon's advance was halted by heavy automatic fire from a pillbox and two caves, Private First Class Cookson volunteered to move forward alone and reduce the emplacements with explosives. Crawling forward in the face of intense enemy fire, he set his charge and destroyed the pillbox and then sealed one of the caves. By his courageous action, he destroyed an estimated thirty-five of the enemy and, enabling the platoon to advance, contributed materially to the destruction of the remaining crew. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Cookson and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Woodbury, Center, Vermont.,  
B--Woodbury Vermont.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN  
Secretary of the Navy.



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Ser. 47152

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN M. COOLEY,  
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, Fifth Engi-  
neer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in ac-  
tion against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima,  
Volcano Islands, from 12 to 14 March 1945. When  
the infantry assault on heavily-fortified Japa-  
nese positions was stopped because of rough  
terrain which prevented the use of tanks, First  
Lieutenant Cooley undertook the construction of  
a tank road and, after making a reconnaissance  
of the area under heavy enemy fire, personally  
led and directed an armored bulldozer to a point  
beyond the front lines. As our troops advanced,  
First Lieutenant Cooley repeatedly exposed him-  
self to deadly hostile fire to extend the roads,  
continuing this dangerous work until wounded.  
By his initiative, courage and skill, he aided  
materially in the advance of the infantry in  
this sector and in the ultimate defeat of the  
enemy on Iwo Jima, thereby upholding the highest  
traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Fairbanks, Alaska.,  
B--Lander, Wyo.



COOLEY, Richard , QM. Sgt.

230833

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

CTB: srs

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.

COOLEY, Richard ✓

O'BRIEN, John P., Jr.

KENNEY, Richard D.

BUNN, Evan F.

FREE, Edward G.

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First Lieutenant

Supply Sergeant

Platoon Sergeant

Sergeant

Private First Class

Private First Class

CURTIS T. BEECHER

R.....Columbia, Kentucky.

B.....Columbia, Kentucky.



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Serial 0647  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE F. COOPER, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company F, Second Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. Seriously wounded in the face and leg during fierce hostilities on D--Day, First Lieutenant Cooper fearlessly pressed forward despite the enemy's shattering barrages and, boldly leading his men across the airstrip, succeeded in setting up an effective line of defense on the south side of Betio Island for further sustained operations against the fanatic Japanese. By his daring initiative, valiant fighting spirit and cool courage in the face of grave peril, First Lieutenant Cooper contributed materially to the ultimate success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and his steadfast 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..Jasper, Ala.,  
B..Birmingham, Ala.

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Serial 45501  
Signed-----

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

CORPORAL RUDOLPH C. CORDOVA,  
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 D, Second Bat-  
talion, Twenty-seventh Marines, Fifth Marine Division,  
in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima,  
Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 23 March 1945.  
With his squad front facing a nest of spider traps  
protecting an enemy cave on 22 March, Corporal Cordova  
led a charge against the hostile position and, although  
wounded during the assault, refused to be evacuated and  
aided in the annihilation of a number of the Japanese.  
Wounded twice during the operation, he remained in ac-  
tion throughout and contributed materially to the suc-  
cess of our forces on the Island. His courage and  
devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Cor-  
poral Cordova and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R-Tucson, Arizona  
B-Santa Rita, New Mexico

Secretary of the Navy.



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SPOT  
Serial 00421  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MARVIN M. CORFF,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a War Dog Handler of Military Police Company, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Guam, Marianas Islands, 2 September 1944. Noticing his war dog alert to some thick undergrowth in their path during a rest period while on an all-day patrol, Private First Class Corff unhesitatingly advanced alone to investigate the undergrowth and discovered an ambush of five hostile soldiers. Opening fire on them with his rifle, he killed four and drove off the other. By his aggressive fighting spirit and cool courage, Private First Class Corff saved the patrol from ambush, 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..Boyertown, Pa.  
B..Cleveland, Ohio

CORLEY, John K.

Field Music

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

Previous Awards - None.

Born: 3-21-21 - Junior, West Virginia.

Current Enl.: 7-13-40 - Salt Lake City, Utah.

Legal Residence: Monterville, West Virginia.

Next of Kin: Mr. John A. Corley (Father)  
Monterville, West Virginia.



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Signed-----

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM L. CORLEY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 18 September 1944. Hearing a cry from a hill abandoned by his company following a relentless enemy shelling attack, Private First Class Corley courageously defied intense enemy fire to return alone to the hazardous area and, although severely wounded himself during the operation, succeeded in carrying the wounded man to a place of comparative safety. Voluntarily returning to his company following medical treatment, he continued in the fierce action until subsequently wounded a second time and evacuated from the area. By his courage, initiative and concern for the welfare of another, Private First Class Corley upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R-Musckgon, Mich  
B-Miles City, Mont

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-db

FMF Pac  
SPOT  
Serial 19623  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES R. CORLISS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, Twenty--fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July 1944. When a comrade received the full blow and effect of an explosive missile thrown by a Japanese soldier, Private First Class Corliss promptly went to the aid of the wounded man. Fully aware that the man was carrying five sticks of dynamite which if detonated, would cause many casualties, he calmly stripped him of the dynamite and cut away the fiercely burning clothes. By his courage and grave concern for the safety of others, he saved the life of one man and prevented injuries to others and his heroic conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R..Mickleton, N.J.  
B..Paulsboro, N.J.

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was awarded to the parents of the late PFC Charles R. Corliss, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Corliss, Jefferson Road, Mickleton, New Jersey, on 14 October 1948 by the OinC, USMCHD, Room 607, New Custom House, 2nd & Chesnut Sts., Phila., Pa.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT HARVEY E. CORN,  
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 Squad of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-third Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, during World War II. Repeatedly exposing himself to intense artillery and small-arms fire on 15 June 1944, Sergeant Corn rallied his men and organized the ground in his sector. Although he was seriously wounded, he refused medical aid, remaining at his post to repulse a counterattack and later aiding in covering the withdrawal of his company to a better defensive position. Returning to action before his wounds had healed, he again took command of his squad, skillfully leading them through the following days of the operation and constantly volunteering for patrols which resulted in the elimination of many small resistance groups. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Corn and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Arden, N. C.

B-Arden, N. C.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL HAROLD M. CORNELISON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as an Acting Squad Leader in a Platoon of Company I, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Ngesebus, Palau Islands, 28 September 1944. With his platoon pinned down by heavy machine-gun fire, Corporal Cornelison voluntarily braved the intense hostile gunfire to proceed to a position on the flank and, although painfully wounded by enemy grenades on the way, continued forward and alone made an attack with hand grenades to neutralize the Japanese gun emplacement. By his courage, initiative and devotion to duty, Corporal Cornelison upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R. Bybee, Ky.  
B. " "

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 ELBERT L. CORSER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Artillery Liaison Officer of the First Battalion, Thirteenth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 to 22 February 1945. When his Regiment crossed the southern end of Motoyama Airfield Number One and began digging in for the night, First Lieutenant Corser made repeated trips across the airstrip to the beach in the face of intense enemy fire to obtain information concerning the time that supporting artillery would land. Again during the night of 19-20 February, he crossed the fire-swept airstrip when all communications between the Regimental Command Post and the supporting artillery Battalion were disrupted by the enemy and, reaching the artillery positions despite friendly and hostile fire, relayed the necessary information, subsequently returning over the same fire-swept area. 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--Fort Collins, Colo.  
B--Chesaning, Mich.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT CARL E. CORYELL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. With his company pinned down by shattering machine-gun and rifle fire emanating from well-camouflaged hostile positions during fierce hostilities on D-Day, Sergeant Coryell repeatedly risked his life in a valiant effort to draw the fire to himself and locate the emplacements. Then, fearlessly leading his men forward, he launched a series of bold, determined attacks to destroy many heavily fortified strong points before he was seriously wounded by a bursting Japanese shell. By his forceful and inspiring leadership, his dauntless perseverance and cool courage in the face of grave danger, Sergeant Coryell contributed materially to the success of an extremely perilous engagement, and his unwavering 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--Detroit, Michigan.  
B--Detroit, Michigan.



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Serial 473  
Signed JUL 16 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD H. COSBY, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. Courageous and steadfast under a terrific hail of Japanese machine-gun and small-arms fire, Private First Class Cosby, skillfully servicing and firing his weapon, aided in the destruction of a Japanese tank which had killed five and wounded six men in his section and remained fighting at his post until he fell, mortally wounded, in the fiercely fought engagement. By his splendid initiative, cool courage and unselfish disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Cosby contributed essentially to the success of a mission pointing toward further victories over the enemy, and his 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

R..Rienzi, Miss.

B..Booneville, Miss.

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by OinC DHIRS, Jackson Miss with Stf Sgt Charles M. Hills, USMCR to the parents of the late PFC Cosby, Mr. & Mrs. Fred G. Cosby, Route #1, Rienzi, Miss., on the 10 Sept 45. Form pres with 35-40 relatives. Orders were carried out with proper ceremony and decorum. Stories fwd to comm papers but not rec'd at this office as yet.

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CincPac  
SPOT  
Serial 2788  
Signed FEB 27 1948

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

CORPORAL THOMAS W. COTTICK,  
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-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, 1 February 1944. Volunteering to undertake an extremely hazardous mission in order to give vital information to scattered units concerning a continuation of the attack, Corporal Cottick fearlessly moved laterally across a front of two hundred fifty yards, in the face of intense enemy rifle and machine-gun fire, completing his assignment and contributing materially to the successful completion of the assault. Later, accompanied by another Marine, he skillfully assaulted and destroyed with hand grenades a Japanese machine-gun nest which had shortly before killed or wounded several of his comrades. His exceptional skill, keen initiative and heroic devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Cottick and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R..Detroit, Michigan  
B..Dauphin Manitoba, Canada



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Serial 2653  
Signed Nov 20 1944

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

CORPORAL THOMAS W. COTTICK,  
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 F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during operations against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 9 July 1944. Leading a three-man patrol on a hazardous mission to determine the definite location of an assault battalion in need of reinforcements, on 21 June, Corporal Cottick dauntlessly pushed forward in the face of enemy machine-gun, mortar and rifle fire until he reached the objective. Reporting back to his Commanding Officer and learning that a change of plans necessitated his return to the battalion, he traversed approximately twelve hundred yards of heavily wooded enemy-infested terrain in the darkness and led two companies to a newly assigned position, thereby enabling the battalion to close the dangerous gap that existed on its left flank. During this action and on numerous other reconnaissance patrols, 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--  
B--Daupin, Manitoba, Canada.

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Serial 41641  
Signed DEC 9 1947

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the GOLD STAR in lieu of a Third Silver Star Medal to

SERGEANT THOMAS W. COTTICK,  
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 F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 3 March 1945. When intense fire from a hostile pillbox halted the advance of his company, Sergeant Cottick courageously exposed himself to the rain of enemy fire to advance on the position and personally neutralize its fire with hand grenades, thereby enabling a demolition team to completely destroy the enemy pillbox. Under his able and intrepid leadership, his company unhesitatingly advanced to other hostile emplacements and effectively destroyed all resistance. Throughout the day, Sergeant Cottick continued to conduct his men in effective assaults against fortified positions and rendered valuable service to his command until he was wounded by enemy mortar fire. His leadership, fortitude and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R--Caseville, Mich.,  
B--Dauphin, Canada.

Secretary of the Navy.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL TERRY G. COUCH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for services as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Rifle Squad Leader of Company A, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 15 September 1944. When his platoon was pinned down and receiving many casualties from a camouflaged hostile machine gun emplacement during an attack over difficult terrain covered with dense undergrowth, Corporal Couch voluntarily crawled forward through the fire-swept brush and, locating the gun, engaged it with fire. As this proved only partially effective, he charged the enemy emplacement in the full face of its destructive fire and killed the crew with hand grenades. He then covered the adjacent hostile positions with rifle fire until his platoon was able to advance and destroy them. His aggressive fighting spirit, 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--Birmingham, Ala.  
B--Birmingham, Ala.

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Appd SofN 2-18-46  
Serial 1466  
Signed MAY 23 1947

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

CORPORAL EDWARD J. COUCHON, JR.,  
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 Squad of Company G, First Battalion, Twenty-second Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 10 May 1945. Assigned the mission of flanking and destroying three heavily fortified enemy pillboxes which were impeding the movement of the entire company, Corporal Couchon repeatedly exposed himself to intense and accurate gun fire to move across an open area of approximately thirty-five yards in order to place his fire-teams in positions from which they could support a flame thrower. Skillfully maneuvering his men over difficult terrain and through savage fire, he brought them within close range of the enemy emplacements where bazooka, hand grenade and small-arms fire hits were made with success. When one of his fire-team leaders was wounded, Corporal Couchon moved, at great risk to his own life, to the Marine's aid and, while engaged in effecting a replacement, was mortally wounded. Inspired by his aggressive and fearless leadership, the members of his squad continued the desperate battle, routing the enemy with heavy casualties. Corporal Couchon's courage, self-sacrifice and heroic devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

R..Little Ferry, N.J.  
B..New York, N.Y.

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. pres'd to Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Couchon, Sr., parents of the late Crp. Edward J. Couchon, Jr. on 8 Jul 47 by CO USMC HMARBAR NAV SHYD, Brooklyn, N.Y. in this office with appr. ceremony.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

JAN 26 1948

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

PLATOON SERGEANT JACK L. COULTER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company G, Second Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Engebi and Fanny Islands, Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, 18 to 23 February 1944. Refusing first aid for wounds sustained during an assault landing, Platoon Sergeant Coulter joined his platoon, repeatedly exposing himself to enemy machine-gun and mortar fire in a successful effort to maintain the organization and combat efficiency of his unit and continued in his heroic endeavors until he was again seriously wounded. His initiative, courageous leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R. Phenix, City, Ala. For the President,  
B.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 00192  
Signed APR 2 1943

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

CORPORAL ROBERT L. COULTER, U. S. 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, Corporal Coulter 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 this 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 Corporal Coulter 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...Wheeling, West Va.

B...Wheeling, West Va.



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Appd SofN 12-21-45  
Serial 35729  
Signed NOV 14 1946

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

CORPORAL CARLYLE J. COUNCIL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, the night of 23 February 1945. Stationed with another Marine in an isolated outpost when the Japanese launched a vicious attack on his sector, Corporal Council refused to retreat before the onrushing enemy, remaining in his vulnerable position and engaging the Japanese in a bitter struggle to prevent a penetration of our lines. Although his comrade was struck down during the savage action, Corporal Council boldly fought on alone against the hostile force, killing five of the Japanese in rapid succession and disrupting the attempted breakthrough. By his daring initiative, grim determination and dauntless courage, he succeeded in repulsing a large group of enemy attackers and undoubtedly saved the lives of his men who might have perished if the Japanese had overrun our lines. Corporal Council's heroic conduct and unwavering devotion to duty during combat against a ferocious and desperate enemy were inspiring to those with whom he served and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

R..Richmond, Va.  
B..Richmond, Va.

Secretary of the Navy.

SSM w/perm. cit. & CMC ltr. was presented to mother of the late Corp. Council, Mrs. Carroll B. Council, 2816 Woodcliff Ave., Richmond, Va., on 17Dec46, by the OinC, USMC DHRS, Richmond, Va. Mrs. Council requested an informal ceremony at her home.

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AppdSofN 1-28-48  
4thMarDiv.  
Serial 18691  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL JACK COUTTS,  
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-fourth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 1 March 1945. When an adjacent rifle platoon was attacking across an open area approximately one hundred yards wide under heavy hostile small-arms and mortar fire, Corporal Coutts observed a member of the rifle platoon lying wounded about half-way across the open area and under continuing intense Japanese fire. Seriously wounded himself while attempting to rescue the casualty, he flung his body over the Marine to shield him from further wounds until the enemy fire was lifted and they could be evacuated. By his initiative and courageous devotion to duty in the face of grave hazards, Corporal Coutts upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Albany, New York.  
B--Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania.



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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

F  
CincPac  
SPOT  
Serial 0647  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PLATOON SERGEANT OTTO COVERSTON,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company K, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 22 November 1943. Forced to discard his weapons and equipment in order to gain the shore during landing operations on D-Day, Platoon Sergeant Coverston fearlessly exposed himself to the enemy's shattering machine-gun and mortar fire upon reaching the heavily fortified beachhead and, working tirelessly and with extreme courage, effected a reorganization of the remainder of his company for sustained operations against the fanatic Japanese. After locating a concealed mortar emplacement inflicting heavy casualties on our troops during the bitter action on 22 November, he skillfully directed a deadly mortar barrage against the enemy and, later that same day, conducted a destructive attack against a hostile ammunition dump. By his forceful and inspiring leadership, his daring aggressiveness and indomitable fighting spirit, maintained throughout the fierce hostilities, Platoon Sergeant Coverston contributed materially to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and his zealous devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Fort Bragg, Calif.,  
B--Fort Bragg, Calif.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

06239  
AW-296-gjd

Spot Award, 1943.  
Serial 00232  
Signed APR 23 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT DAVID C. COX, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to Company C of the First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1942. During a Marine offensive west of the Matanikau River, Second Lieutenant Cox, after reporting to his company commander, was ordered to take over the direction of a special weapons platoon. With the enemy firmly entrenched in woods and draws, he in order to better concentrate the fire of his mortars, voluntarily moved forward through a hazardously exposed area for purposes of observation. While courageously directing the fire of his own platoon, he was killed in action. His fearless conduct and unhesitating spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of probable death were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave up his life in the defense 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.....Chicago, Ill.  
B.....Anderson, Indiana.



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DGP-296-egc

CinePac  
Appd SoP 1-18-45  
Serial 12640  
Signed APR 28 1945

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

CORPORAL ELLIS T. COX, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 18 June 1944. When his amphibian tractor was struck by heavy caliber enemy fire while proceeding to the beach, Corporal Cox risked his life to extinguish fires started in the ammunition. Realizing that the embarked 37-mm. guns and ammunition were urgently needed by our troops ashore under attack by hostile tanks, he carried on desperately in an effort to fulfill his mission but was mortally wounded when succeeding shells hit his vehicle. Corporal Cox's indomitable fighting spirit, his great personal valor and zealous devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Fairfax, Oklahoma

B--Tulsa, Oklahoma

SSM, perm. cit. & ltr to OMC pres'd 22 June by Oinc, USMCBHLARS, XXXXX Fed'l Bldg., 3rd & Robinson Sts., Oklahoma City 2, Okla. to the father of the late Corp. Cox, Mr. Edgar M. Cox, Rt. 2, Fairfax, Okla. at First Christian Church, Fairfax, asst'd by Post 52, American Legion.

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FEB 13 1946

Signed-----

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES W. COX,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 13 May 1945. During a crucial period of the attack when his company was pinned down by intense hostile mortar and small-arms fire, Private First Class Cox volunteered to advance beyond the existing lines to withdraw wounded Marines to safety. Although movement in any direction meant exposing himself to the hail of enemy fire, he courageously crawled forward over hazardous terrain and assisted a wounded man to cover. Cool and determined, he repeated his heroic action until all casualties were returned to safety. By his bravery, initiative and unwavering devotion to duty, Private First Class Cox upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R-Liberty Hill, Texas  
B- Briggs, Texas

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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Spot Ser. ~~678~~ 86491  
signed MAR 11 1948

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT LEWIS J. COX,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company K, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands 21 May 1945. During the fierce battle for Sugar Loaf Hill, First Lieutenant Cox courageously led his men in the face of intense hostile artillery, mortar and small-arms fire in a furious assault. Although subjected to repeated enemy counterattacks after occupying the hill, he ably directed his men in holding their positions. Seriously wounded in the course of the action, he steadfastly refused to be evacuated until ordered by his Commanding Officer. By his bravery, leadership and devotion to duty throughout, First Lieutenant Cox upheld the highest traditions of the United States."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

R- Cuba City, Wisconsin

B- Farley, Iowa  
27 Feb. 1920

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 00435  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL ANDREW J. COZZONE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Group Leader in a Rifle Squad of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 28 July 1944. When his platoon was pinned down by heavy flanking machine-gun fire emanating from a concealed position, Corporal Cozzone courageously advanced alone through hostile fire to locate the hostile weapon entrenched in the mouth of a cave one hundred yards forward of our lines. Boldly directing rifle and grenade fire against the position, he killed six of the enemy, including the machine gun crew and protecting riflemen, and then carried the captured weapon back to his unit. By his fortitude, daring initiative and devotion to duty, Corporal Cozzone upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Downingtown, Pa.  
B--Downingtown, Pa.



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SPOT  
Serial 56878  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

FEB 17 1948

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

CORPORAL LUTHER C. CRABTREE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

or 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 at Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, from 19 February to 26 March 1945. When the advance of his company was held up on 13 March, by rifle and grenade fire from a series of caves to the front, Corporal Crabtree courageously ran forward of the front lines and destroyed two cave positions with demolitions. On 15 March, in the face of enemy machine-gun fire from hostile caves, he again rushed forward through the front lines and attacked the positions with satchel charges to destroy three enemy strong points, thereby making possible the advance of his company. By his initiative and aggressive fighting spirit in executing these hazardous missions, Corporal Crabtree upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Serial 6112  
Signed\_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL GUY T. CRADER,  
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, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 2 July 1944. When intense hostile machine-gun and mortar fire halted the advance of his company, Corporal Crader courageously worked his machine gun section across open terrain under enemy fire to set up his guns and return the barrage, thereby neutralizing the Japanese gunfire and contributing materially to the successful withdrawal of his company to a better position where lines could be set up for the night. Although wounded in this action, he remained with his men to direct their fire and, when orders were received to withdraw, he picked up one weapon alone and worked his way through the enemy fire to take it back safe to our lines. 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--Burfordsville, Mo.  
B--St. Louis, MO.



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SPOT  
Serial 13031  
Signed SEP 25 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT FRANCIS S. CRAIG, 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 Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 10 June and 11 July 1944. Frequently exposing himself to fierce enemy fire in order to lead his platoon against a strongly defended hostile position, Second Lieutenant Craig succeeded in wiping out the emplacement completely, thereby contributing materially to the success of his company's mission. In action against the Japanese along the northern beach of the island on 11 July, Second Lieutenant Craig skillfully maneuvered his platoon across treacherous coral reefs and crevices in order to wipe out a group of the enemy dug in there, and personally accounted for approximately ten of their number. By his resolute leadership and courageous fighting spirit, Second Lieutenant Craig rendered invaluable service to his platoon, and his unwavering 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--Mansfield, La.  
B--Mansfield, La.

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DGP-298-rf

Spot Award  
Serial 861  
Signed AUG 17 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN C. CRAIG, JR., USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity  
while in command of a demolition group of the  
Second Marine Division attached to the Eighth  
Marines, Reinforced, Solomon Islands, January  
15 and 16, 1943. Reconnoitering into hostile  
lines south of Point Cruz, Second Lieutenant  
Craig, in the face of tremendous machine-gun  
fire, boldly led his group forward and effectively  
dynamited four strong Japanese positions. The  
following day he and his crew, moving toward  
prospective targets under a curtain of vigorous  
shelling, destroyed two of the enemy's 77 mm.  
field pieces and three ammunition dumps. His  
courageous devotion to duty, maintained at great  
personal risk in the face of grave danger, was  
in keeping with the highest traditions of the  
United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Metairie, Louisiana

B - New Orleans, Louisiana

~~R - San Francisco, New York~~

~~B - San Francisco, New York~~



347084  
DGP-238-wlb

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 ROBERT J. CRAIG, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 25, 1942. Patrolling the rear area of his company for enemy troops reported to have infiltrated through the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines' lines, Private First Class Craig and two companions encountered fifteen enemy soldiers in a deep draw. Armed with pistols, rifles, and hand-grenades, he and his comrades, with gain determination and undaunted courage, closed in on the Japanese, killing the entire group and destroying one heavy machine gun. His indomitable fighting spirit was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX  
Secretary of the Navy.

R - Canaseraga, New York.

B - Canaseraga, New York, 8-18-1921.



# THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

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

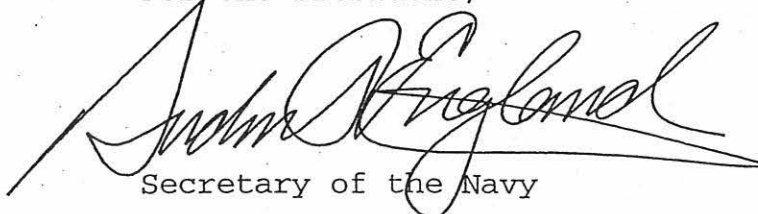
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS  
THOMAS A. CRAIGG, JR.  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as Squad Leader, Battery C, Company L, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Bataan, Philippine Islands. On the morning of 24 January 1942, the Commanding Officer, Battery C, mounted a patrol of 75 Marines and Sailors to investigate an enemy Japanese force. The patrol encountered the enemy, which was far superior in number and well-equipped with heavy machine guns and supporting mortars. The Commanding Officer dispatched a runner to the nearest antiaircraft battery for reinforcements with instructions for the gun captain to report to the commanding officer's position on the bluff overlooking Lapiay Point. Private First Class Craigg arrived with his 13-man squad and engaged two enemy gun emplacements, which had the main body pinned down and were dropping mortar and howitzer rounds among the patrol. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Craigg repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire while directing the fire of the Marines in eliminating one gun position. He laid down covering fire, which enabled the patrol to disengage from the main enemy Japanese force and withdraw to another position. By his extraordinary heroism in the face of extreme danger, Private First Class Craigg reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

For the President,



Secretary of the Navy



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

CAPTAIN JAMES W. CRAIN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company K, Third Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from 20 to 24 November 1943. Landing on the heavily fortified beachhead on D-Day, against a heavy concentration of machine-gun and antiboat fire, Captain Crain immediately reorganized his company for effective defense and held a shallow beachhead line throughout the first night of hostilities. Braving the enemy's fierce barrages the following morning, he boldly led his company in a brilliantly executed attack to seize an area of sufficient width and depth to permit landing of reinforcements and supplies. By his forceful and determined leadership, his aggressive fighting spirit and cool and courageous action in the face of grave peril, Captain Crain contributed immeasurably to the success of our forces in capturing this vital hostile stronghold and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ John L. Sullivan  
Secretary of the Navy

R-Ada, Okla.  
B-Roff, Okla.

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Spot Award  
Serial 0558  
Signed SEP 30 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLARENCE M. CRAMER, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Third Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on December 22, 1943. Voluntarily risking his life in the face of withering hostile shellfire, Private First Class Cramer courageously left a position of safety and, with a companion, proceeded 150 yards through enemy infested territory to attempt the rescue of a seriously wounded Marine lying within Japanese lines. Although fully aware of the danger involved in such a hazardous operation, he successfully evacuated the injured man and, with great difficulty, carried him up a steep hill to a place of safety. Private First Class Cramer's cool courage under fire, splendid initiative and great personal valor against almost insurmountable odds saved a comrade from probable capture or death and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R - Albany, New York.  
B - Albany, New York.



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DGP-298-cbg

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BdAwdMtg. Ser. 0399  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL E. CRAMER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company L, Third Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 16 June 1944. Fearlessly countering the enemy's withering machine-gun and mortar fire, First Lieutenant Cramer personally led his assault units in a vigorous attack against a heavily fortified Japanese bunker which was retarding the advance of his company and, fighting gallantly against tremendous odds, succeeded in destroying the hostile emplacement and all enemy troops in the immediate area. Seriously wounded during the bitter engagement, he continued to direct the activities of his command in further strikes against the fanatic Japanese until ordered from the field for treatment. By his forceful and inspiring leadership, his cool and courageous conduct under fire and his outstanding devotion to the completion of each hazardous assignment, First Lieutenant Cramer contributed essentially to the success of our operations against this heavily fortified stronghold and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

8 R-Columbus, Ohio  
B-Orrville, Ohio

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Spot Award.  
Serial 0478  
Signed 1111 17 1942

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BUDINGTON W. CRANDALL, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity  
in action while serving with the Second Marine  
Raider Battalion during operations against enemy  
Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands,  
on November 30, 1942. When his patrol squad made  
a surprise assault against a strong enemy base,  
Private First Class Crandall, with quick initia-  
tive and high courage, boldly rushed into the  
group, ten times the strength of his squad, and  
with his automatic weapon blazing, attacked the  
Japanese forces, contributing in a large measure  
to their swift destruction. His grim determina-  
tion and indomitable fighting spirit were in keep-  
ing with the highest traditions of the United  
States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R- Monetvido, Minnesota  
B- Minneapolis, Minnesota



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DGP-298-lfg

CincPac  
Appd SofN 2-22-45  
Serial 1280  
Signed OCT 5 1945

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS REX F. CRANDALL,  
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, Tenth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan Island, Marianas Islands, 7 July 1944. Courageous and aggressive in the face of terrific fire from Japanese guns, Private First Class Crandall rendered valiant service during operations on this strategically important island. On 7 July 1944, despite intense enemy fire from small arms and machine guns, he maintained his post steadfastly and, by his skill in servicing and firing his artillery piece, assisted in destroying a Japanese tank which had inflicted eleven casualties on his section. Mortally wounded during this hazardous action, Private First Class Crandall had contributed materially to the success of this vital campaign, and his unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave peril was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by CinC. For the President, 12-30-45 to the  
ts of the late PFC Crandall, Mr &  
loyd O. Crandall, at their home  
3, Litchfield Park, Ariz. Inf pres  
presence of 30 guests.

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Litchfield Park, Ariz.

B--Chandler, Ariz.

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

CORPORAL DALE A. CRAWFORD,  
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 A, First Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 11 May 1945. Observing a friendly tank capsize in an attempt to cross a stream while advancing in his own tank beyond the front lines, Corporal Crawford immediately maneuvered his vehicle into position and, after dismounting to attach a towing cable to the overturned tank despite intense enemy mortar fire, skillfully directed its removal. Realizing the immediate necessity for other tanks to cross the stream at the same place, he remained at the crossing with his tank and, under continued heavy fire screened the approaching vehicles with smoke grenades and on foot repeatedly guided them over the difficult crossing. By his outstanding initiative, and coolness under fire, Corporal Crawford contributed materially to the success of the attack, and his devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

/s/ John L. Sullivan  
Secretary of the Navy.

R- Libertyville, Iowa  
B- Daud's, Iowa

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SERGEANT JOHN CRAWFORD,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of a 75-mm. SF Gun of Weapons Company, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 26 July 1944. Although ordered to abandon his armored vehicle after it was damaged by heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Crawford steadfastly continued firing the forward machine gun to cover our advancing infantry. After exhausting his machine-gun ammunition, he fired all available carbine ammunition, abandoning his vehicle only after further hits rendered it completely ineffective. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R- Birmingham, Ala.  
B- Wylam, Ala.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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DGP-298-vml

Cincpac  
AppdSofN-10-25-45  
Serial-38045  
Signed AUG 27 1946

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

CAPTAIN WILLIAM K. CRAWFORD,  
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, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during action on enemy Japanese-held Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 25 February 1945. With his company hit by intense hostile automatic weapons and mortar fire and suffering numerous casualties, Captain Crawford went forward in the face of withering enemy fire, moving along his assault line from platoon to platoon to rally his men and direct their fire and movement until he fell, mortally wounded. By his outstanding bravery and gallant leadership, he inspired his men and was instrumental in advancing the attack of his company against tremendous opposition. His fierce onslaught against the Japanese position, which proved to be a part of the main line of resistance on Iwo Jima, caused so many casualties among enemy defenders and so weakened the line that a subsequent attack at that point resulted in the capture of the vital ground with comparative ease. His extraordinary courage and heroic conduct reflect the highest credit upon Captain Crawford and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Calvin, North Dakota,  
B--Calvin, North Dakota.



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DGP-298-sps

ComSoPac  
Approved  
Serial 00856

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

CAPTAIN WILLIAM K. CRAWFORD,  
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, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Cape Torokina Area of Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on 7 November 1943. When a large Japanese force landed in an attempted major assault against a flank of the beachhead held by the Third Marine Division, Captain Crawford boldly closed with the enemy and led his company against the attackers. Repeatedly risking his life during a five-hour battle, he exposed himself to heavy hostile fire from mortars, rifles and machine guns only a few yards from Japanese positions to direct the counterattack and, by his forceful leadership, daring initiative and courage, enabled his company to locate and stop the advance of the enemy, thereby making possible the reinforcement of the beachhead flank and contributing in large measure to the ultimate destruction of the entire Japanese landing force. His devotion to duty throughout this perilous engagement reflects the highest credit upon Captain Crawford and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Calvin, N. D.

B - Callin, N. D.

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SPOT  
Serial 00598

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MICHAEL J. GREAGH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Lead Scout of a Ten-Man Patrol of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-first Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the Tarague Area, Guam, Marianas Islands, on 11 August 1944. When his patrol group suddenly encountered heavy rifle and machine-gun fire from an enemy ambush, Private First Class Greagh unhesitatingly braved the hostile fire to silence these weapons. Advancing boldly up a trail, he located the ambush and succeeded in killing six of the enemy with his sub-machine gun. Upon returning, he administered first aid to the seriously wounded second scout and evacuated him to a safe position. By his prompt and courageous actions under fire, Private First Class Greagh enabled his patrol to continue its mission. His initiative 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---Chicago, Illinois

B---Chicago, Illinois



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Cincpac  
App. SofN 2-22-45  
Serial 905  
Signed SEP 19 1945

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN B. CREEL,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 2 July 1944. When his platoon was pinned down by intense fire from Japanese guns, Second Lieutenant Creel unhesitatingly went forward twice and after skillfully locating enemy machine guns obtained a tank and, while exposing himself to hostile fire, valiantly directed its fire on hostile positions. Seriously wounded on his third daring attempt to advance, Second Lieutenant Creel crawled back to his platoon, subsequently succumbing to his wounds. By his outstanding leadership and splendid courage in the face of extreme peril, he contributed materially to the success of our vital operations on this strategically important island, and his unflinching 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--Charleston, S.C.

B--Joyce, La.

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SPOT  
Serial 43157  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EMMETT R. CRENSHAW,  
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 Rifle Squad of Company D, Second Battalion, Twenty-eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 1 March 1945. When hostile machine-gun and rifle fire pinned down his platoon leader, Private First Class Crenshaw courageously risked his life in order to move back to get much needed help. Locating a platoon of tanks operating in a nearby area, he led them up to his platoon and boldly exposed himself to enemy fire to observe and direct the fire of the tanks on the hostile positions. Although he was drawing enemy fire against his person, he continued to direct the fire of the tanks until his platoon was able to move to a more favorable position. By his bold initiative and indomitable courage, he was responsible for saving many of his comrades' lives 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--Selma, Calif.  
B--Lindsay, Okla.



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FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 48904  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES C. CRESAP,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as an Engineer Platoon Leader of Company A, Fifth Engineer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 9 March 1945. Directed to form a provisional company of component and attached units to relieve a company of another battalion on a pinned-down flank, First Lieutenant Cresap led his group through the darkness to the front lines under enemy fire and, effecting the relief of the pinned-down company, established contact with adjacent units. Throughout a long night on a rocky ridge, he led his men in a series of hand grenade battles and close-in fighting and, by his courageous leadership, enabled his company to repulse repeated attempts by the Japanese to infiltrate through his thinly-held lines. His initiative, determination 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--Iuka, Miss.  
B--Iuka, Miss.

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DGP-298-Navy-ELPK

CincPac  
SPOT  
Serial 0647  
Signed-----

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

CORPORAL HENRY M. CRESWELL,  
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, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. Assigned the extremely dangerous task of reconnoitering an area immediately forward of the front lines in an effort to determine the location of a group of isolated Marines and the possibility of sending reinforcements, Corporal Creswell boldly advanced under the enemy's shattering machine-gun and rifle fire to an area held by friendly troops who informed him that the unit was some forty yards distant. Determined to complete his perilous mission, he unhesitatingly proceeded through Japanese infested territory and, finally contacting the Commanding Officer of the stricken group, expeditiously made his way back to his own lines to report the vital information. By his dauntless perseverance, untiring efforts and cool courage in the face of grave peril, Corporal Creswell was instrumental in effecting the prompt dispatch of reinforcements to relieve the stranded Marines and in making possible the evacuation of many wounded. His valiant devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R--Nederland, Texas.  
B--Laffayette, La.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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DGP-298-vml

Cinopac  
Serial 35636  
App'd of N 12-18-46  
Signed JUN 23 1947

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

CORPORAL GLENN A. CRIM, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Fire Group Leader in a platoon of Company A, First Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Island, 19 February 1945. Volunteering to assist in the destruction of a heavily fortified enemy pillbox which was holding up the advance of his company, Corporal Crim braved hostile mortar, rocket and small-arms fire to charge the position and, surprising the enemy, aided in killing the four occupants and in destroying the emplacement, thereby enabling our front lines to move forward at a critical time. His heroic conduct and unwavering devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Baltimore, Maryland,  
B--Brunswick, Maryland.



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DGP-298-vml

Cincpac  
AppdSofN-10-4-45  
Serial-35587  
Signed JUL 9 1946

*Outlook*

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT THOMAS A. C. CRIMMINS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Member of a Forward Observation Team, attached to Battery B, First Battalion, Fifteenth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the drive on Naha, Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands, on 8 May 1945. Remaining in an exposed position on a hill under heavy Japanese mortar, machine-gun and small-arms fire, First Lieutenant Crimmins accurately adjusted artillery fire on hostile mortars that had trapped the Marine Infantry battalion with which he was serving. Mortally wounded by enemy rifle fire, First Lieutenant Crimmins, by his heroic devotion to duty and cool courage in the face of grave danger had aided in silencing enemy fire and, upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Acting Secretary of the Navy.

R--Monkton, Maryland,  
B--Boston, Massachusetts.

SSM, permanent citation and CMC's ltr ~~for~~ were forwarded to mother, Mrs. Ethel Crimmins, by registered mail on 12Aug46. by CO, MB, USNBase.



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FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 43822  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL MERRILL L. CRIPPEN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Demolitions Squad Leader 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 2 March 1945. Assuming command of a demolitions squad after the Squad Leader was wounded, Corporal Crippen led a successful assault against a strong Japanese force entrenched in three caves holding up the advance of his company. Although enemy riflemen covered the cave entrances after he had sealed the first cave, he continued on his mission and, after successfully closing the second one, moved on to the third. Wounded a second time and greatly weakened, he demolished the last cave and refused to be evacuated until his company had secured the area. 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--Logansport, Indiana.  
B--Cass County, Indiana.

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FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 00598  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL OLIVER M. GROFFORD,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Member of a Patrol of Company B, Third Motor Transport Battalion, 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, Corporal Grofford aggressively moved forward to cover the advance across a ravine. Observing an enemy soldier about to hurl a heavy demolition charge at three Marines, he quickly fired at the thrower to destroy his aim, thus causing the charge to fall short and merely stun the three men. Aided by another Marine, he then charged the hostile position, killing one enemy rifleman and causing another to kill himself. Later, when his squad executed a strategic withdrawal under enemy mortar and rifle fire, Corporal Grofford again assumed an exposed position and covered the evacuation of the stunned Marines. His coolness under fire and fighting spirit 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--Paris, Texas.

B--Paris, Texas.



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Spot Award.  
Serial 0478  
Signed 17 1943

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

CORPORAL ORIE CROFT, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with the Second Marine Raider Battalion during operations against enemy Japanese forces at Mambula, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on December 4, 1942. When his squad, acting as point, was ambushed by the enemy, Corporal Croft fearlessly led his group against a Japanese machine gun and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, exposed himself in an effort to draw the enemy's fire so that other members of his squad could neutralize the weapon. After one of his men was wounded, he took the man's automatic rifle and charging the Japanese position himself, knocked out the gun. 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,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Placerville, California

B- Placerville, California



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Serial 002172  
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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

CORPORAL PAUL A. CROKIE, 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 Crokier 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 - Bucyrus, Ohio.  
R - Bucyrus, Ohio.



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT RICHARD L. CROMARTIE, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Rifle Platoon Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Twenty-fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 22 February 1945. Upon receiving information that an enemy patrol was operating in the area to his rear, First Lieutenant Cromartie volunteered to lead a combat night patrol to ward off this danger. Discovering the hostile patrol, First Lieutenant Cromartie and his men killed three and put the remainder of the enemy to flight, after which he pursued them closely until the enemy were driven into elements of his platoon and annihilated, thereby eliminating a menace to rearward supply areas. His courage, initiative and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R- Garland, N. C.  
B- " " "

22 Sept. 1921

Citation only

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Appd SofN 2-22-46  
Serial 1178  
Signed A-H-15

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CLIFFORD T. CROOK, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the First Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan in the Marianas, on 20 June 1944. When his platoon was held up by an overwhelming concentration of enemy machine-gun fire during a furious attack, Private First Class Crook voluntarily led a medium tank forward. Boldly pointing out hostile machine-gun positions, he directed the fire of his tank with relentless determination and accuracy against the strongly fortified emplacements, fearlessly disregarding all personal danger and continuing his valiant efforts until fatally struck down by a savage burst from a powerful Japanese gun. By his aggressive initiative, unfailing skill and indomitable fighting spirit, Private First Class Crook contributed materially to the ultimate conquest of this vital enemy stronghold, and his great personal courage and resolute conduct throughout a period of fierce hostilities upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-Bessemer, Ala.  
B-Bessemer, Ala.



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SPOT  
Serial 00406  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WILLIAM L. I. CROOK,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Gun Captain of a 75-mm. Self-propelled Gun of Weapons Company, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, 27 July 1944. Forced to evacuate his gun compartment due to fire and smoke during an assault on enemy positions, Private First Class Crook courageously attempted to fire a machine gun and an automatic rifle located in the drivers compartment. Finding that both were out of commission, he then returned to the gun compartment which the fire had partially burned out and, singlehandedly loaded, aimed and fired his weapon with felling effect until all ammunition was exhausted. 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--Reedsport, Oregon  
B--Reedsport, Oregon

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Spot Award, 1943.  
Serial 00239  
Signed APR 23 1943

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT DAVID H. GROSSBY, JR., USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on November 1, 1942. When his platoon, during an offensive west of the Matanikau River, was held up by heavy fire from machine guns, grenades and snipers, Second Lieutenant Grosby joined his scouts and personally moved forward of his lines, reconnoitering concealed Japanese positions until he was killed in action. By refusing to order others into risks which he himself would not undertake and by making the supreme sacrifice, he attained the ultimate in troop leadership, setting a heroic example for every Marine entrusted with command. 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 - Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

B - Philipsburg, Pennsylvania.



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SPOT  
Serial 04387  
Signed DEC 9 1947

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

CORPORAL DAYTON D. CROSS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Reconnaissance Company, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 17 February 1945. Despite heavy artillery and automatic weapons fire, Corporal Cross carried out a reconnaissance mission on the landing beaches and, by gathering valuable data and information, contributed materially to saving the lives of others. His indefatigable courage in continuing his mission after enemy fire had caused severe casualties among his team members and his 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.

Ref:

R..Waterford, PA

B..Waterford, PA

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DGP-298-Navy-RDA

FMFPac  
SPOT  
Serial 6068  
Signed Jan 30 1968

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD F. CROSS,  
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 Company A, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian, Marianas Islands, 29 July 1944. With his fifteen-man patrol under intense enemy machine-gun fire, Private First Class Cross went to the aid of four wounded Marines and carried them to safety. Then, acting as a runner between tanks which had been sent to the patrol's aid, he contributed to the destruction of six enemy machine-guns and approximately twelve hostile riflemen. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Cross and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Princeton, Ind.,  
B--Ayrus, Ky.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.



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SPOT  
Serial 6068  
Signed JAN 30 1948

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the GOLD STAR in lieu of the Second Silver Star Medal to

CORPORAL HAROLD F. CROSS,  
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 A, First Battalion, Second Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 8 July 1944. Fired upon by enemy riflemen while on a mission to discover the location of advanced elements of his company, Corporal Cross continued his search until he found two wounded members of his company on the beach and, although wounded himself by enemy hand grenades, remained to protect the men and to point out hostile positions to arriving reinforcements. Despite his wounds, he destroyed six of the enemy during the action. His courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Cross and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Princeton, Ind.,  
B--Ayres, Ky.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

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Appd SofN 11-16-48  
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Serial 48903

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

CORPORAL WAYNE N. CROSS,  
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 A, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 16 April 1945. Wounded during the final assault on Japanese-held Mount Yastake, Corporal Cross refused to be evacuated and remained to help remove other wounded men behind the lines despite intense hostile fire. Returning to direct his fire team in covering the platoon's withdrawal, he contributed materially to its orderly retirement and reorganization. His initiative, leadership 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--Chicago, Illinois  
B--Kalamazoo, Michigan.



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Serial 741  
Appd SofN 2-15-45  
Signed

JUL 10 1945

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

PLATOON SERGEANT WILLIAM C. CROSS, USMC.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the Second Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Island of Saipan, in the Marianas, on 15 June 1944. Fearlessly reconnoitering an area heavily infested with Japanese troops, Platoon Sergeant Cross led his men into the position, capturing the commanding ground and skillfully closing a vulnerable gap in our lines. Determined and aggressive, he penetrated every part of the area, unhesitatingly risking his life numerous times to enter buildings and probe possible places of concealment as he cleared the way for the rest of his platoon. By his resolute initiative, indomitable fighting spirit and unfaltering courage in the face of savage, unceasing opposition, Platoon Sergeant Cross contributed essentially to the success of our forces in the Saipan operations, and his valiant devotion to duty throughout a period of fierce hostilities was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

SSM, perm cit, ltr fr CMC pres by Cinc, Des Moines 9, Iowa, 10-28-45 to the parents of the late Pl/Sgt Cross, Mr and Mrs Wm. T. Cross, 422 Fifth St., S.E. Mason City, Iowa. App pres and due pub given.

R--Mason City, Iowa  
B-- " " " "

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

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Cinopac  
Appd SerN 1-10-46  
Serial 031623  
Signed JUN 23 1947

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

SERGEANT CLYDE E. CROUCH,  
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 a platoon of Company B, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 9 and 10 May 1945. When his platoon leader became a casualty, Sergeant Crouch quickly took command and reorganized the unit under extremely heavy enemy machine-gun, rifle and mortar fire. Despite adverse and hazardous conditions, he gained control of the platoon, boldly continued the attack, and seized the objective. On the following morning, while leading his men against another strongly defended Japanese position, he was mortally wounded. His inspiring leadership under fire, unfaltering devotion to duty and indomitable fighting spirit reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Crouch and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,  
JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Victoria, Texas  
R-- Yockum, Texas.



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Appd SofN 9-29-45  
Serial 34830  
Signed

~~JUN 6 1946~~

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RALPH H. CROUCH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as Company Runner of Company B, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, during operations against enemy forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 25 February 1945. Severely wounded while carrying a vital message to an assault platoon, Private First Class Crouch resolutely crawled some hundred yards to his destination to deliver the message, succumbing shortly after completing his mission. His fortitude, courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Crouch and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R.--Arlington, Virginia  
B.--Middleburg, Virginia

EXCLUDED FROM ALL INFORMATION  
RELATIONS AND WILL BE KEPT SECRET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
DEFENSE GADGETS' REGULATION' 2. C. ON 25 JULY 1955. AND  
THE FIRST GENERAL DATE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE  
NAVY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. RALPH H. CROUCH, MARINE  
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, 1945. MEDAL OF HONOR AND SILVER STAR TO



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Appd SofN 9-20-45  
Serial - 35294  
Signed JUL 9 1946

*per file*

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

SERGEANT JOE R. CROW,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Demolition Squad Leader, serving with Company G, Third Battalion, Twenty-Eighth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 20 February 1945. Leading his squad through intense automatic fire from the concealed enemy in a relentless assault on three mutually supporting Japanese pillboxes, Sergeant Crow succeeded in reaching his objective despite two casualties and, skillfully maneuvering his men to destroy two of the hostile emplacements, annihilated the third before he fell, mortally wounded by an enemy sniper. His expert leadership and relentless fighting spirit in the accomplishment of this daring mission contributed materially to a two hundred yard advance on Mount Suribachi by his company and reflect the highest credit upon Sergeant Crow and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Acting

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Ennis, Texas.

B--Milford, Texas.

SSMw/pern. cit. ltr fr CMC-pres to Mrs. Joe R. Crow, widow, at USNAS, Dallas, Texas, by CO, on or about August 1946.



HEADQUARTERS USAFISPA  
APO #502

22 February 1943.

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GENERAL ORDERS )  
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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:

HENRY P. CROWE, Captain, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action on January 15, 1943 at Guadalcanal. In command of a Regimental Weapons Company attached to a Marine Battalion, in combat with strong enemy forces west of Point Cruz, Captain Crowe assisted materially in the success of the operation by directing 37mm fire to destroy several strong enemy emplacements. With eight men he rushed and captured an enemy emplacement containing a 77mm field piece, located behind the advanced lines. His group killed five enemy in the gun emplacement and destroyed a large ammunition dump by dynamiting it. Home address: 649 North Rossmore, Los Angeles, 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.

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R- Bremerton, Washington

B- Boston, Kentucky

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Serial 0647  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

GUNNERY SERGEANT OLIVER G. CRUICKSHANK,  
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, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 22 November 1943. With all of his Company Officers wounded and evacuated following a bitter engagement with the enemy, Gunnery Sergeant Cruickshank promptly assumed command and, effecting a prompt reorganization, skillfully directed and led repeated determined attacks against heavily fortified hostile strong points which had been dominating the southern beachhead, wiping out Japanese resistance and contributing essentially to the success of the operation. By his daring initiative, forceful and determined leadership and great personal valor maintained throughout the fierce action, Gunnery Sergeant Cruickshank served as an inspiration to the entire company and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Bear Valley, California  
B--Kelseyville, California



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

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

PRIVATE JACOB CRUZ, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with a machine-gun platoon attached to the First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in combat against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, on the night of November 22, 1943. When his platoon was in desperate need of ammunition during fierce enemy counterattacks, Private Cruz worked tirelessly procuring it from distributing points in the rear. Exposed at all times to hostile fire, he continued to carry out his perilous task with utter disregard for his own personal safety until he was killed by the enemy. Private Cruz's heroic devotion to duty was a vital factor in the success of our forces in repelling the Japanese and 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..Los Angeles, CA  
B..Nogales, AZ

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DGP-298-sps

FMFPac SPOT  
Serial 49793

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN R. CUDWORTH,  
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 A, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 27 February 1945. When an enemy machine gun firing across the company front halted the entire company advance against a strongly fortified hostile position, Second Lieutenant Cudworth acted on his own initiative and, although the weapon was out of his zone of action, moved toward it a distance of seventy-five yards in the face of intense machine-gun and mortar fire. Then, with the assistance of three other men, he succeeded in destroying the gun and killing the crew, thereby enabling his company to continue the attack and seize a dominating terrain feature. Second Lieutenant Cudworth's leadership throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R - Rochester, N. Y.  
B - Cortland, N. Y.

For the President,

FRANCIS P. MATTHEWS

Secretary of the Navy.



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ComSevFlt  
Spot Award  
Serial 01054  
Signed 11-29-44

The President of the United States takes pleasure in  
presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to  
CAPTAIN WALTER H. CUENIN, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces in the New Britain Area on March 7 and 8, 1944. Proceeding through dense jungle undergrowth during a torrential downpour, Captain Cuenin led his company up a steep ridge in an effort to prevent a flanking attack on the heavily engaged advance guard unit of his battalion. Skillfully deploying his men, he led them in a swift, vigorous attack, constantly exposing himself to heavy fire in order to direct the fighting and maintaining his determined tactics until the enemy was destroyed. On the following day, he moved a reinforced company over steep terrain three thousand yards beyond his battalion's position to occupy Talasea Airstrip and, by this threat to the hostile line of communication, was instrumental in forcing the Japanese withdrawal and in eliminating the necessity of a costly assault by our forces on a heavily entrenched enemy position. Captain Cuenin's gallant fighting spirit and inspiring leadership throughout this critical operation were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President  
JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R--Malden, Mass  
B-- " "

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Serial 85999

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD J. CUFF, 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 Man of Company B, First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 30 May 1945. When his company was pinned down by extremely heavy hostile automatic fire during an attack on a heavily defended enemy position in the Naha-Shuri sector, Private First Class Cuff realized the seriousness of the situation and unhesitatingly ran forward through the intense enemy fire to assault singlehandedly a hostile machine gun position which had pinned down the left flank of the company. Although armed only with grenades, he persisted in his efforts until he succeeded in destroying the machine gun and, by his courageous efforts, enabled the company to advance and seize the objective. His indomitable fighting spirit and unswerving devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Long Beach, California

B--Long Beach, California



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

CORPORAL WILLIAM F. CULLINANE,  
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, Thirteenth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, during the early morning hours of 1 March 1945. After a heavy enemy artillery barrage had set fire to a division ammunition and food dump and a U. S. Army radar station situated in the vicinity of the Regimental Command Post, Corporal Cullinane braved hostile mortar and artillery fire as well as flying fragments of burning and exploding ammunition which were continuously showering the area to fight the flames. Assisting in controlling and extinguishing the fire, he contributed to the saving of other large stores of near-by critical materials until wounded by a burning fragment of a bursting pyrotechnic shell. 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..Brookline, MA  
B..Boston, MA

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SPOT  
Serial 0647  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT EDGAR M. CULP,  
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 I, Third Battalion, Eighth Marines, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. Seriously wounded while leading his platoon across an open fire-swept airstrip during fierce hostilities on D-Day, Second Lieutenant Culp dauntlessly continued the advance against the fanatic Japanese. Struck a second time when the enemy launched a terrific mortar barrage against his position and scattered his unit, he refused to be evacuated from the front lines despite his intense pain and, promptly reorganizing his men, continued to lead them in determined attacks until ordered by his commanding officer to withdraw to the rear for medical treatment. By his forceful and inspiring leadership, great personal valor and cool and courageous action in the face of tremendous odds, Second Lieutenant Culp contributed immeasurably 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

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Juscaloosa, Alabama.  
B--Flat Top, Alabama.



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App SoIN 7-27-45  
Serial 01232  
Signed OCT 19 1943

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM L. CULP, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Assistant  
Ring Communications Officer of the First Marine Aircraft Wing  
in action against enemy Japanese forces at Guadalcanal, Solomon  
Islands, from November 14, 1942 to January 22, 1943. During the  
first six weeks of this period of intense activity, First Lieu-  
tenant Culp was the only communications officer at his head-  
quarters. In this capacity he personally supervised the instal-  
lation, maintenance and repair of vital telephone and radio  
communications, often exposing himself to severe enemy bombing  
and artillery fire in order to perform his essential duties  
more effectively. The cool courage and unswerving devotion to  
duty displayed by First Lieutenant Culp under extremely adverse  
conditions throughout the entire period contributed greatly to  
the success of that campaign and were an inspiration to his  
associates and in keeping with the highest traditions of the  
United States Naval Service."

For the President,

FRANK KNOX

Secretary of the Navy.

R - New Martinsville, West Virginia.

B - New Martinsville, West Virginia.

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Serial 8746  
Signed NOV 14 1947

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT BILL P. CUMBAA,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a Platoon Leader of Company F, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 15 September to 26 October 1944. Courageously leading his platoon on 18 and 19 September against heavily armed Japanese forces entrenched on commanding ground, Second Lieutenant Cumbaa fought with aggressive determination, routing the enemy and enabling his company to accomplish a most difficult mission. Although the Japanese were known to be on a ridge directly commanding our positions, on 22 September he boldly led a patrol forward of the lines to secure valuable information and handled the patrol with outstanding skill and efficiency. Exposed to almost point-blank enemy fire, he completed this mission with the loss of only one man killed and one wounded. His brilliant leadership and inspiring example throughout these and numerous other extremely hazardous missions reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Cumbaa and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R-- Inverness, Florida.  
B-- Columbus, Ga.



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SPOT  
Serial 79496  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT BILL P. CUMBAA,  
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 the Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on 11 May 1945. Ordered to attack a strongly-defended and well-fortified enemy position, First Lieutenant Cumbaa led his men in the attack, boldly crossing one hundred fifty yards of exposed, level terrain and scaling an almost vertical cliff in the face of heavy Japanese artillery and mortar concentrations and accurate small-arms fire which reduced his platoon to less than half strength. Unmindful of his own danger while moving along his platoon front to direct the attack and maintain control of his unit, he completed his mission successfully, thereafter supervising the defense of the area and holding the objective until reinforcements arrived despite enemy counterattacks and heavy artillery, mortar and small-arms fire. Painfully wounded during this action, First Lieutenant Cumbaa refused to leave the ridge until the last casualty had been evacuated. His daring leadership, initiative and devotion to duty under hostile fire reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Columbus, Georgia  
B--Columbus, Georgia



CUMMINGS

SS & cens. Cit. sent to:  
Mrs. Mildred C. Brunson  
c/o Capt. F.A. Brunson  
Camp Mystic  
Hunt, Texas

(sister)

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

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

WARRANT OFFICER DAN L. CUMMINGS, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to ~~the first~~ Marine ~~Parachute~~ Battalion during action against enemy Japanese forces near Koi-ari, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, on November 29, 1943. Attached to part of a Task Organization ~~erroneously~~ landed at a point one thousand yards from the main body raiding behind enemy lines, Warrant Officer Cummings, alone and under hostile fire, courageously worked his way through the hazardous area and after establishing contact with the main body, returned to his isolated comrades and guided them to the main group. Although wounded during this action, Warrant Officer Cummings continued to perform his essential duties as adjutant, repeatedly exposing himself to enemy fire until he was again seriously wounded. His valiant fighting spirit and inspiring conduct throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R...Harleyville, S.C.

B...



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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

CORPORAL EDWARD F. CUMMINGS,  
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 Company E, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on enemy-held Peleliu, Palau Islands, 12 October 1944. Exposing himself to heavy hostile rifle fire to attack an enemy position in a cave which was holding up the advance of his unit, Corporal Cummings advanced alone on the cave in which there were four of the enemy and, although wounded by a hostile grenade, refused to be evacuated and killed the enemy by hurling hand grenades into the entrance of the cave. Calling for a flame thrower, he remained at the mouth of the cave to cover the flame thrower operator and, only after all occupants of the cave were definitely killed, did he permit himself to be 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-Rochester, N. Y.  
B-Rochester, N. Y.

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SPOT  
Serial 05718  
Signed OCT 23 1945

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

MAJOR FLOYD CUMMINGS,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Commanding Officer of Marine Scout Bombing Squadron ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE, Marine Aircraft Group TWENTY-FOUR in action against enemy Japanese forces over Nichols Field, Luzon, Philippine Islands, 12 February 1945. Withdrawing from an air attack over Manila when he received an emergency call from ground forces pinned down by enemy fire from a hangar on Nichols Field, Major Cummings led his flight in determined low-level bombing runs despite intense antiaircraft fire to destroy the enemy stronghold, thereby enabling the troops to advance and reach the objective. In addition, he contributed to the success of the squadron through his work as Air Coordinator. His leadership, 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--Cleveland, Mississippi.

B--Boyle, Mississippi.



Spot Award

Serial 0954

Signed

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OCT 9 1944

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANKLIN H. CUNNINGHAM, 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 operating on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, during the early morning darkness of January 3, 1944. Proceeding over steep, muddy terrain and through heavy hostile fire, Private First Class Cunningham carried urgently needed ammunition to the troops in a critical area continually exposed to intense enemy fire. Although he was painfully wounded by shrapnel in the chest and arm, he fearlessly continued to perform his important duties until our position was made secure and the enemy repulsed with important losses. Private First Class Cunningham's vallant conduct and courageous devotion to duty under perilous conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R - Bangor, Maine.

B - Bangor, Maine.

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Serial 03001  
Signed AUG 19 1947

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOSEPH C. CUNNINGHAM, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

INITIAL

"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 1 August 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 Cunningham 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. By his relentless fighting spirit and indomitable courage, Private First Class Cunningham 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--Baltimore, Maryland.  
B--Baltimore, Maryland.



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Serial 12849  
SPOT  
Signed JAN 15 1947

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT P. CURRAN,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the Second Battalion, Twenty-Fifth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 23 June 1944. Unhesitatingly volunteering to lead a patrol deep into enemy territory in an effort to wipe out Japanese snipers inflicting heavy casualties on our troops, First Lieutenant Curran daringly proceeded through the danger area with his 20-man squad and expeditiously located the strong point. Gallantly disregarding wounds received from a hostile sniper's bullet, he skillfully deployed his men into advantageous striking position and directed a relentless barrage against the enemy, successfully evacuating casualties sustained by his unit during the fierce action and continuing the attack until his perilous mission was completed. Subsequently rejoining his company, First Lieutenant Curran, by his forceful leadership and dauntless courage maintained at great personal risk, had contributed essentially 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."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Boston, Massachusetts.  
B--Boston, Massachusetts.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DONALD A. CUNY,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, 18 September 1944. When his company's position was threatened by an enemy tank attack, Private First Class Cuny quickly fixed an anti-tank grenade to his rifle and unhesitatingly left cover. Advancing in the face of intense enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, he attained an advantageous position for firing and launched his grenade, partially disabling a hostile tank. Mortally wounded while attempting to return to cover, Private First Class Cuny, by his courageous and self-sacrificing action, rendered valiant service and aided his company in maintaining its position against the enemy assault. His daring initiative and loyal devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Cuny and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country."

For the President,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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

Secretary of the Navy.



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Serial 45500  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN N. CURRIE,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with Company A, Fifth Tank Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, on 24 February 1945. Dismounting from his tank in the face of intense hostile mortar, artillery and small-arms fire, Private First Class Currie proceeded on foot to the aid of another tank which had been destroyed by the enemy and, rescuing the only survivor of the destroyed vehicle, carried him to his own tank and subsequently to a medical aid station behind the lines. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JOHN E. SULLIVAN

Secretary of the Navy.

R--Hinckley, Minn.  
B--Hinckley, Minn.

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES R. CURRIER,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Leader of a Mortar Platoon of the First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Peleliu, Palau Islands, from 17 to 22 September 1944. With his group assigned the mission of supporting the Battalion attack on a ridge from which heavy and continuing hostile mortar and machine-gun fire enveloped the front lines, First Lieutenant Currier voluntarily and boldly led his forward control team to an exposed position well in advance of the attacking troops to gain observation. After every other man in his control team had been killed or wounded, he courageously remained alone at his post to direct effective fire on the enemy position, inflicting heavy casualties and permitting the Battalion to seize its objective. His fortitude, daring initiative and devotion to duty throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

R--Glide, Oregon,  
B--Stockton, Cal.

Secretary of the Navy.



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16 December 1943.

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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:

MICHAEL CURRIN, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Marine Corps, for gallantry in action at New Georgia, Solomon Islands, as a battalion commander while aggressively leading his organization forward under intense small arms and mortar fire against strong enemy positions during which he made repeated personal reconnaissances to his front lines and contributed largely to the destruction of many of the enemy on 20 July 1943. Home Address: San Diego, California.

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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- Staten Is. New York

B- Richmond County New York,

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CincPac  
Appd SofN 1-11-45  
Serial 11690  
Signed APR 3 1945

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

FIRST LIEUTENANT JAMES J. CURRY, USMCR.,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Platoon Leader attached to the Second Battalion, Twentieth Marines, Fourth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Saipan, Marianas Islands, from 15 June to 7 July 1944. Landing on the heavily fortified beach on D-day, First Lieutenant Curry valiantly directed the unloading of vitally needed supplies despite a devastating barrage of hostile artillery and mortar fire and, by his brilliant leadership and untiring efforts throughout the bitter period following landing operations, expeditiously and efficiently handled the subsequent supply of materials for our forces. Attached to an infantry battalion on 3 July, he courageously led his platoon on numerous extremely hazardous missions through enemy infested territory, neutralizing the last points of Japanese resistance in caves and isolated positions by-passed by advancing infantry, until he was mortally wounded while carrying out his dangerous assignment. First Lieutenant Curry's exceptional fortitude and indomitable fighting spirit, maintained at great personal risk, contributed to the success of our sustained drive toward the capture of this important Japanese stronghold, 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

R--Newark, New Jersey

Secretary of the Navy.

B--Jersey City, New Jersey

SSM, perm. cit. & ltr fr CMC pres'd 29 May 1945 by CO, MB, NYd, NY, NY. to Mr. & Mrs. James P. Curry, parents, of the late 1st Lt. Curry, 33 Orleans St., Newark, N.J., at NYd post with appropriate ceremonies.



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Appd SofN 1-10-46  
Serial 34986  
Signed FEB 13 1947

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

PRIVATE CHESTER H. CURTIS,  
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-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 16 March 1945. Attempting the seemingly impossible task of rescuing four wounded men lying helpless in a fire lane, Private Curtis courageously left his company and worked his way through the heavy enemy rifle fire to the casualties. After rendering urgently needed first aid, he then found the safest route of return and, skillfully directing the laying of a concealing smoke screen, supervised the evacuation of the men to safety. Mortally wounded during this heroic mission, Private Curtis, by his courage, aggressiveness and inspiring devotion to duty, ~~had~~ saved the lives of his fellow comrades 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--Sumner, Washington  
B--Adana, Washington

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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

CORPORAL FULLER CURTIS, USMC.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

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"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 companion,  
Corporal Curtis immediately charged the enemy and, after  
killing six, later sought and killed the remaining two. Bold-  
ly 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. Corporal Curtis' daring aggressiveness, out-  
standing 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 tra-  
ditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

JAMES FORRESTAL  
Secretary of the Navy.

R - Garrison on the Hudson, N.Y.  
B - New York, N.Y.



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

PLATOON SERGEANT PAUL F. CURTIS,  
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 A, First Battalion, Twenty-second Marines (Reinforced), First Provisional Marine Brigade, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guam, Marianas Islands, from 21 July to 10 August 1944. When his Platoon Leader was wounded and evacuated on the evening of D-Day, Platoon Sergeant Curtis took command of the platoon and led it courageously and efficiently throughout the remainder of the operation. On 25 July, he led an attack to destroy an enemy position which was placing enfilading fire on his company and holding up the advance of the right flank. On 27 July, he personally eliminated two enemy positions with baroque fire and then led a flanking attack which routed the enemy from a strong position holding up the attack in his sector. 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-Belmont, Mass.  
B-Dorchester, Mass.



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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL: Under authority contained in paragraph 8, AR 600-45, the SILVER STAR MEDAL is awarded by the Commanding General, U. S. Forces, China Theater to the following named officer. The citation is as follows:

✓ WARRANT OFFICER THOMAS L CURTIS 042803 United States Marine Corps. For gallantry in action on 17 May 1945 when attacking a Japanese held village in Central China. WARRANT OFFICER CURTIS was leader of a section of Chinese guerrillas in an attack against fortified Japanese positions where the attack was stopped by accurate enemy machine gun fire, which pinned the Guerrillas down. With complete disregard for his own safety and while under heavy machine gun and rifle fire, he worked his way to a point about fifteen yards from a well concealed enemy machine gun emplacement which had pinned down his section and destroyed the gun and crew with a hand grenade. He then turned his rifle fire upon another machine gun emplacement. WARRANT OFFICER CURTIS' gallantry so inspired the Chinese Guerrillas that they rallied and successfully completed the attack, resulting in one hundred and five Japanese being killed, four prisoners captured and the remaining Japanese being forced to withdraw in confusion. WARRANT OFFICER CURTIS' gallantry, coolness under fire and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under authority contained in paragraph 8, AR 600-45 the BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded by the Commanding General, U. S. Forces, China Theater to the following named officers and enlisted men. The citations are as follows:

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LIEUTENANT (JUNIOR GRADE) THEODORE A MORDE 367 222 United States Naval Reserve. For meritorious service during the period 22 July 1945 to 31 July 1945.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL WEDEMAYER:

RAY T MADDOCKS  
Maj. Gen., GSC  
Chief of Staff

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

SERGEANT DANIEL D. CUSENBARY, JR.,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a Machine Gun Platoon Leader of Company B, First Battalion, Sixth Marines, Second Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the assault on Saipan, Marianas Islands, 17 June 1944. Leading his platoon in a sector that was heavily attacked during the early morning hours by enemy tanks and infantry, Sergeant Cusenbary skillfully directed and controlled the fire of his sections. Observing that his machine guns were ineffective against the oncoming tanks, he directed his fire against the Japanese foot troops and, although some of the tanks advanced to his positions and damaged several of the guns, was able to return such effective fire upon the enemy that they became completely disorganized and withdrew. His outstanding leadership and courageous devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

R-Graham, Texas  
B-Graham, Texas

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

SECOND LIEUTENANT HENRY H. CZESWIK, USMCR.,  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while attached to the ~~Eighth Marines, Reinforced~~, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Guadalcanal, Solomon Island, December 23, 1942. When a hostile strong point in front of the Third Battalion began to inflict severe casualties on his regiment, Second Lieutenant Czeswik, with alert judgment and courageous skill, personally led an eight-man patrol into enemy lines under a curtain of tremendous fire. In a violent engagement against a desperate and persistent foe, he and his men killed seventeen Japanese, wounded many others, and destroyed a great amount of arms and ammunition. By his astute foresight and inspiring leadership, Second Lieutenant Czeswik, without a single loss to his own patrol, delivered a striking blow against the enemy and successfully removed a dire threat to the security of our position."

For the President,

**FRANK KNOX**

Secretary of the Navy.

R - International Falls, Minnesota.

B - Minneapolis, Minnesota.